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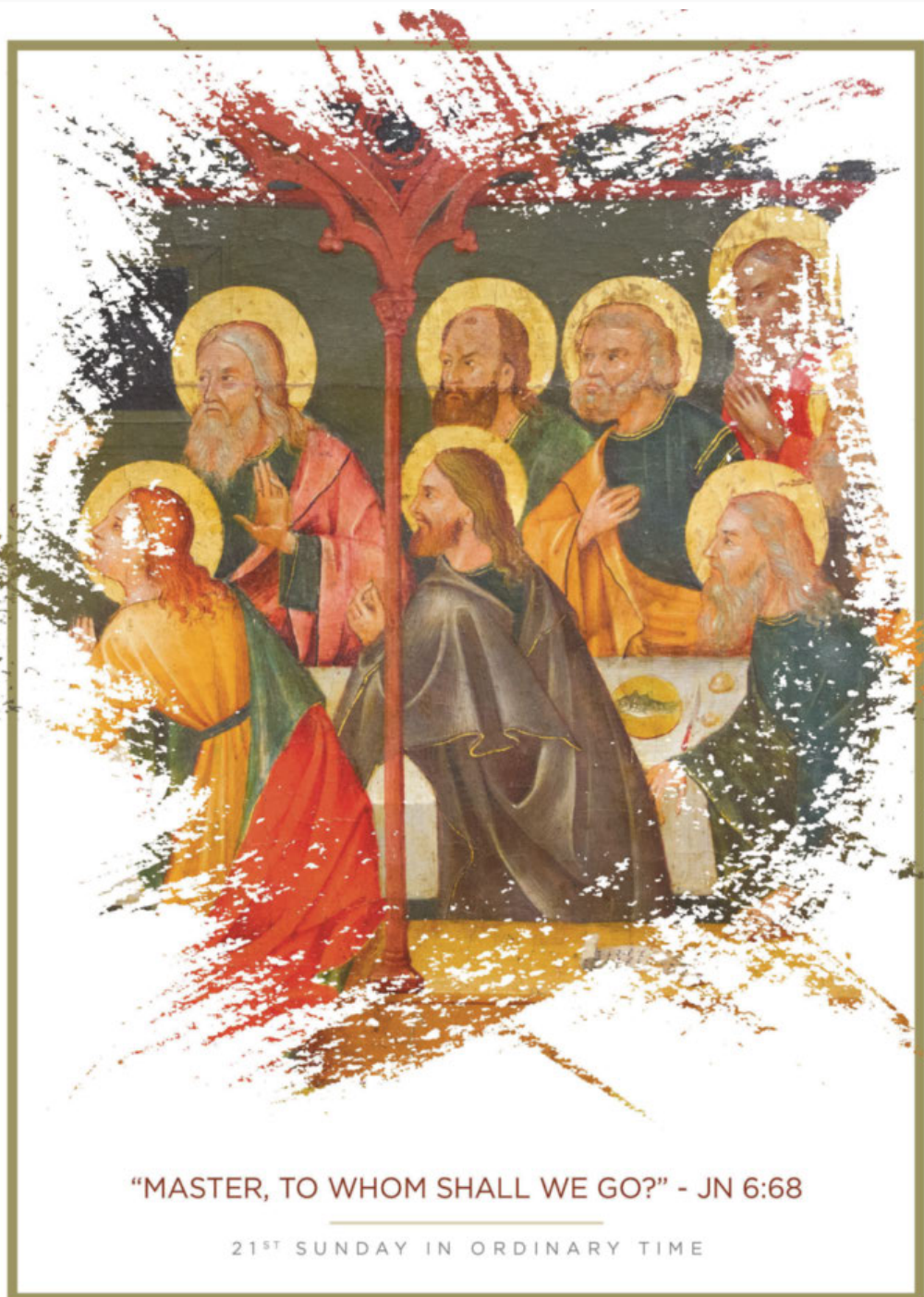
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"MASTER, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?" - JN 6:68

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday:
8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

*Deadline for content in the
weekly bulletin is noon on
Mondays*

**WEEKEND MASS
SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

(Confession 3:15 p.m. - 4:15
p.m.)

**Sunday: Mass 8:30 a.m. &
10:00 a.m.**

(Confession 7:30 a.m.-8:15
a.m. & 9:35 a.m.-9:50 a.m.)

**WEEKDAY MASS
SCHEDULE**

Tuesday –Friday: Mass 8:00
a.m. (Confession 7:30 a.m. -
7:50 a.m.)

*Confession can be heard
anytime outside of listed times
by appointment*

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
SUMMER HOURS**

Wednesdays after 8:00 a.m.
Mass until 4:00 p.m.

**The Daily Mass and Sunday
8:30 a.m. Mass are broadcast
on our YouTube channel. Go
to our parish website
homepage to find the direct
link.**

THIS WEEK

Monday, August 26th

Tuesday, August 27th

8:00 a.m. Mass: †Donald Keller by Parishioners

Wednesday, August 28th

8:00 a.m. Mass: †Donald Keller by Parishioners

8:30 a.m.—4 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, August 29th

8:00 a.m. Mass: †Richard Feist by Dorothea Howey

Friday, August 30th

8:00 a.m. Mass: †Ralph Aberle by Kevin & Dione Bohl

Saturday, August 31st

4:30 p.m. Mass: †Louis A. Zent by Artz Family

Sunday, September 1st

8:30 a.m. Mass: †Caroline Levi by Gary Levi

10:00 a.m. Mass: For the Parish

†: Indicates deceased

Gospel Meditation

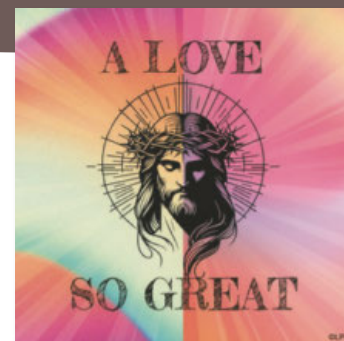
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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The famous Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoyevsky said, "Love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing." In the Gospel reading this week, Jesus does something harsh and dreadful — he watches his own disciples abandon him. What could possibly be loving about that?

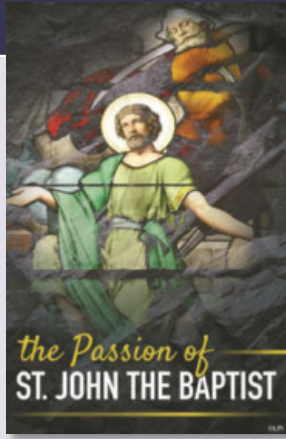
Well, we notice the context is Jesus' teaching about eating and drinking his body and blood. His followers hear this and say, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" (John 6:60). We shouldn't imagine we'd do anything different, because not even the ones who stay, like Peter, seem to understand what Jesus is saying. Then we hear this devastating line, "Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him" (John 6:66). Besides the night of the Last Supper, only now do Jesus' disciples abandon him. And, painfully, Jesus just lets them go.

The best way to make sense out of this is love. Jesus is God's love in action. He wants to become one with those whom He loves. He wants to love them as His own body. Yes, the oneness manifested in the Eucharist sounds harsh and dreadful because it is rooted in love which is willing to risk abandonment and separation to attain its goal: to be one body with the beloved. It is both terrifying and wonderful that Jesus will risk losing us in order to be one with us. Our response? Lord, we cannot grasp a love so great, but please help us never to abandon it, either. — Father John Muir ©LPi



Saint of the Week

The Church celebrates the passion of St. John the Baptist who died approximately A.D. 30. We know from the Bible that he was the cousin of Jesus, the son of St. Elizabeth, and also the nephew of our Lady. King Herod knew that John was a holy man, and he liked to hear John's words, although he didn't take them to heart. He knew that he had to get control of him because of the crowds he was starting to build. He was afraid to kill him, so instead he had him imprisoned.



According to the Gospels, Herod had imprisoned John because he spoke out about Herod divorcing his wife, and unlawfully taking the wife of his brother. On Herod's birthday, his new wife's daughter danced before the king and his guests. Her dancing pleased Herod so much that in his drunkenness he promised to give her anything she desired, up to half of his kingdom. When the daughter asked her mother what she should ask for, she was told to ask for the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Herod was appalled by the request but reluctantly agreed and had John the Baptist executed in prison. St. John the Baptist was beheaded, and his head was placed on a platter and given to Herod's daughter.

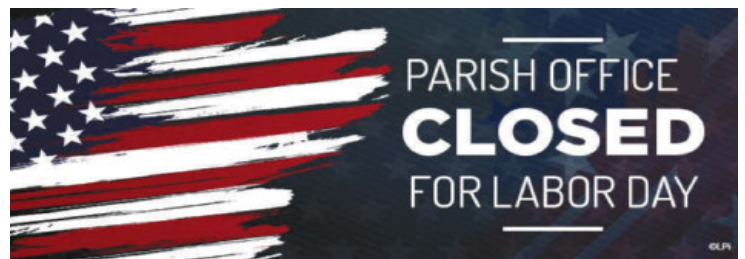
Herod also feared that St. John's influence and power over the people might cause a rebellion. Over time, Herod had suffered military disaster at the hands of Aretas his father-in-law, and many believed it was God's punishment for his unrighteous behavior, and for taking the life of John the Baptist.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 25, 2024

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Tuesday: St. Monica
 Wednesday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Thursday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
 Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Trivia

Question: According to tradition, what event took place in the home of the apostle Mark's mother?
(Find the answer elsewhere in this bulletin!)



PLEASE NOTE: Father will be away for the Fall Clergy Conference September 2nd-5th. Mass intentions will be said while he is away.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION HOURS

Eucharistic Adoration hours will change to 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. starting on September 18th. If you would like to sign up for an hour of time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, or if you are willing to be a substitute, please contact the parish office.

Mass Ministry Schedule for August 31st & September 1st

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Rosary Leader	Volunteer Needed	Marie Keller	Suzanne Watne
Greeter	Lou Ann Fleck	Bruce & Louise Bogenrief	Bob & Jennifer Feller
Altar Servers	Danica Stolba	Edward Wall	Kirstin Brunner
Lector	Wanda Kalamaha	Debby Brothers	Brenda Artz
Eucharistic Minister	Paula Kalamaha	Jerry Aarseth	
In-Home Ministry	Volunteer Needed		
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Ministry schedules can be found on our parish website under the **Office/Ministries** tab. If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please find a replacement and contact the parish office.

We always welcome new Mass Ministry volunteers! Contact the parish office or fill out the form on our website by clicking the sign-up form link above the ministry schedules.

Registration is Open!

2024-25 YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT LITTLE FLOWER

SIGN UP NOW!!!

**CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 11th
(SEPTEMBER 18TH FOR CONFIRMATION)**

- **CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
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- **"THE CHOSEN" (GRADE 7)**
- **CONFIRMATION (GRADE 8)**



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MORE INFO AVAILABLE ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE

September Wedding Anniversaries

2nd Janet Hanson	20th John & Vicki Martinson
3rd Steve & Brittany Miller	20th Fred & Elizabeth Brooks
6th Judy Stein	20th Deb Mellum
7th Philip & Sharon Bohl	21st Gerald & Arlene Fiedler
7th Jersey & Kayla Benson	23rd Kenneth & Wendy Burckhard
10th Aaron & Janna McKechnie	25th Mike & Marla Rose
15th Travis & Brienna Wittmayer	26th Julie Fjeld
15th Riley & Courtney Keller	26th Robert & Stephanie Hoffart
16th Martin Wolf	29th LaRae McDonald
16th Lance Behm & Stephanie Ritter	30th Audrey Roedrick
18th Audrey Collins	30th Ben & Madison Magnuson

2024 LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE PROJECT

Do you know a married couple who has been married for 50, 60 or even 70 years or more?! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a search for the longest married couple in the United States! Nominations will be accepted from May 15th through September 1st. Visit the website for more information. Nominate a married couple today wwme.org/community/sponsored-events/longest-married-couple/

Catholic Trivia Answer: The Last Supper



Back to School

Blessings to all students & teachers, both in school and homeschool, who have begun a new school year!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MESSAGE

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks "Do you also want to leave?" We must ask ourselves if we really want to hear the good news of his love for us and for others. Is the word of God able to break into our consciousness, change us and call us to hear the cries of the poor? This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to hear the cries of the poor by assisting many families, providing them with help with food, utility, rent and other bills. God Bless You! For assistance, please call (701) 833-1269.

SVdP meetings are held in St. Leo's Catholic Church basement on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month beginning with a rosary at 5:10 PM followed by the meeting at 5:30 PM.

If you would like to attend a meeting, please call Janel at (701) 557-3919 for assistance in entering the church as the doors of St. Leo's are locked except for Mass times.

Bishop Ryan Catholic School News

Now Hiring! Bishop Ryan Catholic School is currently accepting applications for the following positions for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year: **Elementary Teacher, Middle School/High School Music Instructor, and JV Baseball Coach.** For more information on these positions, including how to apply, please visit bishopryan.com/employment.

Job Opportunity - There is a great opportunity to serve our Lion students and their families. Due to the number of students registered for the Lions Learning and Fun (LLAF) After-School Program, there is need for additional employees. This is not only a great part-time job opportunity for high school students (grades 9-12), but could also work wonderfully for parents, grandparents, or other Lion friends! Hours are 3:00-5:30, Monday-Friday, with options for flexibility within those days/times. If you, or someone you know, may be interested, please contact LLAF Coordinator, Mrs. Tracy Barnes, tbarnes@brhs.com or 838-3355.

SCRIP NEWS: Remember to use Scrip gift cards for gifts, and to pay for your purchases. Scrip Gift Cards are available after the weekend Masses, in the parish office, and at Bishop Ryan, and you can use them for Amazon orders, groceries, gas, dining out, household supplies, clothing, furniture, vehicles, tires and accessories, building & remodeling, eye care, bikes, and more. The more Scrip gift cards you use, the more support goes towards Catholic education in Minot, so continue using Scrip gift cards as gifts and to pay for your purchases. We are so grateful for your support!



DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:

Michael Fuchs	Percival "Percy" Alg
William Lefebvre	Clara Rein
Kathryn Laskowski	Louis Zent
Beata Kinsella	James Johnson
Anna Mueller	Arnold Alme
Margaret Mary Bertsch	Craig Bauer
Harvey Jevne	Alvin Wirtzfeld
Barbara Goedecke	Delbert Fugere
John Roshau	Delbert "Del" Marum
David Drey	Rachel Samulenok
Casper Bakken	Douglas McMahon
Eugene Rubbelke	Clete Burbach
Odmar Pfeifer	Caroline Levi
Myrtle Kramer	Agnes Larcombe
Clara Dahl	David A. Bickler
Carol Mae Aisenbrey	Erika Eckel
Marvin Alex	Lucille Nathan
Clara Schettler	Mary Rioux
John Nush	

AUGUST IS NATIONAL MAKE-A-WILL MONTH DO YOU HAVE A WILL WRITTEN?

If not, here is an easy and FREE way to get one written. The Bismarck Diocese has secured FreeWill, an online service that makes it simple and free to create your own Will. All you have to do is click on this link: www.freewill.com/bismarckdiocese. From the convenience of your own home, you select your own username and then start typing in your information. In about 20 minutes, you are done. Once you are finished, you simply print out your Will, then have your signature witnessed by a notary public. If you have any questions, please contact the Bismarck Diocese: Ron Schatz, (701) 204-7202, rschatz@bismarckdiocese.com or Bryan Winterberg, (701) 415-0399, winterberg@bismarckdiocese.com



"HOPE UNLEASHED" FUNDRAISING BANQUETS

Support Dakota Hope Clinic by attending a Fundraising Banquet near you in September. The 15th in Bottineau, the 16th in Minot, or the 17th in Tioga. Enjoy great food, an inspiring message from a survivor of human trafficking, and learn how you can partner with Dakota Hope to provide essential pregnancy, parenting, and family services. Reserve your seat by September 6th. Call 852-4675 or visit dakotahope.org/events.



NORTH DAKOTA MARCH FOR LIFE

Take the opportunity to stand up for the unborn at the N.D. March for Life on Friday, Oct. 11. The day begins with Mass celebrated by Bishop Kagan at 10:45 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, followed by a march to the N.D. capitol building steps and a rally. The rally is set to begin at 12:30 p.m. The event is a joint planning effort with the Bismarck Diocese, University of Mary and other entities which created the North Dakota Pro-Life Committee. The North Dakota March for Life is an annual event in October to coincide with Respect Life Month. Bishop Kagan will lead a holy hour on the eve of the N.D. March for Life on Thursday, Oct. 10 beginning at 6 p.m. in the main body of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. The public is invited to attend.

REGISTER FOR 2025 MARCH FOR LIFE

Registration is now open for the 2025 March for Life in Washington DC! High school students grade 9-12 and their chaperones are welcome to join in this fun, faith-filled and fantastic experience January 20-25, 2025. Buses will fill quickly so register today - deadline is November 15th! Questions? Contact Diane at the Diocese 701-204-7206 or dhuck@bismarckdiocese.com FMI and to register: bismarckdiocese.com/march

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST AT ST. LEO'S

Knights of Columbus Council 9906 will host a breakfast on Sunday, August 25th from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Serving French Toast, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits & Sausage Gravy, Juice and Coffee. A free will offering will support Real Presence Radio.

September 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1 Mass 8:30 a.m. & 10 a.m.</p>	<p>2 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>3 NO MASS 6:30 p.m. KC Rosary & Meeting</p>	<p>4 NO MASS NO ADORATION</p>	<p>5 8AM Daily Mass</p>	<p>6 8AM Daily Mass</p>	<p>7 9:30 a.m.: First Saturday Devotion at St. John</p> <p>Mass 4:30 p.m.</p>
FALL CLERGY CONFERENCE - MEDORA						
<p>8 Mass 8:30 a.m. & 10 a.m.</p> <p>KC Breakfast 8:30 a.m. - Noon</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 8AM Daily Mass</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Environment Committee</p>	<p>11 8AM Daily Mass</p> <p>Youth Religious Education Begins</p> <p>ADORATION 8:30 A.M. - 4 P.M.</p>	<p>12 8AM Daily Mass</p>	<p>13 8AM Daily Mass</p>	<p>14 9:00 a.m.: Serra Club Mass & Meeting</p> <p>Mass 4:30 p.m.</p>
<p>15 Mass 8:30 a.m. & 10 a.m.</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 8AM Daily Mass</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Finance Committee</p>	<p>18 8AM Daily Mass</p> <p>Youth Religious Education</p> <p>6PM Rosary Club</p> <p>ADORATION 8:30 A.M. - 6:30 P.M.</p>	<p>19 8AM Daily Mass</p>	<p>20 8AM Daily Mass</p>	<p>21 Mass 4:30 p.m.</p>
<p>22 Mass 8:30 a.m. & 10 a.m.</p>	<p>23 6:00 p.m. Activities Committee</p>	<p>24 8AM Daily Mass</p>	<p>25 8AM Daily Mass</p> <p>Youth Religious Education</p> <p>6PM Rosary Club</p> <p>ADORATION 8:30 A.M. - 6:30 P.M.</p>	<p>26 8AM Daily Mass</p>	<p>27 8AM Daily Mass</p>	<p>28 Mass 4:30 p.m.</p>
<p>29 Mass 8:30 a.m. & 10 a.m.</p>	<p>30</p>					



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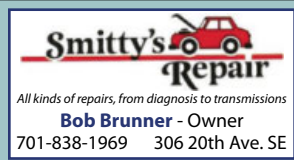
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