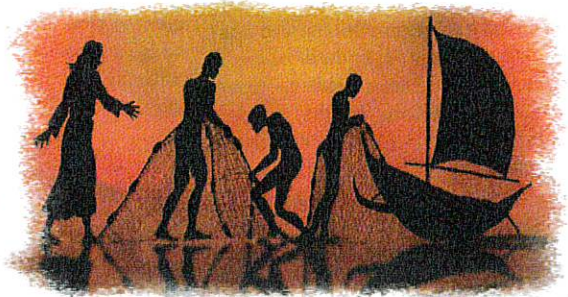


Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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January 23-24, 2021
3rd Sunday Ordinary Time



Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, January 24

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – + Joe Pochant

Monday, January 25 – No Mass

Tuesday, January 26 – No Mass

Wednesday, January 27 – No Mass

Thursday, January 28 – No Mass

Friday, January 29 – No Mass

Saturday, January 30 *Parish Elections*

4 - 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, January 31 *Parish Elections*

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – John & Jan Klocke

Offertory Gifts

January 9-10, 2021: \$4,110

Children's Envelopes: \$13

Improvements: \$115

Foundation Repair: \$645

Poor Fund: \$150

<u>Collected to Date</u>		<u>Goal to Date</u>
\$20,087.25	General Fund	\$22,800.00
\$37.95	Children	\$90.00
\$1,194.50	Improvements	\$3,000.00
\$301,709.45	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:

No Daily Mass this week

Churches United for the Homeless,
Thursday, January 28

Faith Formation

Lucy@bscwf.org

Class:

Grs 1-5	Jan. 27	5:30 p.m.
WOW	Jan. 27	7:00 p.m.

Second Graders Our second grade Faith Formation students will be making their First Reconciliation on January 23 & 30. We welcome you to pray for these students as they receive this holy sacrament.

Parish Life

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

- Joe & Clarice Volk (1/28) 50 Years!
Congratulations!

Birthday We pray those celebrating a birthday this week:

- Dorothy Hanson (1/28) Happy Birthday!

Catholic Schools Week is January 31 through February 6. Please donate to JP II Schools by using a JP II envelope this month. You may also donate online!



Daily Readings - January 24-30, 2021

Jan. 24: Jn 3:1-5, 1 Cor 7:29-31, Mk 1:14-20

January 25: Acts 22:3-16, Mk 1:14-20

January 26: 2 Tim 1:1-8, Mk 3:31-35

January 27: Heb 10:11-18, Mk 4:1-20

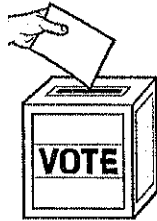
January 28: Heb 10:19-20, Mk 4:21-25

January 29: Heb 10:31-39, Mk 4:26-34

January 30: Heb 11:1-2,8-19 Mk 4:35-41

Our Sympathy to Janet Dobberstein on the death of her husband, Lee. May Lee rest in peace with 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. Who can vote? All registered parishioners over the age of 18. **The 2021 candidates are: Bruce Lenertz, Steve Neva, Jocelyn Sloan, Julie Yourczek.**



Pastoral Council Elections – How to Vote During COVID-19.

- Vote at Mass on January 30 or 31.
- Vote via Email. A ballot and instructions have been emailed.
- Vote by going to the Parish Office, Monday through Friday, 8a-5p.
- Vote by calling the Parish Office, Monday through Friday, 8a-5p.

ALL BALLOTS/VOTES MUST BE IN THE PARISH OFFICE BY FEBRUARY 1, 2021.

Remembering Those Who've Passed Away.

January 24: Gena Petermann

January 25: Mark Murphy, John Critte III, Arthur Hockert, Ray Eisenzimmer, Cedric Sloan

January 26: Barbara Schneider

January 27: Elizabeth Naset

January 28: Angeline Veit, Kenneth Maddocks

January 29: John Tomaszewski

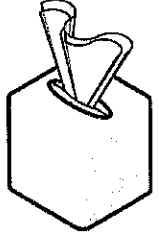
January 30: Wendy Linde, Joseph Blasl, Clemence Kuklok, Henry Wulff

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

JoAnn Magann, Emily Dufner, Ronda Hartung, Mary Beth Odegaard, Courtney Brand, Ken Lammers, Janice Leidal.

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

Jesus gave his disciples the Beatitudes...

- a) from the cross on Calvary
- b) at the Ascension
- c) in the Sermon on the Mount
- d) when he cured the ten lepers

(c) In Matthew 5:1, we read that Jesus "went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. The he began to speak, and taught them...."

Year-End Report 2020 will be provided **BY REQUEST ONLY**. We will email it to you or print you a hard copy **TO BE PICKED UP OR EMAILED**. Contact Mary Beth, in the parish office, with your request.

Preparing for Lent 2021

Recycle old Palms: Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17. If you have palms from last year and would like us to use them for Ash Wednesday, please bring them to the Parish Office by February 7.



Community / Diocesan Events

Hard Sayings: How to Answer Bible Difficulties: Tuesday, January 26, 7 p.m., Sts. Anne & Joachim. 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.

Job Opening - Full-time Director of Liturgy.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Moorhead.
Responsibilities include coordinate weekend and school Masses; coordinate and train liturgical ministers; plan funerals, wake services, weddings, etc.; direct the school and parish children's choirs; and work closely with our part-time music director. The position is open on July 1, 2021. Submit cover letter, resume, and references by March 15 to: Search Committee; 218 10th St. S., Moorhead, MN 56560 or e-mail: knoel@stjoesmhd.com.

FOR OTHER JOB OPENINGS WITHIN THE FARGO DIOCESE CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE GATHERING AREA!

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.

Reflections for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 24, 2021 – Fr. Gary Luiten

Today we hear the familiar story about Jonah and his call for the people of Nineveh to repent. The Book of the prophet Jonah could also be called, "How to give a good sermon in eight words or less!" Jonah's eight words were, "Forty days more, and Nineveh will be destroyed." And those eight words were effective - because the people reformed. Like the Ninevites, God calls us to reform our lives, too.

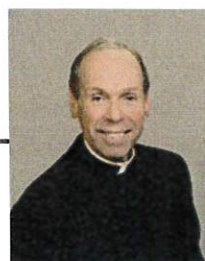
Reforming our lives involves not just changing a few things in our lives, but at times to look at our whole outlook on life and to live according to the Spirit. How does a person begin to reform their lives? We are called to turn from sin and not let worldly things dominate our lives. There is a common statement that describes all of us members of the Body of Christ: we are in the world, but not of the world. So, the challenge is, "How does one do that - be in the world, and not yet become a part of it?"

The Ninevites fasted from comfortable clothing. They put on sackcloth and ashes. Now I am not recommending we go home and jump into a burlap bag, but it is good for us, at times, to deny ourselves some material pleasure for the sake of the kingdom. We call this fasting. Even Jesus himself, fasted, and speaks about the importance of fasting in the gospels, which helps to build up our spiritual lives. This helps us to reclaim our free will. It helps us to realize that we do have the ability to choose or not to exercise self-control in our lives.

In the process of reforming our lives, Paul urges us today to not lose sight of the spiritual! And that's what Paul tells the Corinthians, and us. How easy it is for us at times to forget God during the week, and to just think of God as our weekend friend. May we keep God front and center in our lives all week long.

Finally, the process of reforming our lives involves doing what Peter, Andrew, James, and John did in the gospel reading. Following their being chosen by Christ, Mark tells us they went off in his company. May Jesus always be welcome in our lives and in our conversations as we continue the process of reforming our lives into Christ's image.

Fr. Gary



Action Alert From the North Dakota Catholic Conference

Tell Senators to Vote NO on SB 2180 Protect the Seal of Confession

A bill in the North Dakota Senate would force priests to violate the seal of confession or face criminal fines and even jail time.

In the United States, people expect to exercise their religion, including going to confession or getting spiritual counseling, without the government invading their privacy and religious rights. SB 2180 would force priests and other members of the clergy to reveal what is said during confession and spiritual counseling in cases of suspected child abuse or vulnerable adult abuse.

The Catholic Church is committed to protecting children and vulnerable adults. Clergy are already mandated reporters when the information is learned outside of the capacity of a spiritual advisor. The seal of confession, however, is inviolable. It can never be violated for any reason. All persons, of all faiths, should have this minimum expectation in the practice of their religion.

Act now to defeat this dangerous attack on our fundamental freedoms.

Who: State Senate

Where: Contact your senator at: www.state.nd.us/lr/
Or call at: 1-888-635-3447 --- Bismarck 328-3373
Hearing Impaired: 1-800-366-6888

Sample Message: Please vote No on SB 2180. Protect religious freedom.



This action alert was distributed by the North Dakota Catholic Conference; 103 South Third Street, Suite 10, Bismarck, ND 58501; 701-223-2519; 1-888-419-1237. ndcatholic.org



2021 Virtual Grief Support Groups

Support groups are powerful resources to find validation for your feelings and derive a sense of shared experience and commonality. All groups are facilitated by professionals who provide education, practical advice and support. Support groups are free and open to the public; registration is required.

Our support groups are funded, in part, through generous contributions from individuals, churches, businesses and organizations, including the United Ways of Barnes and Becker Counties and Crookston. For an up-to-date listing of support groups, visit www.hrrv.org.

Registration

For questions or to register, call (800) 237-4629 and ask for the grief department or email grief@hrrv.org.



Hospice of the Red River Valley offers virtual grief support groups. All support groups will be held virtually until it's safe to resume in-person groups. It's our hope we will be able to host in-person offerings again in the future. Groups are free and open to anyone; registration is required.

For questions or to register, call (800) 237-4629 and ask for the grief department or email grief@hrrv.org.

Grief Journeys for Adults

This is an ongoing support group for adults 18 years and older who have experienced a loss through death.

Three Options

- Second Tuesday of each month **Time:** 6:30-8 p.m.
- Fourth Tuesday of each month **Time:** 1-2:30 p.m.
- Second Thursday of each month **Time:** 1:30-3 p.m.

Grief Journeys for Widows

This is an ongoing support group for women who have experienced the death of a partner.

Two Options

- First Tuesday of each month **Time:** 6:30-8 p.m.
- Third Tuesday of each month **Time:** 1-2:30 p.m.

Life & Pregnancy After Loss

This is an ongoing support group for anyone who is pregnant or has given birth to a living baby after previously experiencing pregnancy or infant loss.

Date: Third Tuesday of each month **Time:** 6:30-8 p.m.

Pregnancy & Infant Loss

This is an ongoing support group for anyone who has experienced the death of a baby through pregnancy loss, stillbirth or in the first year of life.

Date: Fourth Tuesday of each month **Time:** 6:30-8 p.m.

January 30-31, 2021 – Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimer	J. Jones	L. Metzger	K. Hanson
Eucharistic Minister	*J. Jones	*L. Sample	*K. Hanson
Greeters	G. Kirkeby, K. Beets	M.A. Schuster, A. Pritchard	S. DeKeyser Family
Ushers	J. Jones, K. Beets	A. Pritchard, L. Sample	E. Hanson, Volunteer
Media Minister	B. Kirkeby		
	*Bread Minister		

**Please contact Karen Beets if you are unable to fulfill your Ministry
no later than Thursday, January 28, 3 p.m.
701-282-3321 or Karen@bscwf.org**

Feast/Holy Day the week of January 24, 2021	
January 25: Conversion of St. Paul	January 26: Sts. Timothy & Titus
January 27: St. Angela Merici	January 28: St. Thomas Aquinas

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