



THE BASILICA of ST. JAMES

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THE VOICE

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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:
"Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations."

Dear Parishioners,

As you are probably aware, we are conducting a comprehensive survey of the entire parish. The purpose of the survey is to help gauge the feasibility of:

- A New Priest's Living Quarters
- Building a Community Room
- The Interior Remodeling of Office Space
- A Maintenance Garage Addition
- Additional Parking

I would like to thank everyone who has participated. Your thoughts are truly valuable to us during this planning process. I encourage everyone who has not responded to do so. Your input will help us make an informed decision regarding our plans for St. James Basilica.

We are hopeful to have all completed surveys by January 28. You may return your survey to the office or place it in the Offertory basket at any of the Masses. If you would like to complete the survey online, go to www.steiergroup.com, click on Our Clients, Client Log-in, St. James Basilica and use the password "James."

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Father Al M. Bitz
Pastor



Stewardship Prayer:

Lord God, You alone are the source of every good gift, of the vast array of our universe, and the mystery of each human life. We praise You and we thank You for your great power and Your tender, faithful love.

Everything we are and everything we have is Your gift, and after having created us You have given us into the keeping of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Fill our minds with His truth and our hearts with His love, that in His Spirit we may be bonded together into a community of faith, a parish family, a caring people.

In the Name and Spirit of Jesus, we commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent, our material gifts as an outward sign of the Treasure we hold in Jesus. Amen.

Sr. Marie Schwan

Please join us at FACE's first fundraiser, "Poker Face" on February 5th at the Knights of Columbus Hall. We will be hosting a game night, with lots of fun games. Wine and Hors D'oeuvres will be served. Silent auction items will be available for bidding. The casual fun night starts at **7 PM** – but please come when you can! Tickets are \$25.00 per person and includes two free drinks per ticket. Tickets are available by calling Meggen at 252-1178, or email face@facelegacy.org.

January 18-25 is designated as Prayer for Christian Unity Week. The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins this Monday, January 18, and continues through Monday, January 25. Use the Daily Scripture and Prayer Guide to join with Christians around the world praying "that all may be one ... that the world may believe" (John 17:21). Come to celebrate daily Eucharist with us to pray for the unity of churches.

Respect Live Sunday will be commemorated, Sunday, January 24, 2010, reminder for us to pray for respect for life from conception to natural death.

This Week's Liturgies - January 18-24, 2010

MON 12:10pm † Don McCommon by Pat McCommon
TUE 12:10pm † Theodore Endres by Donna & Ted Endres
12:15pm (L) Carla & Bob Crockett. by Denise Bielejeski
**@ North Dakota State Hospital
(SE Corner of La Haug Building)**
WED 10:00am † Roseanne Albrecht by Aileen Astrup **@ Ave Maria Village**
12:10pm † Leonard Wanzek by Dolores Wanzek
THU 12:10pm (L) Rose DeLair by Marion Stampka
12:40pm Adoration
5:00pm Benediction
3:30pm (L) Doug Kaiser by Audrey Kaiser **@ Rock of Ages**
7:00pm Eucharist @ James River Correctional Center
FRI 10:00am People suffering from the effects of Abortion
@ Hi-Acres Manor
12:10pm People suffering from the effects of Abortion
3:45pm Eucharist @ Anne Carlsen Center
SAT 8:00am † Frank Rudnick (Benefactor)
4:30pm People of the Basilica and Outlying Parishes by Fr. Bitz
SUN 8:30am † Anna Prodzinski by Marcella Baker & Marguerite Cebula
10:30am (L) Francis Donegan (Birthday)
6:00pm † Patti Jo Veith by Mary Legge

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

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| Sun | 1st | Is. 62:1-5 (66C) |
| | 2nd | 1 Cor. 12:4-11 |
| | Gospel | John 2:1-11 |
| Mon | 1st | 1 Sam. 15:16-23 |
| | Gospel | Mark 2: 18-22 |
| Tue | 1st | 1 Sam. 16:1-13 |
| | Gospel | Mark 2:23-28 |
| Wed | 1st | 1 Sam. 17:32-33, 37, 40:51 |
| | Gospel | Mark 3:1-6 |
| Thu | 1st | 1 Sam. 18:6-9; 19:1-7 |
| | Gospel | Mark 3:7-12 |
| Fri | 1st | 1 Sam. 24:3-21 |
| | Gospel | Mark 3:13-19 |
| Sat | 1st | 2 Sam. 1:1-4, 11- 12, 19,23-27 |
| | Gospel | John 3:22-30 |
| Sun | 1st | Neh.8:2-4a,5-6, 8-10 (69C) |
| | 2nd | 1 Cor. 12:12-30 |
| | Gospel | Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 |

Liturgies at Outlying Parishes

8:30am Next Sunday at:

St. Mathias, Windsor

† Jay Greenshields by Agnes Greenshields

10:30am Next Sunday at:

St. Michael's, Pingree

† Fr. Neal Kapaun by Geary McCleery

This week our expressed thanks are: gift of faith, priests, church, family, sisters good doctor report, safe travel, family, precious memories, children, husband, health, friends, home, homemade jelly, life, God, warm home, daughter-in-law, grandchildren, return to Hawaii, blessings, new great granddaughter, employment, daily Eucharist.

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.

We welcome the newly baptized: Jeremiah Paul Romans, son of Michael & Erin. Grandparents are Reg & Kathy Pavlak, Maplewood, MN and Ginny & Jim Vincent (and the late Paul Romans) Valley City, ND.

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.

Youth celebrating Baptismal Anniversaries this week

Shantel Albrecht
Adison Bakken

McKenna Barnick
Truman Haut

Katherine Horgan
Tyler Jager

Emma Wiley
Hunter Wilson

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.

St. John's Academy News:

KINDERGARTEN RECRUITMENT: The SJA kindergarten class recruitment for the 2010-2011 school year is underway. If you know of a family who might be interested in receiving information about our school (children must be 5 by August 1, 2010), please let the office know (252-3397) so that we can include them in our mailing.

KINDERGARTEN SOCIAL: St. John's Academy is having its Kindergarten Informational Social at 6:30pm, January 25. Anyone who might be interested in coming to Kindergarten at St. John's Academy is invited to attend. Kindergarten students must be age 5 by August 1. Babysitting is provided. For more information, call St. John's Academy at 252-3397.

BOX TOPS: Keep cutting and turning in the Box Tops. The deadline to turn in the Box Tops is February 22, 2010. We are still collecting Our Family labels too. Those can be turned in anytime.

WE NEED YOU: The Hope Dinner Steering Committee invites everyone interested in helping plan the 2010 Hope Dinner to meet on Tuesday, January 19th at 5:15 in the conference room. A variety of talents are needed. Whether you like to decorate, organize, manage a spreadsheet, use your creative writing skills, work with others in a creative process, shop, eat, plan an event, work with students – you name it, we have a place for you!!! We are gearing up for a fun and fantastic year. Contact Tamara Mathison at 320-7372 to answer your questions.

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!

Bishop Aquila is hosting an Open Forum Meeting in our area this week: Thursday, January 21, 7pm at Sacred Heart Parish, Carrington. All Catholics & RCIA Candidates are cordially invited. Bishop Aquila encourages you to bring your questions and concerns regarding our Catholic faith and diocese. Carpool and make it an evening of it! Bishop Aquila is eager to visit with you!

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 if you are willing to assist with this service in our community.

Stewardship - Doing God's Will ... Stewardship is the sharing of our time, talents and treasure to show our love of God and do His work and a symbol of the importance God's call has in our lives. We are invited to be like Jesus' disciples who dropped everything and followed Jesus in blind faith and trust.

Altar Server Training: a session will be held **Tuesday, January 19th @ 4:30pm** at **St. James Basilica** for all servers that would like some hands on training or for experienced servers that would like to offer their guidance or have questions. Peggy Vandal will lead the training.

FACE Fact: The Foundation for the Advancement of Christian Education (FACE) has received memorials for: Marge Wilmart and Frank Gallagher. FACE thanks family and friends for these memorials. May God Bless these people.

Haiti...there will be a 2nd collection this weekend for Haiti. If you would like to donate in the coming week, please use the envelope provided in church pews and mail to the Basilica or drop in the collection next Sunday. Make checks payable to St. James Basilica.

Thank you to Shirley VanErem for donating the Organ that was originally in the Chapel of the old Convent. It was given to her as a gift from the sisters of St. Joseph Carondet.

Our sympathy and remember in prayer the families of those who died recently, Warren Peterson, father of Cheryl (Daniel) Lee; John Donald Gomke (infant), great-grandson of Jeanette Srozinski; Oliver Graves, father of Rex (Debra) Graves.

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.

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

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

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

Doug Kaiser (NW-R 281 Neighborhood)

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

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
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).

This Week Around the Parish

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| Sun. | 11:30-2:00pm Youth Choir Potluck, | Parish Center |
| Mon. | Christian Unity Week - January 18-25 | |
| Mon. | No School | |
| Mon. | 12:45pm Brown Bag Bible Study, Holy Spirit Room | Basilica |
| Tue. | 8am-8pm Steier Feasibility Study, Holy Spirit Room | Parish Center |
| Wed. | 8am-8pm Steier Feasibility Study, St. Thomas Room | 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. | 1:30pm Parish Staff Meeting, | Zebedee Center |
| Thu. | 7:00-8:30pm Youth Choir Rehearsal, | Basilica |
| Thu. | 7:00pm Calvary Cemetery Board, St. Thomas Room | Parish Center |

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

Thanks to all who generously gave to the Advent Giving Tree. Our parishioners have gifted \$3430.00 to various organizations.

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| St. Gianna's Maternity Home | \$195.00 | OtterTail | \$710.00 |
| Progress | 90.00 | Fr. Jack Davis Mission | 265.00 |
| Hugo's Gift Card | 250.00 | Anne Carlson Center | 270.00 |
| County Market Gift Card | 105.00 | God's Child Project | 145.00 |
| Safe Shelter | 260.00 | Alpha Opportunities | 190.00 |
| Water Bill | 320.00 | Home on the Range | 80.00 |
| Salvation Army | 160.00 | Grand Total | \$3430.00 |
| MDU | 390.00 | | |

The Confirmation Parent Meeting is scheduled 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.

Question of the Week: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Week of January 17, 2010

Isaiah 62: 1-5, 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11, John 2:1-11 *Grace is God's free gift to us.*

Question for Children: What is one special gift that God has given to you to share with your friends or classmates?

Question for Youth: Jesus got his start in ministry through the urging of his mother. Who urges you to pray, go to Church, and do good works?

Question for Adults: God fills each of us with grace (miracles) and gifts, what is one grace (miracle) or gift that you have shared with your family?

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 faithformation@csicable.net.

Saint of the Week - Anthony the Abbot, Ascetic

Anthony lived in an out-of-the-way place, a desert in Egypt, where he spent his time in prayer and meditation on the mysteries of God. When people came to him for wisdom, he reminded them that faith is not something to be proved but it is a gift which comes to us from God. His life of fasting and prayer was an example for many. "If you think me wise," he

once said, "become what I am, for we ought to imitate the good... become what I am, for I am a Christian." Anthony reminds us to pay attention to what God wants in our lives. He followed the inner promptings of the Holy Spirit into the monastery. Like him, we must also listen carefully and follow God's will.

Are you interested in an at Home Ministry? Do you Knit, Crochet or Quilt? St. James 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.



CD of the Week God's Family and Ours: The Church and The Trinity - Dr. Scott Hahn

Dr. Scott Hahn is a renowned Catholic theologian who is widely known for his journey as a Protestant pastor into the Catholic Church. He uses familiarity with family life to bring us to a deeper understanding of the Holy Trinity, and thereby a better understanding of ourselves and the Church. This presentation effectively illustrates how the "Good News" of salvation is not only being saved from our sins through the Cross of Christ, but an invitation to become and live as adopted sons and daughters of the Triune God.

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 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; or Doug Wolfe at 701-324-4280, 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; or Lynda Dunn at 701-493-2815, 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 for more information.

The Year of Priests

January 17

Fr. Jerald Finnestad
Lisbon - Gwinner



January 18

Fr. James Gross
Velva - Karlsruhe



January 19

Fr. Adam Hasey
Retired



January 20

Msgr. Val Gross
Retired



Pray for the following priests (January 17-23, 2010)

January 21

Fr. Jerome Hunkler
Steele - Medina—Tappen



January 22

Fr. Michael Schommer
Valley City



January 23

Fr. Anthony Hession
Munich - Starkweather



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

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).

**FIVE STAR CONSTRUCTION - Stephen Vandal
252-5002**

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**