

Masses

Sunday, December 17.....8:30 AM
Diane Bernhardt

Sunday, December 24.....8:30 AM
Parishioners of Sacred Heart and St. Hildegard

Monday, December 25.....8:30 AM
The Nativity of the Lord – Holy Day of Obligation
Colleen Murrey

Confessions

30 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment

Rosary

8:05 a.m. on Sundays

Upcoming Events

Dec. 17 CCD Christmas Program.....9:45 a.m.
Followed by parish potluck
RCIA.....6:30 p.m.

Dec. 24 No CCD

PARISH CONTACTS

Pastor: Fr. Frank Schuster 701-848-6290
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Office Hours: Tues. and Thurs. 12 – 5 pm

Advent Blessings

When/where did the Advent wreath originate and what does it symbolize?



The Advent wreath is part of our long standing tradition, however the actual origins are uncertain. The Advent wreath is intended to mark the passage of the Advent Season, a season with a penitential tone. A season of four weeks, each week a candle is

lit at the Sunday Liturgy marking the beginning of each particular week. The simplest of Advent Wreaths is composed of four candles, three Purple and one Rose. The color purple symbolizes penance and the color Rose, a symbol of the third week, *Gaudete Sunday*, (Latin for rejoice) symbolizes the anticipated upcoming joy of Christmas. The Rose candle marks the halfway point in the season of Advent. The cirlet of the Advent wreath symbolizes the “eternal love of God who has no beginning and no end.” The evergreen boughs symbolize “our hope in God’s never-ending love.”

PARISH EVENTS/NEWS

The CCD Christmas Program will be today at 9:45 a.m. followed by a parish potluck. Everyone is welcome!

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Thank you to all those who have brought items for the silent auction and bid on the items to raise money for the “**Hope for the Holidays**” program. The proceeds of the auction will go to provide Christmas presents for a needy family through the Abused Resource Center.

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS AT SACRED HEART WILL BE AT 8:30 A.M.
There will not be a Christmas Eve Mass this year.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT
“The fruit of faith is love, and the fruit of love is service.” Mother Teresa

Please give prayerful consideration to where God may be calling you to serve in the various ministries at Sacred Heart Church and sign up in the brochure that has been distributed. Bring the brochure back by next week if you haven’t done so. Thank you!

WELCOME TO SACRED HEART

Please welcome Randy, Cori, Cody, Cara and Cael Hilzendegeer to the Sacred Heart parish family! We are delighted to have you as part of our church community and hope that you will be richly blessed in your faith journey!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

A beautiful way to honor a loved one this Christmas is to make a donation to our Christmas Flower Fund! Simply place your donation in an envelope and label “Christmas Flowers” and list in memory or honor of your loved one’s name.



Flower Offerings in Memory of:
Tom Bohl, Colleen Murrey, Don Herner, Francis and Irene Monzelowsky

CHURCH CLEANERS

Dec. 17 – 23 (Linda Schafer’s Group)
Dec. 25-31 (Debbie Smith’s Group)

DECEMBER YARD WORK

Ben and Randy Schafer, Rhett Benning, Bryan Dusek and Corey Krush

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Ministry	December 24	December 31
Lector	Aggie Bernhardt	Mary Ann Welder
Altar Servers	Mason Nielson	Kaleb Benning
	Joe Beehler	Cantrel Peterson
Eucharistic Min.	Virginia Emineth	Veronica Peterson
	Bev Monroe	Aggie Bernhardt
	Debbie Smith	Mary Ann Welder
Ushers	Ben Schafer	Courtney Gratton
	Shane Morris	Joseph Heiser
Sacristan	Cindy Opp	Linda Schafer
Gifts	Karl Arnold Family	Mike/Jolene Deichert
Counters	Terry Emineth	Shane Morris
	Bill Kary	Marge Conley
Hospitality	Linda Schafer	Roberta Thorson

The new ministry schedule will be done soon. Please notify Pat in the office of any requests by Dec. 26.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Time Period	Income*	Budget*
Dec. 7 and 10	\$1276.47.00*	\$1,325.19/week
YTD – 7/1 – 12/10	\$30,684.63*	\$30,804.56

*Parish account income and budget for general operating expenses (excludes roof donations and roof expenses or diocesan collections).
12/10 Roof Donations \$275 Dec. Roof Donations \$550
12/10 Flower Donations \$65.00

RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN

Cash Paid on Pledges - \$81,720
Outstanding Pledges - \$46,675
First Loan Installment Payment is Due Jan. 1, 2018 of \$2005.88 (\$3,680 was paid towards the loan on December 6, 2017)

AREA EVENTS/NEWS

REFOCCUS YOUR MARRIAGE!

The Diocese of Bismarck will host a marriage enrichment series entitled REFOCCUS in two locations, Bismarck and Dickinson. This series is for anyone who wants to learn more about the strength areas, as well as growth areas of their marriage. The series in Bismarck will be held at the Diocese of Bismarck Pastoral Center beginning Jan. 8, 2018 at 7 p.m. The cost for the series is \$15/couple to go towards scoring of your inventory. If you have questions call Tara at 204-7209. Register for the event at <https://bismarckdiocese.com/refoccus>.

SEARCH

Search for Christian Maturity is a weekend retreat experience sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Bismarck. The weekends are for anyone of high school or college age (at least 15 years old). Search weekends are held at the Badlands Ministries Camp just south of Medora. Upcoming weekends for 2018 are: Jan. 19-21; March 2-4; and April 20-22. More information can be found at: www.bismarckdiocese.com/search1