## Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

210 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue W West Fargo, ND 58078-1799 Parish Office: 701-282-3321 www.bscwf.org

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





## **Daily Mass & Intentions**

Sunday, December 20

8:30 a.m. – + Barbara Jarolimek 10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Monday, December 21 - No Mass

Tuesday, December 22

9:00 a.m. – Lori DeKeyser Wednesday, December 23

9:00 a.m. - + Jake Kirchoffner

Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

3:30 p.m. – + Gena Petermann 5:30 p.m. - + John Michlitsch

Parish Office Closed

Friday, December 25 - Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. - + Easton & + Carter Supler

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, December 26

4 - 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – + Jim Hill

Sunday, December 27 Holy Family

8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

## **Offertory Gifts**

December 12-13, 2020: \$7,932

Children's Envelopes: \$0

Improvements: \$300

Foundation Repair: \$620

Poor Fund: \$110

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\$311,843.74	<b>General Fund</b>	\$395,200.00
\$507.42	Children	\$1,560.00
\$21,439.00	Improvements	\$52,000.00
\$293,525.22	Foundation Repair	\$400,000.00
\$56,737.00	God's Gift	\$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:

Parish Office Closed Thursday and Friday, December 24 & 25.

Churches United for the Homeless Thursday, December 24.

#### Christmas/New Year Mass Schedule

#### **Christmas**

Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24 3:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. Mass

Christmas Day - Friday, December 25 10:00 a.m. Mass

#### New Year's

New Year's Eve - Thursday, December 31 5:30 p.m. Mass

New Year's Day - Friday, January 1 10:00 a.m. Mass

### Parish Life / Volunteerism

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

 Richard & Ginger Elless (12/16) 40 Years! Congratulations!

#### **Chance Raffle Winners**

- Large WINE Basket Nancy Peterson
- Large TEA Basket
  - Marilyn Geary-Curfman
- Matchbox Cars in a Semi Hauler
  - Helen Jeanne Puvogel
- Boy NDSU Doll Linda Nilles
- Girl NDSU Doll Miranda Glandt
- Girl Aqua Attire Doll Anna Glandt

Blessed Sacrament has a NEW WEBSITE! www.bscwf.org Please check it out and give us your feedback. We hope you like it.

## Have you Heard the Song "God Said"

Fr. Gary's Sermon?" It is a great song about our Fr. Gary Luiten and his Sunday sermon. This song is on a music CD called Prayer Songs 1, by the Holy Bible Defenders. All the songs are written by Blessed Sacrament parishioner, Fred Braun and his daughter Molly Meester. Purchase your CD in the parish office for \$10. Proceeds go to the Fall Dinner Account.

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.

### Readings the week of December 20, 2020

<u>December 20</u>: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b12,14a,16,

Rom 16:25-27, Lk 1:26-38

December 21: Sg 2:18-24, Lk 1:39-45

December 22: 1 Sm 1:24-28, Lk 1:57-66

December 23: Mat 3:1-4,23-24, Lk 1:57-66

December 24: Is 9:1-6, Ti 2:11-14, Lk 2:1-14

December 25: Is 62:11-12, Ti 3:4-7,

Lk 12:15-20

December 26: Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59,

Mt 10:17-22

### Remembering Those Who've Passed Away.

December 20: Agnes Henry

December 21: Paul Lisburg

December 22: Ronald Webb, Daniel Cossette,

John Gherke

December 24 Mary Hlebecik

# <u>Sick List</u>: Please join us in praying for all our ill parishioners.

 Joyce Jensen, Mary Beth Odegaard, JoAnn Magann, Paul Beaton, Mike Fink and family, Jessica Retterath, Shirley Stanina, Bill Knoll, Courtney Brand, Ken Lammers, Janice Leidal.



## **Faith Formation**

Lucy@bscwf.org

**从** Merry Christmas! Classes Resume in January.

## **Community / Diocesan Events**

Miryam Dinner "Is Jesus calling you to be His own?" Thursday, January 21, 2021, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Bishop Folda's Home. Bishop Folda and Fr. Kyle Metzger invite women ages 16-30 who are open to the religious life, to an evening of prayer, dinner and fellowship. For more information and to reserve your place, contact vocations@fargodiocese.org or call 701-356-7957.

#### **Area Advent Penance Services**

Services at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Dec. 20 St. Mary's Cathedral - 4 p.m.

Dec. 21 St. Leo's (Casselton)

#### Trivia

## The only two Gospels that tell about the birth of Jesus are...

- a) Matthew and Paul
- b) Matthew and Luke
- c) Peter and Paul
- d) Peter and John

Only Matthew and Luke wrote about the Christmas story. Neither Peter nor Paul wrote Gospels, though they did write epistles, or letters.



From: Fr. Gary, Mary Beth, Ronda, Lucy, Karen and Jim

#### Reflections on the 4th Sunday of Advent - December 20, 2020 - Fr. Gary Luiten

In the readings today, in particular the first reading, we hear about Jesus' ancestors. In Jesus' ancestral line, there are people that I am sure Jesus was not too proud of. But Jesus changed that in the sense that He was and is free from sin! There was and is nothing bad one can say about Jesus. This is a result of the promise that God made to David. God told David that He would build David a house, meaning that David's reign would be without end. And so, the coming of Jesus was God's fulfillment that He made to King David. Thus, God's promise to David and the coming of Christ points out the fact that God does fulfill His promises.

But if you explain the incarnation – how Jesus became one of us - to a person who has never heard of Jesus, he or she would most likely say, "It's impossible. Who are you trying to fool?" Of course, the response is as the angel said to Mary today, "Nothing is impossible with God. With God, all things are possible."

Do we believe that with God, all things are possible? Do we believe that God will take care of us in the good times, as well as the bad times? Do we trust that God will heal our spiritual illnesses, even when we seem to be in the deepest spiritual ruts? Do we believe God can heal us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Do we believe that God will see to it that our needs are met this winter – even when it seems there may be no light at the end of the tunnel? Do we believe that God will cure all physical sicknesses, that, if it be His will, those among us who are sick may be healed? Jesus healed many people in the gospel, and, if it be His will, He can heal us, too! Do we believe that these things are possible? If God can cause a virgin to have a child; if God can cause a barren woman to have a child, if God can make the deaf hear and the blind see, then God can help us, too, if we have faith and trust, and that's the key.

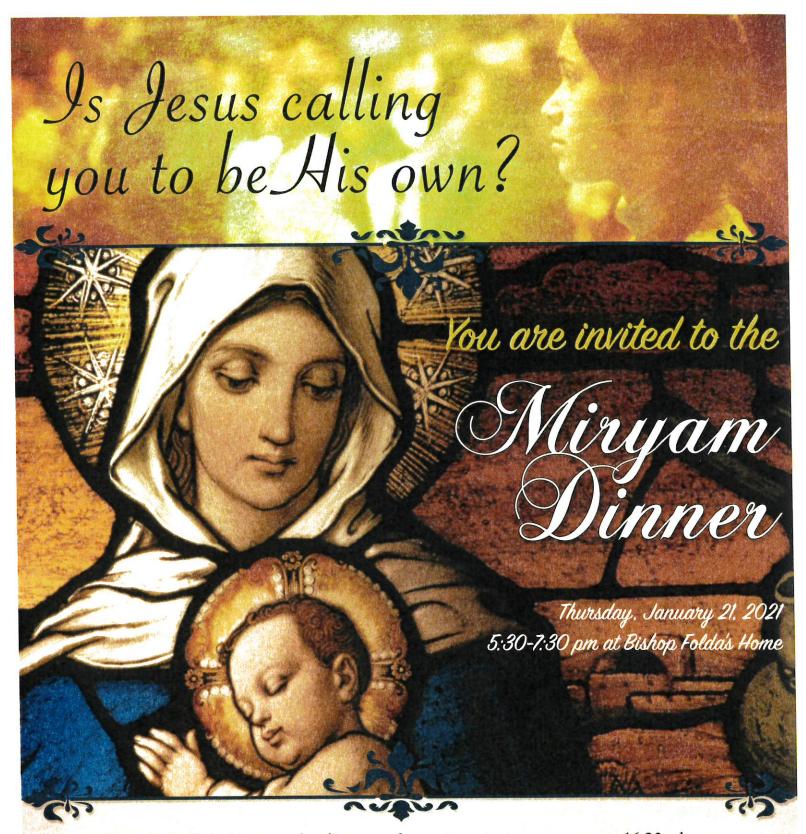
So, to make the impossible possible, to root out those stumbling blocks in our lives, we need simply to say, "Yes, Lord, Your will be done." One might say, "Not much happens in the wintertime." But much truly can happen in our hearts, as we prepare for Jesus' coming. Why? Because with God, all things are possible.

May God bless you all and give you a very Blessed and Merry Christmas.

-Fr, Gary Luiten







Bishop Folda and Fr. Kyle Metzger, the director of vocations, invite women ages 16-30 who are open to the religious life to an evening of prayer, dinner, and fellowship. They will be joined by consecrated religious women sharing their own vocation stories of discernment. It is typical for women to be accompanied by their pastor, a consecrated religious, or a friend.

To reserve your place, contact vocations@fargodiocese.org or (701) 356-7957



## December 26-27, 2020 - Holy Family Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimer	J. Jones	L. Metzger	R. Martin
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	*J. Jones	L. Sample	M. Kern
Usher	J. Jones, K. Beets	L. Sample, T. Gross	J. Regner Family
Greeter	G. Kirkeby, K. Beets	Volunteer	J. Regner Family
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	A. Pritchard	M. Kern
Media Minister	B. Kirkeby		
	*Bread Minister		

Please contact Karen Beets if you are unable to fulfill your Ministry no later than Wednesday, December 23, 3 p.m. 701-282-3321 or Karen@bscwf.org

#### Feast/Holy Day the week of December 20, 2020

December 21: St. Peter Canisius December 25: Nativity of the Lord December 23: St. John of Kanty December 26: St. Stephen

## **Blessed Sacrament Directory**

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Mary Beth Odegaard - Support Staff - MaryBeth@bscwf.org Ronda Voss – Music Coordinator – Ronda@bscwf.org

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