

# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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**February 27-28, 2021**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**



## Daily Mass & Intentions

### Sunday, February 28

8:30 a.m. – + Jeaninne McAllister

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

### Monday, March 1 – No Mass

### Tuesday, March 2

9:00 a.m. - + Dave Dahlen

### Wednesday, March 3

9:00 a.m. – + Jim Hill

### Thursday, March 4

9:00 a.m. - + Reuben & + Rosella Elshaug

### Friday, March 5

9:00 a.m. – the Children of Bette Brand

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Adoration

### Saturday, March 6

4 - 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – Desiree DeKeyser

### Sunday, March 7

8:30 a.m. - + Don Jensen

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

## Offertory Gifts

**February 20-21, 2021: \$4,882.**

**Children's Envelopes: \$11.**

**Improvements: \$135.**

**Foundation Repair: \$550.**

**Poor Fund: \$50.**

### Collected to Date

<u>Collected to Date</u>		<u>Goal to Date</u>
\$51,123.25	<b>General Fund</b>	\$60,800.00
\$82.95	<b>Children</b>	\$240.00
\$2,835.50	<b>Improvements</b>	\$8,000.00
\$315,194.45	<b>Foundation Repair</b>	\$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:**

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

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

**Stations of the Cross,** Friday, March 5, 7 p.m.

**Next weekend,** the third 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](mailto:Lucy@bscwf.org)



### **March Class:**

Grades 1-5	Mar. 3	5:30 p.m.
WOW	Mar. 3	7:00 p.m.
PK/K	Mar. 7	10:30 a.m.
Grades 1-5	Mar. 10	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	Mar. 10	7:00 p.m.
Grades 1-5	Mar. 17	5:30 p.m.
WOW	Mar. 17	7:00 p.m.
Grades 1-5	Mar. 24	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	Mar. 24	7:00 p.m.
PK/K	Mar. 28	10:30 a.m.
No Class	Mar. 31	

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## Lent

### Easter Basket Silent Auction

There are Easter Baskets in the Gathering Area up for silent auction. Take a look and place your bid.

### Best Lent Ever!

#### 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>

### 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.

### 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.** Our Faith Formation families are saving alms for the poor. Families have been given 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.



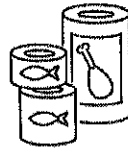
THERE IS ALSO A LENT BANK IN THE PARISH OFFICE, IF OTHERS ARE INTERESTED IN GIVING TO THOSE LESS FORTUNATE. The banks will be collected on Holy Thursday. All the money collected will go to the Blessed Sacrament Poor Fund.

**Movie Night** We are celebrating the Feast Day of St. Joseph by showing the movie "Joseph of Nazareth", Friday March 19, following Stations of the Cross. Everyone is invited. We will be following social distancing guidelines.

**Pack the Pew!** Blessed Sacrament's Parish Lenten Project is "Pack the Pew". We are collecting non-perishable food items in a pew of the church. Food will be collected through March 21. The groceries will be divided between our Blessing Box and The Emergency Food Pantry.

### Penance Service at Blessed Sacrament:

Thursday, March 11, 7 p.m. Extra priests will



be available to hear confessions.

Please make your Lent reconciliation on this day! We will comply with social distancing regulations. We ask that everyone in attendance wear a

mask. Confessions will be held in the classrooms following the service of prayer and contrition.

**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. Once a week, during Lent, we reflect and pray the Stations of the Cross. Fr. Gary travels from station to station as we contemplate each one. Please join us for Stations of the Cross each Friday at 7 p.m. in the church. Social Distancing standards will be followed.



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## Music Ministry

Ronda@bscwf.org

**Sing With a Joyful Voice!** Beginning the weekend of March 6-7, the Breaking Break books will be available to parishioners. We can sing our praises to the Lord in song during Mass once again! Please do NOT REMOVE your face mask while singing.



**Song Leaders Welcome.** I am looking for song leaders for weekend Masses. Someone who would be willing to lead the congregation in the Opening, Communion and Closing songs. Choirs have NOT reconvened. You would be leading the songs either at the cantor stand or by the piano. Please contact me if you are interested in helping out.

-Ronda

## Parish Life



**Baptism Basket** We have two brothers being baptized in March. 21-month-old Quinn and 7-month-old Loudon sons of Gordick Swain and Tacinca Laducer. We will have one baptism basket in the Gathering Area for the two of them. Please help us welcome Quinn and Loudon to Blessed Sacrament by filling the basket with baby shower and other items.

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

- Judith Knoll (2/28)
- Maxine Pfeifer (3/1)

*Happy Birthday!*

### Daily Readings – Feb. 28-Mar. 6, 2021

February 28: Gn 22:1-2,9a10-13,15-18,  
Rom 8:31b-34, Mk 9:2-10

March 1: Dn 9:4b-10, Lk 6:36-38

March 2: Is 1:10, 16-20, Mt 23:1-12

March 3: Jer 18:18-20, Mt 20:17-28

March 4: Jer 17:5-10, Lk 16:19-31

March 5: Gn 37:3-4,12:13a,17b-28a,  
Mt 21:33-43,45-46

March 6: Mi7:14-15,18-20, Lk 15:1-3,11-32

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

**God's Gift Appeal** This weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2021 God's Gift Appeal. Our parish goal is \$76,212. Please complete your pledge card, indicating your gift or pledge to our diocesan church. 2021 God's Gift pamphlets and pledge cards are in the magazine rack in the Gathering Area. It is important for all of us to participate to support our diocesan church.



## Remembering Those Who've Passed Away.

February 28: Wilbert Schuster

March 1: Mabel Neubauer

March 2: Albert Kale

March 3: Joanne Miller

March 4: Neva Gamerl

March 5: Elwood Brand

March 6: Joseph Grandbois, Donald Beaton

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

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

### Trivia

**After his Resurrection, Jesus told his apostles to...**

- Go back to the slavery of Egypt
- Go and baptize all nations
- Let no one else become a member of the Body of Christ
- Teach no one else the things he had taught them.

(b) Jesus said, Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19

## Community / Diocesan Events

### 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:** Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, March 9, St. Anthony's beginning with Mass at 5:15 p.m.; meal to follow (Unit 3 serving) and meeting at 6:30 p.m. Attendees must wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Members are invited to bring food pantry donations and/or PJ's for Project Ignite Light Drive. Any questions, please send an email to [regentctstann@gmail.com](mailto:regentctstann@gmail.com).

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is offering a Virtual Weekend on March 19-21, 2021. Grow deeper in your marriage from the comfort of your own home! These weekends are private and allow couples to focus just on each other. A communication tool is taught to help spouses get to know themselves and each other better. It will take your marriage to the next level of intimacy! For more information, call Rob & Angie at (701) 347-1998 or apply at [ndwwme.org](http://ndwwme.org).

**Reaching Out During Lent** Are you looking for a way to help the poor and needy in your community during Lent? To carry out the Corporal Works of Mercy: feed the hungry; clothe the naked; shelter the homeless, etc. please consider donating your unneeded clothes, furniture, household goods, toys, etc. to St. Francis Thrift Store. All profits are directed to the outreach program, which helps our friends in need with utility payments, rent and some medical expenses. Due to COVID-19, funding has been reduced, however, the needs continue to increase. Please help us to help others by giving a monetary donation or drop them off at St. Francis Thrift Store, located at 1425 1 Ave S, Fargo. You may also give the store a call at 235-5944 to arrange a pick-up time.

The Store continues to need additional Board Members and volunteers. Please consider one of these options to carry out the Spirit of Lent by assisting those in need. Last year over 10,000 friends were helped with goods, services and merchandise valued at over \$165,000

Thank you, St. Francis Board of Directors

**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](mailto:presentationprayercenter@gmail.com); 701-799-2076. The Declaration on Non-Christian Religions 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."

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> Ave W, West Fargo ND 58078

Please publish my gift in the bulletin:

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**Reflections on the Gospel for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent, February 28, 2021**  
**Fr. Gary Luiten**

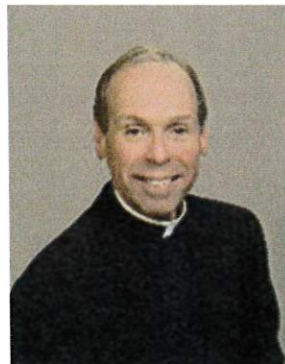
We have kind of an unusual gospel reading today, since we are in Lent: focusing on Jesus, especially on His passion and death, and here we have Jesus as transfigured. He is changed before the eyes of Peter, James, and John, not as a man suffering and in pain, but as God – glorified. And there must be a reason that this transfiguration account was preserved in Scripture. Here, Jesus is giving us a reason to have hope. The transfiguration is meant to help us to keep our eyes fixed on the prize: on Jesus. Yes, He is one like us, but He is also God - our Maker and Savior. God is telling us through his transfiguration: “This is why you’re repenting and fasting, so you can see me this way some day, and so you can shine like me.”

Here, Jesus is telling us also that there is a time to be silent. Notice, Jesus tells Peter, James, and John not to tell anyone. Don’t tell anyone? How could they keep from telling people about this amazing encounter? It’s like finding out you just won the lottery and then they tell you not to tell anyone. This was such an amazing, miraculous event, that it would be hard to keep secret – but Peter, James, and John were obedient to Jesus, and told no one, until after Jesus’ resurrection.

Jesus is telling us in a subtle way here that there is a time, too, for us to hold things in – to fast from rituals of great joy, such as the Glorias and the Alleluias – which we refrain from during Lent. There will be a time for rejoicing again, but now is the time to identify with Jesus’ passion, and all the events which led up to His death.

Indeed, through our dying and rising with Christ each day – by denying ourselves the things that WE want to do, and instead doing what GOD calls us to do, Jesus’ transfiguration continues in us today. Here, Jesus calls us to set aside our agendas, and to pay attention to the needs of others. Experiences of the Lord’s transfiguration help us see beyond the here and now to what will be – our eternal share in the risen life of Christ.

Fr. Gary



## March 6-7, 2021 – Third Sunday of Lent Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimer	J. Jones	J. Yourczek	K. Hanson
Eucharistic Minister	*J. Jones	*J. Yourczek	*K. Hanson
Greeters	Volunteers	G. Yourczek, L. Sample	J. Hunsicker Family
Ushers	J. Jones, K. Beets	G. Yourczek, L. Sample	E. Hanson, K. Hunsicker
Rosary	P. Pritchard	J. Yourczek	K. Hanson
Media Minister	M. Berntson		
	*Bread Minister		

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

**Feast/Holy Day the week of February 28, 2021**  
March 3: St. Katherine Drexel      March 4: St. Casimir

### Blessed Sacrament Directory

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