

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

210 5th Avenue W

West Fargo, ND 58078-1747

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February 20-21, 2021

1st Sunday of Lent



Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, February 21

8:30 a.m. – + Janice Pederson

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Monday, February 22 – No Mass

Tuesday, February 23

9:00 a.m. – + Mable Orth

Wednesday, February 24

9:00 a.m. – + John Buechler

Thursday, February 25

9:00 a.m. – Rick & Ginger Elless

Friday, February 26

9:00 a.m. – + Dave Dahlen

Saturday, February 27

4 - 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – + Jim Hill

Sunday, February 28

8:30 a.m. – + Jeanine Mcallister

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Offertory Gifts

February 13-14, 2021: \$8,406.50

Children's Envelopes: \$6.

Improvements: \$450.50

Foundation Repair: \$2,515

Poor Fund: \$187

Collected to Date

		<u>Goal to Date</u>
\$46,241.25	General Fund	\$53,200.00
\$71.95	Children	\$210.00
\$2,700.50	Improvements	\$7,000.00
\$314,644.45	Foundation Repair	\$400,000.00

This Week:

RCIA Tuesday, February 23, 7 p.m.

Churches United for the Homeless:

Thursday, February 25.

Stations of the Cross, Friday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m.

Next weekend, the second week of Lent, please enhance the environment by wearing the color of the week, **PURPLE**

Lent Events

Stations of the Cross – 7 p.m.
Every Friday in Lent

Penance Service – March 11, 7 p.m.

Movie Night – March 19, 7:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday – March 28

Holy Week – April 1, 2, 3

Easter Sunday – April 4



Faith Formation

Lucy@bscwf.org

February Class:

Grades 1-5

Feb. 24

5:30 p.m.

B4WOW

Feb. 24

7:00 p.m.

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.



Lent

Don't Give Up Chocolate for Lent...

Feed Your Soul with Prayer this Lent!

This year's BEST LENT EVER journeys through Matthew Kelly's latest book, "*I Heard God Laugh*" Sign up at:

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever.html>

Enhance our Easter Environment by

donating money for Easter Flowers. Use the



form in this bulletin. You may donate in memory or in honor of a loved one or friend. On Easter morning our church will be bright and beautiful with all the spring flowers!

Faith Formation Lent Project. For Lent, our Faith Formation Students will be saving alms for the poor. Families will have a Lenten bank to put on their dining tables. As families sit down to eat together, think of and pray for those less fortunate, and put change in your lent bank. THERE IS ALSO A LENT BANK IN THE PARISH OFFICE, IF OTHERS ARE INTERESTED IN GIVING TO THOSE LESS FORTUNATE. The banks will be collected on Holy Thursday. All the money collected will go to the Blessed Sacrament Poor Fund.



Lenten Regulations

- Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

Pack the Pew! Blessed Sacrament's Parish Lenten Project is "Pack the Pew". We will collect non-perishable food items in a pew of the church. Food will be collected through March 21. As the weeks pass the pew will



become full of groceries for our hungry neighbors. Groceries will be divided between our Blessing Box and the Emergency Food Pantry.

Movie Night Friday March 19, following Stations of the Cross. "*Joseph of Nazareth*". Everyone is invited. We will be following social distancing guidelines.

Stations of the Cross are representations of the path Jesus took on his way to be crucified. Jesus endured suffering, insults, and moments of support. 'Stations' relay the intense sacrifice that Jesus undertook for human salvation. Those in attendance reflect and pray the Stations of the Cross. Fr. Gary travels from station to station as we contemplate each one. All are welcome to join us for Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent at 7 p.m. in the church. Social Distancing standards will be followed.



Parish Life

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

- George & Clare Schmidt (2/27) 61 Years!
Congratulations and Happy Anniversary!

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

- Dolores Normandin (2/26)
- Leslie Sloan (2/27)

Happy Birthday!

Daily Readings – February 21-27, 2021

February 21: Gn 9:8-15, 1 Pt 3:18-22,
Mk 1:12-15

February 22: 1 Pt 5:1-4, Mt 16:13-19

February 23: Is 55:10-11, Mt 6:7-15

February 24: Jon 3:1-10, Lk 11:29-32

February 25: Est C:12-14-16,23-25, Mt 5:7-12

February 26: Ez 18:21-28, Mt 5:20-26

February 27: Dt 26:16-19, Mt 5:43-48

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

God's Gift Appeal Next weekend, February 27-28, is Commitment Weekend for the 2021 God's Gift Appeal. Please bring the personalized commitment card you received in the mail to Mass with you as we join together to support our Catholic Church. We would like every household to participate, even if you are not able to give, complete and turn in the card.



Jig-Saw Puzzle Exchange If you like doing jig-saw puzzles, Blessed Sacrament has quite a collection for you. You may bring one to exchange, but it is not necessary.



Our Sympathy to

- Kathleen Creighton and Frank Lenzmeier on the death of their brother, Gene Lenzmeier.
- Helen-Jeanne Puvogel on the death of her niece, Kim Camp.
- Sharon Bosch on the death of her brother-in-law, Harvey Spece.

May God raise Gene, Kim, and Harvey to eternal life.

Remembering Those Who've Passed Away.

February 21: Anna Dobush

February 22: Helen Strangler, Eleanor Lautt

February 23: Orvin Frovarp, John McLaughlin, Katrina Kuss, James Montpaisir

February 24: Walter Willis, Lawrence Fradet

February 25: Frank Bayer, Betty Weiderholt

February 26: Vivian Dame

February 27: Joseph Shoman, Vernon Arion, Catherine Misheski, James Antonoplos

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

*John Michlitsch, Peter Erickson,
Francis McCann, Marlys Mattson,
Jeannie Spece, Courtney Brand,
Ken Lammers, Janice Leidal.*

Community / Diocesan Events

Catholic Man Night Monday, February 22 at St. Mary's Fargo. Adoration & Confession from 6-7 p.m. and Speaker Jeff Bates from 7-8 p.m. See you then!

Trivia

Rosaries, holy medals, holy scapulars, and holy water are all...

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| a) sacramentals | b) pastorals |
| c) liturgies | d) sacristies |

a) Some sacramentals are objects, like blessed candles and palms, and some are actions, like blessings. Sacramentals prepare us to receive the grace of the sacraments.

Examining the Declaration on Non-Christian Religions of the Second Vatican Council

Online via zoom, Monday, March 8, 7 - 8 p.m.

COST: \$10 donation. RSVP to Scott at presentationprayercenter@gmail.com; 701-799-2076. The Declaration on Non-Christian Religions (Nostra Aetate) of the Second Vatican Council states that "the Catholic Church rejects nothing of what is true and holy" in Hinduism and Islam and has "a high regard for Muslims." It emphasizes the "common spiritual heritage" of Christians and Jews; thus, "the Church cannot forget that she received the revelation of the Old Testament by way of that people with whom God in his inexpressible mercy established the ancient covenant."

Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages.

March 5-7, Fargo ND. For more information visit HelpOurMarriage.com; call 701-356-7962; or email

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.

DIOCESAN JOB OPENINGS

Assistant Girls Softball Coach – Shanley

High School - Shanley High School is looking for an assistant coach for Girls Softball for the Spring 2021 season to work under the direction of the Head Coach. Deadline for applying: Open Until Filled. Submit cover letter, resume, general application and three letters of recommendation to human.resources@jp2schools.org

Teaching Positions - JP2 Catholic Schools is looking to hire the following positions for the Fall of 2021:

- Choir Teacher – Shanley High School/Sullivan Middle School
- Science Teacher – Shanley High School
- Kindergarten Teacher – Trinity Elementary
- Pre-Kindergarten Teacher – Trinity Elementary

For more information on these positions or how to apply visit

<https://www.jp2schools.org/central-office/careers/> or call 701-893-3231.

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

Easter Flowers

Please use this form to make donations for the Easter environment.

Donations are due by Friday, March 26.

Please print clearly

In memory of: _____
(Name of deceased)

In honor of: _____
(Name of living person)

Requested by: _____
(Your name)

**Suggested donations:
\$25, \$35, \$50 per name**

Make check payable to Blessed Sacrament. Drop this form and donation in the collection basket, take to the Parish Office or mail it to 210 5th Ave W, West Fargo ND 58078

Please publish my gift in the bulletin:
___ Yes ___ No

THANK YOU BLESSED SACRAMENT!

Thank you to the members of Blessed Sacrament for holding a "wellness drive" in celebration of Catholic Schools Week. We received such a nice variety of essential items to help maintain the good health of our students and staff. We are so blessed with the support from our three parishes. THANK YOU!



DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

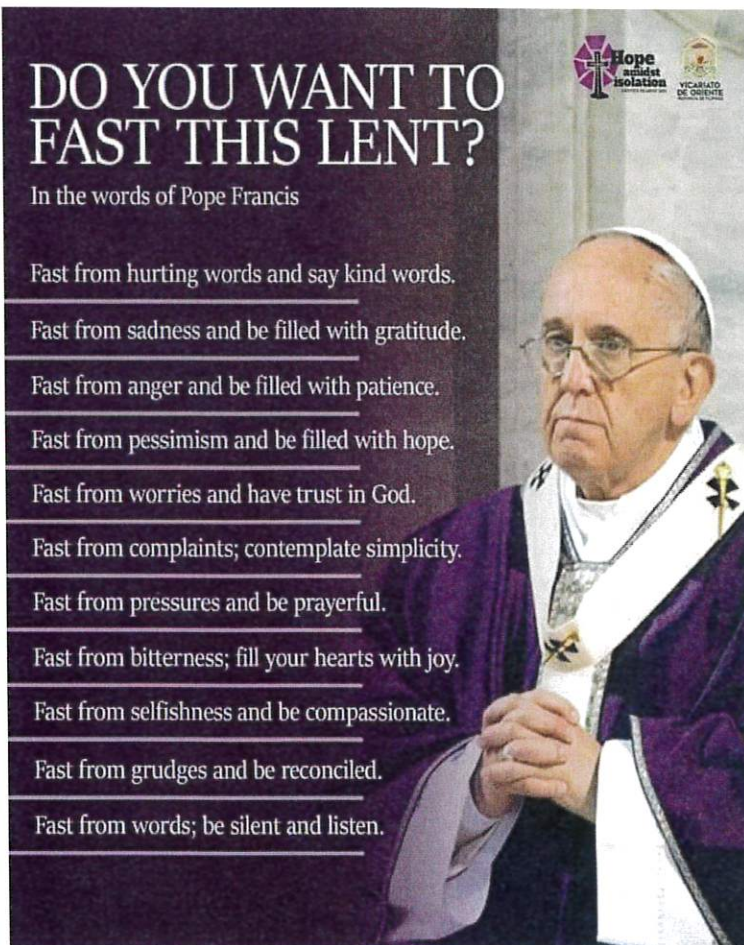
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.



Reflections on the readings for the First Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2021 – Fr. Gary Luiten

Upon hearing the first reading this weekend, you might be wondering what Noah and the flood has to do with Lent. You might think, "I thought we were supposed to be thinking about the 40 days in the desert – where there is a lack of water, and here we have the image of a flood – an overabundance of water!" Actually, it is good to think of water during Lent, because Lent leads to Easter. And at Easter, there are baptisms and renewal of baptismal promises.

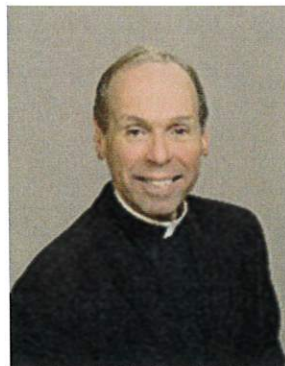
In baptism, one is cleansed through water. Peter in the second reading reminds us of how Jesus uses baptism to save and cleanse us. After the flood, God made a covenant with humanity. He promised never to destroy the earth with a flood again. God has since made a new covenant with us in Jesus, marked with His blood. God promises through the waters not of a flood, but of baptism, to make us His adopted children. He promises to give us eternal life if we are faithful to Jesus. God promises never to give up on his end of the deal, even if we throw in the towel on our end, even if we seriously offend God. He is still there calling us back and ready to welcome us whenever we allow Jesus to bring us to Him.

And this is where the gospel today comes into play. We are called to keep up our end of the covenant. And that involves repentance or conversion. Conversion, here is not that process some of you may have gone through many years ago in becoming Catholic. Rather, we are talking about practicing conversion each day, that is, becoming more and more like Christ. This is essential if we want to be true Catholic Christians. And what does one discover in order to experience spiritual conversion in one's life? One discovers the awesome mercy and forgiveness of God! And Jesus likes to show off his mercy, so to speak, if we allow Him, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Confession.

We can be told about Jesus' forgiveness often. But it strikes home much more when we experience God's mercy firsthand. The late Pope Saint JP II himself used the word "discovery" when referring to God's mercy. He stated, "Conversion to God always consists in discovering His mercy - that love which is patient and kind." Conversion to God is always the fruit of the "rediscovery" of this "Father, who is rich in mercy."

May we use the grace of the Sacraments and prayer to rediscover God's mercy and on our goal of eternal life. The Sacraments and prayer can keep us from the sidetracks of temptation and help us to center this Lent on what really counts in the end: on Jesus.

-Fr. Gary



February 27-28, 2021 – Second Sunday of Lent Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimer	B. Kirkeby	R. Voss	M. Kern
Eucharistic Minister	* K. Beets	*A. Pritchard	*M. Kern
Greeters	K. Beets, G. Kirkeby	Volunteers	J. Regner Family
Ushers	K. Beets, Volunteer	A. Pritchard, T. Gross	J. Regner Family
Rosary	Volunteer	A. Pritchard	M. Kern
Media Minister	M. Sloan		
	*Bread Minister		

**Please contact Karen Beets if you are unable to fulfill your Ministry
no later than Thursday, February 25, 3 p.m.
701-282-3321 or Karen@bscwf.org**

Feast/Holy Day the week of February 21, 2021

February 22: Chair of Apostle Peter

February 23: St. Polycarp

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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Purpose:
To help the needy in our community

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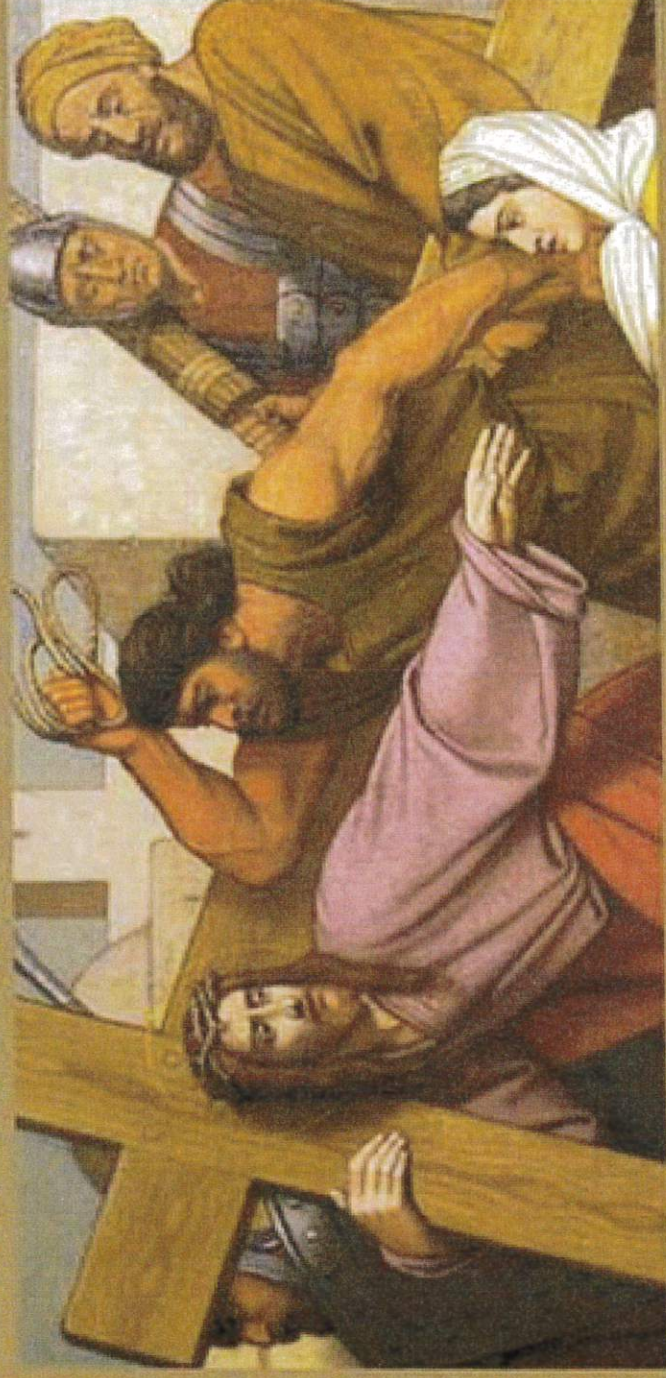
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Stations of the Cross



Fridays in Lent at 7pm

All are Welcome!

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Blessed Sacrament
Parish Lent Project
Food Bank Campaign

PACK THE PEW

Bring Non-Perishable Food Items to Weekend Masses
February 21 - March 21

**"For I was Hungry and You
gave me food..."**

**Help Alleviate Hunger
for our Neighbors**



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 210 5 Ave W, West Fargo
3/4 of your donations will go to the **Emergency Food Pantry**
1/4 will be put in the Blessed Sacrament **Blessing Box**.

