



STS. ANNE & JOACHIM CATHOLIC CHURCH

Teach the Truth, Serve the Poor, Worship God

December 14, 2025 | Third Sunday of Advent

PARISH INFORMATION

📍 5202 25th St. S., Fargo, ND 58104
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Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday: 7:00 am and 12:10 pm
(Friday 7:00 am in Magnificat Chapel)
Saturday: 8:30 am and 5:00 pm *(anticipatory)*
Sunday: 7:45 am, 9:15 am *(incense)*,
 11:00 am, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation Times

Mon-Fri: 6:30 - 6:55 am, 11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Tuesday: 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Saturday: 8:00 - 8:25 am and 4:00 - 4:50 pm
Available by appointment.

3rd Annual ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

Friday, December 19th
 7:00pm Main Church

A concert of song and scripture to share the story of
 salvation, anticipating the birth of Jesus Christ.

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Christmas Mass Times

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, Dec. 24

4:00PM

9:20PM CAROLING

10:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday, Dec. 25

7:45AM

9:15AM

11:00AM

STEWARDSHIP

Visitor Giving:

www.bit.ly/visitorgift25

Parishioner Sunday Offering:

www.bit.ly/parishgiving25

Parish Endowment at

Catholic Development Foundation:

www.bit.ly/cdfendowments

Visitors



Parishioners



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Retreats

THE SANCTIFIER

Acquaint yourself with the
 Holy Spirit through a
 variety of talks, Scripture
 passages, and prayer
 periods aimed at inviting
 this "New Pentecost" into
 our lives.

JANUARY 23-25

INFO AND
 REGISTRATION:
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Fr. William Slattery

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Ryan Modahl

Finance Council: *Meets third Monday of each quarter*

Doug Restemayer, Lay Director

Knights of Columbus:

Kyle Keller, 11930gk@gmail.com

St. John Paul II Schools Advisory Council:

Jim Breen

Parish Nurse Coordinators:Becca Wahlen Lester, RN, bexwhalen@gmail.comRachael Wahlen, RN, wahlen58@gmail.com*Please email or text when contacting the Parish Nurses.*Office Hours**Monday-Thursday:** 8 am - 5 pm**Friday:** 8 am - 4 pmSacrament of Holy Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays during any Mass, or at 10:30 am or 12:15 pm. To schedule a baptism, contact Sue Ripplinger in the parish office. A preparation class is offered the first Sunday of each month at 1:00 pm in the Christ the King room. Please contact the parish if you need to attend.

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

If you are engaged or would like to learn more about the sacrament of holy matrimony at our parish, please contact the Sue Ripplinger, our wedding coordinator. Information about weddings at Sts. Anne and Joachim can be found online here: www.bit.ly/catholicwedding

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

If you or a loved one need anointing, please contact Sue Ripplinger in the parish office. For emergencies at Essentia Hospital, call the Essentia chaplain during the day; at night and on weekends, call the Rectory emergency line at (701) 612-2482. For other hospitals in the city, please contact their chaplain for the quickest response.

Homebound Ministry

If you are homebound and unable to attend Mass, please contact Deacon Ben Seitz to arrange Holy Communion visits to the home.

Eucharistic Adoration & Exposition

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is offered at the parish from 7:30am Monday until 7:00am Friday. If you are interested in being assigned an hour for adoration, please contact Sue Ripplinger.

Prayer Requests

Have a friend, family member, or personal Intention you would like others to remember in their prayers? Send an email to prayers@stsaaaj.org for dedicated members of our parish to lift up your petition together. To join the prayer group, you may also send an email or contact the office.

All parishioners are listed on page 4. To be added to this public list, contact the parish office.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Or are you considering converting to Catholicism? Then OCIA might be for you! The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) program is the Church's formal process into the Catholic Faith. OCIA class sessions begin each August and January. Check out www.bit.ly/becomecatholichere for information on the January 2026 initiation session.

Join Our Parish

Looking for a spiritual home? We'd love to welcome you into our parish family! Stop by the Welcome Table in the Gathering Space after any Sunday Mass to learn more and register. You can also join by calling the parish office or visiting us during the week.

Assisted Listening System

A new wifi based assisted listening system is available for use in the main church. Download the ListenWifi App, connect to the Listen Wifi network, and our feed should populate.

Livestream Mass Available

Livestream is temporarily only available for the Sunday 9:15am Mass. Keep checking in for updates related to offered masses. Find them on Facebook, YouTube, or www.stsaaaj.org/media/livestream.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS CALENDAR: December 20-21

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 7:45 AM	Sunday, 9:15 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 7:00 PM
Proclaimer	Stephen Tiedman (1) Lynnae Tiedman (2)	Elizabeth Cronin (1) Jordan Williams (2)	Sheri Bartels (1) Anthony Breidenbach (2)	Mark Hollcraft (1) Jonathan Stafford (2)	Sean Kelly (1) Volunteer (2)
Usher	Volunteer Volunteer	Phillip Glogoza Kathleen Lande Mark Lande	Alex Aughinbaugh Timothy Dancer Ronnie Schneider Pat Wangler	Lisa Christianson Josh Christianson Dwayne Schell Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer
EMHC	Julie Jonasson - Body (1) Deb Emo - Body (2) Priest - Body (3) Janelle Pederson - Body (4) Daniel Pederson - Body (5) Donna Dunlap-Bitz - Body (6) Karen Bakke - Body (7) Volunteer - Body (8) Lynnae Tiedman - Chalice (1) Deacon - Chalice (2) Darla Krank - Chalice (3) Patrice Koerselman - Chalice (4)	Tammy Hoffer - Body (1) John Cyr - Body (2) Priest - Body (3) Volunteer - Body (4) Connie Dulany - Chalice (1) Deacon - Chalice (2) Phillip Glogoza - Chalice (3) Jeanette Lemke - Chalice (4)	Gail Dancer - Body (1) Brian Keller - Body (2) Priest - Body (3) Pat Wangler - Body (4) Barb Jones - Body (5) Cory Jones - Body (6) Bryan Wilburn - Body (7) Chris Nere - Body (8) Karri Mitchell - Chalice (1) Deacon - Chalice (2) Brian Madson - Chalice (3) Timothy Dancer - Chalice (4)	Steven Schultz - Body (1) Amanda Miller - Body (2) Priest - Body (3) Deb Liebel - Body (4) Volunteer - Body (5) Volunteer - Body (6) Dwayne Schell - Body (7) Volunteer - Body (8) Jennifer Olsonawski - Chalice (1) Deacon - Chalice (2) Mark Olsonawski - Chalice (3) Mercedes Hanson - Chalice (4)	Volunteer - Body (1) Deacon - Body (2) Priest - Body (3) Volunteer - Body (4)
Greeter	John Koerselman Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer	Jeffrey Bates Michele Bates Volunteer Volunteer	Kory Bartels Stacie King Brian King Roxanne Madson	Bobbie Boetel Regan Miller Amanda Miller Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer
Gift Bearer(s)	Larry Zahradka	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Altar Server	Kaleb Bennington Ella Cochrane Liam Miller Volunteer	Lena Cronin Volunteer	Paul Aughinbaugh Nala Bonicelli Mabel Bonicelli Sage Breidenbach Molly Madson Kate Mitchell James Wilburn Jacob Rodenbiker	David Hollcraft Dominic Hollcraft Michael Hollcraft Linus Schultz	Volunteer Volunteer

*Liturgical
Ministry
Schedule*



Ministry volunteers are needed for all Christmas Masses. Please login and volunteer if you are able!



STEWARDSHIP

December 7, 2025 Contributions

Envelopes	\$13,637.23
Online Giving	\$37,281.64
Plate	\$2,118.14
Total Offertory	\$53,037.01

SACRISTANS NEEDED!

One of the most rewarding ministries in our parish is being a Sacristan. Sacristans prepare the sanctuary prior to Mass and coordinate all those who serve during Mass as Proclaimers, EMHCs, Ushers, and Greeters.

It is a great way to learn more about the workings of the Mass and to meet many of those who serve in our parish. We need extra Sacristans for all of the Masses during the weekend.

This is a great ministry for couples to work together. Contact Deacon Ben at ben.seitz@fargodiocese.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon: 7:00 am	+Philippe Flobinus
12:10 pm	+Joe Lothspeich
Tues: 7:00 am	Lee Hoedl
12:10 pm	+Diane Mari
Wed: 7:00 am	+Teresa Rosario Alvarez
(Elim) 10:00 am	+Ed Shorma
12:10 pm	+Clayton Drake
Thurs: 7:00 am	+Karen Sauer
12:10 pm	+Mary Jean Schulz
Fri: 7:00 am	City of Fargo
12:10 pm	+Pamila Grieger
Sat: 8:30 am	+Souls in Purgatory
5:00pm	+Bill Linster
Sun: 7:45 am	+Franklin Gibbens
9:15 am	Parishioners
11:00 am	+Sandra Lawler
7:00 pm	Deacon Dodge Family

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVENT



2nd Annual KofC Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, January 10th, Wildcard Weekend

\$10 all you eat

Doors open at 5:30pm

All Knights are welcomed to join the competition

Sts. Anne & Joachim Catholic Church

Community is welcome to eat and judge the contest

Proceeds will support the New Life Center

CATECHESIS IN THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

Learning to Wonder with the Child in Advent

Sarah Bofferding, Director of Catechesis

The Church calls all people to receive the Gospel with the heart of a child (Mt 18:3). During Advent, the mystery, awe, and wonder of the season draw us into this childlike faith—especially alongside children.

As adults, we often rush to explain (or a Google search to find the right answer) but Advent invites us instead to pause with the child and wonder alongside them as we hear the prophecies and narratives around the birth of Christ:

“Who/What could this great light be?” (Isaiah 9:1)
“I wonder what it was like for Mary to hear the Angel’s words” (Luke 1: 26-28)

In your home, a Scripture verse read slowly, or time working with a nativity scene can open space for holy curiosity. Take time to wonder with children this week!



PRAY FOR OUR ILL PARISHIONERS

Please pray for our ill parishioners:

Ben Andersen	Sharon Lange
Linda Beare	Marjorie Mathison
Marilyn Birkholz	Chad Mears
Nicholas Braun	Mary Mears
Rachel Briggs	Pat Meier
Faye Cooch	Samantha N.
Brandi DesMarais	Michael Pirmantgen
Paul Dietz	Mary Kate Rafferty
Michael Dullea	Donna Sinner
Marilyn Gilbertson	Carol Ann Stadstad
Joe Johnson	Mary Wangler
Jessica Kerzman	Mason Winkelman
Michael Knight	Eugene Nyhof

If you would like your name added or removed, please call the parish office.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 14

Knights of Columbus Breakfast
 UMary Cappella Music at Mass

after Masses
 11:00 am

Social Hall
 Main Church

Monday, December 15

Tuesday, December 16

Confessions

6:30 pm

Main Church

Wednesday, December 17

Thursday, December 18

Friday, December 19

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
 Advent Lessons & Carols

12:45 pm
 7:00 pm

Magnificat Chapel
 Main Church

Saturday, December 20

Sunday, December 21

Coffee and Rolls
 Church Decorating

After Masses
 2:00 pm

Social Hall
 Main Church

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 14 - St. Benedict's (4:00 pm)
 Monday, December 15 - St. Anthony's
 Tuesday, December 16 - Holy Cross

Thursday, December 18 - Nativity
 Friday, December 19 - St. Leo's (Casselton)
 Sunday, December 21 - Cathedral of St. Mary

**** All services are at 7:00pm unless otherwise noted**

Christmas Flowers Decor

Christmas flowers and decorations for Sts. Anne and Joachim Church will be supplied in part through generous donations given by parishioners in memory of deceased loved ones or in honor of the living.

If you wish to make such a memorial, use the form below. Your donation can be placed in the collection box anytime over the next few weeks or turned into the parish office.

Make checks payable to Sts. Anne and Joachim, clearly marked for Christmas decorations, and place in the collection basket, mail, or drop off in the parish office.

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In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Requested By: _____

Please publish my gift in the bulletin: ____ Yes ____ No

2025 PROJECT UPDATES

PARISH PROJECTS

Our parish receives back 30% of all funds received up to our goal, and 70% of funds raised over our goal. These funds are distributed to parishes quarterly based on gifts made during the previous 3 months. We have received \$397,842 in total for our “parish share” after the third quarter distributions (Oct 2025) from the Diocese for our parish projects. Here are some of the projects we have already completed.



NEW CONCRETE

In early May 2024, Northern Improvement replaced all of the concrete at our main entrance. Repairs were made to our west sidewalk and dumpster concrete pad. Over 561 square yards of concrete were poured for these projects.



OFFICE AND CLASSROOM LED LIGHT UPGRADES

JDP Electric replaced 209 fluorescent light fixtures in our offices, youth center, and classrooms with energy efficient LED light fixtures. The 18 hanging light fixtures in the gathering space were also converted from CFL to LED.



CHRIST THE KING DISPLAY AND CAMERA UPGRADES

Commercial displays, ceiling microphones (green lights in image) and speakers, as well as a permanent camera were all installed in the Christ the King Room upstairs. These will allow for more content to be shared for Bible studies and educational groups, in addition to allowing parishioners to attend groups over Zoom when traveling.



“UPPER ROOM” REMODEL

A large room of approximately 800 square feet was unfinished and unused on our 2nd floor classroom space. Used for many years by the Shanley Action for storage, this room was finished and wired under the direction of MBA Architecture and Construction Management. This room will be used as a Level 2 Atrium for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Bible studies, and other meetings and uses.

LITURGICAL PROJECTS



GOOD FRIDAY CRUCIFIX

A longtime tradition of the Church on Good Friday is the veneration of Christ crucified. A custom crucifix from Spain has been completed and will be used for this solemn liturgical feast. The crucifix measures 8'9" tall, 4' wide with a 4' corpus for our parish to venerate. The crucifix is pictured here in the artist's studio.



EUCCHARISTIC VESTMENTS

A full set of white vestments from Granda Liturgical Arts were purchased in the Lilium series during the year of Eucharistic revival. Consisting of multiple chasubles and dalmatics, along with a cope and humeral veil, these vestments have Eucharistic themes of wheat and grapes embroidered in different patterns. These will be used in parish celebrations related to the Eucharist on Holy Thursday and Corpus Christi, and Eucharistic processions. Here is Bishop Folda using these vestments for First Communion and Confirmation in 2024, and Fr. Luke for the All Saints Day Procession. Watch the newly released recap video (YouTube or Vimeo) of the All Saints Day procession at these links.



SACRED VESSELS

The sacred vessels used for the Holy Mass are consecrated, or set aside, solely for the reserve of the Eucharist. Gold plated and silver chalices were purchased for replacement of our original vessels. Fr. Luke presents the Eucharist using these new sacred vessels at Christ the King Sunday.

(As of November 13, 2025)	GOAL	PLEDGED	RECEIVED	DONORS
PARISH STATISTICS	\$1,649,562	\$2,181,660	\$1,452,692	359 (22.22%)
DIOCESAN STATs (33 of 127)	\$20,395,122	\$17,836,566	\$9,818,947	4,938 (20.67%)

-Parishes receive 30% of Diocesan Capital Campaign Funds back for parish projects -Parishes will received 70% of all funds received over goal for parish projects

ADDITIONAL PARISH PROJECTS COMPLETED

- Marriage and Family Life Events and Ministry: in greater detail below. More couples events and retreats in 2026!
- Voice over IP Phones for Office Staff

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN?

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FORTHCOMING PROJECTS

over the next two years as funds are available

Buildings and grounds

Replace carpet in the social hall
Repair and update some walls and flooring in Rectory
Update snowblower for skid steer
Put a new signs along 25th Street and 52nd Avenue
LED Lights in Church
Add handicap doors to west entrance
Add lights along the north sidewalk and entry

Ministry and Apostolic Life

FOCUS Parish Missionary Team
Icon of Sts. Anne and Joachim

MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIP MINISTRY



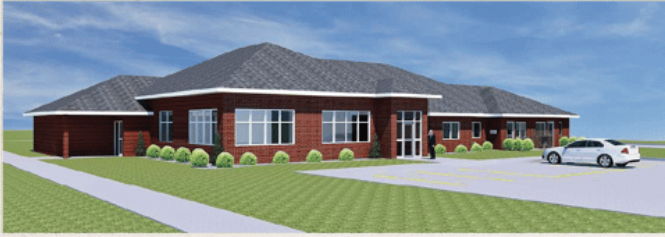
Capital Campaign funds have been used to jumpstart many new initiatives in marriage and relationship ministry including

- Hiring a new staff position, the Director of Marriage & Family, Peter O'Donnell
- New Growth Journey events including Alpha for Marriage, Adventures in Marriage, and a Date Night Challenge series.
- New Ongoing Engagement Events including Drinking with the Saints, and Couples Trivia Night
- New Outreach Events including the May 9th Block Party



If you still want to participate in the 'Living our Faith, Building our Future' Campaign,
you may still make a pledge or donation at www.fargodiocese.net/lof.

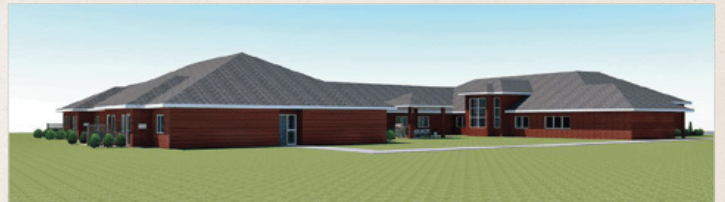
— DIOCESAN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATES —



PRIESTS RETIREMENT HOME

The Diocese broke ground on the new retirement home in May 2025. It will be located south of the Diocesan Pastoral Center Parking Lot, with a driveway entrance from Bishop's Boulevard.

This is the first project to move forward from the Diocesan portion of the recent capital campaign.



MARYVALE RETREAT CENTER

Work on Phase I of Maryvale renovations in the summer of 2025 with the replacement of all windows, fire code compliance, and renovations to the St. Therese wing. Retreats are currently scheduled year round at Maryville that fit all kinds of interests and needs.

Check out more at <https://maryvalend.org/attend-a-retreat>.



*Thank you for your support of the Diocesan Capital Campaign and
Sts. Anne & Joachim Catholic Church!
Your contributions are making a lasting difference in our local church!*



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UPCOMING EVENTS



A festive poster for the CASA Christmas Party. The background is dark green with a string of warm white lights at the top and a pine branch. The text 'CASA' is in a large, white, cursive font, followed by 'Christmas Party' in a white, sans-serif font. Below this, the date and time 'December 18 | 6:30-9:00pm' are written in white. A location pin icon is followed by 'Suite Shots'. At the bottom, it says 'Enjoy free golf and appetizers!' in a white, cursive font. There are also illustrations of a drink on a tray and a golf ball on a tee.

CASA
Christmas Party
December 18 | 6:30-9:00pm
Suite Shots
Enjoy free golf and appetizers!



A poster for Christmas Decorating. The background is dark green with a red and white scalloped border on the left. On the left, there is a photo of a church altar decorated with flowers and a small Christmas tree. The text 'CHRISTMAS DECORATING' is in a large, white, serif font, followed by 'DECEMBER 21ST 2:00PM' in a smaller, white, serif font. Below this, it says 'PLEASE JOIN US IN THE GATHERING SPACE TO DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS.' and 'FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT ELLIE BRIGGS AT 701-799-0515.' in a white, sans-serif font.

**CHRISTMAS
DECORATING**
DECEMBER 21ST 2:00PM
PLEASE JOIN US IN THE GATHERING
SPACE TO DECORATE THE CHURCH
FOR CHRISTMAS.
FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT
ELLIE BRIGGS AT 701-799-0515.



A poster for Couples Trivia Night. The background is dark blue with large, colorful question marks in yellow, orange, and blue. The text 'Couples' is in a white, cursive font, followed by 'TRIVIA NIGHT' in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font, and '& HAPPY HOUR' in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. Below this, it says '@ SUITE SHOTS events room' in a white, sans-serif font, followed by 'FRIDAY, JANUARY 9TH 2026' in a white, sans-serif font, and '6:30 - 8:30 PM' in a white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, it says 'FREE TACO BAR!' and 'NO RSVP NEEDED' in a white, sans-serif font.

Couples
**TRIVIA
NIGHT**
& HAPPY HOUR
@ SUITE SHOTS events room
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9TH 2026
6:30 - 8:30 PM
FREE TACO BAR! NO RSVP NEEDED

McCHOIR'S MUSIC CORNER

Gaudete Sunday

Patrick McGuire, Director of Music

Today is known as “Gaudete Sunday” in the Advent season. “Gaudete” is Latin for “Rejoice,” and is the first word of the Entrance Antiphon for today’s liturgy. The word ‘rejoice’ with its accompanying themes are sprinkled throughout the prayers and texts of this liturgy. I always enjoy putting “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” in for the opening hymn for this liturgy, as we sing out “Rejoice! Rejoice, Emmanuel!” in the refrain.

We get to bring our attention a little more readily to the joy that is to come when our Savior, Jesus Christ, comes down to earth from heaven. I also adore the text from Isaiah that we get to sing today at communion: “Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.” (Isaiah 35:4) Now that is an encouragement if I have ever heard one! The General Norms for the Liturgical Year says this about the Advent season: “Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation.” (GNLY #39) Especially in these last two weeks of Advent, that ‘joyful expectation’ is a tangible part of our worship as we come to the final days before Christmas. Rejoice!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Condolences

We extend our sympathy to Tim and Cheryl Jones and family on the death of Norma Jones, Cheryl’s mother.

Christmas Adoration Schedule

Adoration will conclude at 7am on Friday, December 19, 2025.

Adoration will resume at 7:30am on Monday, January 5, 2026

Holy Baptism

Congratulations to our recently baptized!

Noah Joseph James Magelky
son of Alexander & Sara
December 7, 2025

Melanie Faith Burger
daughter of Blake & Lisa
December 7, 2025



St. John Paul II Catholic Schools

Scrip Sales

SCRIP are gift cards that ANYONE can purchase to use for their everyday shopping needs of gas, groceries, clothing and dining out. These cards make great gifts for Christmas, Easter, anniversaries, birthdays, weddings, or any other occasion that you may need a gift card for. Proceeds from the sales benefit Sts. A&J students and JPII Catholic Schools. *SCRIP Cards are available after December 6th & 7th, 13th & 14th and 20st & 21st masses.*

Enroll at St. JPII Schools

Contact Lori Hager in the Office of Admissions.
701-893-3271 | lori.hager@jp2schools.org
www.jp2schools.org/admissions/

Teaching Open Positions

- Substitute Teachers - All Locations

To apply visit www.jp2schools.org/careers/ or call 701-893-3231 for more information.

UPC Codes for JPII Schools

Please save the UPC codes from "OUR FAMILY" products from Family Fare and drop them off in the white box located on the JPII Catholic Schools Wall

AROUND THE DIOCESE



World Wide Marriage Encounter

Nov. 21-23, 2025 **Mar. 7-8, 2026** **Mar. 20-22, 2026** **Apr. 18-19, 2026**

Alexandria, MN Edina, MN Jamestown, ND Brainerd, MN

Considering it? Visit WWME.org to register now! Application fees increase in 2026, but if you register in 2025 (even for a 2026 weekend experience) you can get the current registration fee!

Sacred Items of Olive Wood - Sales at West Acres Mall

Our friends from the Holy Land are selling their olive wood products at West Acres Mall, Fargo near the food court. Please consider buying some of your Christmas gifts from them. As you may know the war in the Holy Land started on 10/7/23 and is still going on. Most of the Christians in the Holy Land working in the tourism industry as a result of the war have their only income from olive wood sales to Christian families abroad. We appreciate your support.

Job Openings at Fargo Diocese

- FT Communications Assistant/Assistant Editor for New Earth
- PT Formation Assistant for the Office of Youth Discipleship

More information at <https://fargodiocese.net/jobopenings>

Advent Day of Reflection

Take time away to nourish your spiritual life and prepare your heart for Christmas! We invite you to join us on Saturday, December 20th for a Day of Reflection (in-person or online). This month's theme, as we continue our Franciscan Spiritual Pilgrimage, will be on Advent. The event lasts from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Register online at <https://forms.office.com/r/qvVtezHnt9> or contact Sr. Mary Ruth with questions at srmaryruth@scretreats.org or call 701-242-7195.

Catholic Daughters of America Bake Sale

Come and stock up on your holiday baking at the Holiday Bake Sale put on by CDA Court St. Ann #261 on December 13 & 14, 2025, after each of the masses at Nativity Church in Fargo. Mass times are Saturday, 4pm and Sunday at 7:45, 9:15 and 11am. Free will offering. Donations will go to our charities that we support. Thank you!

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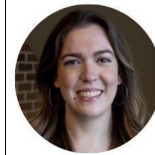
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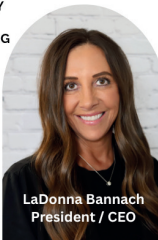
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