

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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March 20-21, 2021

5th Sunday of Lent



Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, March 21

8:30 a.m. – + Janice Pederson

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Monday, March 22 – No Mass

Tuesday, March 23

9:00 a.m. - + Msgr. Jeff Wald

Wednesday, March 24

9:00 a.m. – The Walz Family

Thursday, March 25

9:00 a.m. - + Mable Orth

Friday, March 26

9:00 a.m. – + Mary Ann Vetter

Saturday, March 27

4 - 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – + Ken Stevenson

Sunday, March 28

8:30 a.m. - + Rob Moon

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Offertory Gifts

March 13-14, 2021: \$10,479.50

Children's Envelopes: \$1

Improvements: \$1,080.50

Foundation Repair: \$1,720

Poor Fund: \$232

<u>Collected to Date</u>		<u>Goal to Date</u>
\$77,093.25	General Fund	\$83,600.00
\$131.95	Children	\$330.00
\$4,813.50	Improvements	\$11,000.00
\$321,913.45	Foundation Repair	\$400,000.00
\$43,155.00	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.

This Week:

Pack the Pew Ends – Boxing groceries begins Sunday after 10:30 Mass. Assistance needed.

Holy Week Rehearsals

Palm Sunday Lectors: Sunday, 11:45 a.m.

Confirmation / 1st Eucharist Retreat,
Sunday, 1 p.m.

RCIA Tuesday, March 23, 7 p.m.

Churches United: Thursday, March 25

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

Next weekend Palm Sunday please enhance the environment by wearing the color of the week, **RED**.

Lent

Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 26 – 7 p.m.

Palm Sunday – March 27- 28,

5:15 p.m. Mass Saturday
8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Mass Sunday

Holy Thursday – April 1, 7 p.m. Mass
Adoration following Mass until 11 p.m.

Good Friday – April 2,
12:10 p.m. Service

Easter Vigil – April 3, 8:30 p.m. Mass

Easter Sunday – April 4,
8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Mass



Faith Formation

Lucy@bscwf.org



March Class:

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	

Lent Banks are to be handed in on Holy Thursday, April 1, prior to Mass. Please place your bank on the altar.

Lent

The following changes have been made to our Palm Sunday and Holy Week celebrations:

PALM SUNDAY Mass will begin in the Church. Palms will be available to you as you enter the building.

HOLY THURSDAY – Mass at 7:00 p.m.

- TIME CHANGE – 7:00 p.m.
- No Stew Supper.
- No ringing of handbells during the Gloria.
- No Washing of feet.
- No procession out of the church after Mass.
- Churchgoers will leave the building while singing “Stay With Me”.
- Following Mass, those wishing to sit in adoration of the exposed Eucharist, are welcome to go to the Gathering Area and find a chair.

GOOD FRIDAY – 12:10 p.m. Service

- You will be given a nail as you enter the building. This nail represents SIN. As you venerate the cross, drop the nail into the bowl at the foot of the cross.
- During veneration of the cross, process up in the same way we go to communion. The Cross will move to each aisle.
- We encourage you to use hand sanitizer prior to veneration if you plan to touch the cross.

EASTER VIGIL – 8:30 p.m. Mass

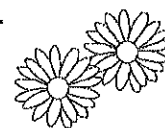
- No ringing of handbells during the Gloria.
- No reception following Mass.

Easter Basket Sales & Silent Auction

There are Easter Baskets in the Gathering Area up for silent auction. Take a look and place your bid. Easter Baskets are being sold in the Social Hall. All are available until Paul Sunday.

Enhance our Easter Environment by

donating money for Easter Flowers. Use the form in this bulletin. You 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.



Holy Week Rehearsals

Palm Sunday Lectors: March 21, 11:45 a.m.

Holy Thursday

Oil Bearers: March 28, 1 p.m.

Procession: March 28, 1:15 p.m.

Good Friday

Lectors: March 28, 11:45 a.m.

Cross Bearers: April 2, 11:30 a.m.

Easter Vigil

Altar Dressers: March 28, 1:30 p.m.

If you aren't able to be at rehearsal, please call Karen at 282-3321 so an alternate time can be set up.

Lent Bank Project. 1 ½ weeks until banks are turned in. We hope you are putting change in the bank. The banks will be collected on Holy Thursday. The money collected will go to the Blessed Sacrament Poor Fund. **THERE IS ALSO 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 Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

Pack the Pew – We have Filled ONE Pew!

WOW - Grocery donations are overflowing into a second pew!! All donations must be here by Sunday, March 21. Thank you to one and all for donating!



Pack the Pew – ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Sunday, March 21 – After 10:30 a.m. Mass.
The parish staff will need assistance boxing and sorting the donated groceries.

Penance Services in the Area

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

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.**

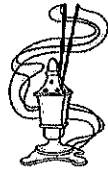
March 28 – St. Benedict's **4:00 p.m.**

March 30 – St. Anthony's

March 31 – St. Paul's Newman Center

Stations of the Cross Friday March 26, 7 p.m.
All are welcome to join us.

Use of Incense: We will be using incense during Mass on Holy Thursday (April 1) and the Easter Vigil (April 3).



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 Opening, Communion and Closing songs. Please contact me if you are interested.
-Ronda

Parish Life

Birthdays We Pray for those celebrating a birthday this week.

- Margaret Olson (3/22) 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 21-27, 2021

March 21: Jer 31:31-34, Heb 5:7-9,
Jn 12:20-33

March 22: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62,
Jn 8:1-11

March 23: Nm 21:4-9, Jn 21-30

March 24: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 94, Jn 8:31-42

March 25: Is 7:10-14, 8:10, Heb 10:4-10,
Lk 1:26-38

March 26: Jer 20:10-13, Jn 10:31-42

March 27: Ez 37:21-28, Jn 11:45-56

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. So far, 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 56% 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.

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.



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 Brad.

Our Sympathy to Rich Cwikla on the death of his cousin Robert Cwikla. May Robert rest in the arms of our Lord.

Remembering Those Who've Passed Away.

March 22: Robert Eggert, Edward Kapaun,
Dale Due, Francis Carroll, Pearl Hager,
James Seitz

March 23: Clemens Heinz

March 24: Peter Wiederholt, Helen Klein

March 25: Myrtle Phillips

March 26: Peter Gross, Caroline Vetter

March 27: Joseph Grieger, Peter Grieger

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

- Rosemary Coleman, Jeannie Spece, Bruce Reiter, Tommy Severson, Loretta Harding, Colleen Sullivan, Courtney Brand, Ken Lammers, Janice Leidal.*

Soup & More: Coming Back In APRIL!! Stay tuned for more details.

Community / Diocesan Events

West Fargo – North Sheyenne Street Reconstruction Project This project will totally reconstruct Sheyenne Street from Main Avenue to Seventh Avenue. The city of West Fargo expects to see the construction kickoff March 22, depending on weather.

Phase 1: Sheyenne St from Fourth Ave to north of Seventh Avenue including portions of Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Avenues W. This phase is expected to last through most of June.

Phase 2: Sheyenne St from Fourth Avenue to Second Avenue including portions of Second and Third Avenues W. This phase is expected to last through the end of August.

Phase 3: Sheyenne St from Second Avenue to Main Avenue including a small portion of First avenue W. This phase is expected to last into early November.

A Map detailing the reconstruction project is attached to this bulletin and posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

National Do Not Call Registry to add your telephone number(s) to the list, or to remove your telephone number(s) from the list refer to or call 888-382-1222. When using the toll-free number, you must be calling from the number you want to add or remove from the National Do Not Call Registry.

Job Openings

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

- Spanish Teacher – Shanley High School & Sullivan Middle School
- Religion Teacher – Shanley High School
- Choir Teacher – Shanley High School & Sullivan Middle School
- Science Teacher – Shanley High School
- Pre-Kindergarten Teacher – Trinity

For more information on these positions or how to apply call 701-893-3231 or visit

<https://www.jp2schools.org/central-office/careers/>

Trivia

A saint who loved animals so much that animals are now blessed on his feast day is...

- a) Doubting Thomas b) St. Francis of Assisi
c) St. Bridget d) St. Ignatius

b) St. Francis of Assisi

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

Reflections on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 21, 2021 – Fr. Gary Luiten

In the next couple of weeks, we are going to commemorate something very special, and it is all about the new covenant that Jesus gave us. The scriptures tell us about the old covenant - how, thousands of years ago, God decided to make a treaty with the Jewish people: called a covenant. God made the old covenant first with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and then renewed with Moses in Egypt.

In Egypt, God promised to save all the first-born Jewish children through the sacrifice of a lamb. On that night of the first Passover, all first-born children in Egypt would die, except for the children of those houses which had the blood of that unblemished lamb sprinkled on their doorposts.

In the chaos which ensued, Pharaoh allowed Moses and his fellow slaves – the Israelites, to leave. Then all the first-born children died except for the Israeli children, and all the Israeli people were set free from slavery. The Jewish people still celebrate this great occasion as the most solemn feast of the year in a feast called Passover. God led the people Israel out of Egypt from the hands of the Pharaoh, leading them into the desert, and eventually into the Holy land. It was here in the desert where Moses received the Ten Commandments from God, another part of the covenant. But Israel broke their part of the covenant. Yet, God still remained faithful to His part of the covenant. He did not disown them!

And we believe it was on one of those typical Passover celebrations during one of those typical Passover meals in which something else happened that was to change the course of history forever. On a typical Passover meal, about two thousand years ago, Jesus was eating the Passover meal with the Twelve. It was here in which God made a new covenant concerning us! It was here that Jesus celebrated the Last Supper, when he gave his disciples His Body and Blood. The New Covenant has connections with the Old Covenant in that Jesus is now that spotless lamb. In the Old Covenant, the blood of the lamb saved the people from the hands of Pharaoh. In the New Covenant, the blood of the lamb, Jesus, saves us from death and promises eternal life to those who are faithful.

We commemorate that great occasion of Our Lord's supper at every Mass we celebrate. The mystery of what happened on that first Holy Thursday during the Last Supper cannot be seen apart from what happened on the following days, Friday, and Saturday night – called the Easter Vigil.

Just as for the Jews, Passover is the most solemn time of the year, for us Christians, the Easter Triduum ("three days"), is the most solemn time of the Church year. So may each one of us truly be open to receiving God's strength – His grace, and His presence in the coming Holy Week of the year 2021– the week after next and, die with Christ to sin so we may rise with Him and have an Easter we will never forget!

Year of St. Joseph

Prayer to St. Joseph

Oh St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

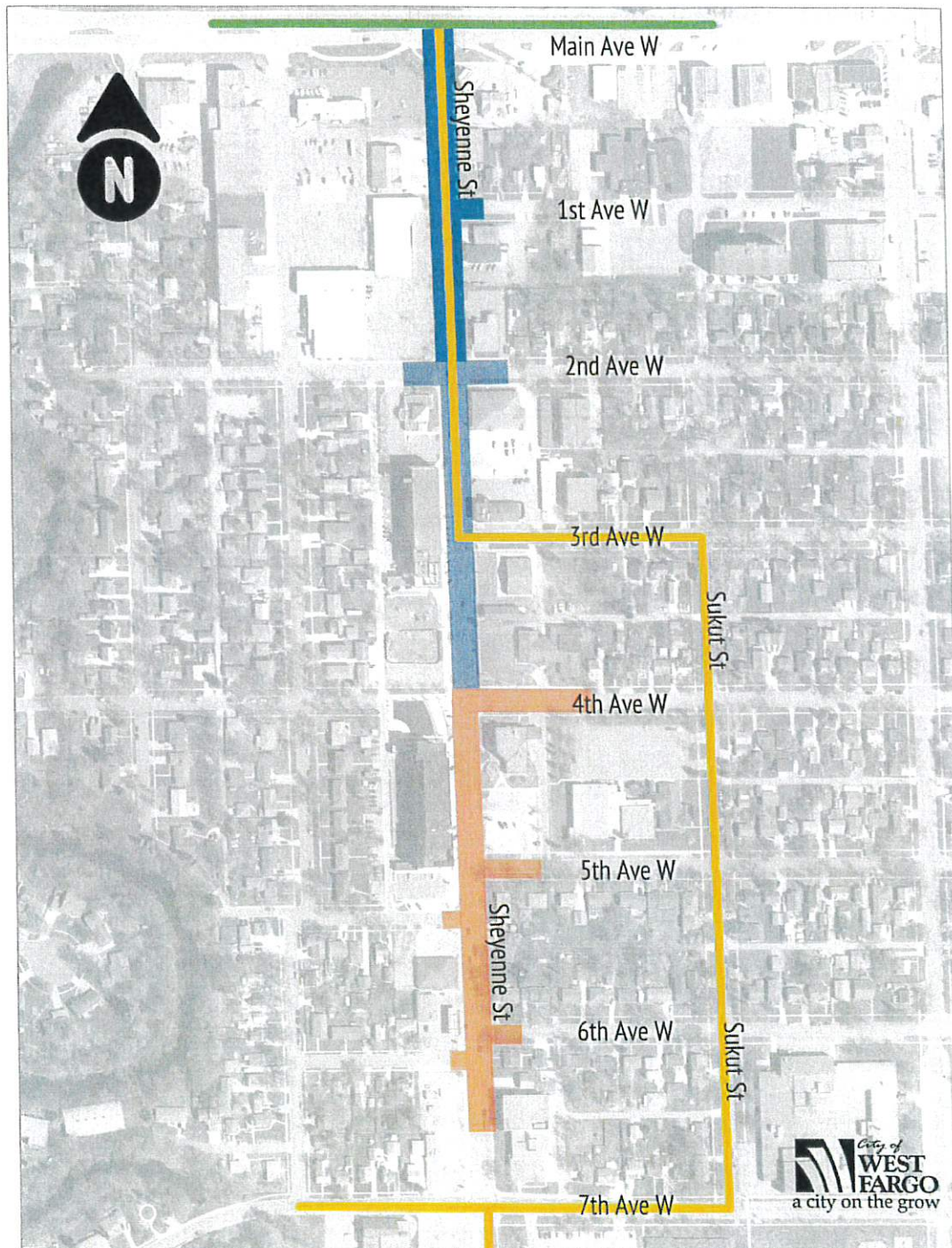
Oh St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my Thanksgiving and Homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss his fine head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for us. **Amen.**



NORTH SHEYENNE STREET Urban Reconstruction Project

*Schedule, detours and project phases subject to change.



Legend

- Phase 1: March 22 - June
- Phase 2: July-August
- Phase 3: September-early November
- Phase 1: Local Detour
- Phase 1: Regional Detour

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2021

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 28

5:15 p.m. Mass Saturday ~ 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Mass Sunday

Holy Thursday: April 1

7:00 p.m. - Mass 'Liturgy of the Lord's Supper'

Eucharistic Adoration following Mass until 11 p.m.

Good Friday: April 2

12:10 p.m. - Veneration of the Cross and Communion Service

Holy Saturday: April 3

8:30 p.m. - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: April 4

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Mass



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March 27-28, 2021 – Palm Sunday Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimer	M. Doster, C Wanzek	M. Doster, C Wanzek	M. Doster, C Wanzek
Eucharistic Minister	*J. Jones	*M.A. Schuster	*B. Lenertz
Greeters	G. Kirkeby, K. Beets	G. & J. Yourczek	J. Hunsicker Family
Ushers	K. Beets, J. Jones	G. & J. Yourczek	B. Lenertz, K. Hunsicker
Rosary	Volunteer	A. Pritchard	M. Kern
Media Minister	B. Kirkeby		
	*Bread Minister		

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

Feast/Holy Day the week of March 21, 2021

March 23: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

March 25: Annunciation of the Lord

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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