

**PRE-NUPTIAL AGREEMENTS**

In the Catholic Church when two people consent to marriage, they make an unconditional promise to love and be faithful to each other until death. Because of the fear of divorce some couples choose to hinder the future success of marriages by signing pre-nuptial agreements. The problem with most pre-nuptial agreements is that they place future conditions on consent and the marriage. Property or other concerns are placed ahead of the commitment to one's spouse. For the Sacrament of Matrimony to be valid there cannot be any conditions on the promise to live in a permanent, faithful and fruitful life with each other. Accordingly, the Diocese must review any of these agreements to determine if conditions are being placed on the consent. The Church does not recommend pre-nuptial agreements and if it is determined that they invalidate a marriage then they must either be repudiated or the marriage cannot be celebrated.

**Hospice of the Red River Valley** seeks individuals to join its volunteer team, specifically as companionship volunteers.

The volunteer program at Hospice of the Red River Valley provides essential support in our day-to-day work. Our volunteers can choose how they would like to help provide compassionate end-of-life care to patients and their families, through providing companionship visits, running errands, doing light housekeeping, fixing meals, and many other ways.

Hospice provides a flexible volunteer schedule. To apply to our volunteer program, download the application on our website [www.hrrv.org/volunteer/](http://www.hrrv.org/volunteer/). For more information, contact Nikki Dukart, volunteer coordinator, at 701-740-0370.

**ECHOES**

**What is ECHOES?**

- Adult formation and training in knowledge of the Catholic faith
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**Location:**  
St. Gabriel Room of the Fargo Diocesan Pastoral Center  
5201 Bishops Blvd.  
Fargo, ND 58104

**Dates & Time:**  
Eleven Thursdays 6:30pm-8:00pm February 7, 14, 28  
March 14, 21, April 4, 18, 25, May 9, 16, 23.  
(there is no homework between sessions)

**Cost:**  
\$15.00 (includes participant booklet)

**For more information and to register:**  
Call Katie Dubas 701-356-7908  
or e-mail: [katie.dubas@fargodiocese.org](mailto:katie.dubas@fargodiocese.org)

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

You may have the Sanctuary Candle burn for your intention. This week the candle burns for +Wendy Capouch. We ask a donation of \$3.00. Envelopes are available on the entry table.

**Our Lady of Peace**

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**The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 20, 2013**

Jan 21 Mon NO MASS  
Jan 22 Tues OLP 9:00am  
Jan 22 Tues St. Agnes 6:30pm  
7:00pm  
Jan 23 Wed OLP 9:00am Lorraine Gotteberg  
Jan 24 Thurs OLP 9:00am  
Jan 25 Fri LMH 9:30am  
Jan 26 Sat OLP 5:00pm +Cindy Fugleberg  
Jan 27 Sun OLP 8:30am  
Jan 27 Sun St. Agnes 10:45am People of the Parishes

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Our Lady of Peace:** Saturday 4:15-4:45 p.m.  
You may also contact Msgr. Pilon for an appointment

**Weekly Readings for  
January 21-27:**

- Mon.** Hebrews 5:1-10;  
Mark 2:18-22
- Tues.** Hebrews 6:10-20;  
Mark 2:23-28
- Wed.** Hebrews 7:1-3,15-17;  
Mark 3:1-6
- Thurs.** Hebrews 7:25—8:6;  
Mark 3:7-12
- Fri.** Acts 9:1-22;  
Mark 16:15-18
- Sat.** 2 Timothy 1:1-8;  
Mark 3:20-21
- Sun.** Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10(69C)  
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15  
1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Pastor: Msgr. Daniel Pilon  
~Father's Cell (701) 361-2051  
Lay Director: Karen Gapp  
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Council Member: David Groven  
Council Member: Al Koshney  
Liturgy Rep: Karen Gapp  
DRE: Samantha DeLong

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**  
**9:00a.m.—12:00p.m.**  
**Monday—Friday**  
If you have something for the bulletin, please send it via e-mail to [Catholic@gra.midco.net](mailto:Catholic@gra.midco.net) by Wednesday.  
Msgr. Pilon will usually be available during this hours as well. Except for Mondays.

**MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR  
LIFE ISSUES**

January 22 it will be the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the abortion decision made by the Supreme Court. Catholic Church and especially the Catholic bishops have been very public opposing abortion. As the Pope has said and the bishops have said, this is a symptom of a culture of death. We Catholics continue to affirm our opposition to abortion. In addition we need to be compassionate for those who are victimized by their own choice to have abortions. In most cases they are operating out of severe fear and pressure due to external circumstances in their lives.

However in growing concern that I have seen even in public media is the idea of looking for the perfect child. As genome sequence becomes more available there is the risk of the designer child. If the genome study shows that there might be a risk that a child might suffer from Down syndrome, might have some physical disability, or any other imperfection, parents could choose to abort the child very early in its development. A growing callousness to the sanctity of life could create a very dystopian world. Imperfections will become subject to the whim masses. Distinguishing characteristics and eccentricities, rather than being seen as fruitful for humanity, could become a mark of rejection.

A related issue is callousness towards life exhibited by an inordinate desire to own guns. We need to recognize that guns are tools. When the worship of the tool becomes more important than the sanctity of life, I do believe there is a problem.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, drawing on statements by the Vatican and its own past positions, has called for legislators to:

1. Support measures that control the sale and use of firearms;
2. Support measures that make guns safer (especially efforts that prevent their unsupervised use by children and anyone other than the owner);
3. Call for sensible regulations of handguns;
4. Support legislative efforts that seek to protect society from the violence associated with easy access to deadly weapons including assault weapons;
5. Make a serious commitment to confront the pervasive role of addiction and mental illness in crime.

The proposals concerning guns are controversial and differences in regional and cultural attitudes toward guns will make federal legislation difficult to achieve.

Confronting mental illness should be less controversial. A serious commitment, however, will require insurance reform, changes in attitudes, better government services, and striking a balance between those who fight all forms of civil commitments and those who would use institutionalization as a solution to problems that could be better addressed in community settings.

Let's hope that serious attention is given to improving our attitudes, policies, and options when it comes to caring for those with mental health needs. As the bishops wrote in their response to the Newtown shootings: "There is no shame in seeking help for oneself or others; the only shame is in refusing to provide care and support."

It seems to me that these are related issues of life that we need to be aware of and in contact with our legislators, both nationally and on the state level, to do what is best promote sanctity of life.



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## Liturgical Schedule

### Saturday, January 26 @ 5:00pm

**Sacristan:** M. Spies  
**Lector:** K. Peterson  
**Euch. Minister:** M. Baker, S. Reynolds  
**Servers:** K. Palmer, M. Palmer  
**Cross-bearer:** R. Werran  
**Ushers:** R. Rising, C. Mager  
**Greeters:** G. Wolden, C. Mangan  
**Gift-Bearer:** Krivarchka Family  
**Music:** Dee

### Sunday, January 27 @8:30am

**Sacristan:** B. Gapp  
**Lector:** Youth  
**Euch. Minister:** J. & T. Agnes  
**Servers:** A. Gapp, J. Doll  
**Cross bearer:** Z. Agnes  
**Ushers:** Youth  
**Greeters:** Youth  
**Gift-Bearer:** Youth  
**Music:** Kriegers

Real Presence Radio banquet fundraiser is February 7, 2013, at Ramada Plaza Suites in Fargo with guest speaker **Patrick Madrid**, author and regular host of Right Here Right Now and guest host of Catholic Answers Live.

The event is a fundraiser for the network of 6 Catholic radio stations extending across North Dakota and into Minnesota. Attendees can host a table and invite friends, underwrite the table of 8 for \$250, or attend on their own. Attendees must RSVP by January 28, 2013 by calling 1-877-795-0122.

### **Safety Tips**

Winter weather brings snow covered and icy roads. If you must travel, plan for extra time to reach your destination. Here are a few other safety tips for driving on icy roads. Decrease your speed, brake gently to avoid skidding, use low gears to keep traction, and turn your lights on to increase your visibility to other motorists. For more winter driving safety information, visit [www.dot.nd.gov](http://www.dot.nd.gov).

Holy Family Parish invites you to join them for their Parish Mission on February 24-26. Msgr James Shea, President of the University of Mary, Bismarck, will be our speaker. Talks will be presented at 7:00 PM on those dates. All are welcome.

### **December Financials:**

Incoming: \$11,713.66  
 Outgoing: \$14,781.78

**(3,068.12)**



## **Our Lady of Peace Stewardship January 7-13, 2012**

Adult	\$ 545.00
Children	10.20
Plate	38.45
Debt Reduction	50.00
Cleaning	20.00
Mass Stipends	50.00
<u>Sanctuary/Votive</u>	<u>1.00</u>

\$714.65

**Remainder on Building Fund:  
\$9,090.73**

### **Condolences**

We would like to offer our sincere sympathies to Dee von Ruden for the passing of her sister, Adeline Viseth Hays.

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to all those who helped decorate for Advent and Christmas. Everything looked beautiful. A special thank you to Luanne Scallon for her attention to detail. :)

### **Quilting with a friend, will keep you in stitches!**

Quilters will meet on Monday 21, at 9:30am in the social hall to make plans, set times to meet, and set some goals for this year. Any lady who would like to join us is welcome! If you can cut squares, sew a seam or tie a knot, you are needed. Please join us!

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

It used to be the practice to assign families to clean the church each week. We now have a full time paid cleaning person. In your box of envelopes you will find 3 envelopes marked cleaning. You are asked to donate toward this so we don't have to go back to our previous policy.

### **Peter's Pence Collection**

Next week's bulletin will have an envelope for you to place your donation in for the Peter's Pence Collection. We thank you for your generous support of the work of the Holy Father through this collection. Your generosity next week helps you be a pilgrim of charity around the globe.

## **St. Agnes Parish**

PO Box 32,  
Hunter, ND 58048

### **Mass Schedule at St. Agnes**

Jan 22 Tue 6:30 pm Mass  
 7:00pm Catholicism Series  
 Jan 27 Sun 10:45am Mass -People of the Parishes

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**—1st Sunday  
 of each month 8:00-8:10

DRE: **NEEDED!!**

Lay Director: Conray Griesbach  
 Lay Director: Connie Lerew  
 Council Member: Denny Melander  
 Council Member: Gerry Huwe  
 Christian Women: Sheila Sherritt  
 Liturgy Rep: Jill Moore

### **St. Agnes Stewardship January 13, 2012**

Adult Envelopes	\$ 440.00
Solemnity of Mary	20.00
Plate	2.00
Initial Offering	7.00
Retirement Fund	50.00
<u>Children's Envelopes</u>	<u>6.00</u>

**\$ 525.00**

### **LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

#### January 20

**Comm:** Jill Moore/Heidi Salwei

**Lector:** Heidi Salwei

**Psalmist:** Sharon Kleeman

**Servers:** Ariel Matejcek/Cierra Goodman

**Cross:** Kaina Matejcek

**Gifts/Greeters/Ushers:** Steve/Sharon  
 Kleeman

**Breakfast:** John/Marilyn Johnson\*  
 Steve/Sharon Kleeman  
 Mike/Dawn Kossick  
 Sharon Waldorf

#### January 27

**Comm:** Sheila/Roger Sherritt

**Lector:** Pam Melander

**Psalmist:** Jill Moore

**Servers:** Kelsey/Brandon Lerew

**Cross:** Jack Thompson

**Gifts/Greeters/Ushers:** Kelsey/Jacob  
 Lako

### ***SOUPALOOZA***

\$5 per person ~ Kids 5 and under FREE  
 Sunday, Jan. 27 from 11:00 - 1:00 at the Argusville Community Center  
 There will also be a Bake Sale.  
*Hosted by Youth Group*  
*Money raised used for Mission Trip to Minneapolis this June.*

**The St. William's Men's Club would like to invite everyone to join us for our 11<sup>th</sup> annual fish fry at the Argusville Community Center, Argusville, ND on Friday February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 4:30 - 7:30. Adults \$9.00. Children age 7 - 12 \$4.00. Children 6 and under are free.**

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Tim Keckler at 701-874-2322 (office) 701-261-4800 (cell), or email: [tim.keckler@gmail.com](mailto:tim.keckler@gmail.com)

Thank you very much for your help

St William's Men's Club  
 107 Drake Ave  
 Argusville, ND 58005

### **HELP WANTED**

St. Agnes is currently looking for a new director of religious education for pre-school through 12th grade. Any interested parties may contact Tara at OLP through the church email or by phone at 788-3234. If no answer, please leave a message.

Two more teachers are needed to assist with Religious Education classes. If you would be able to assist with this it would be greatly appreciated. Please email [Catholic@gra.midco.net](mailto:Catholic@gra.midco.net) for more information.

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

- ◆ PFC Cody Goodman - Afghanistan
- ◆ +Fran Hughes
- ◆ Pam Eken
- ◆ The Lande Family
- ◆ The Olson Family

### **January 2013 IRA charitable rollover contributions are deductible for 2012**

Donors age 70½ or older are once again eligible to move up to \$100,000 from their IRAs directly to St. Agnes or other qualified ministry without having to pay income taxes on the money. Congress recognized the issues with a late extension and provided two special transition rules:

- 1) Qualified distributions made by Feb. 1, 2013, may be counted retroactively for the 2012 tax year.
- 2) A taxpayer who took a distribution from an IRA in December 2012 can make a contribution to a qualified charity before Feb. 1, 2013, and treat this as a direct transfer.

If you would like more information, contact Steve Schons, Director of Stewardship/Development at the Diocese of Fargo. 701-356-7926 or [steve.schons@fargodiocese.org](mailto:steve.schons@fargodiocese.org)