

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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West Fargo, ND 58078-1799
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December 26-27, 2020
Holy Family



Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, December 27 *Holy Family*

8:30 a.m. – + Becky Hollingsworth

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Monday, December 28 – No Mass

Tuesday, December 29

9:00 a.m. – Marvin & Janice Leidal

Wednesday, December 30

9:00 a.m. – + Jeanine Mcallister

Thursday, December 31

5:30 p.m. **Vigil Mass**– Gaylas & Phyllis Pritchard

Friday, January 1 *Mary Mother of God*

10:00 a.m. – The Parishioners

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, January 2

4 - 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – Justin DeKeyser

Sunday, January 3 *Epiphany*

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

This Week:

Churches United for the Homeless

Thursday, December 31.

Solemnity of Mary. Vigil Mass, Monday, December 31, 5:30 p.m. Holy Day Mass, Tuesday, January 1, 10 a.m. Due to COVID-19 this is not a holy day of obligation this year.

Parish Office Closed Friday, January 1.

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

Classes Resume January 13.

Parish Life

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

- Wes & Geri Weeding (1/2) 50 Years! Congratulations!

No Bingo in January due to COVID-19



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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.

January Adoration/Exposition has been moved to January 8, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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 27, 2020

December 27: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Col 3:12-17, Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

December 28: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2, Mt 2:13-18

December 29: 1 Jn 2:3-1, Lk 2:22-35

December 30: 1 Jn 2:12-27, Lk 2:36-40

December 31: 1 Jn 2:18-21, Jn 1:1-18

January 1: Nm 5:22-27, Gal 4:4-7, Lk 2:16-21

January 2: 1 Jn 2:22-28, Jn 1:19-28

Remembering Those Who've Passed Away.

December 27: Mark Kuhn, Gladys Scholz

December 30: Joseph Kastenbauer,
Janice Gehrke

January 1: John Sauer

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

- *Joyce Jensen, Mary Beth Odegaard, JoAnn Magann, Paul Beaton, Courtney Brand, Ken Lammers, Janice Leidal.*

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the aspect of her motherhood of Jesus Christ, whom Christians see as the Lord, Son of God. It is celebrated by the Catholic Church on January 1, the Octave (8th) day of Christmastide. The solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation. The feast is a celebration of Mary being the mother of Jesus. The English title "Mother of God" is a literal translation of the Latin title *Mater Dei*, which in turn is a rendering of the Greek title Θεοτόκος (*Theotokos*), meaning "Bearer of God" dogmatically adopted by the First Council of Ephesus as an assertion of the divinity of Christ.

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.

Trivia

When a bishop comes to your parish, you can tell who he is because...

- He wears a tall hat in the procession
- He walks barefoot
- He's the one leading the choir
- He's always the shortest one in the procession

a) For ceremonial occasions, the bishop wears a miter, a tall hat with two bands of material that sometimes hang from the back. A bishop is given the care of a diocese, a certain geographic area of the Church. One of a bishop's many duties is to be the "ordinary" minister of Confirmation. This means that it is a bishop who usually celebrates the sacrament of Confirmation. He can delegate his role to another priest, especially the pastor of the parish in which confirmation is being celebrated.



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

Reflections on the Solemnity of the Holy Family - December 27, 2020 – Fr. Gary Luiten

Just a couple days ago, we celebrated Christ's birthday. If it was that first Christmas, Joseph and Mary would now have a family. So today it is fitting to celebrate the feast of the Holy Family: Mary, Joseph, and the child Jesus. And this is a fitting day to think about families and family life.

The Holy Family presents themselves as a model for today's family: to imitate their holiness, their closeness to God. Notice, the first thing in the gospel that Joseph and Mary did after Jesus was born was to present him in the temple. Their minds and hearts were focused on what really matters in life: their relationship with the Lord.

Of course, today, we do not have presentations in the temple, but we do have baptisms those first few weeks after birth, which get the children off to a good start in life and in their relationship with God.

An interesting thing happens at Jesus' presentation: Simeon realized how great Jesus was. And, as any proud parents would, Joseph and Mary were "taking it all in." But then Simeon prophesied something to Mary that wasn't so nice – something I am sure that they didn't want to hear: "You shall be pierced with a sword." It was a foreshadowing of Jesus' death. This "scene" shows, in a nutshell, that in a family, there are good times, and there are rough times.

I am sure that many families at this time of the year are usually happy and in a generous spirit. For the Holy Family it was Jesus' birth that made them happy. And also, in many families there are the not-so-good times: times when there is a lack of communication which can lead to anger and quarrels. For the Holy Family this lack of communication happened twelve years later when Jesus was lost and found in the temple. Eventually peace prevailed and their division melted into the peace of God's love.

In Paul's letter to the Colossians, he speaks today of love among family members. Paul says that love involves forgiveness. A strong family needs to be a family that forgives each other. How hard that is for family members, and perhaps for all of us! And just think, God does that all the time for us!

It is difficult to forgive because we may feel that if we forgive them, it seems as if we are saying that what they did was all right. But that is not what we are saying when we forgive. What a person means when they forgive is that they did not appreciate the action, but they love the person too much to let this incident get in the way of the relationship. And so, love involves forgiveness. But Paul says that family life is not just rooted in loving one another but rooted in the love of God.

The bottom line is that it is a challenge living as a family! I know, and I don't even live in a household family. It can be the worst experience, or it can be the best experience! With a firm ground in the love of God and the Sacraments, it can be the best of experiences. How important strong, God-centered families are, not only for the individual, but for the church, for society, and for the world as a whole.

Fr. Gary Luiten





Christmas Flowers 2020

In Memory of



Beth Allmaras
Harry C. Anderson
Eugene Christl
Robert & Angela Cossette
Thomas Feist
Joe Hernandez
Greg Hilzendeger
Milton F. Horner
Dale Klinger
Jerry Liska
Mel Luiten
Marc Malusky
Jack McClure
Jack McClure
John Normandin
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Alfons Allmaras
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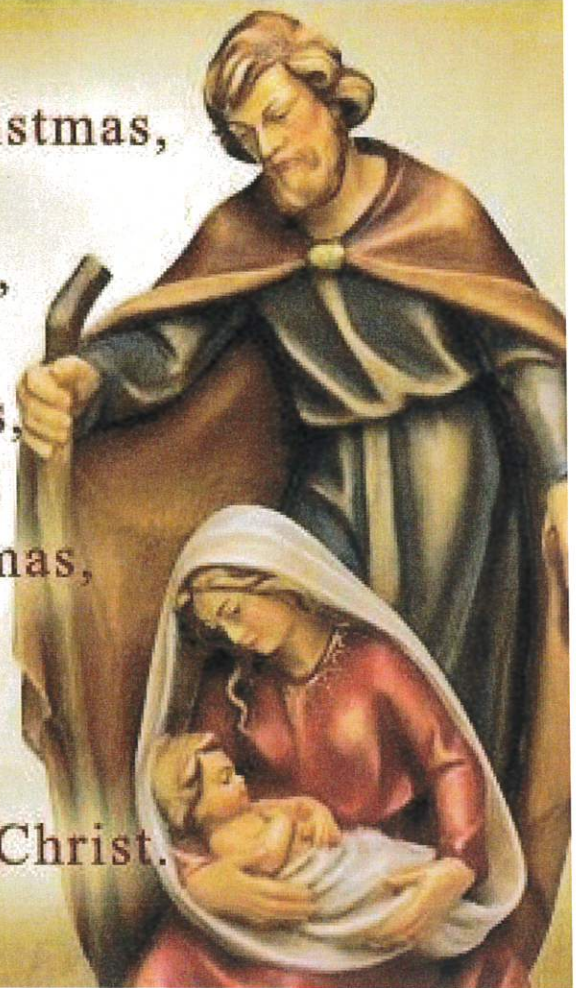
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God grant you the light in Christmas,
which is faith;
the warmth of Christmas,
which is love;
the radiance of Christmas,
which is purity;
the righteousness of Christmas,
which is justice;
the belief in Christmas,
which is truth;
the all of Christmas, which is Christ.
– John Byrom



Stewardship Moment

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

“...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.” – Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, give the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

January 2-3, 2021 – Epiphany Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimer	C. Paintner	W. Suchla	M. Doster
Eucharistic Minister	* G. Walz	* W. Suchla	*M. Doster
Greeters	D. Korgen Family	W. & J. Suchla	S. DeKeyser Family
Ushers	D. & E. Krogen	A. Pritchard, Volunteer	S. DeKeyser Family
Media Minister	N. Althoff		
	*Bread Minister		

**Please contact Karen Beets if you are unable to fulfill your Ministry
no later than Thursday, December 31, 3 p.m.
701-282-3321 or Karen@bscwf.org**

Feast/Holy Day the week of December 27, 2020

December 28: Holy Innocents December 29: St. Thomas Becket December 31: St. Sylvester I
January 1: Solemnity of Mary January 2: Sts. Basil & Gregory

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