

# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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**January 30-31, 2021**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**



## Daily Mass & Intentions

**Sunday, January 31** *Parish Elections*

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – John & Jan Klocke

**Monday, February 1** – No Mass

**Tuesday, February 2**

9:00 a.m. – + Vern Azure

**Wednesday, February 3**

9:00 a.m. – For All Priests

**Thursday, February 4** *at Trinity Elementary*

8:45 a.m. - + Jane Krueger

**Friday, February 5**

9:00 a.m. – + Patrick Schuler

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 pm. Adoration

**Saturday, February 6** *Blessing Throats*

4 - 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – Pam Kern

**Sunday, February 7** *Blessing Throats*

8:30 a.m. - + Dale Klinger

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

## **This Week:**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!**

**Parish Elections this weekend!**

**RCIA** Tuesday, February 2, 7 p.m.

**1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Parent Meeting:** Wednesday, February 3, 5:30 p.m., in the church

**No Daily Mass:** Thursday, February 4

**Knights of Columbus:** Thursday, February 4, 7:30 p.m.

**Adoration:** Fri. Feb. 5, 9:30 a.m.-12: p.m.

## **Faith Formation**

Lucy@bscwf.org

## Offertory Gifts

**January 23-24, 2021: \$4,876**

**Children's Envelopes: \$5**

**Improvements: \$75**

**Foundation Repair: \$1,275**

**Poor Fund: \$25**

Collected to Date

Goal to Date

\$24,663.25*	<b>General Fund</b>	\$30,400.00
\$42.95	<b>Children</b>	\$120.00
\$1,269.50	<b>Improvements</b>	\$4,000.00
\$310,784.45*	<b>Foundation Repair</b>	\$400,000.00

\*Adjustments made

## February Class:

Grades 1-5	Feb. 3	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	Feb. 3	7:00 p.m.
Grades PK	Feb. 7	10:30 a.m.
Grades 1-5	Feb. 10	5:30 p.m.
WOW	Feb. 10	7:00 p.m.
No Class	Feb. 17	
Grades 1-5	Feb. 24	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	Feb. 24	7:00 p.m.

**Congratulations** to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Students who recently made their First Reconciliation.

*Robbie Althoff*

*Hope Besette*

*Finley Byers*

*Rilynn Geiger*

*Paisley Lauinger*

*Jolyssa Norton*

*Erin Ripplinger*

*Bayden Smith*

*Willa Anundson*

*Corbin Brand*

*Nora Eveland*

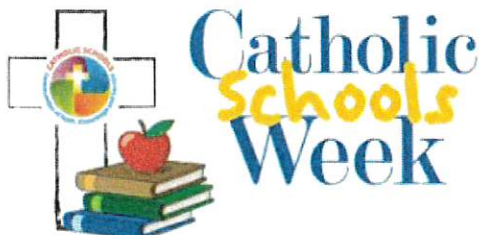
*Alexis Kressin*

*Grham Lee*

*MaKenna Peirce*

*Hannah Schiele*

*Brennan Wells*



**First Eucharist Parent Meeting**, Wednesday, February 3, 5:30 p.m., in the church.

## Parish Life

**Birthday** We pray those celebrating a birthday this week:

- Bob Creighton (2/3)

*Happy Birthday!*

**Blessing Throats.** February 6-7 In celebration of the feast day of St. Blaise we will be blessing throats following Mass.

### Daily Readings – Jan. 30-Feb. 6, 2021

Jan 31: Dt 18:15-20, 1 Cor 7:32-35,  
Mk 1:21-28

February 1: Heb 11:32-40 Mk 5:1-20

February 2: Mal 3:1-4, Heb 2:14-18, Lk 2:22-40

February 3: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15, Mk 6:1-6

February 4: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24, Mk 6:7-13

February 5: Heb 13:1-8, Mk 6:14-29

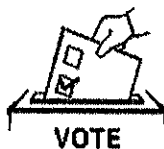
February 6: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21, Mk 6:14-20

**Free - Power Lift Chair** Contact the Blessed Sacrament Parish Office if you are in need of a lift chair. 701-282-3321

### Our Sympathy

- to the family of Emily Dufner.
- to Jeff York on the death of his father, Earl. May Emily and Earl rest in the arms of our Lord.

**Pastoral Council Elections.** You will vote for 2 candidates this weekend. The results will be in next weekend's bulletin. Good luck to all candidates. Please pray for the leaders of our parish, the Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Lay Directors and Fr. Gary Luiten.



### 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 31: Leona Rausch, Charles Potter

February 1: Joanne Byrne, Jeffrey Brand

February 2: Jack Hlebechuk, Roger Klocke,  
Fred Weiss

February 4: Haven Johnson, Herman Subart

February 6: Edward Rohrich

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

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

**THIS IS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!** Show your support and donate to JPIL Schools by using a JPIL envelope this month. You may also donate online!

### Trinity Elementary Classroom Campaign

Every classroom needs: Hand Sanitizer, Sanitizing Wipes, and Tissues. For Catholic Schools Week we want to show our support to Trinity Elementary. Please bring your donations to the Gathering Area.



### Trivia

**The apostle who betrayed Jesus with a kiss was...**

- a) Doubting Thomas
- b) Nathaniel
- c) Judas Iscariot
- d) James

(c) The chief priests of the Temple paid Judas thirty pieces of silver to betray Jesus.

**Year-End Reports** 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. 701-282-3321 or [MaryBeth@bscwf.org](mailto:MaryBeth@bscwf.org)

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## 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.



**Don't Give Up Chocolate for Lent...**

**Feed Your Soul with Prayer this Lent!**

Nothing will transform your life so completely, absolutely, and forever like really learning how to pray. This year's BEST LENT EVER journeys through Matthew Kelly's latest book, *"I Heard God Laugh"*

A black rectangular graphic with white text. At the top, in small white capital letters, is "DYNAMIC CATHOLIC". Below that, in large white capital letters, is "DON'T GIVE UP". Underneath that, in a stylized white script font, is "chocolate". At the bottom, in white capital letters, is "FOR LENT".

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## Community / Diocesan Events

### **Job Opening - FT Accounting Clerk/**

**Administrative Support** Diocese of Fargo is currently accepting applications for full-time combined Accounting Clerk/Administrative Support position. This position will provide bookkeeping and payroll services to parishes, under the direction of the Diocesan Finance Office, and assist with all aspects of administrative support as assigned. Previous Write-up Service experience a plus. Candidate must be proficient with the Microsoft Office Products, and accounting practices. Associate Accounting Degree with 2+ years of experience is preferred. Please send cover letter, resume and three references to:

[barbara.augdahl@fargodiocese.org](mailto:barbara.augdahl@fargodiocese.org). Apply immediately; position open until filled.

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

**CANCELLED – Redeemed - Trusted Sisters Women's Conference: February 19-20** Due to ongoing concerns with COVID.

### **Giving God Control** Please join FM

Intentional Disciples on Thursday, February 4 at 7 p.m. for a livestream speaker! This month, we will be joined by Lisa Canning as she shares her experience with mental illness in marriage, understanding her true vocation, and being open to life. She will speak to us about the Catholic church's teachings on fidelity, hope, and hearing and answering God's call. Lisa will help guide us as we consider God's will for our lives. To find out more information visit: [www.fmintentionaldisciples.com/events](http://www.fmintentionaldisciples.com/events) Use this WebinarJam registration link to sign up: <https://event.webinarjam.com/channel/febD Night>

**Support St. Paul's Newman Center on Giving Hearts Day.** YOU are changing hearts and changing lives of our young people at NDSU. Join us on Thursday, February 11 for Giving Hearts Day in supporting St. Paul's Newman Center and the Catholic faith at NDSU. Every gift given to the Newman Center on Giving Hearts Day is doubled until we meet our gift match. Because YOU believe in the difference campus ministry makes, students are able to encounter Christ through bisonCatholic. To make a donation, go to [givingheartsdays.org](http://givingheartsdays.org) and search for "St. Paul's Newman Center" or visit our website for more information.

### **Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages.**

March 5-7, Fargo ND. For more information visit [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com); call 701-356-7962; or email

[RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org](mailto:RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org).

Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program that has helped hundreds of thousands of hurting married couples turn the tide, find new hope, and rediscover the love that initially brought them together. Surveys have shown that 3 out of 4 couples who complete the entire program are still married five years later with stronger, healthier marriages.



**Catholic Daughters to Meet** Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, February 9 at St. Anthony's beginning with Mass at 5:15 p.m.; meal to follow and meeting at 6:30 p.m. Attendees are required 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 an email to [regentctstann@gmail.com](mailto:regentctstann@gmail.com).

**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.

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**Reflections on the Gospel - the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jan. 31, 2021 – Fr. Gary Luiten**

The gospel today speaks about demons in “possessed people.” These demons, in order to “get back” at God, set out to harm God’s greatest creature: us! We don’t hear much about demons in today’s society – almost as if they don’t exist. And that’s what the evil one wants. He wants us to believe that he doesn’t exist, so he can go around doing his dirty work of tempting people to turn away from God.

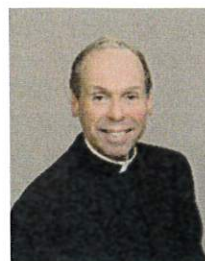
In fact, some theologians today don’t believe in any fallen angels, or in evil spirits. Some theologians today think that all these cases of possession in the scriptures were just mental illnesses which could be cured with a strong personality. As if Jesus wasn’t any stronger than a person with a strong personality! But we know that the contrary is true: that there are evil spirits at work in the world today. And we also know that Jesus had more than a strong personality - He was and is God! Jesus miraculously drove out evil spirits in people and healed them from their sins.

It is good to be aware of the presence of evil but not to be preoccupied with it. We must remember that God can and does save us from the presence of evil and does every day. Scripture tells us that the evil one is powerless against Christ. So, it makes a lot of sense that the more we get of Jesus, the better we are in the battle against the evil one. The more frequently we receive the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation, the better-equipped we are to deal with the presence of evil in the world and in our lives.

The gospel today tells us Jesus’ reaction to evil. Basically, he does two things. First, He exposes the evil. This is what God can do in our lives, too. In fact, God may have used our consciences to bring to consciousness some sin or sins in our own lives with the hearing of today’s gospel. And second, He drives out the evil. Now I don’t think most or any of us are possessed. But sometimes we are plagued, or tempted by evil spirits, or simply tempted by worldly things or by our fallen human nature. Jesus has come to root out all of that evil.

Finally, note that the response of the people in the gospel today was that they were amazed. May we be amazed at God’s never-ending love for us in his deep desire to root out evil in our lives. May we be grateful for that gift of love and continue to spread that to those we meet.

Fr. Gary



## Pope Francis proclaims year dedicated to St. Joseph



Marking the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Joseph being declared patron of the universal church, Pope Francis proclaimed a yearlong celebration dedicated to the foster father of Jesus.

In a December 8 apostolic letter, “*Patris Corde*” (“With a father’s heart”), the pope said Christians can discover in St. Joseph, who often goes unnoticed, “an intercessor, a support and a guide in time of trouble.

In his apostolic letter, Pope Francis states that “St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. As Mary’s husband and guardian of the son of God, St. Joseph turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing in maturity in his home.” Pope Francis also added that despite being troubled at first by Mary’s pregnancy, St. Joseph was obedient to God’s will regardless of the hardship involved.

“In every situation, Joseph declared his own ‘fiat’, like those of Mary at the Annunciation and Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane,” the pope said. “All this makes it clear that St. Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood and that, in this way, he cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation and is truly a minister of salvation.”

St. Joseph’s unconditional acceptance of Mary and his decision to protect her “good name, her dignity and life” also serves as an example for men today, the pope added. “Today, in our world where psychological, verbal, and physical violence toward women is so evident, Joseph appears as the figure of a respectful and sensitive man,” the pope writes.

Pope Francis also highlights St. Joseph’s “creative courage,” not only in finding a stable and making it a “welcoming home for the son of God (who came) into the world,” but also in protecting Christ from the threat posed by King Herod. “The Holy Family had to face concrete problems like every other family, like so many of our migrant brothers and sisters who, today, too, risk their lives to escape misfortune and hunger. In this regard, I consider St. Joseph the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty,” the pope goes on to say.

As a carpenter who earned “an honest living to provide for his family,” Christ’s earthly guardian is also an example for both workers and those seeking employment and the right to a life of dignity for themselves and their families. “In our own day, when employment has once more become a burning social issue, and unemployment at times reaches record levels even in nations that for decades have enjoyed a certain level of prosperity, there is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which St. Joseph is an exemplary patron,” he said

In his apostolic letter, Pope Francis describes St. Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father, a creatively courageous father, a working father, a father in the shadows.

This article was taken from the Catholic News Herald, Diocese of Charlotte.



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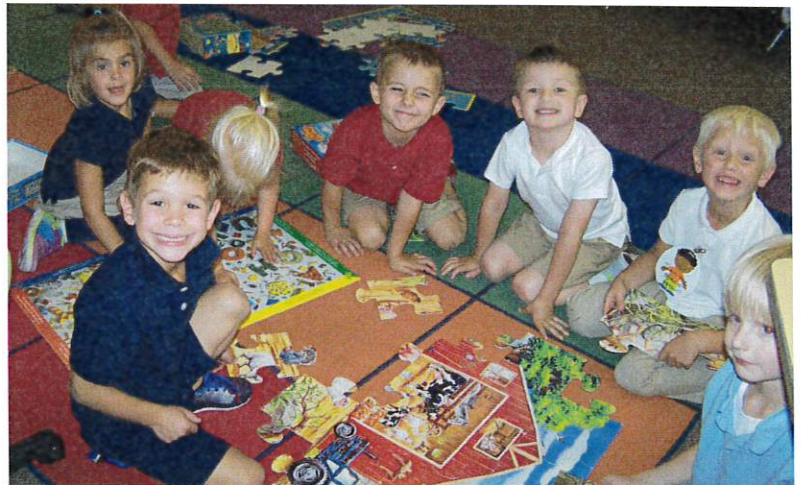


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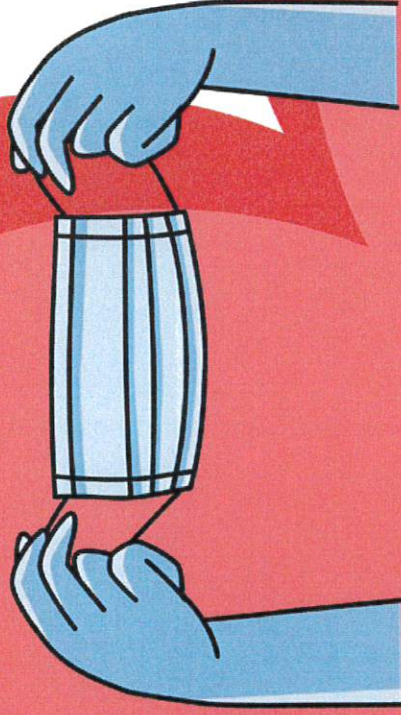
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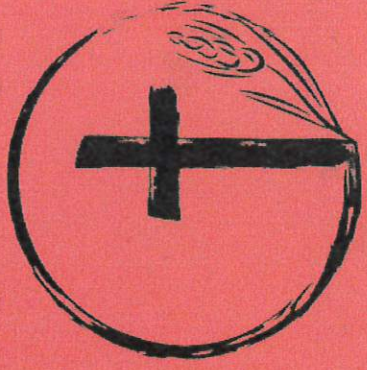
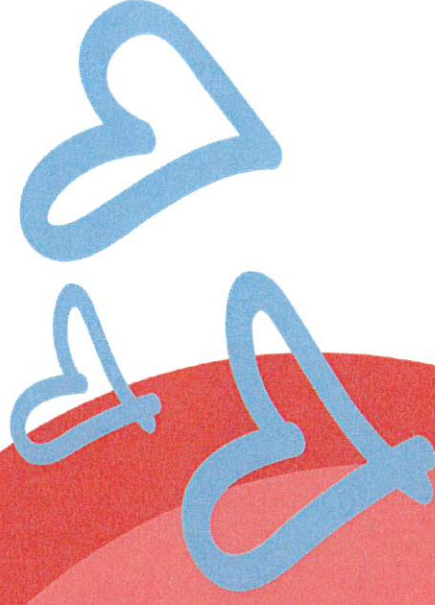
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## Giving Hearts Day

# February 6-7, 2021 – Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

## Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimer	C. Fischer	M. Doster	A. Buettner
Eucharistic Minister	*K. Beets	*M. Doster	*A. Buettner
Greeters	R. Fischer Family	T. Allmaras Family	J. Regner Family
Ushers	R. & M. Fischer	T. & H. Allmaras	J. Regner Family
Media Minister	R. Cwikla		
	*Bread Minister		

**Please contact Karen Beets if you are unable to fulfill your Ministry  
no later than Thursday, February 4, 3 p.m.  
701-282-3321 or Karen@bscwf.org**

**Feast/Holy Day the week of January 31, 2021**

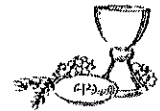
*Catholic Schools Week Jan. 31 – Feb. 6*

February 2: Presentation of the Lord      February 3: Sts. Blasé & Ansgar

February 5: St. Agatha      February 6: St. Paul Miki

### Blessed Sacrament Directory

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