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**Welcome to our parishes.** We are happy you are here to worship with us!  
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**Blessings to you on your special days. We offer our prayers and best wishes to all who celebrate birthdays and wedding anniversaries this week. We will lift you up in prayer on those blessed days.**  
**Tioga: Oct. 1**—Pat Branesky, Ethyl Papineau; **5th**—Meagan McGinnity, Mark & Lana Sagaser

**THIRST 2016: A Eucharistic Conference.**  
Who do you know that is thirsting? Join us **Oct. 28-30, 2016 at the Bismarck Event Center** for THIRST 2016. This exciting and **free** event in celebration of the “Year of Mercy” proclaimed by Pope Francis has something for all ages and backgrounds. Events will include presentations by nationally-acclaimed speakers, the Mass, the sacrament of reconciliation, Eucharistic adoration, a Christian concert, 20+breakout sessions, a children's program, a teen program, sessions in Spanish, and much more! Come to THIRST 2016 and encounter the infinite love and mercy of God. Register online or volunteer at [www.bismarckdiocese.com/thirst2016](http://www.bismarckdiocese.com/thirst2016).

**Senior High Youth Rally Coming Oct. 20**  
The Diocese of Bismarck and the University of Mary have again partnered to offer a Senior High Youth Rally **Thursday, Oct. 20 from 1:00-10:00 PM at the University of Mary in Bismarck**. The cost is \$25 for students and chaperones are FREE. Register online at [www.umary.edu/youthrally](http://www.umary.edu/youthrally) or for more info contact [umin@umary.edu](mailto:umin@umary.edu) or 701-355-8102. Teens must be affiliated with a parish or school group to attend. The rally theme is “Endless Mercy,” and our Keynote presenter will be Sean Forrest, an amazing youth presenter and musician. Sean will engage our youth and help them to grow in discipleship and their desire and appreciation for God’s endless mercy. Don’t miss this opportunity! You can check out Sean’s ministry at: [www.seanforrest.com](http://www.seanforrest.com)

**No weekday Masses this week:** Fr. Benny will be gone to the Stewardship Conference this week. There will be no weekday Masses from October 3rd to 7th

**Please join** NDSU Newman Center director, Fr. James Cheney, Fr. Benny, Fr. Gary Benz and Kathy Neset at Neset Consulting for a social on October 13 to learn more about the exciting work at the St. Paul's Newman Center at NDSU. The event will start at 5:30 pm with a light social, and program and dinner to follow from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Fr. Gary Benz will be sharing a testimony, as well as providing a nice Italian meal for everyone to enjoy. Please send your RSVP's to [melissa@bisoncatholic.org](mailto:melissa@bisoncatholic.org) or contact Fr. Benny directly.

**St. Thomas**  
**Weekend Masses: Sat., 5:00 p.m.; Sun., 8:30 a.m.**  
**Daily Mass: Tues., 6:30 p.m.; Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 7 p.m.**  
**Thurs.--Mass 9 a.m.; Novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Fri., 10 a.m. at the Nursing Home**

**Mass Offering:** Your offering for Sept. 17 & 18 was: Envelopes, \$1470.00; Loose, \$405.00; Building Fund, \$675.00. For Sept. 24 & 25: Envelopes, \$935.00; Loose, \$236.00; Building Fund, \$544.00; PTSC, \$20.00; Catholic Home Missions, \$100.00; Catholic Charities, \$25.00

**St. Thomas Altar Society** will meet this Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 8 p.m. in the parish hall

**Reminder:** Our church bazaar will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Secretary Position:** A warm welcome to Wendy Kerbaugh who has agreed to accept the church secretary position, effective October 1, 2016. Thank you, Wendy, for stepping forward to serve our parish in this way!

**Lectors Next Weekend:** **8th**—Tom Sabinash; **9th**—Kathy Neset

**Greeters & Gift Bearers Next Weekend:** **8th**—Mary Jo Hove Family; **9th**—Ben Johnson Family

**Eucharistic Ministers Next Weekend:** **8th**—Jenny Norgaard & Marcy Spooner; **9th**—Wendy Kerbaugh & Marina Reyes

**Altar Servers Next Sunday:** **9th**—Bagleys

**St. Michael's**  
**Weekend Mass Time:**  
**Odd months—Sat., 7 p.m.; Even months—Sun., 10:30 a.m.**  
**Wed.: Daily Mass at 9:00 a.m.**

**Lector, Greeters & Gift Bearers Next Sunday:** **9th**—Ginny Watterson, Steve & Bernadette Perdue Family