



Never Big Enough

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Childhood daydreams come peppered with visions of heroes and heroines, movie stars and rock stars, fame and notoriety. Eventually, however, we adjust our visions of what we can become as we are confronted by the reality of who we are. Seldom, however, are our daydreams and visions big enough. They tend to be only about ourselves, barely including others.

The same may be said about becoming people of faith. Too readily we think of faith simply as our personal decision to believe in God. Faith then becomes one-sided—the prayers we say, the Masses we attend, the Church's rules we obey. Like the people of the prophet Habakkuk's day, we may bemoan, "I cry for help and you do not listen.... [I] cry out to you, 'Violence!' and you do not intervene" (Habakkuk 1:2).

Then, too, our faith and its vision for life are not big enough, for we do not allow room for God to slip into our lives and do what God does. Then, faith is only about ourselves—our needs and struggles and pains. Faith needs to be a surrender to God's vision, not simply for ourselves, but for all of life. [The LORD said,] "The vision is a witness for the appointed time...it will not disappoint. If it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late" (Habakkuk 2:3). The difficulty is that we want God to make life perfect for us the way we want it and when we want it. Then, it becomes our vision for life and not God's. ●

Reflect

Have I ever given up my vision or plan and found God's plan to be perfect for me?

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice
but rather of power and love and self-control.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7





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Mass Schedule – Forsyth

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule – Hysham

Sunday at 10:30 AM

Sunday at 12:30 PM

Office hours: By appointment – call 406.853.5252 or come to the rectory.

Religious Education: Contact Diane Wyrick for Forsyth at 406.351.2845 and Amber for Hysham at 406.342.5448.

Confession: Saturdays @ 2 PM.

Baptism: Adults and children under 7 (please contact Father Rob.)

Anointing of the Sick: If you are having surgery or are sick, please contact Father Rob to receive the Sacrament of Anointing.

Funerals: When anticipating or planning a funeral, please contact Father Rob or Heather Pester at 406.346.7297 before finalizing the arrangements.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to have a Mass offered and be listed in the bulletin, please contact Father Rob.

Homebound & Sick: If you or someone you know can no longer attend Mass due to physical inability, please contact Father Rob or Diane Wyrick at 406.351.2845 or Rosemary in Hysham at 406.740.1457 to receive Holy Communion and Anointing.

Immaculate Conception Prayer Chain: For requests, call Cherie Hesser at 406.351.9048 or any member of the Prayer Chain listed on the bulletin board in Parish Hall.

Mass & Liturgy Schedule:

Sunday	10/05	10:30 AM	Mass in Forsyth for Charles Hall (D) from Jim & Lavina Hall.
Sunday	10/05	12:30 PM	Mass in Hysham for Alpha Hopf, Scott & Tanya Hargrove & Linda Howell from Chuck & Chrissy Hopf.
Tuesday	10/07	5:15 PM	Mass in Forsyth for Charles & Hazel Taft (D) from Jim & Lavina Hall.
Friday	10/10	9:00 AM	Mass in Forsyth for Harold & Edith Finch (D) from Jim & Lavina Hall.
Saturday	10/11	4:00 PM	Mass at the Nursing Home for the Residents.
Sunday	10/12	10:30 AM	Mass in Forsyth for Cathy Hall Emerson (D) from Jim & Lavina Hall.
Sunday	10/12	12:30 PM	Mass in Hysham for Fr Robert Grosch.

† Rosary every Monday at 8:15 AM, Tuesday at 4:45 PM and Friday at 8:30 AM.

† Religious education for children Sunday at 9:30 AM.

† Bible Study in Forsyth is Friday morning after Mass.

† CCD & Sacramental Prep Classes on Sunday morning. Questions: Please contact Diane Wyrick in Forsyth and Amber in Hysham.

† Mass times at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Colstrip Sunday 8:30 AM.

† CCW meeting the 2nd Sunday after Mass.

Announcements:

The Immaculate Conception Parish Harvest Dinner is Sunday, October 26th. Mark your calendars. If anyone wishes to donate a raffle prize, drop it off at the Parish. More details to come. Thank you!

Hysham – Remember that the weekend Mass will be a vigil Mass at 6 PM on Saturday, October 25th, due to the Harvest Dinner in Forsyth on Sunday. Rosary will start at 5:30 PM.

Forsyth – Religious education will begin on Sunday, October 5th at 9:30 AM (before Mass).

Hysham – October is the month of the Rosary. Please join us to pray the Rosary before Mass at 12 noon on Sundays in October.

The Bismarck Diocese is offering a SEARCH for Christian Maturity to those ages 15 through college age. It is a weekend retreat to encounter God and his will for their lives. If you are interested, please take a brochure from the table in the dining room.

Forsyth - Pastoral Council will meet this Thursday, October 9th, at 7 PM.

Finance Update: Last Sunday Collection: 09/28/2025

Immaculate Conception – Forsyth		St. Joseph – Hysham	
Loose Cash	240.25	Loose Cash	130.00
Loose Checks	715.00	Loose Checks	35.00
Envelope Cash	91.00	Envelope Cash	10.00
Envelope Checks	930.00	Envelope Checks	225.00
Other (Bathroom)	320.00	Other	0.00
Diocese Assessment	0.00	Building Fund	0.00
Special Collection	0.00	Special Collection	0.00
Capital Campaign	0.00	Capital Campaign	0.00
Current Operating Fund	0.00	Current Operating Fund	0.00
<i>TOTAL:</i>	<i>\$ 2296.25</i>	<i>TOTAL:</i>	<i>\$ 400.00</i>

Forsyth & Hysham Ministry Schedule for next Sunday: 10/12/2025

Forsyth:			
	Time	Service	Names
	Mass at 10:30 AM	Eucharistic Ministers	Phil Steinberger & Ryan Silvis
		Cross Bearer	Phil Steinberger
		Lector	Albert Martens
		Ushers	Wayne & Heather Pester
		Gifts	Wayne & Heather Pester
		Col. Counters	Dan Murnion & Wayne Pester
		Sacristan	Heather Pester
Hysham:			
	Mass at 12:30 PM	Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Mitchell & Renee Zent
		Lector	Dale Zent

Dear Padre,

Is envy a sin? I find myself becoming very envious of people who have more than I do. I find it difficult to be content with what my family and I have now.

We live in a climate that encourages discontent with what we have. Advertising plays on our feelings of envy and our desire for possessions. In this almost universal rush to possess more and better material objects, Christians are called to a counter-witness. We are called to embrace a freedom and a poverty of spirit that actually rejoices in the blessings of others.

The Tenth Commandment alerts us to the danger of undisciplined envy: "You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor" (Exodus 20:17). In the New Testament, Jesus says that where our treasure is, there also will be our heart. (See Matthew 6:21.) The real antidote to envy, then, is prayers of thanks for all God has given to us and others. To feel envious, to desire or covet someone else's possessions, is not in itself a mortal sin. But to let that feeling invade your mind, to indulge it and rationalize it, is to let that feeling harden into an envious frame of mind. Then you are flirting with real sin. The grave sin is to allow these envious thoughts to drive you to any injustice or evil. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* sums it up well: "Would you like to see God glorified by you? Then rejoice in your brother's [and sister's] progress, and you will immediately give glory to God" (2540). ●

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Monday

October 6

Weekday

Jon 1:1–2:2, 11

Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday

October 7

Our Lady of the

Rosary

Jon 3:1–10

Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday

October 8

Weekday

Jon 4:1–11

Lk 11:1–4

Thursday

October 9

Weekday

Mal 3:13–20b

Lk 11:5–13

Friday

October 10

Weekday

Jl 1:13–15; 2:1–2

Lk 11:15–26

Saturday

October 11

Weekday

Jl 4:12–21

Lk 11:27–28

Sunday

October 12

Twenty-eighth

Sunday in

Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14–17

2 Tm 2:8–13

Lk 17:11–19



Edgar Beltrán / The Pillar

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

There is so little dialogue around us; shouting often replaces it, not infrequently in the form of fake news and irrational arguments proposed by a few loud voices. Deeper reflection and study are essential, as well as a commitment to encounter and listen to the poor.

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