

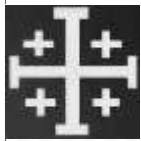
Holy Cross Catholic Church

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 5th, 2012



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Mass Schedule

Saturdays at 4:30 pm
Sundays at 7:30 am,
9:00 am, 11:00 am &
6:00 pm

Monday—Friday at 12:15 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Weekdays 11:45 am
Saturdays at 3:30 pm

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Penne Soucy and Fr. Jim Meyer.

Greetings,

Today's gospel begins with Mark's whole gospel account and we see Christ performing miracles, beginning with the healing of Simon's mother-in-law. Later, the gospel tells us, "He cured many who were sick with various diseases and He drove out many demons."

Clearly, the people were amazed at what Jesus had done. So, when He withdrew to a place to pray, Simon, Andrew and others came looking for Him. But the Lord told them He had to go. He had to preach and heal throughout all of Galilee. "For this purpose I have come," He says. Jesus has come to heal the whole world, but it is not to heal mere diseases. Rather, these stories of His powerful healing miracles serve as a foreshadowing of the greatest healing miracle of all time, His passion death and resurrection. Through this great paschal mystery, the Lord offers all of us healing from sin and life everlasting.

His earthly mission was to offer healing and life to all, even those like Job, who suffered so terribly. Christ answers Job's plea for relief. Without the Lord, the world waits in misery and hopelessness, simply counting their days of dread, in Christ, we see redemption from such things. Because of Him, we have hope in a painless, glorified future, even though the pain will not completely be banished this side of heaven. We can look to the cross and see a God, who understands our pain, a God, who suffers with us and a God., who so unconditionally loves us, that He offers us freedom from the pains of this life, if we simply flock to Him. He is, indeed, the great healer. In a particular way, we gain grace that helps us through our struggles in the sacraments. There, in all seven of them, Christ pours out His life for us, giving us strength in this journey of life. And we know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that the life He offers us will bring us joy and fulfillment in the heavenly kingdom.

It's a wonderful reality, a message of healing and hope and Christ knew that everyone needed to hear it; not just Simon's mother-in-law and those around her. So, after spending a bit of time with them, He took off to preach the good news to others.

Today, our job is to go about throughout the world spreading the message that Christ has come to heal and save all people. That is the Church's mission – to proclaim the good news and call all to Christ.

Later, in Mark's gospel, Jesus tells His disciples, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation." Each one of us is vital to this mission. Each one of us is a crucial part of the Church, armed with particular gifts with which we can proclaim the good news. So, it is up to us, to take ownership of this call, to see our part in the Church's life and mission as not just happen stance, but purposeful and important, to use the gifts we have been given, to proclaim the Gospel and to glorify the Lord. As Christ's disciples, we follow His example, living lives of selflessness for others, being there for others, whenever we are needed and using the many gifts God has given us for the good of others. Oftentimes, when we live this way, our lives become a witness. People are drawn to such a way of living and they can see Christ through our actions. We do not necessarily need to stand on the mountaintop and preach. Some of us may have been given the gift to preach in that way, while others of us are called to a more subdued form of preaching.

The important thing is that we recognize our many gifts, even our very lives, as gifts from God and we use them to serve Him, proclaiming the gospel and calling others to conversion, remembering all-the-while, that, as Paul tells us, "If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me."

We have been given so many great gifts from the Lord above, one of which, is the gift of faith. Let us do our part to share that faith with the world, starting with those around us.

God's Gift weekend is here, please do not just let our opportunity pass by without making a sacrifice to help the greater church make the statement that we are here to spread your Word and share your Love.

Thank You and God's Blessing this week,
Fr Jim



A message from the Bishop...

January 27, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I write to you concerning an alarming and serious matter that negatively and directly impacts the Church in the United States, and strikes at the fundamental right to religious liberty for all citizens of any faith. The federal government, which claims to be “of, by, and for the people,” has just dealt a heavy blow to almost a quarter of those people—the Catholic population—and to the millions more who are served by the Catholic faithful.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced last week that almost all employers, including Catholic employers, will be forced to offer their employees health coverage which includes sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception. In addition, almost all health insurers will be forced to include those so-called “services” in the health policies they write. And almost all individuals will be forced to buy that coverage as a part of their policies.

In so ruling, the Administration has cast aside the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, denying to Catholics our Nation’s first and most fundamental freedom, that of religious liberty. And as a result, unless the rule is overturned, we Catholics will be compelled either to violate our consciences or to drop health coverage for our employees (and suffer the penalties for doing so).

Catholics are already joined by our brothers and sisters of all faiths and many others of good will in this important effort to regain our religious freedom. Our grandparents and great-grandparents did not come to these shores – and to the many communities within the Diocese of Fargo – to help build America’s cities and towns, its infrastructure and institutions, its enterprise and culture, only to have their descendants stripped of their God given rights. In generations past, the Church has always been able to count on the faithful to stand up and protect her sacred rights and duties. I hope and trust she can count on this generation of Catholics to do the same. Your children and grandchildren deserve nothing less.

Therefore, I ask of you two things. First, as a community of faith we must commit ourselves to prayer and fasting, that wisdom and justice may prevail, and religious liberty may be restored. It is critical that we bring this to prayer. Without God, we can do nothing, but with God, all things are possible. Second, I would also recommend that you visit www.usccb.org/conscience and www.ndcatholic.org/conscience to learn more about this serious assault on religious liberty, and how to contact Congress in support of legislation that would reverse the Administration’s decision.

I call on every priest and deacon in the Diocese of Fargo to encourage the faithful to join me and the Bishops of the United States in speaking out on this violation of religious freedom and conscience. Every Catholic has the responsibility to promote the dignity of human life and religious freedom. Let us work together to preserve the freedoms our forefathers established in our constitution!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Samuel J. Aquila

Bishop of Fargo

Holy Cross Community Servers Meeting

The Holy Cross Community Servers invite all who are interested in learning more about the roles of community servers group and how you can help get involved in this rewarding experience.



Please join us on February 7th at 6:30pm in the upper room.

Attention to Liturgical Ministries

Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Proclaimers and Ushers: If you have brought home your pendants, please kindly return them to the sacristy. We are missing quite a few of them. Thank you.



**THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~
THANK YOU!!!**

To everyone who donated food, your salesmanship of raffle tickets, your time serving, to all the parents and students who gave their time for Mass and for attending and supporting the 1st Annual Spaghetti Dinner with Blessed Sacrament!

You are truly appreciated!

Raffle income: \$7,825.00
600 + ate dinner
Dinner Income: \$3,025
162 Cakes were given away,
Cake Walk Income: \$306.00

Winners of the Spaghetti Dinner Raffle are:

**Spa Package ~ Leo Blotsky
iPad2 ~ Pam Scneider**

\$100 Gas Card ~ Janet Dobberstein

\$100 Cash ~ Tara Opatz

DVD Player ~ Killian Wells

The West Fargo Bereavement Support Group will meet today, February 5, 2012 at Faith Lutheran Church (127 2nd Ave E) starting at 1:30 PM. "Memorializing Your Loved One" will be presented by a representative from Boulger Funeral Home. Discussion and refreshments are included.

Parish Health Ministry will check blood pressures Sunday, March 4, after the 9 AM service in classroom # 15 on the south side of the Cross Way Center. You will receive a wallet card to record your readings. This service is free and for anyone who would like to monitor their blood pressure.

The God's Gift Appeal Kick-Off Weekend is this weekend. He will highlight the special ministries available to each of us in the Diocese of Fargo and the spiritual importance of each family doing their part as members of Holy Cross Catholic Church. As baptized Catholics we are taught by Peter to share with each other. It is suggested that each family prayerfully consider a gift of 1% of household income. We are to live our lives as Christian stewards.

A big thank you to Holy Cross parishioners for helping bake cakes, cook and serve the Jan 30 meal at Churches United! Scrumptious desserts were baked by Joyce Nicholas, Marie Zetocha, Gerri Dyrdaahl, Linda Bartsch and Donna Blotsky. Thank you to Amy Nathan, Heather Heger and Darla Skaurud for helping cook and serve. Your help was greatly appreciated and the meal was enjoyed by all! Kathleen Fischer

If you have kindly donated food for funerals or other functions, please pick up your containers. They will be in the kitchen. Thank you for your kindness.



St. Maurice's SOUPER Bowl! - Join us for your pre-game meal on Super Bowl Sunday, **February 5th from 11am to 1pm**. Homemade soup, salad and dessert buffet featuring a basket silent auction and raffle. Grand prizes include a **24" Electric Start Snow Blower, Apple iPad2 and \$250 Visa Gift Card**. St. Maurice's Catholic Church – 5513 165th Ave SE, Kindred, ND.

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA~CHILDREN'S HOLY HOUR Saturday, February 18th at 10am at Sts. Anne & Joachim's Magnificat Chapel – sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima – Fargo Division. All are welcome! Please use the west entrance and parking lot. Check out our website: www.waffargo.org

Lenten Activities

Wednesday, February 22nd,

*Mass times at 7am,
9am (Co-op Living),
12:15pm and 7pm.*



Ash
Wednesday

Fish Fry
sponsored by the
Mens Group



The Fish Fry begins on Friday, February 24th at 5:30pm to 7:00pm. They will be serving every Friday through Easter. February 24th, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and the final evening will be March 30th

Beginning February 24th



Stations of the Cross
will be held every Friday,
at 7:00 pm up to Easter

Palm Sunday, April 1st
Holy Thursday, April 5th
Good Friday, April 6th
Holy Saturday, April 7th
Easter Sunday, April 8th

Weekly Schedule

Sun. (2/5) Blessing of the Throats
 7:30 AM Mass (**Priest's Intention**)
 9:00 AM Mass (Holy Cross Catholic Community)
 9:00 AM Faith Formation (P/K)
 10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks RM # 15
 11:00 AM Mass (Knights of Columbus #6465 by Dcn. Jim & Joan Perius)
 11:00 AM Faith Formation (P/K)
 6:00 PM Mass (+Joseph Rea by Dcn. Jim Uline)

Mon. (6) 8:30 AM Faithfully Fit Forever (FLC)
 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM Adoration
 11:45 AM Confessions
 12:15 PM Mass (+Doug Burkett, Sr. & + Kathy Hill by K. Burkett)
 5:30 PM Faithfully Fit Forever (BSC)
 7:00 PM Core Team Building Meeting/Upper Room

Tue. (7) 11:45 AM Confessions
 12:15 PM Mass (+Maurice Richard by Ella Richard & family)
 5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal
 6:30 PM Community Servers Meeting/Upper Room
 7:00 PM Adult Choir

Wed. (8) 9:00 AM Mass at the Co-op (**Priest's Intention**)
 11:45 AM Confessions
 12:15 PM Mass (**+Priest's Intention**)
 4:00 PM Faith Formation Class (1-6)
 6:00 PM Faith Formation Class (1-6)
 7:15 PM Faith Formation Class (7&8) grade 8 service night
 7:15 PM Youth Ministry Gr 9-12

Thurs. (9) 8:30 AM Faithfully Fit Forever (FLC)
 11:45 AM Confessions
 12:15 PM Mass (Angie Pergande by K. Burkett)
 1:30 PM Golden Cross Card/Game Club CWC
 5:15 PM Praise & Worship Team Rehearsal
 5:30 PM Faithfully Fit Forever (BSC)
 5:45 PM AA Meeting
 6:30 PM Paper Angels Card Ministry/Upper Room

Fri. (10) 11:45 AM Confessions
 12:15 PM Mass (+Maria Pelikan Leon by Jesme Leon)
 5:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal for Wald & Christensen

Sat. (11) 3:45 PM Confessions
 4:00 PM Rosary
 4:30 PM Mass (+Arloe Schock by Diane Schock)
 6:30 PM Wedding Celebration for Wald & Christensen

Sun. (12) 7:30 AM Mass (Holy Cross Catholic Community)
8:00 AM to 12:30 PM Knight's of Columbus Serving Breakfast
 9:00 AM Mass (+Ed & Irene Prochniak by Vickie & Tom Gentzkow)
 9:00 AM Faith Formation (P/K)
 11:00 AM Mass (+Lorraine Gidskemo by Sue DuBois)
 11:00 AM Faith Formation (P/K)
 12:30 PM 2nd Grade Reconciliation Retreat
 2:00 PM Grade 3 Confirmation Retreat
 6:00 PM Mass (+Richard Knowles by Dcn. Jim Uline)

Are you or someone you care about unable to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion? There are several communion distributors who will bring the Lord to you. The need could be temporary or ongoing. Call the church and let us know. We will contact you and determine when is a good time for us to visit with Communion.

In Care of the sick Please call the parish office to notify us of illness in the family. The local hospitals do not call us anymore.

New Members If you wish to become members of Holy Cross, please contact the parish office (282-7217).

Baptism Class is held on the 3rd Monday of every month. Please call the office at 282-7217 to register for the upcoming date and time.

Simplicity Giving A funds transfer service to assist parishioners to reach their financial stewardship goals. Contact the office manager for more information.

If you would like to become a member of the Knights of Columbus please call Brian at 281-1905 OR e-mail: knightsCouncil6465@yahoo.com.



The Knights of Columbus Council # 6465 which represents both West Fargo Churches (Blessed Sacrament and Holy Cross Churches) meet on the 2nd Monday of every month at Holy Cross starting at 7pm.

Knight of the month: Jon Long
KC Family of the month: Brian & Heather Heger, Logan and Sawyer
Sunday, February 12th the KC will be serving breakfast. French toast and sausage

Eucharistic Adoration Corner

Adoration occurs every Monday beginning at 9am and ending at 8pm. Scheduled adorers ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone. Every act of reverence, every genuflection that you make before the Blessed Sacrament, is important because it is an act of faith in Christ, an act of love for Christ. May God preserve you in this faith - this holy Catholic faith - this faith in the Blessed Sacrament.— Pope John Paul II.

Please call Arlene Schneider at 532-0449 or e-mail aschneider@far.midco.net to become a scheduled adoror.



Family Prayer Candles



Holy Cross will be celebrating "Presentation of the Lord" on Thursday, February 2nd.

"Family Prayer Candles" will be blessed that day and sold for only \$5.00 after all the Masses on February 4th and 5th.

These candles are used to promote family prayer time at home. They are refillable candles.

Sunday, February 12th the KC's will be serving breakfast. Scrambled Eggs and Sausage
Serving from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM



Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Schedule

Sunday, February 5 – Faith Formation Classes for P/K
 Wednesday, February 8 – Faith Formation Classes for 1-8
 Grade 8 Service Night – Great Plains Food Bank
 Wednesday, February 8 – Youth Ministry Classes 9-12
 Sunday, February 12 – Faith Formation Classes P/K
 Sunday, February 12 – Grade 2, 1st Reconciliation Retreat
 (12:30-1:30pm)
 Sunday, February 12 – Grade 3 Confirmation Retreat (2:00-3:30pm)
 Wednesday, February 15- Faith Formation Classes for 1-8
 Wednesday, February 15 – Youth Ministry Classes for 9-12
 Sunday, February 19 – Faith Formation Classes for P/K
 Sunday, February 19 – All 3 graders sing at 11:00am Mass
 (be at the church at 10:30)
 Wednesday, February 22 **ASH WEDNESDAY – Mass –7:00 am
 12:15pm and 7:00pm**
No Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Classes
 Sunday, February 26 – No Faith Formation Classes for P/K
 Wednesday, February 29 – No Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Classes

Family Faith Night with the Fargo Force!



Attention Hockey Fans!
 Fargo Force vs Lancers
 Enjoy time with family, friends and loved ones. Enjoy great hockey and a concert after the game.

Tickets for \$7.00 per person!
 Friday, February 24th at 7:35pm

Scheels Arena, 5225 31st Ave. S. Fgo

Call Brenda at 282-7217 or email
bmears@ideaone.net to order your tickets.

Deadline for ticket purchase is February 12th!

**THIS IS FORCE HOCKEY...
 EXPERIENCE IT!**

February Activities: (for everyone)

February 17 – Family Movie Night (last one)
 Pizza Root beer Floats 6-9pm
 February 19 – French toast Youth Mission Trip Breakfast Fundraiser
 February 24 – Fish Fry
 February 24 – Fargo Force Game
 SAVE THE DATE—Friday, March 2 –Family Skiing Trip to Andes
 (no school for West Fargo)

Ministers of Liturgical Leadership Schedule

February 11-12, 2012: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Proclaimers</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u>	
2/11/12 4:30 PM <u>Sacristan</u> Brian Fettes	Brian Fettes Kaitlyn Johnson	Diane Kelly Larry Kelly Linda Long Linda Olson	Jon Long Diane Schock	Clare Elless Mary Ann Donnay	Richard Elless Mary Ann Donnay Jennifer Halda	Carol Holub LeRoy Holub Steve Dixon
2/12/12 7:30 AM <u>Sacristan</u> Vol Needed	Chris Briones	Paul Dukart Shirley Dukart	Greg Mattern Pam Mattern	Kim Whipple LaVon Whipple	Paul Dukart Shirley Dukart	
2/12/12 9:00 AM <u>Sacristan</u> Pam Henricks Shane Henricks	Makayla Henricks Benjamin Kensok Isaac Klava Isabel Klava	Amy Kensok Rebecca Klava Denise Geffre Larry Geffre	Bill Kensok Tom Gentzkow John Klava David Schwab	Stacy Schwab Shannon Jones	Georgeann Gellner Kim Koenig Stacy Schwab	Shannon Jones Darryl Lutovsky Susan Nilson
2/12/12 11:00 AM <u>Sacristan</u> Darin Weninger	Jared Weninger Serena Weninger Josh Keller	Neil Landstrom Stephanie Landstrom Jane Lindsay Tom Lindsay	Michael Mohs Zach Mohs Joe Peyerl Robert Schultz	Sylvan Loegering Mark Sahli	Stephanie Landstrom Ron Gierszewski Jessica Gustin	Adam Hoffert Jill Hoffert Donna Ralston
2/12/12 6:00 PM <u>Sacristan</u> Susan Klabunde	Alfred Beamon	Paul Klabunde Susan Klabunde	Jean Schreiner	Susan Klabunde	Colleen Solseng Susan Klabunde	

**Please consider making
a donation to Churches
United to the Homeless**



Giving Hearts Day
Hosted By: www.impactgiveback.org
24 Hour Online Fundraising Event
2.14.12

Giving Hearts Day is an important fundraising event for Churches United. In 2011, 281 churches, individuals, and businesses donated \$37,727 which qualified us for an additional \$4,000 matching grant from the Dakota Medical Foundation and other community donors. In addition, Churches United ranked 7th out of 101 non-profits in dollars raised so we received another \$1,500 incentive grant. Donations must be \$10 or more to be eligible for the match.

Please mark your calendar and go to www.impactgiveback.org on Tuesday, February 14 to make your tax deductible online donation. VISA and Mastercard are accepted. Call Steve Backsen, development director, at (218)236-0372 with any questions.

Dakota Medical Foundation (DMF) wants to inspire you to share with others in need and help local nonprofits with health-related issues. On Tuesday, February 14, DMF will match online contributions made to benefit Giving Hearts Day nonprofit organizations up to \$4,000.

The Blessed John Paul II Catholic Schools Network and Catholic Charities North Dakota are participating in this opportunity and we invite you to give from the heart! With your help, we can raise a tremendous amount of funding to support our Catholic Institutions. If we are one of the top seven organizations to receive the most online contributions, we will receive additional incentive funding from DMF!

To make a secure online contribution to the JP II Schools or Catholic Charities North Dakota, and have your donation matched, simply go to www.impactgiveback.org on February 14 and click on the Giving Hearts Day "Donate" button. On Giving Hearts Day, you can double your charitable dollars and Give Back with Impact!



JP II Catholic Schools Network

... to teach the total person and foster the following of Christ in an environment inspired by the Gospel spirit, as taught by the Catholic Church.

***Catholic Schools Network
invites all 8th Graders interested
in Shanley High School.
Join us for to a
Beach Blast Party!***

All current 8th graders interested in attending Shanley High School are invited to a Beach Bash Party! Have some "Fun in the Sun" at the Shanley Activities Center on Saturday, February 11th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. There will be games, contests, root-beer floats and prizes, including one for the best Hawaiian beach outfit. The Shanley Student Ambassadors will be there to answer questions and tell you what it is like to be a Deacon. Hope to see you there! Contact Brenda at 282-7217 if you are interested in attending.