

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church Web Page: the Weekly Bulletin, Altar Server Schedule, Reader Schedule, REFF Class Schedule, and various links are now available on the City of New Rockford Website. The address is www.cityofnewrockford.com. Just click on Organizations>Churches>St. John Catholic Church.

Mass Time listed online . . . To find a Mass and its' location at any parish go to www.MassTimes.org or call 1-410-676-6000.

Rides to Mass: The Knights of Columbus have committed to drive to Church those individuals who would like to attend weekday or weekend Mass but, for whatever reason, find it difficult. Please contact Bart Salazar at 984-2236 to arrange a ride.

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2017 Calendars and Offertory Envelopes are available at the entrance of the church . . . Our thanks to the Nicolai Chiropractic Center and Napa Auto Parts/Do It Best for sponsoring the 2017 Calendars. These calendars are published by Catholic Extension which helps strengthen the presence and mission of the Catholic Church in under-resourced Catholic communities across the country. The focus of each month of 2017 is on a particular teaching of Pope Francis Exhortation on global concerns as expressed in Laudato Si (Care for Our Common Home).

"RETURN--How to Draw Your Child Back To The Church" Is a book every Catholic parent needs to read, as you struggle with a child or adult who's stopped going to Mass, no longer believes in God, or found another religion. The author, Brandon Vogt, is founder of StrangeNotions.com, the central place of dialogue between Catholics and atheists. Matthew Kelly's book, "*Rediscover Jesus*" is also available. These books are available for \$2.00 each.

The Knights of Columbus will meet this Sunday, January 8, 7:00pm, in the Rectory . . . The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 6:45pm before the Manger scene before the meeting. The KCs are sponsoring a "Turkey Dinner" on Sunday, January 22 from 11:00 to 1:00pm, after the 10:30am Mass to help support the Scholarship program and other programs sponsored by the Knights. Put that date on your calendar and bring the entire family for a great meal.

REFF . . . 1) REFF classes for this next Wednesday: Regular times, with the exception of Grades 7-12 who will be attending the NET Team Retreat, beginning at 3:30pm and ending after the 8:00pm Mass. Parents and parishioners are also encouraged to attend the 8:00pm Mass on Wednesday. 12 NET Team members will be coming to New Rockford on Tuesday and leaving on Thursday after conducting the Retreat for Grades 7-12. Please keep our students and NET Team members in your prayers. **2) Grades 9 & 10 will assist with the 8:00pm Mass.**

I (Fr. Pfau) am on vacation, beginning next Thursday, January 12 and returning Friday, January 20 . . . I again plan to visit my sister in Mitchell, SD and make a private retreat at St. John's Abbey in Minnesota. In case of an emergency call one of the priests of the area.

Fr. Kurt Gunwall, Vocation Director for the Fargo Diocese, will be covering Masses for me next weekend, January 14-15 . . . Fr. Gunwall will address the topic of Vocations once again, and invite our parishioners to pray and work to encourage our youth to consider a religious vocation in the Church for themselves. Please give him your undivided support and keep praying for our seminarians and candidates for religious life.

A Note from Fr. Gunwall . . . Fr. Gunwall invites anyone to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance as he is available beginning one hour before the 5:00pm Saturday night Mass (4:00pm) and 30 minutes before the 8:30am Mass at New Rockford on Sunday (8:00am). He says, "*I especially invite those who have not received this gift from God in many months or years so that you will better hear God's call this weekend.*" Also, Fr. Gunwall invites all teens and adult "*To pick up a white handout sheet*" when you arrive for Mass.

The 2016 Financial Statements . . . will be sent out later this month, once the God's Gift results are sent to us. St. John's Parish will be gearing up for the tuck-pointing masonry repair work to be done on the exterior of the church, rectory, and parish center this coming spring. More information is forthcoming about the Electronic Giving proposal to be presented to parishioners of both parishes.

Please keep the following sick people in your prayers: Ardie Allmaras, Val & Megan Weisenburger, Dan Lies, DeVon Allmaras, Beaty Engels, Dorothy O'Connor, Ted Gathman, Ted Dauenhauer, Edith Gehrtz, Dorothy Theil, Sylvia Spreen, Joe Schmaltz, Donna Wishart, Gerti Omoth, Janice Ridge, Mary & Peter Kuntz, Mildred Lies, Lilly Hartl, Troy Lowe Family, Terry Van Lith, Tandy Sexton, Pat & Kay Caulfield, Jean Dyrness, Theresa Steffen, Tony Schafer, Sharon Eversvik, and the Kulsrud Family.

"Caring Hearts" . . . Group 4 – Chairpersons: Jake & Lisa Engels – Ben & Gerri Makay. Group 1 – Chairpersons: Ed & Kathy O'Connor – Dave & Karen Rieger. Group 2 – Chairpersons: DeVon Allmaras – Nyle & LaVonne Myhre. Group 3 – Chairpersons: Gene & Nancy Masse – Bart & Andrea Salazar.

"SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS"

DATE	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	SERVERS	USHERS	LECTOR	PIANIST	EUCCHARISTIC GIFTBEARERS
Saturday January 14 5:00pm	*Leann Schafer Jeff Schafer Carter Richter Nancy Ritzke	Bailey Jacobson Hunter Jacobson Kindra Jacobson	Keith Backer Jim Ehni Bruce Gronos Alfred Ritzke	Chelsey Schafer	Heather Klocke	Please Volunteer
Sunday January 15 8:30am	*Bart Salazar Dina Anderson Peggy Duchscherer Leonard Duchscherer	Micah Nicolai Abby Makay Luke Ystaas	Todd Allmaras Jeff Engels Jamie Risovi Joe Seiler	Peggy Duchscherer	Annette Hovey	Please Volunteer
Saturday January 21 5:00pm	*Sandie Nystrom Terri Backer Dianne Allmaras Janice Reis	Katie Allmaras Kendrick Hopfauf Kayahna Hopfauf	Keith Backer Jim Ehni Bruce Gronos Alfred Ritzke	Janice Reis	Heather Klocke	Please Volunteer
Sunday January 22 10:30am	*Mary Kay Price Allison Haley Kathy Steinbach David Steinbach	Abby Makay Nicholas Hovey Billy Steinbach	Todd Allmaras Jeff Engels Jamie Risovi Joe Seiler	Gerri Makay	Annette Hovey	11 th & 12 th Graders