

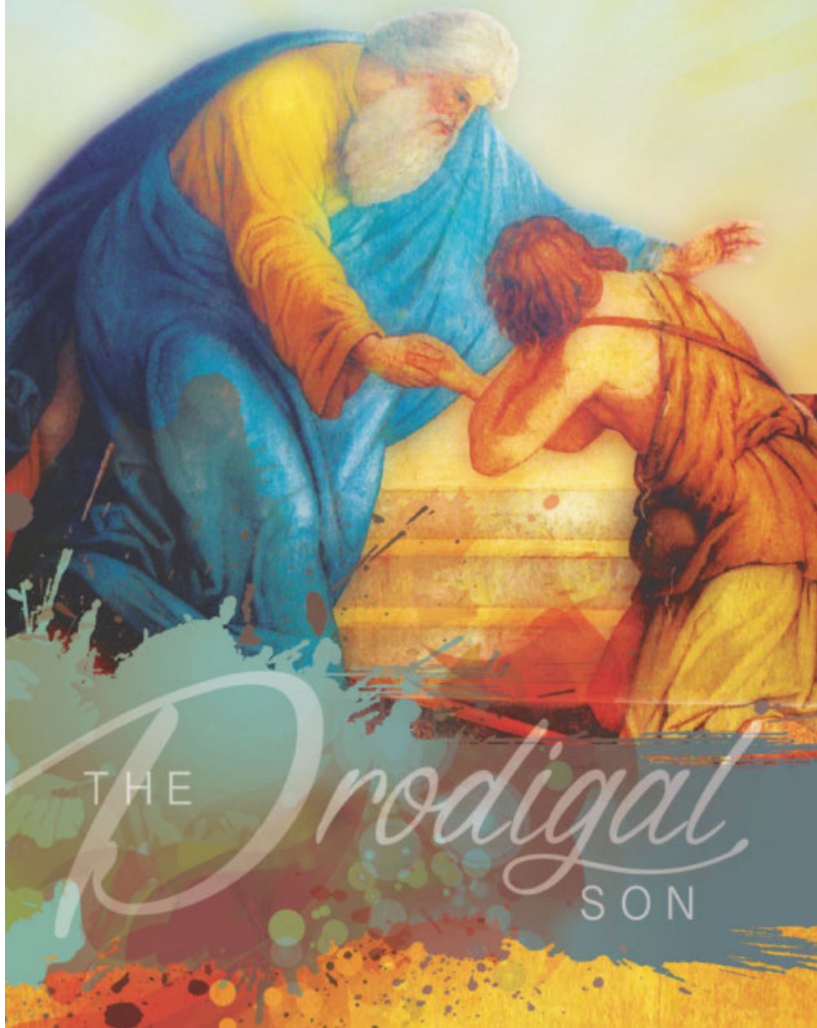
March 30th, 2025
4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

CHURCH OF ST. THERESE, THE LITTLE FLOWER

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



THIS WEEK:

Monday, March 31st

Nothing Scheduled

Tuesday, April 1st

8:00 a.m.: Mass
6:30 p.m.: KC Rosary & Meeting

Wednesday, April 2nd

8:00 a.m.: Mass
8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 p.m.: Youth Religious Education

Thursday, April 3rd

8:00 a.m.: Mass
2 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.: Directory Photos

Friday, April 4th

8:00 a.m.: Mass
No Soup & Stations
2 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.: Directory Photos

Saturday, April 5th

10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.: Directory Photos
Mass: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 6th

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

DAILY MASS: TUES-FRI 8AM

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4:30PM

SUNDAY MASS: 8:30AM & 10AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: WEDNESDAYS 8:30AM-6:30PM

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

March 30, 2025
4th Sunday of Lent
John 9:1-41

A man looking a bit downtrodden approached me as I filled my car's gas tank. He asked, "May I share with you my testimony about how good God is?" "OK," I skeptically answered. He went on to tell me that he had been an alcoholic and drug addict, and that God had healed him; now he was four years sober. He said, "I didn't deserve it, but now I'm a different person. God is so good! Have a terrific Tuesday!" A few minutes later, as I drove away, I saw him smiling and handing a homeless person some money. I was confronted with a choice: either he was a total fraud or God had changed him. Something had happened to him, and it didn't seem fake. Maybe it was God.

When Jesus heals the man born blind, the man becomes a challenge to everyone who meets him. They must decide. Is he the same blind person who they knew before? Who healed him and how? And what is the status of the one who can heal such infirmities? We shouldn't be surprised at the storm of doubt, hatred and animosity that swirls around the healed man — so it often goes when Jesus heals someone even to this day.

Like we often do, the religious leaders confronting the healed man declare that God is not at work. They ask with mocking superiority and dismissive disdain, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" (John 9:34). And they cast him out. When Jesus clearly works in our lives, in us or around us, we should accept it, and give praise and thanks for this wonderful manifestation of his goodness.

Lenten challenge: Think of one way the Lord has healed you. Perhaps he healed a form of selfishness, a physical ailment, or something else. This week, find a person to whom you can share that testimony, and share it. Don't worry if they don't accept it was God who did it.

— Father John Muir

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 30, 2025

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent
Wednesday: St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
Friday: St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, APRIL 1ST

8:00 a.m. +Marguerite Ault by Arlene Feidler

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2ND

8:00 a.m. +Robert Schempp by Kathy Fettig

THURSDAY, APRIL 3RD

8:00 a.m. +David Garcia by Suzanne Watne

FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH

8:00 a.m. +Mitchell Watne by BRCS Class of 2012

SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH

4:30 p.m. +Rose Bjelland by David & Linda Aleshire

SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH

8:30 a.m. +Tom Hanson by Clarence & Amy Aberle

10:00 am For the Parish

+Indicates Deceased



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Paul Goldschmidt** whose funeral was here at St. Therese the Little Flower on March 24th. May the souls of the faithfully departed by the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen



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LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT OLG

Seventh grade students, assisted by older students and adults, will perform the Living Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, April 9th and Palm Sunday, April 13th. Performance starts both days at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. During this moving enactment of the passion and death of Jesus, students act out a still scene for each of the 14 Stations of the Cross, while the story is told through songs and narration. There is no cost to attend. A free will offering will be taken. Refreshments will be served in the dining room following both performances.

CRS RICE BOWLS

Pick up a CRS rice bowl at the church entrances. Rice bowls will be collected during Holy Week.

APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

5th Dennis & Bonnie Burgardt
 12th Les & Kim Lee
 12th Stephen & Audrey St. Romain
 15th Kirk & Sandy Bahl
 16th Brent & Ann Nesheim
 18th Cathren Deckert
 20th Beatrice Grasmoe
 26th Keith & Lynn Mega

Please let the parish office know if we have missed any anniversaries

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MASS MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR APRIL 5TH & 6TH

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Rosary	Varden Lang	Karen McDonald	Suzanne Watne
Greeters	Lou Ann Fleck	Gary Levi Jeff Murtaugh	Steve Bueschel
Altar Servers	Camden Lee Max Stenberg	Hadley Duchscherer Curt Saari	Julia Young Clare Young
Lector	Amy Lee	Melissa Olson	Grant Wentz
Eucharistic Minister	Mike Sander	Karen McDonald	Deacon Young
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ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If anyone is preparing for surgery or is hospitalized or wishing to receive the anointing of the sick, please call the parish office (701-838-1520) or rectory (701-837-5943) to set up an appointment. You can receive this sacrament more than once. Please notify Fr. Phillips upon admission of a family member to the hospital.

CONFESSION TIMES

TUES-FRI: 7:30AM-7:50AM
 SAT: 3:15PM-4:15PM
 SUNDAY: 7:30AM-8:15AM; 9:30AM-9:50AM
 Confession can be heard anytime outside of listed times by appointment: 837.5943

BISHOP RYAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Are you ready to SpringFest? Get your tickets now for our annual MANE Event: SpringFest in the Den coming up Friday, April 25th at Bishop Ryan Catholic School. This 21-and-older event includes delicious food and drink, fun silent auctions and raffles, and live music from Rock Creek Revival! Tickets are \$60 each, and tables are available for parties of eight. Reserve your seats at bishopyryan.com/springfest. The big winners of the annual BR Fund Raffle will also be drawn SpringFest night! This year's raffle features 18 great prizes, including cash and a grand prize 2024 CFMoto UForce 4x4! Tickets are \$20 each, and you can get them from any Bishop Ryan family or at the school now!



Holy Hoops 2025 is coming to the Lions' Den on March 31st! Come watch the 2025 State Class B Champion Bishop Ryan Lions take the court with the Men in Black, a group of Lion coaches and clergy from the Bismarck Diocese. Admission is \$5 per person, tip-off takes place at 6pm, and there will be lots of family fun for all. Everyone is invited to attend!

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

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JOB OPENING AT ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

NOW HIRING a Director of Faith Formation for grades K-12, including Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. John the Apostle in Minot. The Director of Faith Formation will also lead Adult Faith Formation programs.

For more information contact the parish office at drichter@bismarckdiocese.com or 701-839-7076.

CGS LEVEL I TRAINING

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I training will take place this summer and next summer at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. Part A is July 14-19, 2025, and Part B is July 13-18, 2026. For more information, contact Diane Huck at 701-204-7206 or dhuck@bismarckdiocese.com.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE FROM OUR PARISH WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY OVER THE YEARS IN THE MONTH OF APRIL

Elmer Ruge	Kate Kaufman	Lorna Alex
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Elizabeth Keogh	Jesse Korgel	John Richter
Elfreda Kloepfer	Mary Davis	Joseph (Jerry) Connole
John Buettner	Maurice DeGree	Ronald Bahl
John Lukach	Leo Scheveck	Bonnie Larson
Martha Ginther	Myrtle Zitka	Jeffery Dittus
Madge Kondos	Sebastian Neigel	Betty Fugere
William Kondos	Bernard Moser	Barbara Syverson
Martha Lukach	Francis Aisenbrey	Elizabeth Norman
Jacob Clementich	William Dixon	Mariann Lux
John Ginther	Helen Ramhurst	Carol Belinsky
Catherine Kaul	Helen Korgel	Marsha Ulberg
Mary Fahy	Chester Nowak	Selma Bachmeier
Clarence Dixon	Charles Vennes	Ole Silva
Charles Havlichek	Pearl Goetz	Julie Gayzur
George Yineman	Marcella Fennewald	

MINOT AREA CATHOLIC ADULTS

Father Eric Artz will present part two of his Eucharistic Series on Thursday, April 3rd at Mi Mexico. Food and fellowship will begin at 6PM, followed by the talk at 6:45PM. Part two will be focused on the Mystery Sacrifice and Communion. This is open to anyone 21+. Mi Mexico is located on South Broadway next to Walmart.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

The KC Blood Drive will take place on Tuesday, April 6th from 1PM-6PM in the St. Leo's church basement. To schedule your lifesaving donation, call Jim at (701) 837-6200.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC THE APOLOGY

I like to imagine the Prodigal Son practicing his apology in the mirror.

He wouldn't have, of course. Mirrors weren't exactly a dime a dozen back then. But I imagine him anyway, rehearsing the words as he contemplates his own gaunt reflection: "Father, I have sinned against God and against you. Treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."

In other words, I have done wrong. I deserve nothing from you. But please, don't let me starve. Save me.

The apology wasn't necessary to move the heart of the father. We know that because before they meet, before anything is said, the father is overcome with compassion — not because he got his satisfaction, that long-awaited "I'm sorry, I was wrong." No, he's simply overjoyed to see his son alive. Even without apology, we know the father will beg his son to stay.

So why does the son apologize?

The father doesn't need the "I'm sorry." He isn't starving and lost. He knew all along it was a bad idea. He doesn't need to learn any lessons.

But what a tragedy it would have been, if the son had never said he was sorry. Undoubtedly, his father would have let him stay as a hired worker, and he would have had food to eat. He would have survived. But he wouldn't have been what he was born to be.

I often think of the son's apology as I am kneeling in the confessional, awkwardly reciting sins God already knows and is eager to forgive. Why are you doing this? some people would ask. God doesn't need this.

It's the apology, you see. The apology means everything. The Prodigal Son was dead. The apology brought him back to life.

God doesn't need our repentance. *We need our repentance.*

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

DID YOU KNOW?

The Catholic Church must be exemplary: clergy, employees, whether diocesan, parish or Catholic school, and volunteers are held accountable for their behavior. To enable the highest level of accountability, there must be a clear and unambiguous definition of appropriate behavior. The Bismarck Diocese Code of Conduct provides a foundation for implementing effective and enforceable standards for all clergy, educators, employees and volunteers who may be in contact with children and youth. This document is available at <https://bismarckdiocese.com/safe-environment-program>.

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT APRIL 12TH

A Women's Lenten Retreat will be held at the Pro-Cathedral of St. Mary in Bismarck on Saturday, April 12. Women of all ages are invited to join together for a day of prayer, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, confession, inspiring talks, and fellowship. We will also have vendors available throughout the retreat. The retreat begins with check-in at 8:00 am and will conclude around 2:00 pm. Cost to attend is \$25, and registration is required. You can register at the parish website, www.stmarysbismarck.org/womens-retreat. Registration is due by Monday, April 7. Any questions about the retreat can be directed to the St. Mary's parish office at 701-223-5562.

UPCOMING ONLINE GIVING FUNDS:

Easter Flower Fund: activation April 7 – April 30, 2025

Good Friday – Holy Land Fund: activation April 12 – April 27, 2025

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APRIL Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month.



The Effects of ABUSE

When a child is abused, the effects are grave and can last a lifetime. Some of the most common effects of abuse include:

- Loss of faith and trust in God.
- Post-traumatic stress disorder, psychological distress, and other indirect signs of trauma, such as anxiety, trouble sleeping, chronic stomach pain, and headaches.
- A greater risk of developing behavioral problems, substance abuse, and suicide.

The sense of violation goes deep into a person's psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt, and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place.

Steps to Prevent ABUSE

Communicate with Your Children

It is extremely important to communicate openly with your children. Let them know that they can talk to you about anything that bothers them. This will help you identify warning signs and grooming behaviors perpetrated by offenders before they escalate to abuse.

Educate Yourself and Your Children on Abuse

Learning how to identify, prevent, and report abuse is key. Parents and guardians should empower their children to protect themselves from harm and to report abuse. Ask your diocesan safe environment coordinator or parish delegate about opportunities for safe environment training.

Identify and Report Warning Signs of Child Abusers

Grooming behaviors are the actions abusers take to project the image that they are kind, generous, caring people, while their intent is to lure a minor into an inappropriate relationship. Offenders can be patient and may groom their victim, his or her family, or community for years.

Some abusers isolate a potential victim by giving him or her undue attention or lavish gifts, while others allow young people to participate in activities which their parents or guardians would not approve, such as watching pornography, drinking alcohol, using drugs, and excessive touching, such as wrestling and tickling. Abusers also often try to isolate their victims from family or friends and encourage their victims to keep secrets from their parents or other caring adults.

Holding Offenders ACCOUNTABLE

To help hold offenders accountable, report all suspected abuse to local public authorities. You can also contact your local diocesan victim assistance coordinator to make a report and seek outreach for the abused.

In accordance with diocesan policy, when a single act of sexual abuse is admitted or established, the offender is to be removed permanently from ministry.



“Let it be clear that before these abominations the Church will spare no effort to do all that is necessary to bring to justice whosoever has committed such crimes . . . To those who abuse minors I would say this: convert and hand yourself over to human justice, and prepare for divine justice.”






—Pope Francis, Dec. 21, 2018



APRIL

2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 8AM MASS 6:30PM KC Rosary & Meeting	2 8AM MASS 8:30AM - 5PM Adoration No Rosary 6PM Religious Education	3 8AM MASS Directory Photos 2PM-8:30PM	4 8AM MASS Directory Photos 2PM-8:30PM No Soup & Stations of the Cross	5 9:30AM: 1st Saturday Devotion at St. Leo's Directory Photos 10AM-4:30PM 4:30PM MASS
6 MASS 8:30AM & 10AM	FATHER PHILLIPS GONE - NO DAILY MASS				11 9AM: BISHOP RYAN ALL SCHOOL MASS 5:30PM: Soup & Sandwich Supper 6:30PM: Stations of the Cross	12 9AM: Serra Club Mass & Meeting 4:30PM MASS
13 PALM SUNDAY MASS 8:30AM & 10AM KC Breakfast 8:30AM - 12PM 	14	15 8AM MASS FR. PHILLIPS' BIRTHDAY	16 8AM MASS No Adoration No Rosary No Religious Education	17 HOLY THURSDAY MASS 6:30PM  Confession & Adoration until 8:45PM	18 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 3PM 	19 EASTER VIGIL 8PM 
20 EASTER SUNDAY MASS 8:30AM & 10AM 	21	22 8AM MASS 6PM: Finance Council	23 8AM MASS 8:30AM - 5PM Adoration 6PM Religious Education 6:15PM: Rosary	24 8AM MASS	25 8AM MASS SACRAMENTAL RETREAT FOR 1ST COMMUNION STUDENTS	26 4:30PM MASS
27 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY MASS 8:30AM & 10AM <i>First Communion during 10AM Mass</i> 2PM: Divine Mercy Chaplet	28	29 8AM MASS	30 8AM MASS No Adoration No Rosary 6PM Religious Education			

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