

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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January 2-3, 2021 Epiphany

Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, January 3 - Epiphany

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners
10:30 a.m. – Chuck & Kay Morehead

Monday, January 4 – NO MASS

Tuesday, January 5

9:00 a.m. – Special Intentions

Wednesday, January 6

9:00 a.m. - Tammy

Thursday, January 7

9:00 a.m. - + Dr. Vernon Azure

Friday, January 8

9:00 a.m. – + Yikealo Breidenbach

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Adoration

Saturday, January 9

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. - + Ann Wiebusch

Sunday, January 10 - Baptism of the Lord

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Offertory Gifts

December 26-27, 2020 \$10,390

Children's Envelopes: \$110.

Need Per Week \$7,600

Improvements: \$230.

Need Per Week \$1,000

Firm Foundation: \$307.

Poor Fund: \$35

Collected to Date

Goal to Date

\$279,960.00	General Fund	\$296,400.00
\$ 999.08	Children	\$ 1,170.00
\$ 24,958.00	Improvements	\$ 39,000.00
\$ 56,762.00	God's Gift	\$ 73,996.00

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.

Welcome!

If you are interested in becoming a registered member of Blessed Sacrament, see Fr. Gary Luiten after Mass, stop by or call the Parish Office, or register on our website www.bscwf.org. We are glad you are here!

Bulletin Note: This is the first bulletin for the month of January. This bulletin is considered our monthly newsletter. As a result, the bulletin is longer and 'newsier' than our standard bulletins.

This Week:

RCIA: Tuesday, January 5, 7 p.m.

Knights of Columbus: Thur., Jan. 7, 7:30 pm

Adoration: Friday, Jan. 8, 9:30 a.m.-12: p.m.

Faith Formation

Lucy@bscwf.org



January Class:

No Class	Jan. 6	
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.

Music Ministry

Ronda@bscwf.org

We are not singing any congregational songs during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, if you play an instrument and would like to enhance Mass and play along with the piano, please contact Ronda.

Parish Life

2020 Year-End Reports 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.

\$400,000 Needed - Building a Firm Foundation Campaign The "Building a Firm Foundation" Campaign began 14 months ago. The goal is to raise a total of \$400,000 to meet the expenses of the construction repair and new flooring. Phase 1 – Construction has been completed. Phase 2 – New Flooring, will take place in 2021, as funds allow. It all depends on how much money we raise. If you have not submitted a pledge, we ask that you prayerfully consider doing so. Request a pledge card from the Parish Office. Please keep the campaign in your prayers. With your help may we raise the money to reach our goal.

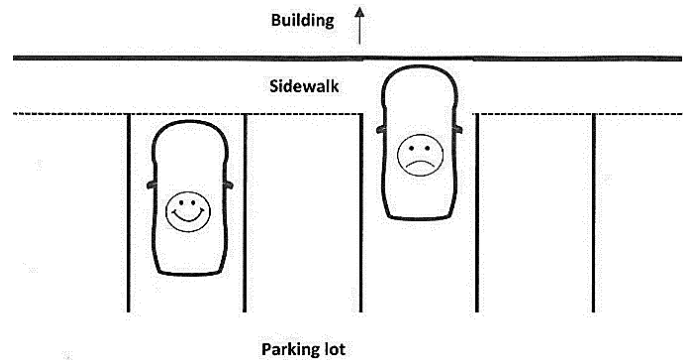
Attending Mass During COVID-19

- Everyone over the age of 2 must wear a face mask.
- Please wash or sanitize your hands before entering the church. Bring hand sanitizer to use prior to receiving communion.
- In the pew, please maintain a 6-foot distance between households.
- If you wish to 'gather' and chat please do so outside.

Mass currently is not obligatory but our Bishop, John Folda, states "It is appropriate to encourage the faithful, who are not at higher risk from COVID-19, to return to Mass."

Be Aware - Park With Care! When parking near the building, in the parking lot, please DO

NOT PARK ON THE SIDEWALK! Please be aware of where you are parking. Thank you.



Becoming Catholic: If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Fr. Gary Luiten, 701-282-3321.

Birthday We pray for those who are celebrating a birthday this week.

- Linda Nilles (1/6) Happy Birthday!
- Olga Reiter (1/9) Happy Birthday!

Blessing Box – Nonparishable Food Donations Welcome: *"Give what you can. Take what you need. Above all, be blessed."*



Bingo – CANCELLED for the month of January.

Blessed Sacrament Bulletins can be found on our website www.bscwf.org > About > Bulletins/Calendars.

Bulletin Deadline: Articles are due to Mary Beth in the Parish Office, Tuesdays by Noon, for the following Sunday. Drop them off in the office or email MaryBeth@bscwf.org.

Catholic Schools Week is January 31 through February 6. We have several students from Blessed Sacrament who attend Catholic schools. This would be a great time to show your support to the JP II Catholic Schools Network. Our parish is assessed 25% of our total envelope amount each month to be given to the JP II network. This amount is increased by 5% each year. It will cap at 45%. In order to help us reach that percentage, 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 JPPII Schools. Giving in these ways, through our parish to the school system can help us to reach our assessed dollars faster each month.

Churches United for the Homeless: Blessed Sacrament serves supper at Churches United the 4th & 5th Thursdays of the month. We cook the meal here and deliver it to Churches United. Contact Karen@bscwf.org or 701-282-3321. **January 28**

Daily Readings - January 3-9, 2021

January 3: Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3a,5-6, Mt 2:1-12

January 4: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6, Mt 4:12-17,23-25

January 5: 1 Jn 4:7-10, Mk 6:34-44

January 6: 1 Jn 4:11-18, Mk 6:45-52

January 7: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4, Lk 4:14-22

January 8: 1 Jn 5:5-13, 5:12-19

January 9: 1 Jn 5:14-21, Jn 3:22-30

Eucharistic Adoration/Exposition.

Eucharistic adoration is when the Eucharist is exposed for viewing. At the beginning of the exposition of the Eucharist, Fr. Gary removes the sacred host from the tabernacle and places it in the monstrance on the altar for adoration by the faithful. The exposed Eucharist must not be left alone. Blessed Sacrament parish will hold Exposition/Adoration on Friday January 8 and February 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Family Fare Receipts: Please save Family Fare grocery receipts. We can earn \$1,000 for every \$150,000 in receipts that we submit. We have currently collected **\$97,875** worth of receipts. The collection box is by the North Door. Thank you



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

Give+ Online, Mobile, or Automatic

Withdrawal Giving: During these challenging times when there are concerns about exposure or spread of a virus, consider online & mobile giving. You can set up your own user account, track your giving, and set up recurring donations. For more information call Mary Beth in the Parish Office. 701-282-3321.

Homebound? Can't go to Sunday Mass?

- Watch Blessed Sacrament Mass on TV! We record Saturday Mass and play it on West Fargo Public Access Cable channel (Sparklight #67, Midcontinent #12). Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.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.

Knights of Columbus Council #6465,

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. The Knights of Columbus meet once a month at 7:30 p.m. The next meetings are January 7 and February 4. For more information contact the Parish Office or speak with Kevin Tranby.



Liturgical Readings/Responses For those who want to follow the prayers, readings and psalm response. The new Breaking Bread books are here!

- Check out a Breaking Bread book from the Parish Office. There is a \$10 deposit fee. \$5 will be returned to you when we are allowed to place the books back in the pews.
- Bring your own Magnificat or prayer book so you can follow the readings.
- Access the readings from our website: www.bscwf.org From the Home Page scroll down to Daily Readings

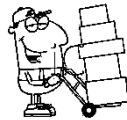
Lost & Found: Please check the Lost and Found box on the left side of the shelf above the coat rack for any missing belongings.

Mass at Trinity Elementary: When Fr. Gary says Mass at Trinity Elementary, there is NO DAILY MASS at Blessed Sacrament. Please refer to our monthly calendar and the weekly bulletin for dates. Mass at Trinity, **January 14 and February 4.**

Monthly Calendar Every month we publish a calendar. The calendar is usually sent the week prior to the beginning of a new month. Page 1 of the calendar has our Mass times,

daily readings, the saint of the day or feast day, and any activities/events we are having. Page 2 of the calendar has the anniversary of a parishioners death (marked with an +), the wedding anniversary date of parishioners celebrating 40, 50, 55 and 60 plus years of marriage, and the birthdate of parishioners celebrating year 75, 80, 85 and 90 plus years. The Monthly Calendar can also be found on our website www.bscwf.org > About > Bulletins/Calendars.

Moving? All parishioners are reminded to please call the Parish Office, or drop a note in the mail, whenever you move either within the parish or out of the parish.



New Member Registration. If you are interested in becoming a registered member of Blessed Sacrament, please see Fr. Gary Luiten, call the Parish Office 701-282-3321 or register on our website www.bscwf.org. > Get Involved > Become a Member.

No Daily Mass: January 14.

Offering Envelopes for Youth

Our Faith Formation youth will soon be given Offering Envelopes in class. Please encourage your children to use these envelopes.

'How can we expect our children to know and experience the joy of giving unless we teach them that the greater pleasure in life lies in the art of giving rather than receiving?'

– James Cash Penney

All school aged youth are welcome to receive a packet of envelopes. For example, if your child attends Catholic School. Please go to the Parish Office to request a book.

Our Sympathy to Ray Ochsner on the death of his mother, Verna Ochsner. May Verna rest in the arms of our Lord.

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

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-Curfman 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. Candidate names and biographies will be available next weekend.

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.

Prayer Warriors Needed. The Blessed Sacrament Prayer Warriors are a group of individuals who pray for those who have requested prayer. A rosary or novena is not required, our prayer warriors all have their own way of offering prayer. Be a Warrior of Prayer for Blessed Sacrament and contact Mary Beth Odegaard at 701-282-3321 or MaryBeth@bscwf.org. The names of those being prayed for, by the prayer warriors, are confidential and not printed in the bulletin unless requested. **We need prayer warriors now more than ever!**



Remembering Those Who've Passed Away. Please join us in praying for the souls of our parishioners that have left this world to be with our Lord.

January 4: Claudia Cossette,

Kathlyn Thomallo, Eleanor Farrell

January 5: Joseph Marlow, Dorothy McMullen,

Michael Iback, Bertha Weiderholt,

Mike Kraft

January 6: Rosemary Scully

January 7: Theresa Stangler, Alma Jean Wolf

Requesting Prayers If you or a family member would benefit from prayers, please contact the Parish Office. A prayer request could be sent to the Prayer Warriors; posted in the bulletin and announced at weekend Mass; or both. The prayer warriors are a confidential group, whereas the bulletin and Mass is public. Contact the Parish Office 701-282-3321. You can also post prayer requests on our website www.bscwf.org from the Home Page scroll down to Prayer Requests.

Sick List: *Please join us in praying for all our ill parishioners and family members.* If you, or a loved one, are ill and would like to be prayed for by your Blessed Sacrament family, please call the Parish Office. Names will be listed, in the bulletin, for 1 month unless the office is contacted for an extension.

- *Joyce Jensen, Mary Beth Odegaard, JoAnn Magann (mother of Jerry Hunsicker), Paul Beaton, Rhonda Hartung (sister of Tina Tweeter)*

Soup & More: Blessed Sacrament has been cooking and serving a Drive-Thru meal once a month. There will be no Soup & More meal in January.

Spotlight on Website BSCWF.ORG

Blessed Sacrament's new website has a Prayer Request page! From the Home page, scroll down until you reach "Prayer Requests", click on [Pray Here](#). You can request a prayer or just go to this page to pray for those requests. All prayer requests are subject to approval prior to being publicly posted.

Thank You - Bulletin Advertisers! By placing an ad in our bulletin, you help defray the cost of printing and distribution of our weekly bulletin. Welcome to new advertisers; Deaner's Diner, Sheyenne Hearing Service and, Taxes Advisor-Joe Schweitzer! We appreciate all businesses that advertise with us and we ask our parishioners to support these businesses as you are able. Would your business like to advertise in our bulletin? If so, please contact Mary Beth in the Parish Office 701-282-3321.

Trinity Elementary E-Newsletter is emailed to you with the bulletin each week. It can also be viewed on our bulletin board and the Trinity website <http://www.jp2schools.org/school/trinity/>



Vital Statistics – December 2020

Baptisms:

Deaths: Marilyn Scully, Daniel Hager

Newcomers: Janet Quinn, Nevin & Bessie Kadlec

We Pray for those celebrating

Anniversaries and Birthdays. Wedding Anniversaries and Birthdays are listed in our monthly calendar.

Wedding Anniversary: We pray for those couples celebrating year 40, 50, 55, and 60+

Birthday: We pray for those celebrating year 75, 80, 85 and 90+.

Winter Storm Policy The Parish Office follows the same winter storm policy as JP2 Schools. If the JP2 Schools are closed because of bad



weather, the Parish Office will be closed and there will be no evening activities. Fr. Gary WILL say daily Mass if it is scheduled.

Sacraments at Blessed Sacrament

Gary@bscwf.org

Baptism: Parents must attend a preparatory class before the baptism can take place. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule the class with Fr. Gary Luiten, 701-282-3321.

Marriage: To be married at Blessed Sacrament, one or both person of the engaged couple must be a practicing Catholic. Contact Fr. Gary Luiten, at least six months prior to the wedding. 701-282-3321.

Reconciliation: Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and upon appointment. For an appointment contact Fr. Gary Luiten, 701-282-3321.

For the Sick: You are encouraged to seek the Sacrament of the Sick if you are suffering from a serious illness or are going to be admitted to the hospital for surgery. Please contact Fr. Gary Luiten if you would like to be anointed, 701-252-3321.

Community / Diocesan Events

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

Job Openings Please see the Blessed Sacrament bulletin board for the most recent job announcements within the Diocese of Fargo.

Trivia

The belief that Mary, at the end of her life, was taken up to heaven body and soul is called...

- a) the Assumption
- b) the Visitation
- c) sanctifying grace
- d) Holy Orders

a) Mary's Assumption into heaven is not found in the Bible, but from the very early days of the Church, this belief was evident. Pope Pius XII officially proclaimed the Assumption a truth of faith in 1950. The feast of Mary's Assumption is celebrated on August 15 and is a holy day of obligation.



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God World Day of Peace - January 1

We begin this new year by honoring the motherhood of Mary. When the angel Gabriel came to Mary, she had the choice whether to become the mother of the Prince of Peace or to reject God's will. Though confused, Mary surrendered herself completely to the will of God. It's been said that Mary first received into her heart what she then conceived in her womb – the Word of God. She was able to receive the Word because her heart was immaculate with no sinful obstacles to God's will. Mary's heart was 100 percent devoted to God.

There are many resolutions that we could make today, but the most important one is to offer every day of the coming year to God, praying that his will be done in me just as it was done in Mary. When God's will is done perfectly on earth as it is in heaven, there will be justice, harmony, and peace.

A simple prayer:

Jesus, as I begin this new year, I look to your Mother as the example I want to follow. This is my resolution: to live one day at a time, offering each day to you, asking that God's will be done in me and in my life. Your Blessed Mother's offering of herself allowed you, the Prince of Peace, to come into the world. As I follow her example, I believe that you will make me an instrument of your peace just as she was. Amen

The daily word

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Mt 5:9)

End of month review:

In what ways was I an instrument of peace?

Excerpts taken from A Year of Daily Offerings
by Fr. James Kubicki