



THE BASILICA of ST. JAMES

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The church invites you to make your prayer scriptural.

A good way to begin would be to use each week's Sunday Psalm Response at regular daily intervals:
"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Eucharists – *Holy Day of Obligation* - Tuesday, December 8, 2009

7:00am - Basilica

10:15am, All School Eucharist - Basilica

12:10pm - Basilica

5:15pm - Basilica

7:00pm - St. Mathias, Windsor

7:00pm - St. Michael's, Pingree

Advent Reconciliation Services at the Basilica:

6:30pm December 14, 2009 (People from all parishes are invited)

Advent Reconciliation Services - Deanery 7

Oriska Tri-Parish

December 10, 6:00pm, St. Agatha, Hope

December 12, 6:30pm, St. Bernard, Oriska

December 13, 7:00pm, Sacred Heart, Carrington

December 13, 1:30pm, St. Elizabeth, Sykeston

December 20, 7:00pm, St. Catherine, Valley City

Paul Wiest has worked for St. James Basilica for 25 years. We are going to celebrate Paul's service to the church on **December 13th** in the **parish center** with an **open house 11:30-1:30**.

All are welcome to come and show our appreciation to Paul for a job well done and then enjoy a sandwich and refreshments.

Although the Christmas season seems to be pushed on the community earlier each year it is nice to drive by St. James and see that Advent is still a season of waiting in hope for the Savior. This message is told each year in a quiet way to the community by Paul Wiest, custodian for St. James. Paul has told the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany story on the church lawn since December 1997.

Each year Paul has changed the scene on the front lawn in anticipation of celebrating Christ's birth. It starts with the empty stable. Then passers by will notice a shepherd with his flock grazing. Mary appears on the scene for the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Soon Joseph joins her as they travel to the manger. Each day Paul changes the scene. It may be something as simple as a rope added to the manger. You may not notice Paul making these changes because last year he made himself a shepherd's costume to wear as he works with the scene. If you drive by the manger on a still winter night you may see him working in the manger carving wood.

All the figures for the manger are made with a wood base, stuffing covered in plastic with cloth on the outside. This idea grew from a simple idea of wood being saved from the convent formally located at St. John's Academy before it was demolished. Roberta MacBride helped in the making of the original figures. Through the years Paul has added a sheep for each of his family members. At one point baby Jesus needed to be replaced because someone stole him. Paul has made two Mary figures one that rides a donkey and one that stands upright. Last year a picket fence came on the scene. Wait and watch in hope. Enjoy the developing story and scene.

This Week's Liturgies - December 7- 13, 2009

MON 12:10pm † *Barbara Mueller* by Thea Wagner
Feast of the Immaculate Conception

TUE 7:00am † *Barbara & Lorraine Wright* by Shane Schonenberg
10:15am † *Janice Casavant* by Jackie & Al Tews
@ All School Eucharist (All are welcome to attend)
12:10pm † *Mary Exner* by Larry & Kathy Exner
12:15pm Eucharist @ North Dakota State Hospital
(SE Corner of La Haug Building)
5:15pm *People of the Basilica and Outlying Parishes* by Fr. Bitz

WED 10:00am *Living & Deceased members of Immaculate Conception*
Circle @ Ave Maria Village

12:10pm (L) *Garry Geroux* by Sally & Darwin Lind

THU 12:10pm † *Rose DeLair* by Josephine Stampka
12:40pm Adoration
3:30pm † *Barb Falk* by Lloyd Falk **@ Rock of Ages**
5:00pm Benediction

FRI 10:00am † *Delbert Steele* by Mary Steele **@ Hi-Acres Manor**
12:10pm † *Delores Glaser* by Francis & Phyllis Lauber

SAT 8:00am *Living & Deceased Members of Tabernacle*
4:30pm † *Robert W. & Lorraine Wright* by Family

SUN 8:30am † *John L. Kropp* Larry & Darlene Kropp
10:30am † *Ora & Mary Anderson* by Anderson Family
6:00pm *People of the Basilica and Outlying Parishes* by Fr. Bitz

This Week's Readings

Sun	1st	Bar. 5:1-9 (6C)
	2nd	Phil. 1:4-6,8-11
	Gospel	Luke 3:1-6
Mon	1st	Isaiah 35:1-10
	Gospel	Luke 5:17-26
Tue	1st	Gen. 3:0-15,20 (689)
	2nd	Eph. 1:3-6,11-12
	Gospel	Luke 1:26-38
Wed	1st	Isaiah 40:25-31
	Gospel	Mt. 11:28-30
Thu	1st	Isaiah 41:13-20
	Gospel	Mt. 11:11-15
Fri	1st	Isaiah 48: 17-19
	Gospel	Mt. 11:16-19
Sat	1st	Rev. 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab (690A)
	Gospel	Luke 1:39-47
Sun	1st	Zeph. 3:14-18a (9C)
	2nd	Phil. 4:4-7
	Gospel	Luke 3:10-18

Reconciliation ½ hour before daily Eucharists; Saturdays 3:30pm

Scripture Readings: look on the websites:<http://www.nccbuscc.org/nab/http://www.lectorprep.org>. (Good for Proclaimers' preparation)

Liturgies at Outlying Parishes

Immaculate Conception

7:00pm Tuesday, Dec. 8 at:

St. Mathias Windsor
(L) *Hilda Wilhelmi* by Sonia & Robert Heinle

Immaculate Conception

7:00pm Tuesday, Dec. 8 at:

St. Michael's, Pingree
† *Gertrude McKenzie - Lind* by Bob & Nora Lind

8:30am Next Sunday at:

St. Mathias, Windsor
(L) *Willie & Ruth Chaput* by Sonia & Robert Heinle

10:30am Next Sunday at

St. Michael's, Pingree
† *Harriet Spence* by Gertie Neys

Everyone is invited to the next All School Eucharist,
10:15am, December 8,
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
at St. James Basilica.

Bible Study for Men:

Every Thursday morning, Parish Center, 7am-7:45am.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday December 20, 2009 - Serving after the 8:30 and 10:30am Eucharists
Served by the 4th Degree Knights - KC Hall - Proceeds to benefit those seeking religious vocations.

We welcome into our Faith Community newly baptized:

Lucas Timothy Ames, son of Shelley & Timothy, brother of Emily and Megan whose grandparents are Art and Carol Wolf, Mott, ND and Jaci Ames, Wimbledon, ND.

Youth celebrating Baptismal Anniversaries this week

Jordan Entzminger
Jessica Moritz

Connor Neva
Eliot Wiley

Brody Wolff

Next Baptism Preparation Session will be held on **Monday, December 7** at **7:00pm** at the **Zebedee Center**. Please call 252-0478 to register.

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Two priests were talking about their preparation for a homily. One of the priests said that he has gotten to the point where he really doesn't prepare. He just trusts that the Holy Spirit will be with him and guide him. The other priest retorted: "If you don't take time to pray and to prepare the homily, you will never know if the homily is inspired by the Holy Spirit or by acid reflux!"

This time of the year often makes us focus on family—to whom we belong. Thanksgiving also celebrates this. To whom do we belong at the deepest level? We have been baptized. Thus we belong to the church, to the Body of Christ. Thus it is very appropriate during this season to remember that we need to come to the Church—to the Eucharist celebrated on Sundays and holydays. Just as parents, after having been gone for work or whatever, come home to where they belong

(family), so we come home to where we belong—the Eucharistic Meal.

Fr. Ron Rolheiser in the Catholic Messenger, Feb. 19, 2009, said: "The greatest gift that we have to give is the promise of fidelity; the promise that we will keep trying, that we won't walk away simply because we got hurt or because we felt unwanted or not properly valued.' This reminds me of a former parishioner of St. Joseph's in Osnabrock, Cappy Smith, who said: "It's my church and I'm not going to let any priest deprive me of it by what he might do or not do."

Thanksgiving and Christmas are times for family to come together. Some were talking about their families and they were asking each other how many are in their family and how many cousins they have. One of them said: "I don't know how many cousins I have. When I can't sleep I don't count sheep. I count cousins."

Deacon Tim Marcy was in the very first class of deacons ordained for the diocese of Fargo—Dec. 29, 1979. That means he is celebrating his 30th anniversary of ordination. We congratulate Deacon Tim and his wife Cecilia and thank them for all their ministries these past 30 years and more!

The John and Angie Awender family benefit spaghetti dinner and silent auction will be held from **4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9** at the **KC Hall** in Jamestown. Tickets are \$5 per person or \$10 for a family.

For more information, call 269-9337 or 320-5204.

A benefit account has also been established at Unison Bank.

St. John's Academy News:

"STARRY NIGHT, NOISY NIGHT": The annual St John's Academy Christmas Pageant is set for December 7 at 6:30 pm in the Basilica of St James.

PATRIOT'S PEN ESSAY WINNERS: VFW Post 760 has announced the winners in this year's Patriot's Pen Essay Contest. This year's topic was "When is the right time to honor our veterans?" Alex Schauer was awarded \$50 for third place in the essay contest. Dan Reimers received \$75 for 2nd place for the local post and also earned 2nd place in the VFW District 7. Congratulations to 6th graders Dan Reimers and Alex Schauer!

KINDERGARTEN RECRUITMENT: The SJA kindergarten class for the 2010-2011 school year is getting underway. Our Recruitment Committee is in the initial process of gathering a list of prospective kindergartners (5 by August 1, 2010). If you know of a family who might be interested in receiving information about our school, please let the office know (252-3397) so that we can include them in our mailing.

4th Annual Thanksgiving Feast at Saint John's Academy: Over 445 St. John's Academy Students, Families, St. James Basilica Staff, Church Members, and friends were served at the Thanksgiving Feast. We appreciate all the help serving from the church members and school staff. Thank you for helping make this another fantastic feast. Special thanks to April Lange, Bev Orr, Ken Grenz, Marlys Fix, Donnel Huber, Peggy Vandal, Claudia Sharp, Peggy Etzold, Barb Hogan, Jackie Readell, Ron Harr, Mary Ellen Frey, Eleanor Glenney, Bonnie Laber, our 5th & 6th Grade students for setting up and tearing down, and countless others. Thank you to all for coming and making this day a wonderful day for your children and our school.

Sincerely Kristen Grenz & Alyson Donegan

Our sympathy and remember in prayer the families of those who died recently, Angela Brennan; Robert Paul Tollefson, grandson of Bill & Dorothy Lauber; Mary Johnson, mother of Sherry (Blaine) Jacobs.

In your prayers please remember our friends and relatives who are deployed in Iraq and overseas: *(new names are in parentheses and Italics)*

Ryan Carroll
Rob Falk
Scott Gainsforth
Tyrel Gion
Caron Isakson
Fr. Jack Herron

Nick Kluck
Joseph Nasset
Leah Nasset
Christopher Olsen
Michael Pommerer
Philip Pommerer

Daniel Shealy
Mark Sjostrom
Abby Tews
Jerod Tuft
Blaine Williams

(If you know of new people, please let us know).

In your prayers please remember our sick: (new names are in parentheses and italics) To make things more personal, we include names for two weeks. Behind each name is the neighborhood or outlying parish with which they are connected. Thus we ask the neighborhood or outlying parish to continue praying for them. If you don't remember your neighborhood you can check the map at the church west entrance.

Dale Lende (SW Buffalo Neighborhood) Leaders:
Cheryl Lende and Lisa Barnick

Larry Palmer (NE High School Neighborhood)
Leader: Darlene Heintz

The Year of Priests

December 6

Fr. David Syverson
Carrington - Sykeston



December 7

Fr. Jimmy Tiu
Montrose, CA



December 8

Fr. Joe Mundadan
Fargo - Prairie
St. John Chaplain



December 9

Fr. Robert Cronin SOLT
Belcourt - Alcide



Pray for the following priests (December 6 - 12, 2009)

December 10

Fr. Joseph Campbell
Retired



December 11

Matt Kraemer
Seminarist - Theology II



December 12

Fr. Peter Sharpe
Devils Lake



A Prayer for Priests

Lord Jesus, you have chosen your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your word and act in your name. For so great a gift to your Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving. We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shine out through their weakness.

In their afflictions let them never be crushed; in their doubts never despair; in temptation never be destroyed; in persecution never abandoned. Inspire them

through prayer to live each day, that mystery of your dying and rising. In times of weakness send them your Spirit and help them to praise your heavenly Father and pray for the poor sinners.

By the same Holy Spirit, put your word on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the broken-hearted. And may the gift of Mary, your mother, to the disciple whom you loved, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed you in her human image may form them in your Divine image, by the power of your Spirit to the glory of God the Father. Amen

2010 Church Calendars are available at all entrances to the church. Pick yours up today!

Search Weekend-December 11-13, 2009 (For those 16 and older). Search weekends are located at Maryvale Convent, Valley City.

Search is a peer-to-peer ministry, allowing youth to minister to youth. Young people will share bits and pieces of themselves; their joys and struggles in everyday life. They will share how Christ fits into their busy

schedules and why it is important to have Christ as a part of your life. The weekend begins at 5:30 p.m. on Friday and concludes around 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. There is time for prayer, Eucharist, fellowship, and fun.

For more information or to pick up an application, please contact the Faith Formation office at 252-0478 or e-mail faithformation@csicable.net.

Question of the Week:

2nd Sunday of Advent - Week of December 6, 2009

Baruch 5:1-9, Philippians 1:4-6,8-11, Luke 3:1-6

We are getting ready to welcome Christ into our hearts.

Question for Children: What things do you do to get ready for a big event or celebration?

Question for Youth: How do you share the Good News of Jesus with others?

Question for Adults: Name one thing you can do to help "prepare the way of the Lord?"

This week our expressed thanks are: Family and friends, good job, weather, old fashioned table grace and memories, air pilots, taxi drivers, bible study, life, church and Fr. Joe's humor.

This Week Around the Parish

Sun. 12am-9am NET Ministries Retreat	Zebedee Center
Sun. 10:00am Preschool	Parish Center
Mon. 12:45pm Brown Bag Bible Study, Holy Spirit Room	Parish Center
Mon. 1:00-3:00pm Saint John's Academy Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant, Parish Center,	Basilica
Mon. 6:30-7:30pm Saint John's Academy Christmas Pageant,	Basilica
Mon. 7:00pm Baptism Preparation Session, Shirley's Office,	Zebedee Center
Tue. <i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)</i> Parish Offices Closed	
Tue. 5:15pm FACE Meeting in Library @ St. John's Academy	
Tue. 7:30-9:00pm Jamestown College Choir Rehearsal,	Basilica
Wed. 11am Study of "How to be Monastic & Not Leave Your Day Job" Holy Spirit Room,	Parish Center
Wed. 4:30-7:30pm Awender Spaghetti Dinner Benefit,	KC Hall
Wed. 6:30pm K-6 Faith Formation,	Zebedee Center
Wed. 6:30-7:45pm, Middle School,	Zebedee Center
Wed. 7:00pm RCIA Inquiry Sessions, Shirley's Office	Zebedee Center
Wed. 7:00pm Basilica Choir Rehearsal, Music Room @ St. John's Academy	
Wed. 7:30-9:30pm Jamestown College Choir Dress Rehearsal,	Basilica
Wed. 7:45-9:00pm, High School,	Zebedee Center
Thu. 7:00am Men's Bible Study,	Parish Center
Thu. 12noon Ministerial Meeting	
Thu. 6:00pm Reconciliation Service, St. Agatha	Hope, ND
Thu. 6:30pm St. John's Academy Board Meeting @ St. John's Academy	
Thu. 7:30-9:30pm Jamestown College Choir Dress Rehearsal,	Basilica
Fri. 7:30pm Jamestown College Choir Christmas Concert,	Basilica
Sat. 8:00am State KC Officers Meeting, 6:00pm Eucharist,	Zebedee Center
Sat. 6:30pm Reconciliation Service, St. Bernard	Oriska, ND
Sat. 7:30pm Jamestown College Choir Christmas Concert,	Basilica

**RTS SHEARING
252-8608**

Our business of the week. Please support them and all who advertise in our bulletin.

**Bulletin can be found on
Basilica Website:
www.stjamesbasilica.org**

Tickets are available for the Jamestown College Christmas Concert, "Come Holy Child, Blossom as a Rose," featuring the Concert Choir and Chapel Choir. Performances are at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11 and 12, and 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 13. All performances are at St. James Basilica. Tickets are \$10 and can be reserved by calling the Box Office at 252-3467 ext. 2435, sending e-mail to tickets@jc.edu or visiting www.jc.edu and clicking on "Community" and "Reiland Box Office."

Advent/Christmas Environment ... If you would like to donate toward the environment for the Advent/Christmas season in memory of a deceased loved one or in remembrance of someone special in your life, please complete the form below, include it in your offering, and drop in the collection basket. Thank you.

Your Name: _____

Parish: _____

Deceased: _____

Living: _____

Amount donated: _____

FACE Fact: The board of directors of St. John's Academy's foundation, the Foundation for Advancement of Christian Education (FACE) consists of 15 members. All board members volunteer their time as they believe in the importance of Christian Education in the Jamestown area. Thank you for your dedication and support!

Join the Church Volleyball League...A fun-filled time of socializing and exercise. Early Sunday afternoons from January 3-March 28. Can play as a team member or as a substitute. All teams are chosen by random drawing with families/couples remaining on the same team.

Open to all members of St. James Basilica and past/present parents of St. John's Academy students.
Sign up in the Basilica's entryway or call Ed & Linda Levin 252-0452.



Listen to "A CD a Week for Advent." Pick up an Advent Bundle (4/\$10) at the Lighthouse display.

Week 1: *Mary: Handmaid of the Lord* by Blessed Mother Teresa

Week 3: *The True Meaning of Christmas* by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Week 2: *Becoming the Best Version of Yourself* by Matthew Kelly or *God's Family and Ours: The Church and The Trinity* by Dr. Scott Hahn

Week 4: *Prepare the Way of the King: Making the Most of Advent* by Dr. Scott Hahn

Retrouvaille – for troubled marriages including separated or divorced couples who want their marriage and relationship to work www.retrouvaille.org, Sr. Michaelleen has been trained to do follow up support after the couple has made this weekend.

Annulment process: if you have experienced a divorce, the Church wants to walk with you in your pain and healing. Please give us a call and let us know that you are in the midst of such a struggle. The "Beginning experience" is a weekend retreat to help you. We also have the annulment process which looks at the sacred mentality of your previous marriage. A declaration of nullity then allows you to bless and sacramentalize another marriage. For help, please call Sr. Michaelleen at 252-0119 or email michaelleen@csicable.net.

The Gospel Re-enactment will again be held during the 4:00 & 6:00pm Christmas Eve Eucharists. **Practice for 4:00 pm Eucharist** will be held at **10:00am** on **December 24**. **Practice for 6:00pm Eucharist** will be held at **10:30am** on **December 24**. This is a wonderful way for the children to actively participate in this joyous season. Children ages 3 1/2 to 10 years old are invited to join in this special activity. **A baby ages 1-5 months is also needed for each Eucharist.** If interested, contact the Faith Formation Office at 252-0478 or faithformation@csicable.net **by December 14th.**

Advent Giving Tree: God has generously blessed us with countless gifts; gifts of family, friends, health, safety and shelter. God invites us to be grateful stewards by sharing these many and varied gifts with our neighbors in need. St. James Basilica invites all parishioners to participate in the Advent Giving Tree. This tree is a way for us to help with a monetary donation for those organizations which benefit people locally, regionally, and world-wide. Please take a snowflake from the tree, place in an envelope along with your donation and put in the collection basket. Thank you for living your lives as Christian stewards.

Advent devotional materials can be found at all entrances to the church. We hope you will find these helpful for your Advent prayer.

Other Advent Resources can be found on-line.

At Loyola Press <http://www.loyolapress.com>
click on Advent Retreat or 3 Minute Retreat or Daily Inspiration

At Good Ground Press http://www.goodgroundpress.com/advent_009.aspx

At Creighton University - <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/daily.html> (and)
<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/>

Saint of the Week: Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor

Ambrose was a brilliant lawyer and while speaking to an assembly at a church while they were selecting a bishop, was nominated for bishop himself. He had never been baptized, but when he did decide to become baptized, was elected bishop one week later. He began studying Sacred Scripture and the writings of

great religious scholars. He spoke against the Arian heresy and had it mostly eliminated from his diocese. Saint Augustine studied with him, was baptized by him, and was a strong supporter. Saint Ambrose was a strong political and religious figure who used his power to fair and just ends.

Bible Study in Plain English continues to meet on Mondays following the 12:10 Eucharist. Bring your lunch and join us. Beverages are furnished. For more information, contact Shirley at the Faith Formation Office. 252-0478 faithformation@csicable.net.

People who are not Catholic – especially spouses and family members are certainly welcome to participate in our Bible studies and other programs or events.

Celebration of Marriage: Is one of your children getting married in the next year or two? Please pick up the booklet, available at church entries, entitled “Liturgical Celebration of the Rite of Marriage”. It gives guidelines for planning the marriage ceremony – setting up a home as a little church. It explains how we do things in our diocese and why.

At the Church entry you will find some booklets to help you do planning for your funeral. You can then file some copies with your parish and funeral home. If you need some help, call us at 252-0119 or email us at basilica@stjamesbasilica.org.

Assisted Hearing Units are available in the Sacristy of St. James.