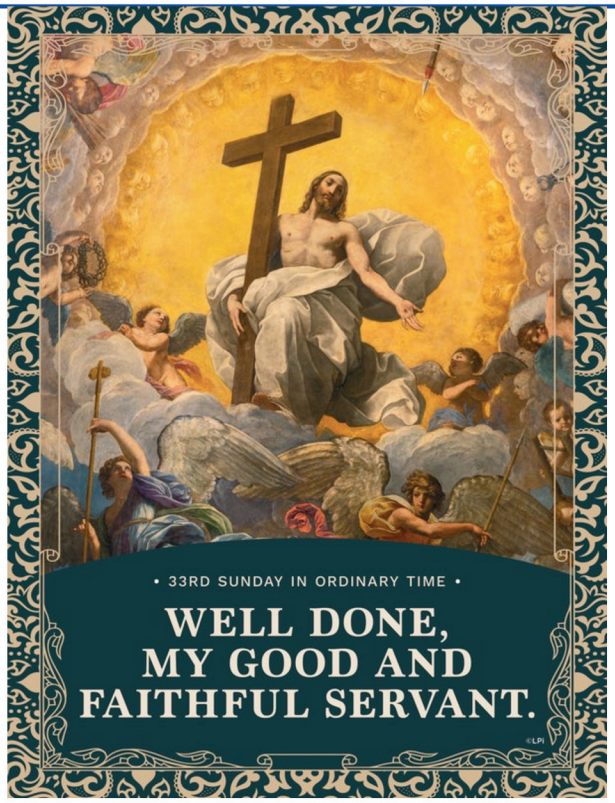
Holy Family Catholic Church

United by our common Baptism and Faith, we praise God for the abundant gifts given to each and every one of us and we take seriously our responsibility to use these gifts in service for the good of all creation. In justice, mercy, and love we will provide for and enhance the celebration of the liturgy. We will provide the faith formation and development of adults and children and we will provide for the development of ministry to all who are in need in the parish, in the city, and in the world.

November 15th, 2026 Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Pastor's Notes



Just as our secular culture celebrates certain seasons, be it the meteorological seasons of spring, summer, fall and winter, or holiday seasons (the Christmas marketing season begins before Halloween!), the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) notes that the Tradition of the Church proposes to the faithful certain rhythms of praying, which includes the cycle of the liturgical year. We end the Liturgical Year 2026 late in the afternoon of Saturday, November 28th, 2026, and begin the Liturgical Year 2027 with the celebration of our first Advent liturgy that weekend. The document on the liturgy from the Second Vatican Council, Sacrosanctum Concilium, notes in paragraphs 102-111 that throughout the year, the Church unfolds "the whole mystery of Christ from the incarnation and nativity to the ascension, to Pentecost and the expectation of the blessed hope of the coming of the Lord." The Liturgical Year is structured around Easter, the "most solemn of all feasts," and Christmas, with their respective seasons following and Lent and Advent preceding them. Within those seasons, as well as during the two periods of time outside them called Ordinary Time, we mark the day of Christ's resurrection each Sunday according to the tradition handed down by the apostles. Hence, we celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Christ's death and resurrection every eight days, and so Sacrosanctum Concilium calls Sunday "the foundation and kernel of the whole liturgical year." On these Sundays at the end (part of Ordinary Time) and beginning (part of Advent) of the liturgical year, the Gospels focus on eschatology, the theological term for what will happen in the end times. Last weekend we heard the parable of the ten virgins, the lesson of which, Jesus said, is: "Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." This weekend we hear a parable about a master who returns from a journey and settles accounts with the servants he placed in charge of his goods. Next weekend, on the final Sunday of Ordinary Time which we also celebrate as the Solemnity of Christ the King, we will hear the parable of the sheep and the goats. When we begin the new liturgical year at the end of this month, we will hear John the Baptist proclaim in the Gospels: "Be watchful! Be alert!" for "One mightier than I is coming after me." This time of the liturgical year cycle reminds us that Jesus is the "already, but not yet" fulfillment of God's plan: Jesus has already completed his work of introducing the Kingdom of God into the world, but that Kingdom has not yet been brought to its completion. As we move into calendar year 2027, during the beginning of Ordinary Time in which we recall the order God has placed in the world, we will hear Jesus proclaim as he begins his public ministry: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand." We profess each Sunday in the Creed that Jesus "will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end." As we transition towards the meteorological season of winter, this time in our liturgical year reminds us that death is a reality for us, but that God has a plan for more to come, foreshadowed in the springtime of Jesus' resurrection.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. Bill

WOW

Autumn Fun Is Calling!

Pinochle – Whist – Hand & Foot

Come deal a hand, play a game, share a snack and enjoy wonderful company.

Wednesday, November 18
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Holy Family, Gather Room



Holy Family
Knights of Columbus
Sunday Pancake Breakfast
November 22nd
8:00 am – 12:30 pm

Dine-In and To-Go options available
Free Will Offering

KCs have designated a portion of the proceeds to help support food for families in these times of greater need.

Menu: Scrambled Eggs with Cheese, Ham Egg Bake, Sausage Egg Bake, Blueberry Pancakes, Sliced Ham, Hashbrown patties, Fresh Cut Fruit, Coffee, Juice, Water

ALL SAINTS
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
HOLY FAMILY - ST. MARY'S

HSA TURKEY BINGO



THURS. NOV. 19th | School GYM
6:00 PM FOOD STARTS
6:30 PM BINGO STARTS

SERVING TACO-IN-A-BAG
FREE WILL OFFERING

4 BINGO GAMES - 1 BLACKOUT GAME
ADULT & KID WINNER EA. GAME

$2 PER BINGO CARD
50/50 RAFFLE
SCRIP POKE-A-FEATHER GAME

5TH GRADE STUDENT COUNCIL
WILL BE SELLING CONCESSIONS!!



"Home for the Holidays"

Holy Family Altar Society's
66th Annual Christmas Tea
was a **HUGE** success!

We would like to **THANK EVERYONE**
who attended, who volunteered in SO many areas,
donated baked goods, and supported
the Christmas Tea and Raffle.

The proceeds from this event contributed greatly to the Altar Society's mission to support and enhance the beauty of our parish.

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL CARE

Did you know that our parish was involved in starting
St. Joseph's Social Care and Thrift Store?

Responding to the flood of 1997, Holy Family, St.Michael's, St. Mary's, and the Newman Center started a small parish outreach called St. Joseph's Social Care and Thrift Store. Today, this outreach has grown into a vital resource for families in our community. Here are some highlights from 2025:

- Distributed over 320,000 pounds of food to 2,800 individuals in our community. 14,000 pounds more food than the previous year.
- Assisted 166 individuals ($67,500) with rent, utility and clothing vouchers.
- Provided 10,066 children (250-300 per day) a balanced, lunch meal for eight weeks during the summer.

In previous years, St. Joseph's has received the local Community Service Grant. However, that funding was eliminated for 2027. Those dollars had been used to help provide critical financial support. November 1st starts the annual St. Joseph's Empty Bowl Campaign. Each parish member should receive a postcard in the mail with instructions on how to donate. We need your help. Every donation, volunteer hour, and prayer helps us continue this mission of caring for our neighbors in need. Please consider donating to St. Joseph's today where every dollar donated stays right in our community.

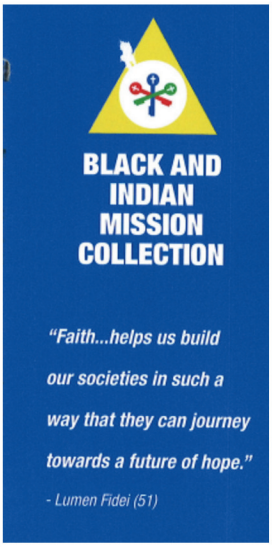
Are you or a loved one homebound?



Winter is approaching. Four seasons are beautiful, however with ice & snow it can become a little more difficult to get out and about.

Holy Family Outreach does provide communion for homebound people that are unable to attend the Sunday liturgies.

If you encounter homebound needs, please call Holy Family 701 746 1454 office or 701 213 0540 and ask for Mary Jane.



This weekend, our parish will take up the 142nd annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support.



Warm Hearts, Warm Home
St. Anne's Housing for the Elderly

As the days grow shorter and the cold settles in, there's comfort in knowing where you'll spend the winter.

At St. Anne's, residents find more than a place to live. They find neighbors who feel like family, a chapel just down the hall, and activities to look forward to.

We accepting applications for affordable housing from low-income individuals who are 62+ or living with a disability.

Call us at (701) 746-9401 or visit
stannesguesthome.org/subsidized-housing

Holy Family Christmas Food Baskets

We need your help as we gather food for the Christmas Food Baskets. There are many ways in which you can help:

- **Take a bag and return it with non-perishable food items- we made it easy, the list of needed food items is right on the bag! Food should be brought to the church by November 30th.**
- **Take a turkey tag and purchase a turkey for a family- due to limited freezer space at the church we ask that turkeys are returned on Tuesday, December 15th.**
- **Take a tag that asks for gift cards to purchase perishable food items for each family - this is a great way to support our Raise Right program- not only do you help those in need, you can also help the church! All gift cards should be bought to the church by November 30th.**
- **Angel Tree: the tags for the Angel Tree Presents will be out on the tree November 21st for those of you that want to purchase Christmas gifts for a family in need. Please consider helping us make Christmas just a bit brighter for those in need in our community! It can also be a great family activity!**

Now Hiring:
Part-Time Rectory Housekeeper
St. Michael's Parish

is seeking a dependable, detail-oriented housekeeper to help maintain a clean and welcoming rectory. Duties include general cleaning, kitchen upkeep, guest room preparation, and the Pastor's laundry. Applicants should be able to work independently and respect the priests' privacy. Cleaning experience is preferred. The position offers up to 15 hours per week, with starting pay of $17.50–$20.00 per hour and a review after 90 days.

If interested, please email **erin.perronteau@stmichaelsgf.com**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." - MATTHEW 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.



"Heavenly Keepsakes"
located in
Holy Family Parish Office
Open
Monday-Friday 8:30AM-4:30PM



Advent Wreath



A Christ-centered Advent Activity for Children



Nativity Statue

We carry an assortment of religious items:

Advent Items, Crucifixes, Bibles, Rosaries, Books, Holy Water Bottles and Wall Fonts, Baptism, Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Saint Medals, Statues, ETC.....



You brightened someone's life:
2026 Holy Family Garden update!

Our record crop yield (approx. 300 lbs. white & red) was POTATOES, thanks to parishioners Tim & Laurie Friesen!!! Our next best was tomatoes thanks to Laura Bisenius!!! Our squash (butternut, butter cup, zucchini as well as melons & pumpkins were a sturdy and hefty 3rd place. Cucumbers, raspberries, herbs, peppers, cabbage, carrots, ground cherries, produced a nice mix as well. We are grateful for the garden tiller that was donated, the company that supplied seeds and the volunteers who gave their time and resources for this project. Thank you to those that shared their home/farm garden produce for our Share the Abundance table as well.

This project was able to feed those in need by making fresh produce available, those that can afford were able to have a treat and contribute and that is given to St. Joseph's Social Care, who also provides for the poor in numerous ways. It takes a VILLAGE, or said another way… a TEAM. Thank you to Holy Family Garden Crew that came, cultivated, planted, weeded, watered, harvested and nurtured the "earth to table" food in a beautiful and generous team effort. Join us next year to help with a project that serves the greater good!

Garden Coaches:

Fr. Bill Gerlach
Mike Hergert
Loren Nowacki
Darlene Schommer
Mary Jane Hennemann

RaiseRight

HUGO'S AND L&M MEATS

Thanksgiving is right around the corner! When you get your grocery list ready for the big Thanksgiving meal, make sure to grab RaiseRight gift cards for Hugo's (4%) and L&M Meats (10%). Beyond the big meal, we can help with your Christmas shopping too. By purchasing gift cards to use when you do your shopping, or gifting cards themselves, you're helping to support our parish and school! Stop by the cart after weekend Masses or by the Parish Office during the week to buy RaiseRight gift cards!

Scan QR for the online order form. You can choose to pay cash or check. Your order will be filled & available for purchase and pick-up in the Parish Office.*

Catholic Daughters Court Marquette #677
Meeting
Monday, November 16th at 4:00 P.M.
in St. Mary's Church Basement

~to work on our court project. At 5:30 P.M. our traditional memorial Mass will be held in the church, followed by soup supper and our monthly meeting.

Holy Family Knights of Columbus Council 7176 will host a Memorial Service on Sunday, November 15th, at the 9:00am Mass

Remembering the Family and Friends of

Terrence McKenna and Hilary Klinicke

Asking all Council Members to come and share in this celebration of their lives and contributions to our Holy Family Community.

LIFE-GIVING Wounds

Life-Giving Wounds Retreat
an In-Person Retreat
April 16th-18th

Adult children of divorce carry a lifelong wound that deserves healing. Life-Giving Wounds retreat is available to help you process this pain.

For more information, or to register, please visit: **www.fargodiocese.org/lgw**

make a donation now!

Can you help support the work of St. Vincent de Paul in our community?

St. Vincent de Paul partners with organizations and churches across the Grand Cities to help neighbors who need a hand getting back on their feet, with housing, food, medical needs, and transportation. Because the Society is funded entirely by generous donations, it relies on our support to keep serving our brothers and sisters in need.

This November, RJ Zavoral & Sons is MATCHING a portion of every donation!

Give online at sacredheartegf.net/svdp, scan the QR code, or drop your gift in the collection basket at Holy Family and label it "St. Vincent de Pau

Emmaus

A Catholic community for adults in their 20s/30s.

Sample some pies, play cards, & make cards!
7pm - 11/19/26

Join the GroupMe for location.

New opportunity for Catholics in their 20s and 30s here in the Greater Grand Forks area called Emmaus.

The goal of Emmaus is to create a place where Catholics in their 20s and 30s from parishes throughout Greater Grand Forks can come together, build meaningful friendships, encounter Christ, and grow together in our faith.

There will be a mix of social events, faith-based gatherings, service opportunities, and simply just the chance to get to know other Catholics in the area who are in a similar stage of life.

The tagline for Emmaus is "Walking the road to sainthood together," because that's really what Emmaus is about, the journey to sainthood in community.

Northlands Rescue Mission
WHERE HOPE BEGINS

THANKSGIVING

Meal Delivery Sign-Up

Free meals delivered
Thursday, Nov. 26th, 11 am - 2 pm
Grand Forks & East Grand Forks only*

Reserve your meals by Nov. 24th at:
northlandsrescuemission.org /thanksgiving

Or pick up meals at the Mission on Nov. 26th:
door #1, **12 pm - 2 pm**, reservation not needed.

420 Division Ave, Grand Forks, ND 58201

Faith... pass it on!

Catechists & Assistants Needed

We are looking to bring back THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY during Advent and Lent!

We will need Catechists to lead the Children's Liturgy during the 9am Mass on the following dates:

November 29th
December 6th, 13th, and 20th
February 14th, 21st, and 28th
March 7th and 14th

To sign-up, use the link or scan the QR code:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4BACA92DA3FA7-67503195-childrens

Please contact Allie Comstock or the Parish Office with any questions.

Knights of Colombus
Bishop Provencher 1578
Meeting November 24th at 7pm
at Holy Family church. Rosary at 630pm.
Everyone is invited to pray the Rosary with us.

Pastor: Fr. Bill Gerlach
frbill@holyfamilygf.org

Associate Pastor:
Fr. K. Yesu Varaprakasam
yesu.varaprakasam@fargodiocese.org

Address: 1018 18th Avenue S.
Grand Forks, ND 58201

Phone: 701-746-1454
Fax: 701-746-1456

Website: www.holyfamilygf.org

Parish Office Hours:
Monday-Friday 8:30AM-4:30PM

Emergency:
In case of an after hours SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY, you may contact the priest by calling the parish office and pressing 3 when the answering machine picks up.

Prayer Tree:
To add a request for prayers to the prayer tree, go to website: www.holyfamilygf.org and click on "home" then "prayer tree", or call the Parish Office

Bulletin Email: bulletin@holyfamilygf.org
Deadline to submit is Monday by NOON

Mass Schedule:
Daily: Monday-Friday 9 am
Weekend: Saturday 5pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 11am

Adoration:
First Friday of Every Month
9:30am-12:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday: 11:00 AM-NOON
4:00 PM - 4:45 PM
or call the office to make an appointment

Sacrament of Baptism:
Contact office to set up a Baptism class and/or schedule a Baptism

Sacrament of Marriage:
Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance.

Joining the Catholic Church:
Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA):
Contact the Parish Office or email Patrick O'Neill at: pon6731@gmail.com

Anointing of the Sick or Pastoral Visit:
If you are ill or will be having surgery and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the Parish Office to set up a time to meet with Fr. Bill or Fr. K. Yesu. If hospitalized, be sure to indicate you are a Catholic upon hospital admittance.

MASS READINGS AND INTENTIONS

Monday, November 16: Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6/Luke 18:35-43
9:00am +Yvonne Nelson by Julie and Greg Nelson
Tuesday, November 17: Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22/Psalm 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Luke 19:1-10
9:00am +Francis Kowalski by Brian and Donna Blake
10:00am @ VSL on 42nd +Geoffrey Sorenson by Family
Wednesday, November 18: Revelation 4:1-11/Psalm 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Luke 19:11-28
9:00am +Charles Bauer by Del and Susan Streitz
10:00am @ Tufte +Asong James by Anastasia Asong and Children
Thursday, November 19: Revelation 5:1-10/Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6b, 9b/Luke 19:41-44
9:00am +Joe and +Mary Lauinger by Larry and Louise MacDonald
10:30am @ Maple View (for residents and family *only*) +Karl Holle by Dorothy and Dave McCullough
Friday, November 20: Revelation 10:8-11/Psalm 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Luke 19:45-48
9:00am +Sue Eisenzimmer by Family
Saturday, November 21: Revelation 11:4-12/Psalm 144:1, 2, 9-10/Luke 20:27-40
5:00pm + Pete and +Donna Laturnus by Laturnus Family
Sunday, November 22: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17/Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6/1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28/Matthew 25:31-46
7:30am +Henry Korczak by Janice Korczak
9:00am +Yvonne Nelson by Kathy Nieuwsma
11:00am Pro Populo

Mass Volunteers November 21st-23rd	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 7:30am	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Monday 8:30am
Sacristan	Donna Laturnus	Donna Blake	Kathy Iverson	Richard Butzen	
E.M.H.C.	Beverly Bosh Carrie Brossart Beverly Johnson Sharon Knutson Donna Laturnus Kathy Nieuwsma Chuck Suda	Sheila Bruner Cassie Eriksmoen Nate Eriksmoen Allen Janes Rita Janes	Kim Hager Kathy Iverson Nancy Lurwig Betty McDonald Linda St. Onge Mike St. Onge Sandy Walen	Richard Butzen Mark Ewens Jolie Ewens Juanita Peterka Donna Schothorst	
Lector	Kathy Samdahl	Reese Litzinger	Brenda Dufault Greg Dufault	Martha Klevay	
Altar Server	Alma Geinert	**NEED VOLUNTEER**	Emarsyn Devlin Carsyn Devlin	**NEED VOLUNTEER**	
Greeter	Blake Lund	**NEED VOLUNTEER**	Adelyn Devlin Lucas Devlin Cody Devlin Teresa Devlin	**NEED VOLUNTEER**	
Usher	Matthew Lebacken Zach Olson Linda Lebacken	David Jackson Greg McMahon	Linda Conneran Greg DeVillers Janet DeVillers Jack Eisenzimmer Ariana Ferrer Cesar Ferrer-Flores Del Streitz Nobert Yarshikeh	Pat Merritt Jody Walker Ella Walker	
Money Counter					Kim Anderson Lori Friezen