



The Catholic Community of Saint John the Evangelist

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**The Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
December 31, 2017

Pastor

Rev. Dale Lagodinski

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Patrick Parks

Deacons

Douglas Campbell,
George Ethier, retired

Parish Life Coordinator

Michelle Fehr

Youth Director

Melissa Schroeder

St. John's School

Renee Langenwalter, Principal
Renee Walter, Secretary
701-642-6116

Parish Office Hours

M 8 am—12 noon, 1 pm—4 pm
T - Th 8 am - 12 noon, 1pm -5 pm
F—8 am—3 pm

St. John's Childcare Director

Karrie Gregor
701-642-4922

Lay Directors

Laurie Straus
Jim Lutz

Parish Offices

Betsy Sitz—Office Manager
Pat Keaveny—Secretary
701-642-6982



Weekend Masses

Saturday

5:30 pm

Sunday

7:30 am

9:00 am

11:00 am

7:30 pm

Registration: If you are new to the Wahpeton Community, call the office.

Baptism: Renewal/Preparation is required with each new baby. Call the parish office to register.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance.

Sacrament of the Sick: Hospitalization or serious illness, please contact one of the priests.

Pastoral Care: If you are homebound or hospitalized, Eucharist will be brought to you. Contact the Parish Office.

Prayer Chain: Call Lorraine Wieser at 701-642-5062 to start the prayer chain.

To schedule an appointment at St. John's in Wahpeton with Jennifer Anderson, counselor with Catholic Charities, please call 1-800-450-4457.

Pro-life and Pro-Women go together. Abortion hurts women.

If you are struggling with guilt, depression, regret, anger or other difficult emotions after an abortion, you are not alone. Project Rachel Ministries is a post-abortion healing ministry of the Diocese of Fargo. For confidential referrals to trained priests, counselors, retreats and support groups contact Project Rachel Ministries: 844-789-4829

Saint John's Parish Mission Statement

St. John the Evangelist of Wahpeton, a Catholic community of faithful stewards, uniquely gifted, is committed to living fully a spiritual life. We accomplish this mission by:

- ◆ Celebrating a sacramental life;
- ◆ Being a hospitable, generous, faithful, and forgiving people;
- ◆ Serving as a renewing community of life and love;
- ◆ Supporting all people in their journey toward the Kingdom of God.

Saint John's Development Program

Please remember St. John's in your will and beneficiary designations!

To learn more about making a final estate gift to benefit St. John's Church or School, call (701) 642-6982, email legacy @702com.net, or visit us online!

Readings for the week of December 31st

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Col 3:12-21 / Lk 2:22-40
 Monday: Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6 / Jn 1:29-34
 Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10 / Jn 1:35-42
 Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21 / Jn 1:43-51
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13 / Mk 1:7-11
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 1st - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:00 am Special Intention

11:00 am People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 2nd - Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church

5:30 pm ++ Frank and Mary Karel

Wednesday, January 3rd - Christmas Weekday / The Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:30 am Special Intention

10:00 am (Leach) + Gertrude Braun

Thursday, January 4th - St Elizabeth Seton, Religious

10:45 am (SCLC) + Donald Osowski

1:00 pm + Ryan Breuer

Friday, January 5th - Saint John Neumann, Bishop

7:30 am + Henrietta Klein

Saturday, January 6th - Christmas Weekday

8:00 am + Louise Erickson

5:30 pm + Gary Reubish

Sunday, January 7th - The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:00 am + Maria Borikova

11:00 am + Irene Manikowski

7:30 pm ++ Rod and Mary Nordick

Adoration

Monday - none scheduled

Tuesday - 4:15 - 5:15 pm
(no incense used on Tuesday)Wed. - Cenacle of Life Prayer
8:00 - 11:45 am

Thursday - 2 - 3 pm

Friday - 8 am - 3 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 pm
or by appointment

Schedule of Ministries

Saturday: January 6th**5:30 pm** Proclaimers: Anne Stav

Servers: Christa Habiger and Kylee Weber

Euch Min: Cathy Muehler, Tom Peschel, Paul Sinner,
Tom and Darlyn Weber

Greeters: Joel and Rosanne Lysne

Ushers: D Grosz, R Leinen, B Mayo, H Muehler, G Waldera

Sunday: January 7th**7:30 am** Proclaimers: Cliff Hermes

Servers: volunteer needed

Euch Min: Daryl and Phyllis Knutson, Andy and Becky Stasko

Greeters: Dean and Kristi Nordick

Ushers: C Caspers, B & S Diederick, P Dimmer

9:00 am Proclaimers: Rod Koch and Kristi Mahrer

Servers: Austin Birnbaum and Jose Zuniga

Euch Min: Connie Brandt, Jeff Klostreich, Jim Lutz,
Berniece Miller

Greeters: Bonnie Kretchman, Larry and Jeanette Miller

Ushers: D Beyer, G Davis, D Langenwalter, J Randall, D Resler

11:00 am Proclaimers: Ed Cronin and Marty Madsen

Servers: Jackson DeVries and Carson Hinsverk

Euch Min: Mary Campbell, Connie Madsen, Jane Priebe, Mike
and Mary Yaggie

Greeters: Darlene Arth, Kris Bernard, Carol Crissler

Ushers: L Bernard, N Beyer, G Jelinek, C Johnson, J Walter

Happenings at St. Johns....

Monday, January 1st**Parish Office closed**

No bible study

Tuesday, January 2nd

4:15 pm Patriotic Rosary

Thursday, January 4th

3:15pm Women's Cursillo Group

6:00 pm *Mardi Gras* Committee**Sunday, January 7th**

Jamaican Mission group selling cinnamon & caramel rolls

And around the area...

Monday, January 2nd11:30 am - 6:00 pm Wahp/Breck Blood Drive at the
Community Center. For appointment call Joyce at 642-5248

Please keep Fr. Dale in your prayers. He will be away from the parish from January 2nd to January 18th.

Monday Night Adoration Do you desire a closer relationship with Jesus? Do you truly love him? If so then you probably want to spend more time with him. We are looking for more people to sign up for an hour with Jesus on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30. We started this hour for those who work during the day and for families to be able to spend an hour with Jesus who blesses greatly those who spend time with Him. Please pray about this and listen to His voice to see if he is calling you to go deeper in your relationship with him. Call Fr Parks if you have any questions or would like to sign up. Thank you and God bless!

A Christmas Gift for you! In thanksgiving for you being a part of Saint John's, we have a really good book for every household. "God simply wants to help you become the person he created you to be - *perfectly yourself*. Please take a copy of "*Perfectly Yourself*" by Matthew Kelly with you as you go home from Mass. *Merry Christmas!*

Blessings on the Feast of the Holy Family

"The first thing that a person finds in life and the last to which he holds out his hand, and the most precious thing that he possesses, even if he does not realize it, is family life." Blessed Adolph Kolping

YOUTH NEWS

January 3rd - No Religious Education. Resumes on Wednesday, January 10th



A teacher is needed to take over our 2nd Grade RE class since she's expecting a baby. A teacher's aid is available to help you. If you would consider helping us complete the rest of the year, call Michele at the parish office.

Help Wanted: St. John's Child Care Center is looking for fun, reliable, professional people who work independently and as a team member. We are in need of part time and substitute employees. No evenings or weekends. Contact the parish office.

The deadline to sign up for our mission trip to Jamaica is approaching fast, if you are considering this mission please contact Melissa.

Thanks be to God for you and may God bless you!

We priests are very, very grateful for your greetings, cards and gifts which we are honored to receive during this Holy Season of Christmas. Being remembered by you, our parishioners, means so much and is very humbling. We pray that we may be able to serve well your spiritual needs not only during this sacred season but throughout this year. Please pray for us that we may remain faithful and good priests. May you and those you love find in your lives the joy of the peace which only Christ can give.

Fr. Patrick Parks, Fr. Dale Lagodinski

Stewardship Moment: "...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." - *COLOSSIANS 3:13* Forgiveness – one of the hardest things for people to do. It's amazing how long we can hold a grudge or be angry with someone. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, take this opportunity to give the gift of forgiveness to someone - maybe someone in your family, maybe a friend, maybe a co-worker or neighbor or, maybe yourself. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

PARISH SUPPORT (Fiscal Year July 1–June 30)

Envelope & plate needed Weekly	\$ 13,874.23
Envelope 12-24 & Christmas	\$ 17,772.00
Online	\$ 530.00
Plate	\$ 3,433.33
YTD Envelope and plate	\$ 333,588.38
YTD Budgeted Envelope & plate	\$ 360,730.00
Building Fund	\$ 640.00

Thank you to all who generously Support our Parish!

Advertiser of the Week

Farmers Union Oil of the Southern Valley

St. John's School News



"Formed by God's Love, we form our children"

If you would like a Christian based education for your child, please contact St. John's School, 701-642-6116. Preschool through 6th Grade.

- ◆ We wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!
- ◆ School resumes Thursday, January 4th. 2018

A Time of Prayerful Remembrance and Intercession to be held January 20th and 28th. Two churches in the Fargo Diocese will be offering a *Time of Prayerful Remembrance and Intercession* as our nation marks the 45th Anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* abortion decision on January 22nd. This is a time for the faithful to gather in prayer and intercession on behalf of our nation, seeking forgiveness and healing in God's merciful love. The hidden wounds of abortion affect each of us either directly or indirectly. Whether it be one's neighbor, co-worker, friend, relative, maybe oneself... as a community we have all been touched. The prayer service will include intercessory prayers, Eucharistic Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Mass. A light meal will be served after Mass, Saturday, January 20th from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at St. John Church 115 North 2nd St., Wahpeton. For more information contact Connie: 701-642-4312 Sunday, January 28th from 1:00 - 4:00 pm at St. Stanislaus Church 6098 County Road 4, Warsaw. For more info contact Mary Pat: 701-248-3077

Living out Christmas in the New Year: How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments? Each year the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Her open heart and courageous "yes" to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance. One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady's example is to join 9 Days for Life, a digital pilgrimage of prayer and charitable action. The U.S. Catholic bishops invite you to join thousands of Catholics nationwide from Thursday, January 18th - Friday, January 26th. Join today at www.9daysforlife.com! Reprinted (excerpted) from *9 Days for Life*, copyright © 2017, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C. All rights reserved.

Rest in Eternal Peace!

- † Bernice (Bunny) Rieber
- † Cindy Koziol, wife of Dareld