

St. Leo's Bulletin November 26th 2017

Mass-for-God's-Children

Fr. David Richter will offer a Mass for God's Children at **7 p.m. Wednesday, November 29, at St. John the Apostle Church** for all the children that God has called to His arms directly from the womb or from the care of his or her parents before adulthood. This is an opportunity to remember, grieve and pray for the innocent ones that passed without being recognized in a public liturgy. **If you would like your child(ren) remembered in the service, or if your family would like to process a flower to the Mary statue to ask for her prayers for your child and family, please register by calling Darcie at St. John the Apostle Church; 701-839-7076, as soon as you are able. All are welcome to attend. Please join us in praying for these children and their families.**

REFOCCUS your marriage!

The Diocese of Bismarck will host a marriage enrichment series entitled REFOCCUS in two locations, Bismarck and Dickinson. This series is for anyone who wants to learn more about the strength areas, as well as growth areas of their marriage. We will use an inventory tool to take a deeper look at our marriages. The series in Bismarck will be held at Diocese of Bismarck Pastoral Center beginning on January 8, 2018 at 7 p.m. In Dickinson it will be held at Queen of Peace Church beginning on January 15, 2018 at 7 p.m. Please see the website for more information. The cost for the series is \$15/couple to go towards the scoring of your inventory. If you have any questions, please call Tara Brooke at 204-7209. Register for the event at <https://bismarckdiocese.com/refoccus>.

"The Little Flower Knights of Columbus Council 9839

will be serving a full breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 pm on Sunday, December 10th. The menu will include scrambled eggs, French toast, sausage, biscuits and gravy, juice and coffee for a freewill offering. During the breakfast, the Women's Confraternity will have eight large holiday baskets on display which will be raffled off at the end of the breakfast around 1:00 pm. The baskets include a variety of holiday and other items for all ages and SCRIP gift certificates. Raffle tickets will be available for sale at the Little Flower Parish office during the week or may be purchased at the breakfast for \$2 each (or a book of 12 is just \$20). A number of holiday collectible items will also be on display for a silent auction including Heartland Valley Village lighted houses, holiday Barbies, Snow Babies and several smaller holiday baskets. Check out photos of some of the items at www.facebook.com/LittleFlowerMinot. All proceeds from the raffle will go toward annual charitable giving to local organizations including St. Vincent dePaul, Our Lady of Grace Food Pantry, Dakota Hope Clinic, and the Minot Area Homeless Colation. All are welcome to attend the breakfast and check out the holiday items!"

Giving Tree

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is sponsoring a "Giving Tree" located at The Foundry in Minot. The tree has "ornaments" with the names, and ages of children who may not receive any gifts for Christmas. Please stop by and grab a name off the tree and give to someone in need. If you know of a family from St. Leo's whose names should be on this tree please call the parish office. 701-838-1026

Mass Intentions

Weekly Collection

Word of Life

Mon 11.27	8:00AM 8:30AM	NO Communion Service Adoration
Tues 11.28	8:00AM	Anna Brintnell
Wed 11.29	8:00AM	+Hank Hager
Thurs. 11.30	8:00AM	+Marie Hager
Friday 12.01	8:00AM	Fr. Jady Nelson
Saturday 12.02	4:00PM	+Duane Selfors
Sunday 12.03	8:00AM 9:30AM 11:00AM	St. Leo's Parishioners +Fisher Wald Lawrence & Beverly Elm

Yearly Budget	\$623,749.63
YTD	\$149,585.46
November Goal	\$53,000.00
MTD Collected	27,995.00
<u>Collections: Nov. 19th 2017</u>	
Adult	6374.00
Children's	1.00
Loose	1255.00
Total	7630.00
Rest. Loan	\$675,962.80

For all our brothers and sisters fleeing persecution and war in the Middle East and around the world: May they find safe haven and protection; <i>We pray to the Lord:</i>
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BISHOP RYAN

Donations for the Annual Bishop Ryan Santa Shop:

Each year, Bishop Ryan hosts our Santa Shop as a fundraiser to benefit a local charity. We're looking for donations of new or gently-used items that you may find as you're cleaning out closets over the holiday weekend or during your Black Friday shopping! We're especially interested in gift items for Dads and siblings, gift tags and gift bags, grocery bags, tape, and paper lunch bags. Any new or gently-used gifts items will be accepted; **please drop them off in the office at Bishop Ryan before December 8th.**

Holiday Shopping!

It's time to plan your Christmas shopping. About 90 local businesses participate in the Scrip Program. Scrip gift cards make great gifts, or can be used to pay for your Christmas shopping; locally & on-line. There's also a national list at www.bishopryan.com which can be special ordered Monday mornings (must be prepaid). Using Scrip protects you from credit card fraud. Using Scrip also supports Bishop Ryan & families with their tuition. Scrip is available after the weekend Masses, weekdays in the parish offices, and in the Bishop Ryan business office.

Lot-O-Dough Calendars

are available for purchase for \$25. There's over 300 chances to win cash prizes from January thru June. Calendars make excellent Christmas gifts. Calendars are available after the weekend Masses, in the parish offices weekdays, and at the Bishop Ryan business office.

Employers & Business Managers

need any Christmas gift ideas for your employees? Scrip gift cards make excellent gifts. Make your list & order your gift cards early. Order forms are available on the Bishop Ryan website: www.bishopryan.com for the local list and the national list. (National cards are special ordered). Special orders are placed at Bishop Ryan on Monday mornings & must be prepaid.

St. Vincent de Paul

Society of St. Vincent de Paul is honored to be working with the St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation to double your blessings during our TWICE BLESSED campaign. From now until the end of December, the gifts you make to our organization are eligible for a match by the St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation. Help us earn our 1-1 match by going to twiceblessednd.com to donate. All gifts are welcome. Give your gifts to double the impact this holiday season with TWICE BLESSED. Thank you and God bless you.

DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION:

Ascension Parish has a job position open for a Director of Faith Formation. The Director of Faith Formation is responsible for the development, coordination, and promotion of a comprehensive plan for the spiritual growth and faith development of 1st grade through adult parishioners. Must have a passion and creative energy to enable others to live out their baptismal call personally, within the family, parish and greater community. Qualifications: Possessing good communication skills and an ability to work collaboratively with pastor, parish staff, catechists, parents and students is vital. A complete background check is required by the Diocese of Bismarck. Please submit a cover letter and resume to Beth Kathol, Parish Business Manager, bkathol@ascensionbismarck.org.

Home Deliveries

St. Vincent de Paul Society is seeking adult volunteers who can make home deliveries in your vehicle with a partner whom must be at least 16 years old (family opportunity). Time commitment varies but would be 1-3 hours every 2 weeks. Since we are partnering with Salvation Army you would need to complete their background check and Safe From Harm training (no cost to you). Please call SVdP for more information 833-1269.

***ADVENT MASS**

**BEGINNING TUESDAY * DECEMBER 5TH WE WILL HAVE OUR
12 15PM *ADVENT MASS UNTIL THUR * DECEMBER 21ST***