

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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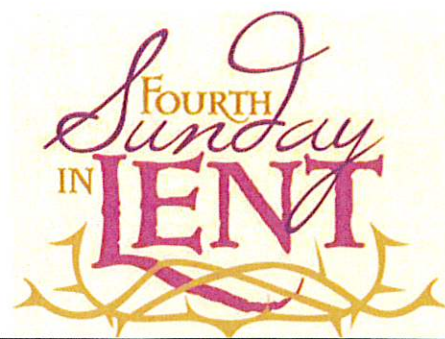
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Parish Office: 701-282-3321

www.bscwf.org email: info@bscwf.org

March 13-14, 2021

4th Sunday of Lent



Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, March 14

8:30 a.m. – + Alice Wroolie

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Monday, March 15 – No Mass

Tuesday, March 16

9:00 a.m. – + Dan Garman

Wednesday, March 17

9:00 a.m. – + Lloyd Stromme

Thursday, March 18 at Trinity Elementary

8:45 a.m. – + Msgr. Val Gross

Friday, March 19

9:00 a.m. – + Julie Kelly

Saturday, March 20

4 - 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – + Kathy Poitra

Sunday, March 21

8:30 a.m. – + Janice Pederson

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners



This Week:

RCIA Tuesday, March 16, 7 p.m.

No Daily Mass: Thursday, March 18

Stations of the Cross Friday, March 19, 7p.m.

Movie: *Joseph of Nazareth*, Friday, March 19, 7:30 p.m. Following Stations of the Cross.

Next weekend, 5th week of Lent, please enhance the environment by wearing the color of the week, **PURPLE**.

Lent

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

Movie Night – March 19, 7:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday – March 28

Holy Week – April 1, 2, 3

Easter Sunday – April 4



Offertory Gifts

March 6-7, 2021: \$7,455

Children's Envelopes: \$28

Improvements: \$335

Foundation Repair: \$1,905

Poor Fund: \$292

Collected to Date

		<u>Goal to Date</u>
\$66,613.75	General Fund	\$76,000.00
\$130.95	Children	\$300.00
\$34,333.00	Improvements	\$10,000.00
\$320,193.45	Foundation Repair	\$400,000.00
\$26,280.00	God's Gift	\$76,212.00

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.

Faith Formation

Lucy@bscwf.org



Class:

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.
Pr/K	Mar. 28	10:30 a.m.
No Class	Mar. 31	

Confirmation / 1st Eucharist Retreat. Sunday March 21 at 1 p.m.

Lent

Easter Basket Silent Auction

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

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! Forms are due to the Parish Office by March 26.



Lent Banks. This is week four of saving alms for the poor. The banks will be collected on Holy Thursday. Money collected will go to the Blessed Sacrament Poor Fund. **THERE IS A LENT BANK IN THE PARISH OFFICE.** Stop in with your pocket change.



Lenten Regulations

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

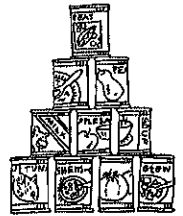
Movie Night – Joseph of Nazareth Friday, March 19, following Stations of the Cross. Celebrate the Feast Day of St. Joseph with us! Everyone is invited. Bring your own beverage, we will provide snacks. We will be following social distancing guidelines.

- *This is the first feature film ever on the story of St. Joseph - carpenter, husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus Christ. God gave him the most daunting task ever asked of man - to be the husband of the woman who would give birth to the Messiah, and the father and protector of this Holy Family, the man closest to Christ*

Stations of the Cross Please join us for Stations of the Cross on Friday at 7 p.m. in the church. Social Distancing standards will be followed.



ONE MORE WEEK – Pack the Pew! As St. Joseph provided for his family, so we shall provide for our community. We have been collecting non-perishable food items for since Lent began. The pew is almost PACKED!! Food will be collected for one more week.



Pack the Pew – ASSISTANCE

NEEDED Sunday, March 21 – After 10:30 a.m. Mass. The parish staff will need assistance boxing up the groceries and getting them ready to be picked up. The groceries will be divided between our Blessing Box and the Emergency Food Pantry.

Penance Services in the Area

All times are 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

March 14 – Holy Spirit **4:00 p.m.**

March 16 – Holy Cross

March 23 – Sts. Anne & Joachim

March 24 – St. Maurice (Kindred)

March 25 – Nativity

March 26 – St. Leo's (Casselton)

March 28 – St. Mary's Cathedral **4:00 p.m.**

March 28 – St. Benedict's **4:00 p.m.**

March 30 – St. Anthony's

March 31 – St. Paul's Newman Center

Music Ministry

Ronda@bscwf.org

Instrumentalists Welcome. If you play an instrument and would like to occasionally accompany the piano during Mass, please contact Ronda.



Song Leaders Welcome. I am looking for song leaders for weekend Masses. Someone to lead the congregation in the Opening, Communion and Closing songs. Please contact me if you are interested.

-Ronda

Parish Life

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

- Tim & Sue Durbin (3/20) 50 Years!
Congratulations - Happy Anniversary!

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.



Birthdays We Pray for those celebrating a birthday this week.

- Cecil Von Bank (3/15) Happy Birthday!

Coming in April – STEW IN THE PEW! We will be collecting cans of stew for Churches United for the Homeless (CUH). More information will be coming!

Daily Readings – March 14-20, 2021

March 14: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23,

Eph 2:4-10, Jn 3:14-21

March 15: Is 65:17-21, Jn 4:43-54

March 16: Ez 47:1-9, 12, Jn 5:1-16

March 17: Is 49:8-15, Jn 5:17-30

March 18: Ex 32:7-14, Jn 5:31-47

March 19: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16,

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22, Mt 1:16, 18-21

March 20: Jer 11:18-20, Jn 7:40-53

Family Fare Receipts. A big thank you to all of you who bring us your Family Fare grocery receipts!! We are collecting them to raise money for our Faith Formation program. We have raised \$3,000 by saving these receipts! That's amazing! We'd like to ask...PLEASE DO NOT CUT the receipts before you bring them to us. We've had to throw several away because they have been cut and we cannot use them. Thank you.

God's Gift Appeal Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2021 God's Gift Appeal. Blessed Sacrament is 34% toward our goal of \$76,212. If you have not yet made a gift of pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the magazine rack of the Gathering Area. Please participate in the support of our diocesan church.



New Breaking Bread Bookcases Thank you to Brad Schmidt for building the two new bookcases in the church. The bookcases are by each of the double doors and hold the Breaking Bread books. Thank you very much, they look great.

Our Sympathy to Josh Wells on the death of his brother Scott. May Scott rest in peace in the arms of our Lord.

Remembering Those Who've Passed Away.

March 14: Rose Ostlund, Beverly Rausch

March 15: Phyllis Cavegn, Donald Beach

March 16: Joseph Hebert, Mabel Hauek,
Rose Rohrich

March 18: Alfred Noe, Lawrence Gustin

March 19: William Thies, Clara Carroll

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

- Jeannie Spece (sister of Sharon Bosch),
Bruce Reiter (son of Olga Reiter),
Tommy Severson, Loretta Harding,
Colleen Sullivan, John Michlitsch,
Peter Erickson, Courtney Brand,
Ken Lammers, Janice Leidal.

Community / Diocesan Events

Catholic Man Night Tuesday March 16, Holy Spirit, Fargo. Adoration & Confession 6-7 p.m., speaker, Fr. William Slattery, 7-8 p.m.

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 www.ndwwme.org.

Sacred Heart Convent Moving/Estate Sale
Final days, March 13 & 14. Everything in the building must be sold. March 13 - Saturday 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. (50% off). March 14 - Sunday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Clearance). 1101 32 Ave. S, Fargo.

Journeying with Jesus through the Passion According to the Gospel of John

Online via Zoom, Saturday, March 20 (9 AM - 12 PM), \$20 donation. Please RSVP to Scott at presentationprayercenter@gmail.com; 701-799-2076. Attendees should read the Gospel of John, Chapters 18-19. Attendees will receive handouts via email before the session. This session will include a time for input, guided reading, reflection, and sharing on the Passion narrative from the Gospel of John. It will be set in the context of the liturgical season of Lent and in anticipation of the solemn liturgy of Good Friday. The input will also include a reflection on Nano Nagle (b. 1718), founder of the Presentation Sisters, based on the interlocking themes of 'Nano's passion for God and her love of the Passion'.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is in need of working hands, if you would like to volunteer 4-5 hours a week or more, it would be very much appreciated. If you would like to work as a paid employee, we do have openings at times, the hours for those positions are 20-35 hours per week. Additionally, if you have good, used furniture items you no longer need, please contact us for free pickup for these items. We also accept other items you no longer need; those items can be dropped off at the store. Please contact Melissa at 701-364-9404, for additional volunteer or application information, or stop in at 2796 5 Ave S Suite C in Fargo

Trivia
A Gentile is...

- a) Anyone who is not a Jew
- b) Anyone who is an orthodox Jew
- c) One of the twelve tribes of Israel
- d) A Jewish high priest

(a) Gentile is the word for anyone who is not a Jew. It was used this way in our Lord's time, and it is still used this way today.

DIOCESAN JOB OPENINGS:

PT Administrative Assistant Diocese of Fargo is currently accepting applications for a part-time Administrative Assistant/ Ecclesiastical Notary in the Tribunal Office. Duties will include reception, transcription of audio, correspondence, data entry, maintaining files and other general office support duties. Approximately 20 hours per week. Successful candidate will have understanding of the Catholic Church and terminology, ability to maintain confidentiality, excellent interpersonal communication skills, attention to detail and proficient computer skills. Submit cover letter, resume and three references to barbara.augdahl@fargodiocese.org Position open until filled.

Director of Religious Education Holy Cross Catholic Church in West Fargo, ND is currently accepting applications for a full-time Director of Religious Education (DRE). This position will be responsible for coordinating the religious education program for Pre-K through High School age children in our parish. It will be necessary to oversee volunteers and evenings and weekends will be required. Preferred start date is May 3rd and will consider a later start date. To apply, submit cover letter, resume and references to phillip.ackerman@fargodiocese.org or contact Fr. Phil or Brenda Mears at 701-828-7217 for more information.

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

Stewardship Moment

*"For God so loved the world that
He gave His only Son..."*

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

Year of St. Joseph.

A beloved, tender, obedient father

St. Joseph, "concretely expressed his fatherhood" by making an offering of himself in love "a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home," writes Pope Francis, quoting his predecessor St. Paul VI.

And because of his role at "the crossroads between the Old and New Testament," St. Joseph "has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people". In him, "Jesus saw the tender love of God." The one that helps us accept our weakness, because "it is through" and despite "our fears, our frailties, and our weakness" that most divine designs are realized. "Only tender love will save us from the snares of the accuser," emphasizes the Pontiff, and it is by encountering God's mercy especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation that we "experience His truth and tenderness," – because "we know that God's truth does not condemn us, but instead welcomes, embraces, sustains and forgives us.

Joseph is also a father in obedience to God: with his 'fiat' he protects Mary and Jesus and teaches his Son to "do the will of the Father." Called by God to serve the mission of Jesus, he "cooperated... in the great mystery of Redemption," as St. John Paul II said, "and is truly a minister of salvation".

"Pope Francis proclaims, "Year of St Joseph" taken from "Vatican News", December 8, 2020
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph.html>

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



Prayer for the Year of St. Joseph

Holy Saint Joseph, guardian of Jesus Christ, husband of the Blessed Mother and patron of the Catholic Church, we pray to you for guidance this "Year of Saint Joseph" proclaimed by Pope Francis.

You have showed us by your loving ways, the value of work and the joys of fatherhood. By teaching God's Son to do the will of His Father you have given us the path to do the same. By your example, you have encouraged us to accept others as they are, without exception.

To you Saint Joseph, our Heavenly Father entrusted his only Son, Jesus Christ to your tender care and upbringing. In you our Blessed Mother Mary placed her love and trust. Through your mentoring Jesus Christ became man.

We praise you and ask of you to defend us and our loved ones from every evil and guide us with your grace and mercy.

Amen.

Reflection on the Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 14, 2021 – Fr. Gary Luiten

Those who have been homesick know that there isn't anything much worse. There is actually a case which is worse than this. Think of a person who not just becomes homesick, but just prior to that has run away from home! He or she realizes, "What a mistake I've made. Will my parents ever take me back?" They want to come back home, but they are afraid that their parents won't take them back.

The Israelites were like this. They didn't run away from home, but they did offend God by not keeping the Lord as their God. And so, the Lord allowed a pagan king to enter, capture them, and take them to the foreign land of Babylon. The Israelites in exile dreamed of being home, dreaming of the "good ol' days." They were homesick! Psalm 137 states, "By the rivers of Babylon we sat there and wept, remembering Zion our hometown, and hung up our harps. We were so sad we couldn't even play our musical instruments."

I'm sure we can all relate to the comforts of home. Our homes truly become our comfort zone. And for those who perhaps have had a bad experience in the home, perhaps they remember a friend's or relative's place where they felt totally comfortable, that indeed it seemed like home for them. It is good to hold that thought and transfer those wonderful thoughts and desires to the goal of heaven. Because that's our final home. That's our true home, our destiny.

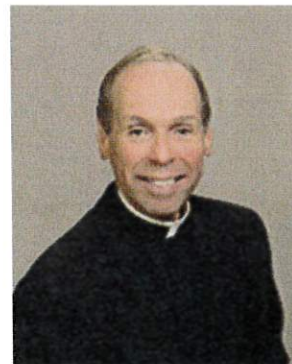
But we know that to get to our final home, we must first die. Although Jesus says in today's gospel that "those who believe in Jesus will not die but have everlasting life," he is speaking of a spiritual death which lasts forever. And Jesus saves us from this tragic end. And so, in order to talk about living forever, we must talk about dying.

The spiritual kind of death, the dying to self, really involves dying to sin. Then we will be spiritually ready to meet God. You know, just about anybody can sin, and we know it's quite easy to do. But it takes courage, strength, humility, and a real spiritual maturity to own up to our actions, and to confess our sins. Admitting of our sinfulness is what dying to sin is all about.

First, we must admit that we have sinned. This we do at Mass. Second, we must ask for forgiveness. This we do regarding our small sins at mass, and when we make an act of contrition. Asking forgiveness is what we do regarding our big sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Then we have complete assurance that our sins are forgiven and that we are ready to meet God, not only when we die, but also when we meet God in the other Sacraments.

So may God give us the grace to die to our sinfulness. Then we may truly be able to live, and to understand and appreciate the gift of life. Then we may truly be able to appreciate the goodness of new life in Christ. And as the Lord led the Israelites back to their true home after being exiled, so may God lead US one day to our true home in Heaven.

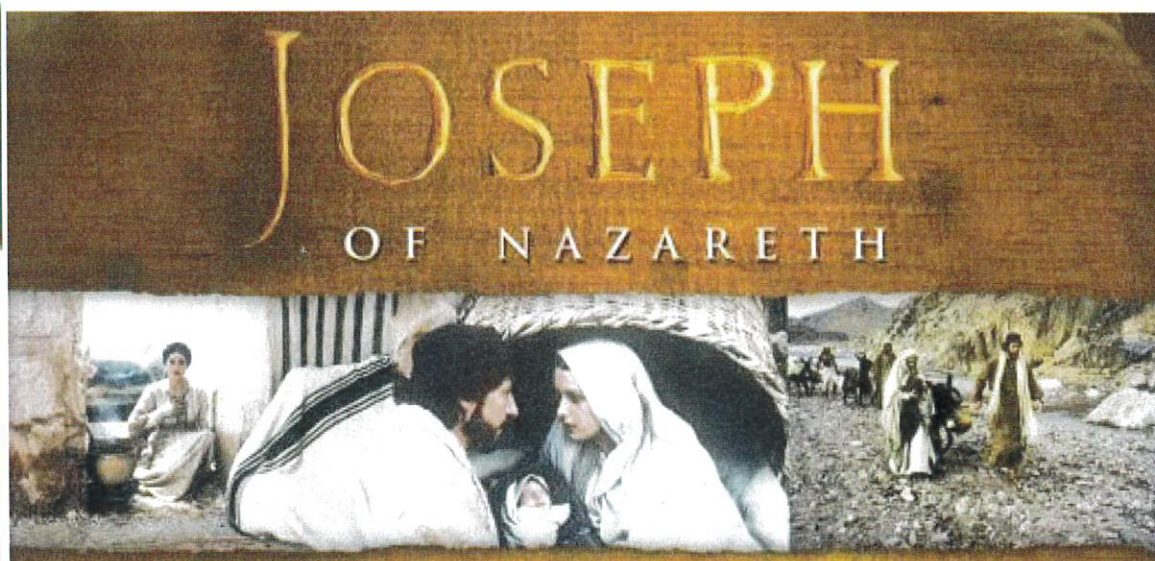
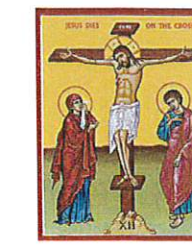
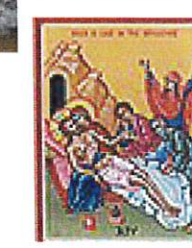
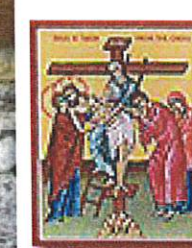
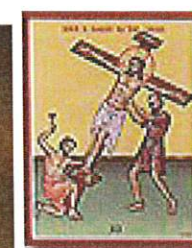
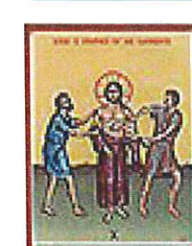
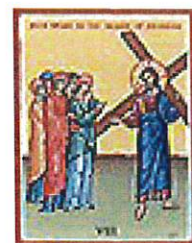
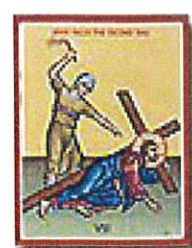
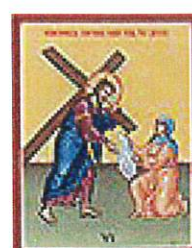
-Fr. Gary



STATIONS OF THE CROSS & MOVIE "JOSEPH OF NAZARETH"

March 19, 2021

Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.



Everyone is Welcome!

Social Distancing Guidelines will be followed.

The first feature film ever on the story of St. Joseph - carpenter, husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus Christ. God gave him the most daunting task ever asked of man - to be the husband of the woman who would give birth to the Messiah, and the father and protector of this Holy Family, the man closest to Christ..

Movie to follow Stations of the Cross at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Snacks will be provided.

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March 20-21, 2021 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimer	C. Paintner	L. Elshaug	N. Peterson
Eucharistic Minister	*B. Opoien	*L. Sample	*N. Peterson
Greeters	D. Krogen Family	Volunteers	J. Regner Family
Ushers	D. & E. Krogen	L. Sample, Volunteer	J. Regner Family
Rosary	P. Pritchard	A. Pritchard	M. Geary Curfman
Media Minister	N. Althoff		
	*Bread Minister		

**Please contact Karen Beets if you are unable to fulfill your Ministry
no later than Thursday, March 18, 3 p.m.
701-282-3321 or Karen@bscwf.org**

Feast/Holy Day the week of March 14, 2021

March 14: St. Patrick March 18: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
March 19: St. Joseph

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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