

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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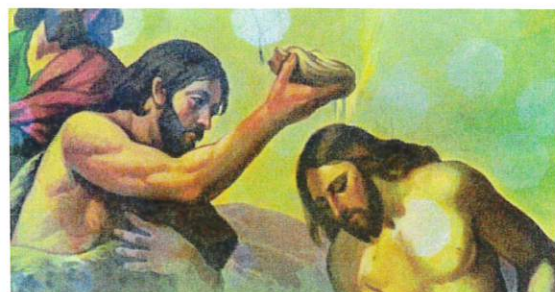
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January 9-10, 2021

Baptism of the Lord



Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, January 10 *The Baptism of the Lord*

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – + Mary Ann Vetter

Monday, January 11 – No Mass

Tuesday, January 12

9:00 a.m. – + Gena Petermann

Wednesday, January 13

9:00 a.m. – + Terry Krauth

Thursday, January 14 at Trinity Elementary

8:45 a.m. – + Tom Hilzendeger

Friday, January 15

9:00 a.m. – Abir Said

Saturday, January 16

4 - 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – + David Stephan

Sunday, January 17

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Offertory Gifts

January 2-3, 2021: \$8,512.25

Children's Envelopes: \$6.20

Improvements: \$769.50

Foundation Repair: \$1,766.65

Poor Fund: \$495

Collected to Date

<u>Collected to Date</u>		<u>Goal to Date</u>
\$8,512.25	General Fund	\$7,600.00
\$6.20	Children	\$30.00
\$769.00	Improvements	\$1,000.00
\$296.236.87	Foundation Repair	\$400,000.00

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:

Preschool/Kindergarten, Jan. 10, 10:30 a.m.

No Daily Mass: Thursday, January 14

RCIA: Tuesday, January 12, 7 p.m.

Pastoral Council: Thursday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m.

Faith Formation

Lucy@bscwf.org

Class:

Pr/K	Jan. 10	10:30 a.m.
Grs 1-5	Jan. 13	5:30 p.m.
WOW	Jan. 13	7:00 p.m.
Grs 1-5	Jan. 20	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	Jan. 20	7:00 p.m.
Grs 1-5	Jan. 27	5:30 p.m.
WOW	Jan. 27	7:00 p.m.

Parish Life

Bingo – CANCELLED for the month of January.

Catholic Schools Week is January 31 through February 6. We have several students from Blessed Sacrament who attend JP II Catholic Schools. This would be a great time to show your support to the JP II Network. Our parish is assessed 25% of our envelope amount each month. In order to help us reach our goal, you are invited to donate by using the Catholic School envelope in your pack of offering envelopes. If you give automatically, you may use the JP II envelope in magazine rack in the Gathering Area. There is also an option on our parish website to give to the JP II Schools.

Daily Readings - January 10-16, 2021

January 10: Is 55:1-11, 1 Jn 5:1-9, Mk 1:7-11

January 11: Heb 1:1-6, Mk 1:14-20

January 12: Heb 2:5-12, Mk 1:21-28

January 13: Heb 2:14-18, Mk 1:29-39

January 14: Heb 3:7-14, Mk 1:40-45

January 15: Heb 4:1-5, 11, Mk 2:1-12

January 16: Heb 4:12-16, Mk 2:13-17

Finance Council will be meeting Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m.

God's Gift 2020 Error. We've been notified by the Diocese that there was an error in our 2020 God's Gift donations. The error was not in our favor. Unfortunately, we did not reach our 2020 Goal.

Our Sympathy to the family of Dan Hager. May Dan rest in the arms of our Lord.

Pastoral Council Elections: Elections for two new members of the Pastoral Council, will be held the weekend of Jan. 30-31. Those elected will serve a three-year term. They will be replacing Marilyn Geary-Curffman and Margo Kern. If you have the opportunity, please thank Marilyn & Margo for their service to our parish. Who can vote? All registered parishioners over the age of 18. **The 2021 candidates are:** **Bruce Lenertz, Steve Neva, Jocelyn Sloan, and Julie Yourczek.**

Pastoral Council will be meeting Thursday, January 14 at 7 p.m.

Remembering Those Who've Passed Away.

January 12: Florence Miller

January 13: Alice Sprecher, Raymond Schaan, Verna Bashaw

January 14: James Zellars, Martha Ressler

January 15: Arlene Lay, James Jamieson, Betty Allmaras

January 16: Marvel Kapaun, Margaret Libbrecht

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

- Emily Dufner, Rhonda Hartung, Mary Beth Odegaard, Courtney Brand, Ken Lammers, Janice Leidal.

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Trinity Elementary Classroom Campaign



For Catholic Schools Week we want to show our support to Trinity Elementary. Our goal is to collect things that every classroom needs: Hand Sanitizer, Sanitizing Wipes, and Tissues. We will have a box in the Gathering Area for you to put your donations. Please bring donations by February 6.

Trivia

On Sunday, the Lord's day, all Catholics are supposed to...

- a) go to Mass
- b) rest from unnecessary work
- c) visit the sick and the elderly
- d) all of these

(d) Sunday is a day to grow closer to God.

Year-End Reports 2020 will be provided **BY REQUEST ONLY**. We will email it to you or print a hard copy to be picked up. Contact Mary Beth, in the Parish Office, with your request. Reports will be ready after Jan. 15.

Community / Diocesan Events

Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic

Daughters will meet Tuesday, January 12, St. Anthony's beginning with Mass at 5:15 PM; meal to follow and meeting at 6:30 PM. St. Anthony's requires attendees to wear a mask and to follow social distancing guidelines. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Members are invited to bring food pantry donations. Any questions, please send email to regentctstann@gmail.com.

Catholic Man Night Thursday, January 21, 6:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's. Speaker, Fr. Parks

Catholic Answers Presentations: Friday, January 29, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Sts. Anne & Joachim. Catholic Answers apologist Trent Horn will be speaking. He will teach how to persuasively draw in those skeptical of the Catholic position on various issues through asking the right questions. Trent will address how to get the conversation about marriage right, particularly with regard to hot-button issues such as transgenderism, same-sex unions, divorce, etc. The day will feature Mass and a presentation by Bishop Folda. The cost is \$25, lunch is included. Visit www.fargodiocese.org/nfp-ced to reserve your spot by Monday, January 25th.

Hard Sayings: How to Answer Bible Difficulties: Tuesday, January 26, 7 p.m., Sts. Anne & Joachim. *Does Genesis contradict biology? How do we know the Bible is historically reliable? What about the “immoral” Bible verses atheists love to bring up?* Trent Horn will be presenting *Hard Sayings: How to Answer Bible Difficulties* to provide sound principles for understanding Scripture the next time you encounter a Bible difficulty. The event is free, and no prior registration is required.

Reflections on the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, January 10, 2021 – Fr. Gary Luiten

On this solemnity of the baptism of the Lord, we remember Jesus' baptism. He allowed Himself to be baptized, in order to give us an example. Jesus, through His baptism, calls us all to be baptized. He also told the apostles and their successors to “Go out to all nations and Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

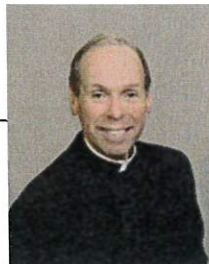
At our baptism, we (or our parents for us) made promises – baptismal vows. No one likes a person who doesn't keep their promises. When we became members of the Church, we made promises, or our parents spoke on our behalf and made the promises. It is good for us to periodically examine our consciences, to see how we are living out those promises we made at our own baptism.

So, there are many different questions we can ask ourselves regarding our Baptismal vows. First, and foremost, is the question, “Do we believe in God?” At our baptism, the question was asked, “Do you believe in God the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and Earth?” That sounds like a funny question, doesn't it? After all, we are Catholics. Of course, we believe in God.” And so, if the answer is yes, then how do we put this belief into practice? That is, do we live our daily lives with a view to there being a God, or don't we? Do we believe in the triune God? Do we really believe, that is, do we trust God? Do we believe God will help us through the trials of life? Who or what do we turn to in times of difficulty – God or things?

Do we believe in the Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic church? Hopefully, we show our belief by accepting the church's teachings and by receiving the Sacraments faithfully. Do we believe in the communion of saints? And if so, how do we show our belief in the communion of saints? One way is to ask the saints to pray for us. Do we believe in the forgiveness of sins?

For those of us who were baptized as infants, baptism is merely the beginning of a deep relationship with God. Notice, too, Jesus was baptized at the beginning of his public ministry – not in the middle, or not at the end. Again, this shows us the importance of beginning our life in Christ with baptism. Jesus wants us to have a good beginning. So, at the beginning of this new year, may this New Year be the best year for us spiritually. And may we have the grace to continue to live out that first encounter we had with Jesus at our baptisms.

Fr. Gary Luiten



Pastoral Council Candidates 2020

Elections are January 25-26, 2020

You will choose two of the below candidates to represent you on the Pastoral Council for 3 years.

Bruce Lenertz

Hello, I'm Bruce Lenertz, my wife Janet & I have been members of Blessed Sacrament Church for almost 3 years. Prior to Blessed Sacrament we were members of Holy Cross Catholic Church. We have lived in West Fargo for almost 16 years. We enjoy gardening, riding our tandem bicycle and motorcycle. I currently usher and am a Eucharistic Minister. I am running for Parish Council because I would like to become more involved in my Church and community.



Steve Neva

Hello, I am Steve Neva, my wife Jody and I have been members of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church for over 16 years having moved to West Fargo in 2004. We have been married for almost 25 years and have three adult children, Ryder, Madison and Eden. I have worked for Bobcat Company for 31 years, most recently as Director, International Standards and Regulations. I was born and raised in Kensal, ND and received First Communion from Father Moore who was the priest at St. John's Catholic Church in Kensal prior to becoming the priest at Blessed Sacrament. Steve is interested in becoming a member of the Blessed Sacrament Pastoral Council to learn more about the Blessed Sacrament community needs and to help provide guidance on how the parish can best continue to meet those needs.



Jocelyn Sloan

Greetings! I have been a member of Blessed Sacrament since the summer of 1994. During that time, I have served the parish as a choir member, catechist, and musician. During the week, I work for Clay County (MN) in Information Technology. My husband Mark and I have two (now-adult) children; our youngest has Autism. For many years, I have advocated for children and young adults with disabilities. If elected to the Pastoral Council, this advocacy would easily expand to include the elderly. I firmly believe that every one of us has something to offer to the community. Sometimes, differences require additional patience and/or flexibility on the part of others. If we take the time to listen to those needs, we can often make small changes that allow for greater inclusivity. We must accommodate the needs of all our neighbors, friends, and parishioners, so that we can learn from them and with them, in this community we call Blessed Sacrament.



Julie Yourczek

Hi, my name is Juliann (Julie) Yourczek. My husband Greg and I have 2 children, Violet, and Jacob and a granddaughter Aubrey. I work for the Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce as the Office Administrator. We have been parishioners for 13 years. I have been involved in faith formation teaching 4th, 5th, Pre-K/Kindergarten; proclaimer, usher, sacristan, Eucharistic Minister, greeter, gift bearer and rosary leader. I feel that Blessed Sacrament is truly my family, I have gained so many friendships through the years. I look forward to coming to church to see everyone and worship together. It gives such a sense of belonging. I would like to serve on our parish council so that I can be a part of the forward direction our church continues to head. Thank you for considering me.



For Trinity Elementary

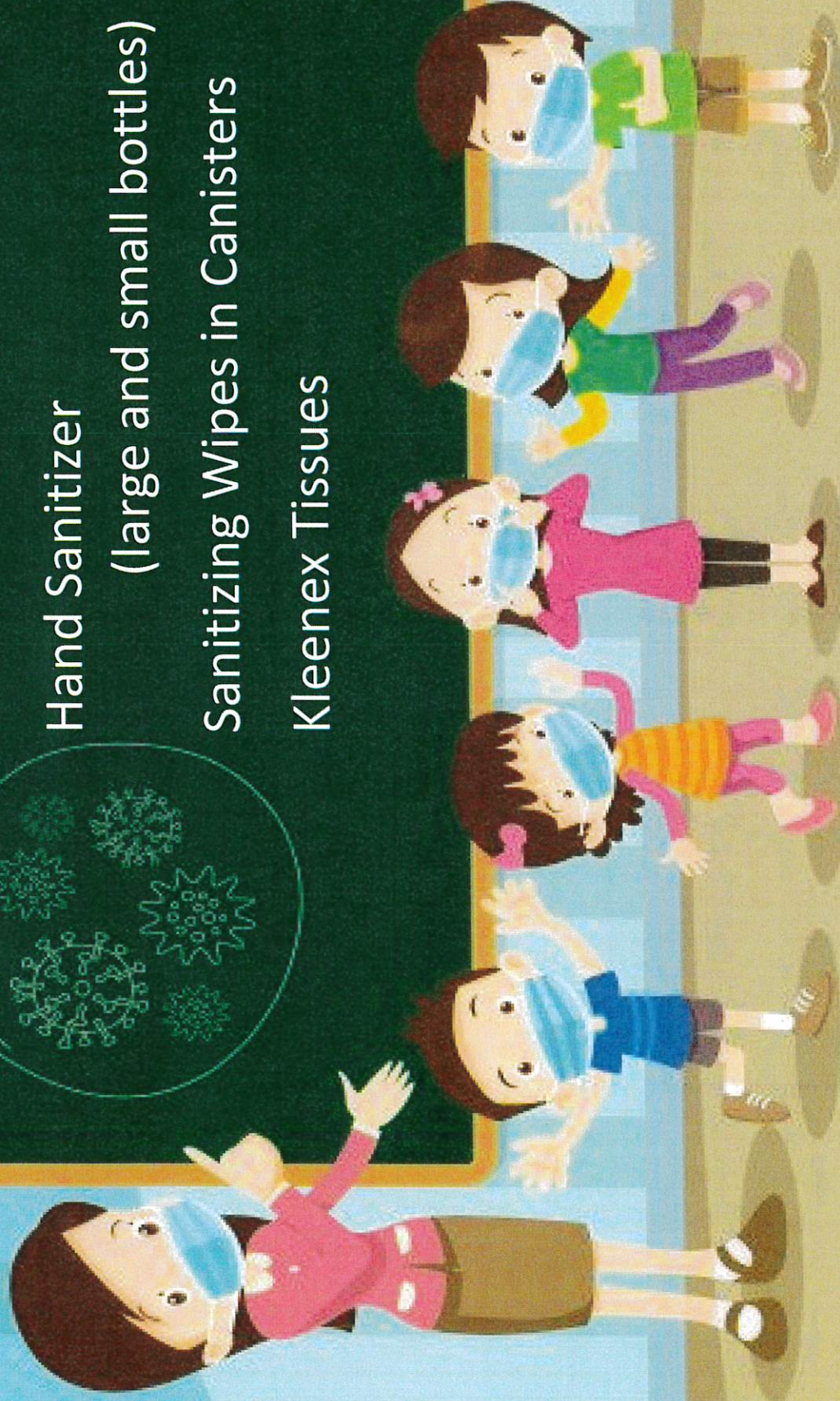
Every Classroom Needs...

Hand Sanitizer

(large and small bottles)

Sanitizing Wipes in Canisters

Kleenex Tissues



We are collecting supplies for Catholic Schools Week! Please bring your donations by February 6.

January 16-17, 2021 – Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimer	K. Jalbert	F. McCann	M. Kern
Eucharistic Minister	*K. Jalbert	*F. McCann	*M. Kern
Greeters	D. Herzog Family	W. & J. Suchla	J. Regner Family
Ushers	D. & J. Herzog	W. Suchla, A. Pritchard	J. Regner Family
Media Minister	M. Berntson		
	*Bread Minister		

**Please contact Karen Beets if you are unable to fulfill your Ministry
no later than Thursday, January 14, 3 p.m.
701-282-3321 or Karen@bscwf.org**

Feast/Holy Day the week of January 10, 2021
January 10: Baptism of the Lord January 13: St. Hilary

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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