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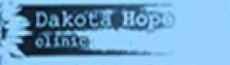
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A Brief Explanation of the Letter

On July 9, Bishop Kagan addressed the faithful of the Bismarck Diocese in a letter to explain the July 2, 2026, formal declaration by the Vatican that the Priestly Society of St. Pius X (SSPX) is in schism with the Roman Catholic Church after the society disobeyed the Holy Father and ordained four priests as bishops. The full letter is included in this bulletin edition. For those of you who are unaware of the SSPX, it is an apostolate that was started on November 1, 1970, by Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre to uphold the Tridentine Rite of the Mass in response to the Second Vatican Council, which introduced the Novus Ordo Missae, or the celebration of the Holy Mass in the vernacular. The SSPX has been wrought with controversy since its conception, and this isn't the first declaration of excommunication. Lefebvre and four other SSPX bishops were excommunicated in 1988 for illicitly consecrating bishops, a violation of canon law. The excommunications of the four living SSPX bishops (Lafabvre died in 1991) were remitted in 2009 by Pope Benedict XVI while he stressed that even though the individuals were freed of the ecclesiastical penalty, they would not legitimately exercise any ministry in the Church. Following the July 1, 2026 SSPX consecrations without papal mandate, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of Faith formally decreed the excommunication of the entire order - including the bishop-consecrators, ordained bishops, ministers belonging to the Society, and the lay faithful who formally adhere to the Society. Additionally, the Dicastery declared that the sacraments to be administered by the Society's ministers are considered illicit and the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Matrimony assisted by them are rendered invalid. The bishop's letter explains the impacts and effects of this decree of excommunication further - please take time to read it. St. Michael's Church (Mandan) is an SSPX community, and they are nearly finished constructing a new church located in northeast Bismarck, near 57th Ave NE and N 52nd St. (So, if anyone asks about the "new Catholic church" - No, this is not a Diocesan Roman Catholic Church.) The Church of Our Lady of Good Success in Dickinson is also SSPX, and their new building was built and finished in 2020. While the SSPX is a traditionalist group that celebrates the Latin Mass (Tridentine Mass), it is not the Latin Mass that is the issue. The Latin Mass itself is still valid and licit. Bishop Kagan has provisions for the celebration of the Latin Mass, which is celebrated at the Oratory of St. Clement in Haymarsh. This provision is made in accord with and in obedience to the directives of the Supreme Pontiff, effective August 01, 2021. The problem with SSPX is the rejection of certain teachings and authority of the post-Vatican II Church, as well as the blatant nonadherence and fidelity to the Holy Father. As Bishop Kagan states in his letter, "let us all pray daily that the SSPX recant and repent totally and unconditionally of their schismatic activity and that they return to the one true Roman Catholic Church."



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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE		ADORATION	DAILY MASS SCHEDULE	
Saturday:	4:30 pm White Shield (WS)	First Friday: 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm	Monday:	No Mass
	6:30 pm Garrison (G)		Tuesday:	6:00 pm (G)
Sunday:	Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov	All other Fridays: 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm	Wednesday:	6:00 pm (G)
	8:30 am Max (M), 11:00 am Garrison (G)		Thursday:	10:15 am (BLC)
	Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec	Sunday: 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm		12:00 pm (G)
	8:30 am Garrison (G), 11:00 am Max (M)		Friday:	10:00 am (Hospital)
				12:00 pm (G)

Confessions are heard prior to weekend Masses. If by appointment, please call Father's cell.

Intentions for the Week's Mass

Saturday	July	11	4:30 pm (WS)	+Debbie Starleaf by Doreen Wilkinson
			6:30 pm (G)	+Paul & +John Garcia by Betty Huesers
Sunday	July	12	8:30 am (M)	+David Fitzgerald by Fitzgerald Family
			11:00 am (G)	Pro Populo
Monday	July	13	No Mass	
Tuesday	July	14	6:00 pm (G)	In Thanksgiving by Tim & Linda Delzer
Wednesday	July	15	6:00 pm (G)	Juliet & Alberto Toledo & Tami Hipp
Thursday	July	16	10:15 am(BLC)	No Intention
			12:00 pm(G)	Special Intention by Kris & Deb Heskin
Friday	July	17	10:00 am (H)	No Intention
			12:00 pm (G)	+Margaret Leibfried by Terry & Jeri Geyer
Saturday	July	18	4:30 pm (WS)	Special Intention by Sacred Heart Member
			6:30 pm (G)	+Bob & +Michael Garcia by Patti Garcia
Sunday	July	19	8:30 am (M)	Pro Populo
			11:00 am (G)	Intentions of the Holy Father by KC Council 4715



Father Fostin's First Catch

July 5th Offerings - G-\$3,625.00 M-\$840.00 WS-\$891.00

- **Offering Envelopes** - We have been notified by the company that prints our weekly offering envelopes that production has been delayed. Until envelopes are received please use a previous months envelope, if you have one available, and correct the date. A plain envelope with your name on the outside can also be used. There are St. Nicholas envelope packets available in the back of the church if needed.
- **St. Nicholas Elementary Education Aid** - We are looking for two people who are willing to help as an elementary aid for the CCD program. Please contact Nancy Magnuson at (701)-509-4916 with any questions.
- **St. Nicholas Ministry Schedule**— All parish members are invited to participate in the weekend Masses. Use the QR code or website on the adjacent page to sign up online. We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters/Gift Bearers, Ushers, Lectors and Mass Servers. If you would be willing to help you can sign up online or contact Gail Olson at 701-214-0274 or Coleen Moenkedick at 612-219-0147.
- **Church Directory** - The professional photographer has completed all photos of the parishioners. If you were unable to make it to a photo session but would like your picture included in the directory, please text a picture to Karmen Seidler at 701-500-1107. The deadline to send a photo is July 15, 2026. Those of you who had pictures taken in Garrison, White Shield or Max will receive a free pictorial directory. If you would like to purchase a directory, the cost is \$20. Please let Karmen know if you would like to order one.
- **Transportation Assistance** - Assistance is available for anyone in need of transportation for appointments or errands. If you are in need of assistance contact Steve Hasenwinkel at 701-897-1743.
- **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** - Bismarck Diocese will be hosting Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Level 1 training at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Bismarck, ND beginning this summer! Level 1 Part A is scheduled for July 13-18, 2026. Level 1 Part B is scheduled for July 12-17, 2027. For more information, visit: [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#) | [Bismarck Diocese](#) | [Bismarck, ND](#) or Diane Huck, Office of Catechesis and Youth at dhuck@bismarckdiocese.com or 701-204-7206
- **Umary Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Champion** - Join Monsignor Shea and the University of Mary, August 14-16 (Friday - Sunday) on their fifth annual *Charge to Champion*, a bus pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Champion - the only Church approved Marian apparition site in the United States! Stops include St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minn., and the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisc., for additional prayer, formation and fellowship. For schedule, cost, and registration information, go online at umary.edu/Charge
- **Marriage Retreat: Becoming One - August 21–22, 2026** - Take time away together and renew your marriage through prayer, reflection, and meaningful conversation. Join retreat leaders, Peter & Theresa Martin, for a retreat inspired by St. John Paul II's 'Rule for Marriage' and discover practical ways to grow in deeper love and unity. **Location:** Christ the King Parish Life Center 505 10th Ave NW, Mandan, ND 58554. Space is limited - register today! **Cost per couple:** \$200 (Early Bird: \$150 through July 21)Questions? Call or text 701-527-0607 or visit JP2Rule.com Pamphlets with the itinerary are available in the back of the churches.



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Scripture Readings the week of July 12th

12 SUN FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

13 Mon Weekday

Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34—11:1

14 Tue USA: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24

15 Wed St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27

16 Thu Weekday

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30

17 Fri Weekday

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8

18 Sat Weekday

Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21

19 SUN SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Those in Need of Our Prayers -

Jackie McDowell, Karen Teagle, Collette White, Edwina Boyles, David Pathiala, Donn Vetter, Cheryl Baker Gorena, Madelyn Zeltinger, Teri Kerzmann, Lonie Hauf, Terry Mehlhoff, Laken Mikelson, Vonnie Alberts, Donna Iglehart, Micah Pellman, Betty Zimmerman, Angelita Felix, Cleo Charging, Winigene Blacksmith, Judith Hewitt, Fr. Dave Zimmer, Deanne Finken, Edmund Seidler, Jaiden Bauer, Paul Kastner, Steve Krueger, Manu George, Jim Ireland, Dick LeClair, Betty Schlichting, Jessica Lembke, Jeri Geyer, Tyler Wolf, Beverly Keller, Marilyn Ireland, Steve Hannegreffs, Alyssa Klindworth, Artie Walters, Zeke Lembke, Jerry Hauf, Dylan Hauf Family, Lorraine Bossert, Terry Geyer



Ministry Schedule

July 18 – Saturday - 6:30 PM (Garrison)

Reader: Sue Schreiner
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon & Bruce Schreiner
Servers: Volunteers
Greeters/Gifts: Rick & Gail Olson
Ushers: Volunteers
Music: Patti Garcia

July 19 – Sunday - 11:00 AM (Garrison)

Reader: Luci Vandal
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon & Ron Krebsbach
Servers: Cash Steele & Volunteers
Greeters/Gifts: Perry & Bernie Erdmann
Ushers: Volunteers
Music: Deleene Wilcox & Behles Family

July 19 – Sunday - 8:30 AM (Max)

Eucharistic Minister: Carrie Ahmann
Servers: Amanda & Ryan Bingham & Gabe Scheresky
Music: Peggy Bingham

If you are unable to fulfill your ministry, including Altar Servers, PLEASE FIND SOMEONE TO FILL IN FOR YOU.



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5 Part Series: The Second Vatican Council

Part I: What was Vatican II?

Thursday, August 6th, 2026

-Food and Fellowship @6:00pm

-Talk by Fr. Eric Artz @6:45pm

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