



# 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:  
**"O bless the Lord, my soul."**

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to thank everyone who assisted in the process that helped produce our plans for moving forward. Before we make any decisions regarding the current plans for St. James Basilica, we would like to gather your feedback.

To gain your input, we are conducting a comprehensive survey of the entire parish. This feasibility study will enable us to determine potential support for our plans. If we as a faith community choose to move forward, the feasibility study also will provide us with information to identify prospective campaign leaders and to establish a realistic campaign goal.

You will all be asked to share your thoughts regarding the prioritization of our needs and the feasibility of conducting a major fundraising effort. The Steier Group, our development firm, will compile this information and present it to our parish leadership. At that time, we will make an informed decision regarding the implementation of our plans.

I believe that this process is extremely important and I encourage each and every parish family to participate. Your input is valuable as we consider the immediate plans for St. James Basilica.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Al Bitz  
Pastor

## FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today - JANUARY 10, 2010  
(ALSO END OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON)

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast - this Sunday, January 10, 2010**  
**Knights of Columbus Hall**  
**Serving after the 8:30 and 10:30am Eucharists**

Everyone is invited to the next All School Eucharist,  
**10:15am, January 14, 2010**  
at St. James Basilica.

**Pictorial Directories have arrived!** Those who had their picture taken or submitted a picture for the pictorial directory can pick up their free book at the parish office from 8:00-5:30, Mon-Fri. A limited supply of books can be purchased for \$5.00.

**Everyone is invited to participate and visit St. John's Academy during Catholic Schools Week.** January 31-February 5, 2010 are the dates. Please help spread the good news about St. John's Academy!

**This Week's Liturgies - January 11-17, 2010**

**MON 12:10pm †** *People suffering from Cancer* by Don & Marie Boyle  
**8:30pm Eucharist @ Stutsman County Correctional Center**

**TUE 12:10pm †** *Harry Astrup* by Aileen Astrup & Family  
**12:15pm (L)** *Fr. Joseph Nicolosi, Jr.* by Denise Bielejeski  
**@ North Dakota State Hospital  
(SE Corner of La Haug Building)**

**WED 10:00am †** *Orville Karn* by Irene Eckroth **@ Ave Maria Village**  
**12:10pm †** *William & Lorraine Wright* by their Children  
**10:15am (L)** *Elaine LeFevre* by Our Lady of the Rosary Circle  
**@ All School Eucharist (All are welcome to attend)**

**THU 12:10pm (L)** *Glory Ebertz* by Our Lady of Lourdes Circle  
**12:40pm Adoration**  
**5:00pm Benediction**  
**3:30pm †** *Leonard Wanzek* by Dolores Wanzek **@ Rock of Ages**

**FRI 10:00am †** *Mary Gaffney* by Mary Steele **@ Hi-Acres Manor**  
**12:10pm †** *Lorene Wanzek* by Family

**SAT 8:00am** *Living & Deceased members of Tabernacle*  
**4:30pm †** *Charles Kartes* by Harriet Kartes

**SUN 8:30am †** *Ted Prodzinski* by Marcella Baker & Marguerite Cebula  
**10:30am (L)** *Marie & Jim Gion* by Margo Haut  
**6:00pm †** *Rick Sandness* by Betty Sandness

**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)

**Bible Study for Men:**

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

**This Week's Readings**

Sun	1st	Is. 40:1-5,9-11 (21c)
	2nd	Titus 2:11-14;3:4-7
	Gospel	Lk. 3:15-15,21-22
Mon	1st	1 Samuel 1:1-8
	Gospel	Mark 1:14-20
Tue	1st	1 Samuel 1:9-20
	Gospel	Mark 1:21-28
Wed	1st	1 Sam. 3:1-10, 19-20
	Gospel	Mark 1:29-39
Thu	1st	1 Samuel 4:1-11
	Gospel	Mark 1:40-45
Fri	1st	1 Sam. 8:4-7, 10- 22a
	Gospel	Mark 2:1-12
Sat	1st	1 Sam. 9:1-4, 17- 19; 10:1
	Gospel	John 3:22-30
Sun	1st	Is. 62:1-5 (66C)
	2nd	1 Cor. 12:4-11
	Gospel	John 2:1-11

**Liturgies at Outlying Parishes**

**8:30am Next Sunday at:**

St. Mathias, Windsor

**(L)** *Dorothy & Dave McCulloch*  
by Denise Bielejeski

**10:30am Next Sunday at:**

St. Michael's, Pingree

† *Gertrude McKenzie-Lind*  
by Geary McCleery

**This week our expressed thanks are:**

safe holiday, the gift of prayer,  
nice holidays, my family, good health,  
gift of free will from God, the new year,  
for Joe, daily Eucharist, friends, safe  
traveling, holiday celebrations, faith,  
all the love I get from family and friends,  
food, home, warm house, for God's  
many blessings, safety at home and for  
people who pray for us.

**St. Mathias Parishioners:**

If anyone has copies of the Journey Songs Hymnals, please return to the church. We need to update them.

Envelopes for 2010 can be picked up in back of church.

**A Very Special Thank You...** tree donated by Jerome & Gretchen Barnick (from Country Gardens)

For your donations for flowers and greenery that made our church look so lovely this Christmas season.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**In Memory of:**

*Linda McCleery*

**by:**

Geary McCleery

**Youth celebrating Baptismal Anniversaries this week**

Hannah Heilman  
Matthew Johnson

Jacob Lauinger  
Brandon Prodzinski

**Next Baptism Preparation Session** will be held on **Monday, February 1, 2010** at **7:00pm** at the **Zebedee Center**. Please call 252-0478 to register.

**Bishop Aquila is hosting Town Hall Meetings for all Catholic faithful in the diocese.** There will be one at **Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Carrington**, Wednesday, **January 21 at 7:00pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity for all ages of Catholic faithful to meet and visit with Bishop Aquila. Hear your Bishop give a state-of-the-diocese report highlighting the activities of the people of faith in Eastern North Dakota. He encourages you to bring your questions and concerns regarding our Catholic faith and our Diocese of Fargo. We look forward to seeing you at the Bishop's Town Hall Meeting at **Sacred Heart on January 21, 2010**.

**Meals on Wheels is in need of drivers for delivering meals.** St. James Basilica is in charge of the weekends in January. Please prayerfully consider giving of yourself to help others in this way. It only takes about 45-60 minutes of your day and is a great family activity. Contact Peggy at 252-0478 or [faithformation@csicable.net](mailto:faithformation@csicable.net) if you are willing to assist with this service in our community.

**Tabernacle News:**

St. James Tabernacle Society will meet from **7-8pm** on Monday **January 11, 2010** in the Parish Center. Fr. Joe Barrett will explain the history and meaning of the vestments that the priest wears for Eucharist. Additionally, he has agreed to participate in "Stump the Priest".

Women of the parish are invited to bring questions and comments they have heard about the Catholic faith. It will be an ideal time to clear up misunderstandings non-Catholics and Catholics have about the Church.

Holiness, understanding and explaining the Faith are not the responsibility of someone else. In the workplace

and at the coffee table the laity have opportunities to clear up misconceptions and explain Catholic traditions that are not available to clergy or those in the consecrated life.

This year the Tabernacle Society will meet monthly January through May to have some fun and learn about our Church. Each meeting will last a maximum of one hour. All women of the Parish are members of Tabernacle Society and are urged to attend.

Business meetings will be held in conjunction with the Pastoral Council meeting nights. All members are welcome to attend those meetings as well.

**Cursillo weekends:**

Jan. 21-24 (Thursday-Sunday): **Men's Cursillo** weekend at Maryvale, Valley City. Contact Kent Klima at 701-396-7891, [krklima@drtel.net](mailto:krklima@drtel.net) for more information.

Feb. 4-7 (Thursday-Sunday): **Men's Cursillo** weekend at Harvey. Contact Riley Schann at 701-776-6076, [ect\\_footprints@hotmail.com](mailto:ect_footprints@hotmail.com); or Doug Wolfe at 701-324-4280, [djwolfe@gondtc.com](mailto:djwolfe@gondtc.com) for more information.

Feb. 11-14 (Thursday-Sunday): **Women's Cursillo** weekend at Harvey. Contact Mary Johnson at 701-883-4274, [mary.j.johnson@sendit.nodak.edu](mailto:mary.j.johnson@sendit.nodak.edu); or Lynda Dunn at 701-493-2815, [library@drtel.net](mailto:library@drtel.net) for more information.

Feb. 18-21 (Thursday-Sunday): **Women's Cursillo** weekend at Maryvale, Valley City. Contact Barb Jones at 701-293-0515, [barbjones@yahoo.com](mailto:barbjones@yahoo.com) for more information.

**FACE Fact:** The Foundation for the Advancement of Christian Education (FACE) has received memorials for: Tom Parsons, Mary Gulmon and Bud Noecker. FACE thanks family and friends for these memorials. May God Bless these people.

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

**Our sympathy and remember in prayer** the families of those who died recently, George W. Nelson Jr., husband of Rita and brother-in-law of Delores Wanzek; Gary Willman, husband of Mavis; Mathilda "Tillie" Bucknam (St. John's Academy class 1930); Peter Marquart, brother-in-law of Ann Gefre; Ruth Goffe, mother of Joan Wagner; Jeffrey Boutch, nephew of Ione (George) Gray (St. John's Academy Alumni); Joseph Wald, father of Msgr. Jeffrey Wald and Dorothy (Geoffrey) Lauinger; Kenneth Lueck, great uncle of John (Lexie) Lueck.

**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.

Marlene Axtman (NE Gussner Neighborhood)  
Leaders: Marlene & Chuck Axtman

Rachel Fox (NE Jamestown College Neighborhood)  
Leader: Michelle Polries

Kathy Ackerman sister of Diane Purcell (SE Academy Neighborhood) Leader: Joyce Heinrich

Kenneth Olson asked by Linda Docken (SE McElroy Neighborhood) Leader: Elaine Falck

Dave Barnick (SW Buffalo Neighborhood)  
Leader: Cheryl Lende

Marie Sjostrom (NW-R Eldridge Neighborhood)  
Leader: Judy Harr

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

Jeffery Andersen  
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 Tufte  
Blaine Williams

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

### The Year of Priests

### Pray for the following priests (January 10-16, 2010)

#### January 10

Fr. William McDermott  
Langdon - Nekoma - Wales



#### January 14

Fr. Richard Fineo  
Cooperstown - Aneta - Finley - Jessie



#### January 11

Fr. Robert Smith  
Lidgerwood - Geneseo - Cayuga



#### January 15

Fr. Steven Meyer  
Wimbledon - Dazey - Kensal



#### January 12

Msgr. Brian Donahue  
Military Chaplain - West Point



#### January 16

Fr. Richard Goellen  
Retired



#### January 13

Fr. Peter Anderl  
Mooreton - Mantador



### 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

### Parent Seminar - Youth Seminar - Children's Seminar

St. James as part of the Diocese of Fargo's safe environment program is continuing to implement the diocesan safety curriculum. On Wednesday, January 13 beginning at 6:30 pm at the Zebedee Center seminars will be offered for parents and children. The purpose of this curriculum is to help parents and children recognize and avoid situations that could be potentially dangerous. The Parent Seminar is for parents of students in Faith Formation, St. John's Academy and Youth Ministry. The Youth Seminar is for students in grades 7-12. The Children's Seminar is for children in Faith Formation grades 2-6. For more information contact the Faith Formation Office at 252-0478 or email: [faithformation@csicable.net](mailto:faithformation@csicable.net).

**The Confirmation Parent Meeting has been rescheduled** for Wednesday, **January 20th** at **6:30pm** in the **Zebedee Center**. This replaces the one that was cancelled on January 6th due to the weather. **This meeting is for parents only**. Please bring your folders and any questions you may have. See you then.

**Search Weekend-January 15-17, 2010** (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.

Applications are now being taken for the March Search in Harvey. **Team Deadline is January 28th, 2010.**

**New Searcher Deadline is February 10, 2010.** For more information or to pick up an application, please contact the Faith Formation office at 252-0478 or e-mail [faithformation@csicable.net](mailto:faithformation@csicable.net).

**Baptism of the Lord - January 10, 2010** - Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7, Acts 10:34-38, Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

*"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."*

**Question for Children:** What are some things you can do to please God?

**Question for Youth:** "With you I am well pleased." What are you doing right now that is pleasing to God? How does it feel to live that way?

**Question for Adults:** Name a time when you felt your actions were pleasing to God.

**Bible Study in Plain English** continues to meet on Mondays at 12:45 pm. For information, contact Shirley at the Faith Formation Office, 252-0478 or email [faithformation@csicable.net](mailto:faithformation@csicable.net).

### This Week Around the Parish

Sun.	Blessing of Confirmation/Eucharist students at all weekend Eucharists	Basilica
Sun.	10:30am Preschool,	Parish Center
Sun.	KC Breakfast, serving after the 8:30 & 10:30am Eucharists	KC Hall
Mon.	12:45pm Brown Bag Bible Study, Holy Spirit Room	Basilica
Mon.	7:00pm Tabernacle Society Meeting (Guest speaker, Fr. Joe Barrett)	Parish Center
Tue.	8am-8pm Steier Feasibility Study, Holy Spirit Room	Parish Center
Tue.	5:15pm FACE meeting, Library	St. John's Academy
Wed.	8am-8pm Steier Feasibility Study, St. Thomas Room	Parish Center
Wed.	11am Study of "How to be Monastic & not leave your day job", Holy Spirit Rm	Parish Center
Wed.	6:30pm K-6 Faith Formation	Zebedee Center
Wed.	6:30-7:45pm Middle School,	Zebedee Center
Wed.	7:00pm RCIA Inquiry Sessions	Zebedee Center
Wed.	7:00pm Basilica Choir Rehearsal,	Basilica
Wed.	7:45-9:00pm High School,	Zebedee Center
Thu.	7:00am Men's Bible Study,	Parish Center
Thu.	8am-8pm Steier Feasibility Study, Holy Spirit Room	Parish Center
Thu.	7:00pm Youth Choir Rehearsal,	Basilica
Fri.	Life in the Spirit Seminar this weekend at Rugby	

### **Saint of the Week - Raymond of Peñafort, Priest**

Raymond was born near Barcelona, Spain. At the age of 20, he became professor of philosophy at the Cathedral School of Barcelona, and eventually earned doctoral degrees in law. When he was called to the Dominican order, and he asked that he be given menial tasks to overcome his vanity. He became Pope Gregory IX's confessor and codified and edited canons of the Church. From 1230 to 1917 his work was the authority

on canon law. After asking to be relieved from his appointment as Archbishop of Tarragona in Aragon, he was elected Superior General of the Dominicans where he reformed, clarified, and put into permanent form the Constitution of the Dominican Order. He lived to be 100 years old, and spent his last 35 years in prayer and seclusion. He is the patron saint of attorneys, canon lawyers and medical record librarians.



### **Listen to a Lighthouse CD a week - A good New Year's Resolution.**

**CD of the week:** *Becoming The Best Version of Yourself: Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose*  
by Matthew Kelly

Matthew Kelly possesses a powerful ability to combine the ageless tool of storytelling with a profound understanding of today's culture and the common yearnings of the human heart. He shows us how to see the challenges in our everyday lives in a new light. He will help elevate and energize you to pursue the highest values of the human spirit and become the best version of yourself.

**Are you interested in an at Home Ministry?** Do you Knit, Crochet or Quilt? St. James is has started to literally wrap people in prayer. At various times of need, a person may need a visible symbol of Christ's presence and care. We hope a Prayer Shawl will fulfill that need. If you are willing, contact Shirley Wallace at 252-0478. Brochures are available at the church entrances and parish office.

**Vocation Fact:** The choice of your vocation is not a choice between this job or that job; it is a choice between one way of living or another. These choices make the difference between peace and discord. How are you prepared to make these choices? Try these three steps:

- † Prayer is first. Talking with the Lord and being with him, helps develop sensitivity and openness to this leadership.
- † Being and working with others is second. The most obvious pointers to our vocations are your talents. You discover these by helping other's needs. You don't realize what you can do until you try. From service comes self knowledge.
- † Finding the right person to help you know God and your own talents is the third step.

### **OUTSIDE THE PARISH:**

#### **Cancer Support Group**

HHH is pleased to announce that we will be offering a Cancer Support Group once a month. The first group meeting will be at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2010** at **Trinity Lutheran Church in Jamestown, ND**. Tracy Johnk, social worker at Jamestown Hospital, will be the guest speaker and will address the topic of "Navigating the Medical System." Attendees will have an opportunity to introduce themselves and share their cancer experience, if they feel comfortable

doing so. (No one will be forced to speak). There will also be a time of informal sharing.

If you or a family member is dealing with cancer, please come to give and receive support from others going through a similar experience.

HHH stands for "Help for Hope and Healing" which is a non-profit organization providing cancer support in the Jamestown Area. (HHH is a branch of the Jamestown Area Grief Support Team).

#### **Harty Insurance 252-0371**

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](http://www.stjamesbasilica.org)**

### **To Be a Christian Steward**

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Pt 4:10).

What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God’s gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with other, and return them with increase to the Lord.

### **DISCIPLES AS STEWARDS**

- Mature disciples make a conscious decision to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost.
- Christian disciples experience conversion—life - shaping changes of mind and heart—and commit their very selves to the Lord.
- Christian stewards respond in a particular way to the call to be a disciple. Stewardship has the power to shape and mold our understanding of our lives and the way in which we live.

Jesus’ disciples and Christian stewards recognize God as the origin of life, giver of freedom, and source of all things. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to show our love for God and for one another. We look to the life and teaching of Jesus for guidance in living as Christian stewards.

### **Sacramental Celebrations at St. James**

The General Policy of The Basilica of St. James flows from our theology of Church. The Church expresses fully and uniquely who she is when she celebrates the Sacraments. The Sacraments are the Acts of the Church, the Acts of Christ. This is who we are. Therefore there are no fees connected with these Core Acts of the Church. Often there are donations associated with these, but they are donations. They are gifts whether they are given to the Presider at the sacrament (baptism and marriage or at a funeral) or whether it is a gift to the Church. Often a gift is given to the Tabernacle Society for serving the luncheon at a funeral or at a wedding. Thus for Sacramental celebrations we invite people to use the facilities of the Basilica of St. James (whether it is the Parish Center or the Zebedee Center or the Cafeteria) for gatherings, dinners/lunch, etc. with no fee.

Thus we invite a baptismal family to use our parish center and/or Zebedee Center and there is no fee.

Thus we invite first reconciliation, first communion, and confirmation families to use our parish center and/or Zebedee Center and there is no fee.

Thus we invite ordinations to diaconate or priesthood to use our parish facilities and there is no fee.

Thus we invite wedding families to use our Parish Center and/or Zebedee Center and there is no fee.

We also want to celebrate the dignity of married life (the domestic church), the permanency of marriage and thus invite families to have their wedding anniversaries here and there is no fee. In this way we show forth the dignity of family, of little church.

Stewardship is what supports the church and allows it to be and express itself in Ministry. This means we really develop a stewardship mentality and spirituality. We contribute of our Time, Talent, and Treasure so that the Church can be Church uniquely in celebrating the Sacraments, a time when the generous Love of God is manifested. That is where we will focus our attention in the coming years. This is why the Scriptures speak of Tithing.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** the home is the domestic church. At the celebration of the sacrament of marriage, the church and the couple come together to effect, celebrate and witness the establishment of a new domestic church. As a church we take our part seriously. That is why we take time and make great efforts to do some immediate preparation with the couple for their new ministry. The diocese asks that a couple come to the church at least 6 months before their wedding date.

**Pictures:** Taking pictures while a sacrament is being celebrated is discouraged. It not only distracts everyone but conveys a wrong impression of what a sacrament is. A Photographer will be naturally disengaged from the sacramental activity and this is a bad sign for the assembly. Good videos can be made from the choir loft or some other unobtrusive place. The Presider is always available afterwards for posed pictures.