

# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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West Fargo, ND 58078-1799  
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www.bscwf.org



**December 12-13, 2020**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

## Daily Mass & Intentions

### Sunday, December 13

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Barney & +Lucy Budig & Family

### Monday, December 14 – No Mass

### Tuesday, December 15

9:00 a.m. – Jerell & Monica Green

### Wednesday, December 16

9:00 a.m. – + LeRoy Rheault

### Thursday, December 17

9:00 a.m. – Mildred DeKeyser

### Friday, December 18

9:00 a.m. – + Janice Pederson

### Saturday, December 19

4 - 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – + Conrad Meisch

### Sunday, December 20

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

## Offertory Gifts

**December 5-6, 2020: \$6,651.50**

**Children's Envelopes: \$4.75**

**Improvements: \$568.50**

**Foundation Repair: \$1,095**

**Poor Fund: \$380**

<u>Collected to Date</u>		<u>Goal to Date</u>
\$303,911.74	<b>General Fund</b>	\$387,600.00
\$507.42	<b>Children</b>	\$1,530.00
\$21,139.00	<b>Improvements</b>	\$51,000.00
\$292,905.22	<b>Foundation Repair</b>	\$400,000.00
\$76,917.50	<b>God's Gift</b>	\$73,966.00

### **Mission Statement:**

As loving disciples, we the faith community of Blessed Sacrament, strive for full and active participation in joyfully serving Christ while recognizing the gifts and dignity of all.

## **This Week:**

**RCIA:** Tuesday, December 15, 7 p.m.

**Next Week, Fourth Week of Advent** Please enhance the environment by wearing the color of the week, **PURPLE**.

## **Holiday Mass Schedule**

### Christmas Mass Schedule

**Christmas Vigil - Thursday, December 24**

3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Mass

**Christmas Day - Friday, December 25**

10:00 a.m. Mass

### New Year's Mass Schedule

**New Year's Vigil - Thursday, December 31**

5:30 p.m. Mass

**New Year's Day - Friday, January 1**

10:00 a.m. Mass

## **Faith Formation**

Lucy@bscwf.org



### December Class:

Grs 1-5	Dec. 16	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	Dec. 16	7:00 p.m.
No Class	Dec. 23	
No Class	Dec. 30	

## **Parish Life / Volunteerism**

**Anniversary** We pray for those celebrating a wedding anniversary this week.

- Leroy & Roberta Johnson (12/16) 60 Years! Congratulations!

**WWW.BSCWF.org** our new website is now active! Please take a look.

**Blessed Sacrament Hosts Catholic Man Night**, Thursday, December 17, 6 p.m.  
 Speaker, Dr. Tony Flood, NDSU professor of psychology and a teacher for the Fargo Diocesan Deacon program. Catholic Man Night – Helping men ages 18 and up, to better know Jesus and imitate Him in their daily lives. Please come and bring a friend!

### Christmas Mass Schedule

TWO Masses on Christmas Eve,

Dec. 24, 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.;

ONE Mass Christmas Day,

Dec. 25, 10:00 a.m.



This adjustment was made to accommodate the larger number of people that attend Mass during Christmas, in order for us to comply with social distancing.

**Chance Raffle** going on NOW in the Gathering Area. Chance tickets are ONE dollar each.

- One large WINE Basket.
- One large TEA Basket.
- Matchbox Cars in a Semi Hauler.
- One 18" boy doll dressed in NDSU attire.
- One 18" girl doll dress in NDSU attire.
- One 18" girl doll dressed in aqua dress.

Tickets are on sale in the parish office. The drawing will be Monday, December 14.

**December Country Store:** Country Store orders are due by December 15, and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Salsa, canned tomatoes & apple sauce are still available. Purchase from the parish office, no order form is necessary. Several non-food items are on display in the gathering area and may be purchased without an order form. Items such as Jewelry, crocheted kitchen towels, aprons, masks, blankets.

**Face Mask Mandate:** Blessed Sacrament's mask policy is: EVERYONE entering our facility, MUST WEAR A MASK! North Dakota now has a Mask Mandate for public facilities, including churches. We verified this with the Chancellor's Office at the Fargo Diocese.



**Groceries for Christmas – Helping Those in Need.** We ask parishioners to donate money to our "Groceries for Christmas" Program. With this money we will purchase grocery gift cards for those families needing help with a holiday meal.



**Our Sympathy** to Hazel von Bank on the death of her sister-in-law, Claudia Von Bank. May Claudia be at peace with our Lord.

**Prayer Songs 1**, a Christian music CD, by the Holy Bible Defenders. All the songs are written by Blessed Sacrament parishioner, Fred Braun and his daughter Molly Meester. The first song on the CD is called "God Said" Fr. Gary's Sermon. Purchase your CD in the parish office for \$10. Proceeds go to the Fall Dinner Account.

### Readings the week of December 13, 2020

December 13: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11, 1

Thes 5:16-24, Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

December 14: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a, Mt 21:23-27

December 15: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13, Mt 21:28-29

December 16: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25,

Lk 7:18b-23

December 17: Gn 49:2, 8-10, Mt 1:1-17

December 18: Jer 23:5-8, Mt 1:18-25

December 19: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a, Lk 1:5-25

### Remembering Those Who've Passed Away.

December 13: Joe Zdeb, Ben Salazar

December 14: Rose Stinar

December 15: Richard Moody

December 16: Ray Westman

December 17: Joseph Schultz, Henry Thies

December 18: Mary Rustad, Erik Sjue,

Peter Geffre, James Parsons

December 19: Julie Volk

**Sick List:** Please join us in praying for all our ill parishioners.

- Joyce Jensen, Mary Beth Odegaard, JoAnn Magann (mother of Jerry Hunsicker), Paul Beaton, Mike Fink and family, Jessica Retterath, Shirley Stanina, Bill Knoll, Judy Zittleman, Bruce Reiter; Courtney Brand, Ken Lammers, Janice Leidal.

### Trivia

**When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, John the Baptist (still in Elizabeth's womb) ...**

- a) Leapt for joy at Mary's greeting
- b) Was born at once
- c) Kept very quiet
- d) Changed his name to Peter

a) Even though he was not born yet, John reacted to the presence of Mary and of Jesus in her womb.

### **Area Advent Penance Services**

Services at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

- Dec. 13 St. Benedict's – 4 p.m.
- Dec. 14 St. Anthony's
- Dec. 15 Sts. Anne & Joachim
- Dec. 17 Nativity
- Dec. 20 St. Mary's Cathedral – 4 p.m.
- Dec. 21 St. Leo's (Casselton)

## **Christmas Flowers**

Please use this form to make donations for the Christmas environment.

Donations are due by Monday, Dec. 14.

**Please print clearly**

**In memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of deceased)

**In honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of living person)

**Requested by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Your name)

### **Suggested donations:**

**\$25, \$35, \$50 per name**

Make check payable to Blessed Sacrament. Drop this form and donation in the collection basket, take to the parish office or mail it to 210 5<sup>th</sup> Ave W, West Fargo ND 58078

**Please publish my gift in the bulletin:**

☐ Yes ☐ No

### **Stewardship Moment.**

*"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.*

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

**Rejoice.**  
**Pray.**  
**Give thanks.**  
**Repeat.**



## **Reflections on the readings for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent - December 13, 2020**

**Fr. Gary Luiten**

Today is called "Gaudete," or "Rejoice" Sunday. It is a time during this season of Preparation, midway through Advent, to celebrate, sort of like a little Christmas. Yes, we even have cause to rejoice in the midst of a pandemic, as I will explain.

Our example of a person who rejoiced during that first Advent was Mary. Think of it this way, nobody looked forward in anticipation to that first Christmas and rejoiced more than Mary. She joyfully anticipated being able to see and hold her child that had been moving within her. And she knew He was not just any child, but there was something special about her baby. He was and is the Son of God, the Savior of the world. Mary really captures the essence of Advent: that season of joyful anticipation and expectation.

And now, you and I are called to follow Mary's lead – to "Rejoice," even when it seems like there is no cause to rejoice, because if we look closely, there is even cause for rejoicing in the bad times. A wise person once said that we have cause to rejoice even if we pay taxes, because it means that we are employed. We have cause to rejoice even if our clothes fit a little too snug, because it means we have enough to eat. We have cause to rejoice when our shadow watches us work, because it means we have been gifted with sunshine. We have cause to rejoice when sidewalks and driveways need shoveling, windows need cleaning, and gutters need fixing, because it means we have a home. We have cause to rejoice when we hear all the complaining about the government, because it means that we have freedom of speech. We have cause to rejoice when we find a parking spot at the far end of the parking lot because it means we are capable of walking and that we have been blessed with transportation. We have cause to rejoice when we must pay huge heating bills, because it means that we are warm. We have cause to rejoice when we have a big pile of dirty laundry because it means we have clothes to wear. We have cause to rejoice when we are weary at the end of the day and have aching muscles because it means that we have been capable of working hard. We have cause to rejoice when the alarm goes off in the early morning hours, because it means that we are alive.

Of course, the main reason we have cause to rejoice is that Jesus has come, and we have hope for a better future now, at eternity in perfect happiness, because Jesus took on our human nature! So, as we continue to prepare for the season of Christmas, let us also continue to celebrate with Our Lady, in particular this Gaudete Sunday, as we anticipate the Coming of Jesus again in Glory.

Fr. Gary Luiten



# CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT

*Men Meeting Jesus*

**Thursday  
December 17, 2020**

It is tough being a  
genuine man of faith.  
You are not alone;  
join us for support and  
encouragement.

**Presenter:**

**Dr. Tony Flood**

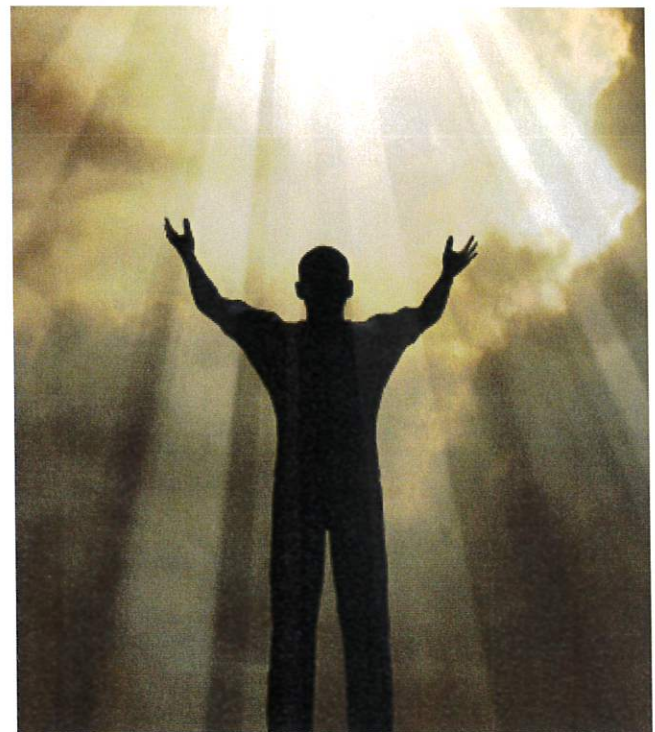
Professor of Psychology at NDSU and a  
Teacher for the Diocesan Deacon Program.

**6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Adoration & Confessions**

**7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Talk and short discussion**



**Catholic Man Night**

Helping men ages 18 and up, to better know  
Jesus and imitate Him in their daily lives.

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# December 19-20, 2020 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

## Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimer	G. Elless	J. Yourczek	K. Hanson
Eucharistic Minister	*K. Beets	*J. Yourczek	*K. Hanson
Usher	D. Krogen Family	G. Yourczek, A. Pritchard	E. Hanson, K. Hunsicker
Greeter	G. Walz, K. Beets	G. Yourczek Family	J. Hunsicker Family
Media Minister	R. Elless		
	*Bread Minister		

Please contact Karen Beets if you are unable to fulfill your Ministry  
no later than Thursday, December 17, 3 p.m.  
701-282-3321 or Karen@bscwf.org

**Feast/Holy Day the week of December 13, 2020**  
December 14: John of the Cross

### Blessed Sacrament Directory

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