

# Setting up a website for your parish

## Crucial questions

- Do you have 5 or more staff people?
- Are there one or more staff people interested in learning how to update the website?
- Are those interested persons able to commit to spending one hour per week, every week, on updating the website?

If you are able to answer YES to all of these questions, you may want to consider purchasing your own domain name and website hosting.

If you answered NO to any of the above questions, you can still have a web presence! If you do not have a person *on staff* who is interested in learning how to update the website, then please consider having the site hosted by the Diocesan offices.

If the Diocese hosts website	If the parish gets their own website
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish website will be named like this: <a href="http://www.fargodiocese.org/parish/enderlin">www.fargodiocese.org/parish/enderlin</a></li> <li>• Parish staff send website updates to the diocese staff.</li> <li>• Free of charge!!!</li> <li>• No concerns about annual renewals</li> <li>• If the pastor or parish staff change, site can still be updated.</li> <li>• Volunteers or staff can create the "look" of the website.</li> <li>• Or Diocese staff can create the "look" for you.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish website could be named like this: <a href="http://www.BlessedSacramentWestFargo.org">www.BlessedSacramentWestFargo.org</a></li> <li>• Parish staff responsible for updating the website.</li> <li>• Annual fees of approximately \$100</li> <li>• MUST be renewed annually (else the site can get hijacked by another organization).</li> <li>• If staff or pastor change, sometimes the site can no longer be updated. [especially if the site was setup by a volunteer].</li> </ul>

**Optional:** the parish can purchase a custom domain name and set it up to "forward" the domain name to a site hosted by the diocese. Costs for this scenario will be about \$12 per year. Again, the domain name MUST be renewed annually, else the site can get hijacked by another organization.