



April 2019 Newsletter



Pizza Hut Building Project Feasibility Study

If you have not yet turned in your survey for the Pizza Hut Building Project Feasibility Study, please do so at your earliest convenience. We are grateful for the many responses we have received at this point and have gained some very helpful information. As has been mentioned before, this is an exciting time for our parish and the input and feedback from our parishioners is a most valuable asset in determining our next steps.

You can find out more information about the feasibility study on our parish website:

www.stmarysbismarck.org

Please fill out the online survey by clicking on the link: [Feasibility Study Survey](#)



What does 1,000 unmade rosaries look like!?

A new group has sprung up in the parish. This group is making rosaries to be donated to various local and global organizations. They are simple to make and can be done in your home as you are able. If you are interested in becoming part of the "Rosary Makers", contact Diane at 223-5562 or dianeh@stmarysparishfamily.net

Sharing our Gifts During Lent

Participants in this year's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) spent their evening recently making tie blankets at the Ronald McDonald House to be shared with their guests. They also had the opportunity to tour the facility, seeing the eight family rooms, dining room, game room, and much more! We look forward to welcoming these candidates for Confirmation into the Catholic Church this Easter Season!





Tree of New Life flourishes throughout Lent

The Season of Lent offers a rich opportunity for us to grow in our relationship with Jesus and deepen our love for Him through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In addition, other significant facets of this journey include the examination of our lives and grasping the idea of God's unconditional love and forgiveness. In order to really value this Holy Season, our Faith Formation kids are focusing on a different theme each week as they collaboratively create a "Tree of New Life". The first week they learned about Lent and assembled the tree with bark pieces made of the words "Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving and Reconciliation". The second week concentrated on the facet of Prayer and the grass was filled in, made of personal prayers and intentions by each child. The 3rd week they celebrated the first day of spring, decorating leaves which listed the Spiritual Works of Mercy and focusing on fasting. Flowers representing almsgiving and the Corporal Works of Mercy, and butterflies signifying reconciliation and "New Life" will complete the project. Watch our [Facebook page](#) for the progression of this beautiful creation!



Easter Basket Collection through April 7th

Each year, our parish's Charity and Justice Committee gathers items to be donated to BECEP (Bismarck Early Childhood Education Program.) These items are put into baskets and given to the families in need at the school. The students who attend BECEP are often low income or have special needs preventing families from celebrating this very important holiday. Items needed include: baskets, coloring books, candy, small toys, socks, personal care items, etc. Donation boxes will be in the Gathering Space through April 9th. For more information, contact Hero at 255-3387.

Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction

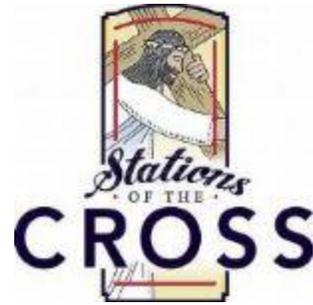
The University of Mary Physical Therapy students will be hosting a fundraiser on **April 14th at St. Mary's Grade School from 8:00 am - 12:30 pm** to support their upcoming trip to Guatemala! For a free will donation, you will receive a pancake, sausage and egg breakfast and good company! In addition, there will be a silent auction with a percentage going toward Hope Haven!





Lenten Communal Penance Services

Sunday, April 14- Ascension (3 pm)
Monday, April 15- St. Mary's (7 pm)
Tuesday, April 16- Corpus Christi (7 pm)
Wednesday, April 17-St. Anne's (7 pm)



During the season of Lent, please join us each Friday for **Stations of the Cross** at 6:30 pm in the church. After Stations, you are invited to a special **Lenten Series** entitled, "**Encountering Christ in Prayer.**" These presentations will take place every Friday of Lent at 7:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room.



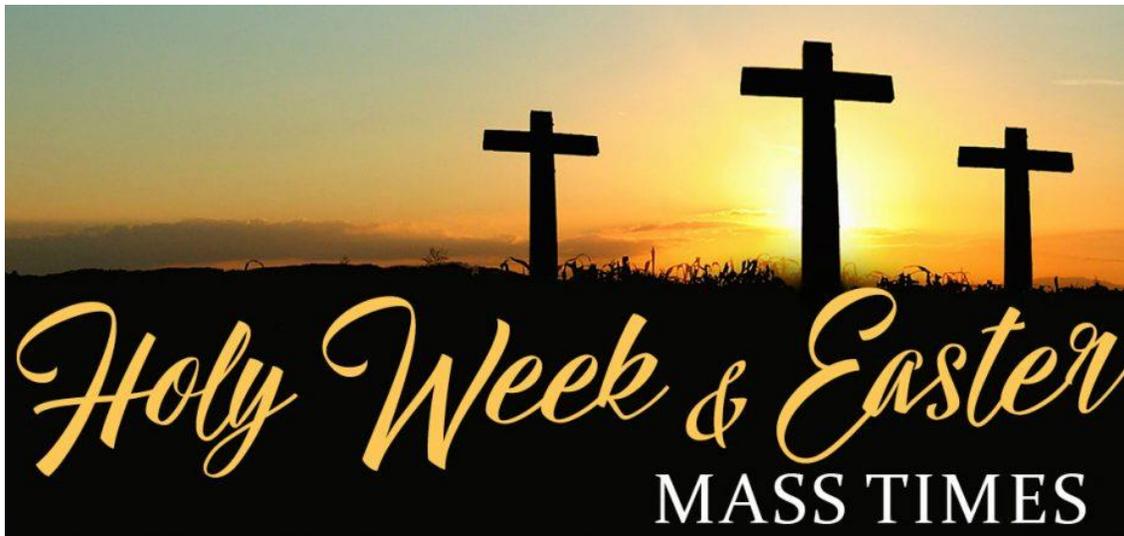
TRIDUUM: The Three Days - One Celebration

The heart and soul of our church year is the Triduum (a Latin word meaning "three days"). It is the three-day celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ: **Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil/Sunday**. (In accord with Jewish and biblical tradition, each "day" begins in the evening and goes to the next evening.) The Church meets at times during those three days to commemorate and enter more fully into what Jesus has done for us.

We should look at the Triduum as one single celebration that lasts for three days. We cannot separate the death of Jesus from his resurrection. We do not spend all of the three days in church, but at certain times during those days we gather as a church to ponder, enter into and celebrate this great Passover of Christ.

What the Triduum celebrates is the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Each of the days focuses on a different part of this Paschal Mystery. On Holy Thursday, it is the Last Supper. He gives us the Eucharist and tells us to "Do this in memory of me." Jesus also washes the feet of his disciples and calls all to be servants. On Good Friday, we focus on the passion and death of Jesus and venerate the symbol of our faith: the cross. At the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday, we celebrate the new life of resurrection as new members are baptized and welcomed into our Catholic community.

Please join us during the time of sadness and joy all wrapped into one! St. Mary's will welcome candidates for baptism and confirmation at the Easter Vigil, followed by our annual **Easter Vigil Potluck** in the multipurpose room. Bring your Easter goodies, participate in the Easter egg hunt and celebrate with the newest Catholics in our church family!



Holy Thursday April 18th

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
with Adoration following until 10:00 PM

Good Friday April 19th

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
3:00 PM Good Friday Service
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday April 20th

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
8:30 PM Easter Vigil
with Easter potluck to follow
Easter Sunday April 21st
9:00 and 11:00 AM Mass
No 6:30 PM Mass



JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

The **Divine Mercy** of Jesus, also known as the **Divine Mercy**, is a Roman Catholic devotion to Jesus Christ associated with the apparitions of Jesus to Saint Faustina Kowalska. In 1933, St. Faustina, then a Polish nun and mystic, had a vision of an impending chastisement. In the vision, an angel of the Lord was to strike at a unnamed city. St. Faustina began praying earnestly for the disaster not to strike this city.

Divine Mercy Sunday is April 28th! Learn more about this beautiful devotion and how to pray it [here](#).



Summer ArtVenture!

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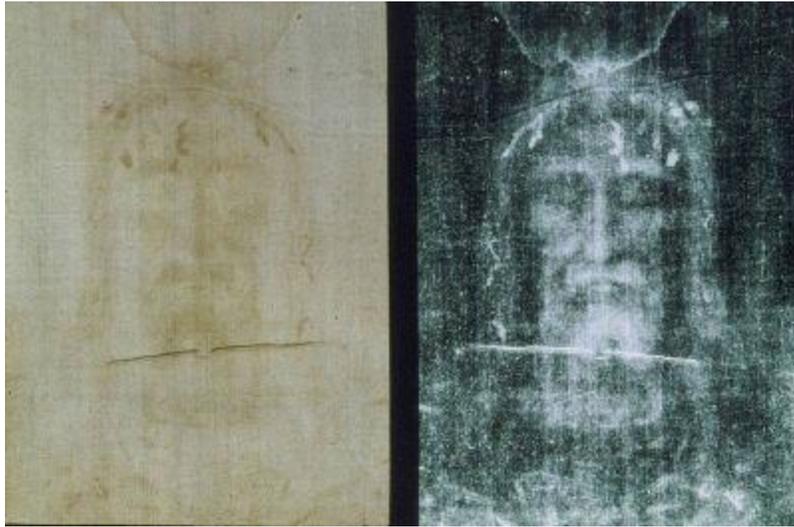
May 28, 29, 30 1-5 pm

for kids currently in grades K-4
St. Mary's Parish

Shake it up Cafe is an interactive, energizing, Bible-based event that will give kids the recipe for true happiness!

\$30 provides daily art projects, music, games, snacks, and tons of culinary fun!

[Register today!](#)



Unwrap the Mystery of the Shroud of Turin

The nationally-known Jesuit clergy and speaker, Fr. Robert Spitzer, will present “New Scientific Access to Jesus’ Resurrection on the Shroud of Turin” during a public presentation on **Tuesday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m.** following Mass at St. Mary’s Church in Bismarck.

His presentation will tackle the notion that many still believe that the Shroud of Turin was debunked by a carbon dating in 1988 indicating that it originated in the 15th century. However, recent dating tests and other evidence have discredited that carbon dating. More strikingly, recent scientific investigations show not only remarkable correlations to Jesus’ unique crucifixion (from the blood stains), but also evidence for His glorious spiritual resurrection from the creation of the most unique image in the world. Fr. Spitzer will discuss this evidence on this most scientifically tested and illuminating relic—and much more.

Father says to bring your skeptical family, friends and your questions. The presentation is open to all at no charge.

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