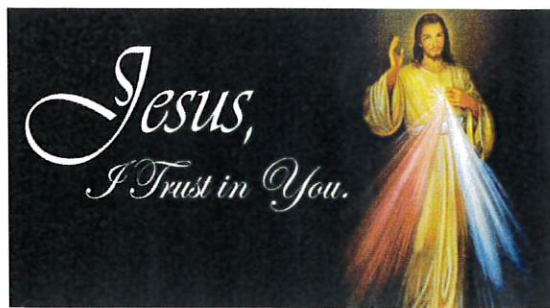


Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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April 10-11, 2021 Divine Mercy Sunday

Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, April 11 – *Blessing of the Sick*

8:30 a.m. – + Eva Heilman

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Monday, April 12 – No Mass

Tuesday, April 13

9:00 a.m. - +Terry Krauth

Wednesday, April 14

9:00 a.m. – + Emily Dufner

Thursday, April 15

9:00 a.m. – Adonis Searls

Friday, April 16

9:00 a.m. - + Jeaninne McAllister

Saturday, April 17

4-4:30 p.m. - Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. + Les Pritchard

Sunday, April 18

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. - + Dave Dahlen

Offertory Gifts

April 3-4, 2021: \$7,854.50

Children's Envelopes: \$9.00

Improvements: \$3,408.50

Foundation Repair: \$991.65

Poor Fund: \$413

Holy Thursday: \$601 (for the Poor)

Good Friday: \$858 (for the Holy Land)

| <u>Collected to Date</u> | | <u>Goal to Date</u> |
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| \$93,994.75 | General Fund | \$106,400.00 |
| \$193.25 | Children | \$420.00 |
| \$8,702.00 | Improvements | \$14,000.00 |
| \$325,557.10 | Foundation Repair | \$400,000.00 |
| \$52,343.00 | 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:

Preschool/Kindergarten, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Pastoral Council: Thursday, April 15, 7 p.m.

Confirmation/First Eucharist: Friday, April 16, 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Decree from Bishop Folda

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days in the Diocese of Fargo will end Beginning May 1, 2021. All people are invited back to Mass!
(The Bishops letter is attached to this bulletin.)

Faith Formation

Lucy@bscwf.org



Class:

| | | |
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| Grades 1-5 | Apr. 14 | 5:30 p.m. |
| B4WOW | Apr. 14 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Grades 1-5 | Apr. 21 | 5:30 p.m. |
| WOW | Apr. 21 | 7:00 p.m. |
| PK/K | Apr. 25 | 10:30 a.m. |
| Grades 1-5 | Apr. 28 | 5:30 p.m. |
| B4WOW | Apr. 28 | 7:00 p.m. |

Confirmation/First Eucharist Our 3rd grade students will be Confirmed and make their First Eucharist on Friday, April 16 at St. Mary's Cathedral. Please pray for our students, parents, and their sponsors.

Music Ministry

Ronda@bscwf.org

Contact Ronda Voss if you are interested in assisting at Weekend Masses:

- Instrumentalists
- Song Leaders
- Substitute Accompanists

Parish Life

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

- Bob & Sharon Bosch (4/15) 55 Years!
Congratulations and Happy Anniversary!

Daily Readings – April 11 - 17, 2021

April 11: Acts 4:32-35, 1 Jn 5:1-6, Jn 20:19-31

April 12: Acts 4:23-31, Jn 3:1-8

April 13: Acts 4:32-37, Jn 3:7b-15

April 14: Acts 5:17-26, Jn 3:16-21

April 15: Acts 5:27-33, Jn 3:31-36

April 16: Acts 5:34-42, Jn 6:1-15

April 17: Acts 6:1-7, Jn 16-21

God's Gift Appeal



Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2021 God's Gift Appeal. Blessed Sacrament is 68% 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.

Mark Your Calendar – Spring Cleanup!

Saturday, May 1, 10 a.m. Indoor and outdoor cleaning will be done.

Our Sympathy to

- the family of Ken Lammers.
- Rich Cwikla on the death of his brother, Philip Cwikla.

May Ken and Philip be at rest in the arms of our Lord.

Remembering Those Who've Passed Away.

April 11: Richard Carlson, Patricia O'Connor,
Helen Joan Laber

April 12: Dennis Richard, Lyle Bashaw

April 13: James Gorski, Lottie Dirkes,
Dennis Schmidt

April 15: Robert Jendro

April 16: Wendelin Burckhard

April 17: Les Pritchard, Paula Lynn Friedt,
John Veit

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

*Rosemary Coleman, Courtney Brand,
Janice Leidal.*

Save the Date – June 6, 2021.

A Day of Celebration

- 1) Blessed Sacrament Feast Day
 - 2) Eucharistic Procession
 - 3) Blessing of our Prayer Garden
 - 4) Dedication of the Cardinal Muench Cross in the Prayer Garden
 - 5) Fr. Gary Luiten's priesthood anniversary, and last but not least...
 - 6) Bishop Folda will be celebrating with us!
- We will be sharing more details as we get closer to the celebration day.

Sheyenne Crossings Mass Scheduled for Tuesday, April 20 & 27! Mass at Sheyenne Crossings is for Residents ONLY and is NOT open to the public. Fr. Gary will celebrate Mass at Sheyenne Crossings every Tuesday beginning April 20. **THERE WILL BE NO DAILY MASS** on those days.

Soup & More Drive-Thru Meal:



Blessed Sacrament will cook and serve supper on Thursday, April 22 from 5-6 p.m. Donations will be accepted. All money raised will go into the Poor Fund. Everyone

is welcome to join us for supper! This will be a drive thru, enter the parking lot from the east and exit to the north.

Stew In The Pew *"It is TRUE, we ask YOU, to donate STEW and place it in the PEW!"*

(poem by Fr. Gary Luiten)

We will be serving stew to

Churches United for the Homeless

(CUH) on April 29. We are asking for donations of canned stew. Please have your STEW FOR THE PEW donations here by April 25.



The Pew Was PACKED! Thank you to everyone that brought food for our parish Lent project! Our Blessing Box is full, and we sent **782 pounds** of food to the Emergency Food Pantry! **TOTAL**, we collected approximately 1,170 pounds of food for our neighbors in need thanks to your generosity.



Year of St. Joseph.

Welcoming the will of God

Joseph is “an accepting Father,” because he “accepted Mary unconditionally” – an important gesture even today, says Pope Francis, “in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident.: But the Bridegroom of Mary is also the one who, trusting in the Lord, accepts in his life even the events that he does not understand, “setting aside his own ideas” and reconciling himself with his own history.



Joseph’s spiritual path “is not one that *explains* but *accepts*” – which does not mean that he is “resigned.” Instead, he is “courageously and firmly proactive: because with “Holy Spirit’s gift of fortitude,” and full of hope, he is able “to accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments.” In practice, through St. Joseph, it is as if God were to repeat to us: “Do not be afraid!” because “faith gives meaning to every event, however happy or sad,” and makes us aware that “God can make flowers spring up from stony ground.” Joseph “did not look for shortcuts but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it.” For this reason, “he encourages us to accept and welcome others as they are, without exception, and to show special concern for the weak.”

“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>

Trivia

Of the following, this is not one of the first five books of the Old Testament...

- a) Genesis
- b) Exodus
- c) Ephesians
- d) Deuteronomy

c) The first five books of the Old Testament are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

Community / Diocesan Events

Catholic Man Night Wednesday, April 14, Holy Cross. 6-7 p.m. Adoration & Confession 7-8 p.m. Bishop Folda will be speaking and there will be a meal provided. Free will offering will be collected for the meal. Please join us and bring a friend!

Disciple’s Night - FM i.d. invites all young adults (20s & 30s, single, married, with or without kids) to our April Disciples’ Night on Thursday, April 15, Nativity Church. We will begin with mass at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and speaker Bob Noel who will talk about Easter Joy as a disciple. Please note that childcare will not be provided during our April Disciples’ Night. We will be providing food from Smiling Moose so it is important that you register so that we can also get your specific food choice. Please register for Disciples’ Night by Monday, April 12 at <https://fmintentionaldisciples.com/events>. if you have any questions please contact us at fmid916@gmail.com. We look forward to having you join us on April 15!

Sacred Relics of the Saints Friday, April 30, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary’s Cathedral. Fr Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will display a Vatican collection of over 150 relics. Among the treasures are relics of St. Therese of Lisieux (the “Little Flower”), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. Also, a portion of the Veil of Our Lady and a piece of the True Cross. Do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

Chip in for Charity – Golf Passes

Golf for FREE or at discounted rates at 90 courses throughout North Dakota and western Minnesota. Purchase a golf pass for \$40. Go to www.CatholicCharitiesND.org. Mention your parish when you order for a chance to win 1 of 20 free passes! Winners will be drawn May 3.

Men of the Cross Meeting Tuesday April 27, 6:30 p.m., Nativity Church. Fr. Kyle Metzger will be speaking at the meeting about St. Joseph. This meeting is for all current members and anyone who is interested in becoming a Man of the Cross.

Why do Men of the Cross wear a St. Benedict Crucifix?

- To remind us to pray more.
- To remind us to act like Christians.
- To remind us the importance of sharing Christ with others.

If you would like to receive a St. Benedict Crucifix, contact any of the men you see wearing one and they will get you one. If you have questions about this ministry, contact Deacon Bruce Dahl at 371-1923 or bruce.dahl@fargodiocese.org

North Sheyenne Street Reconstruction
Sheyenne Street from Main Avenue to 7th Avenue. Construction began March 22.
Phase 1: Sheyenne St from 4th Ave. to north of 7th Ave. including portions of 4th, 5th & 6th Avenues W. This phase is expected to last through most of June.

A Map detailing the reconstruction project is posted on the bulletin board in the Blessed Sacrament Gathering Area.

Stewardship Moment

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..."
Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents, your abilities, and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "Stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with.

Reflections

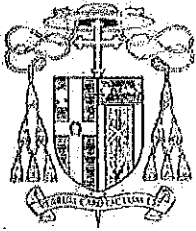
The Second Sunday of Easter - April 11, 2021 Fr. Gary Luiten

This weekend is not just the second weekend of Easter, but also the weekend of Divine Mercy Sunday. God's mercy is quite obvious in the readings today, that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone — especially the doubters, those discouraged, and even the greatest of sinners. Jesus calls us to use those whom he has appointed as instruments of his mercy to receive his mercy and forgiveness in the sacrament of Reconciliation – especially for our greatest sins, and to ask God's forgiveness in a personal act of sorrow for our small offenses against God.

And on this day, God calls us to practice mercy, too – to forgive others as He has forgiven us – remembering those words that Jesus said on the cross on that first Good Friday: "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."

This doesn't mean that we are condoning the bad things that people have done to us, but that we just refuse to be held hostage by the slavery of the hardened hearts and the grudges that make us feel horrible. It seems to me that when we find ourselves praying for our persecutors – that God forgive them and give them their spiritual needs – bringing about a deeper conversion of heart in their lives, we have forgiven them. We can also allow God's mercy to flow through us by living out the spiritual and corporal works of mercy – through helping to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, instructing the ignorant, comforting the sorrowful, and all the other works of mercy. Because what we do to others, we really do to Jesus.

May God's word and sacrament that comes to us today give us the grace to seek God's forgiveness to show forgiveness to others, and to bring God's acts of mercy to those in need.



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**Decree
Reinstating the General Obligation to Attend Mass**

In Nomine Domini. Amen.

Whereas, due to the severity of the Covid-19 pandemic, on March 17, 2020 I dispensed the faithful of the Diocese of Fargo from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation; and

Whereas, circumstances now allow us to attend Mass safely;

Therefore, beginning May 1, 2021, the general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is reinstated in the Diocese of Fargo.

This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have reason to believe they were recently exposed to Covid-19 or another serious or contagious illness; those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or a nursing facility; those who care for the sick, the infirm, and the homebound; those who are unable to attend Mass through no fault of their own; those with underlying health conditions or in a high-risk category; and those who have significant fear or anxiety of becoming ill by attending Mass.

One should consult their pastor if questions arise about the obligation to attend Mass.

With an assurance of prayers for the holiness and good health of all, I extend my apostolic blessing to the faithful of the Diocese of Fargo.

John T. Folda
Bishop of Fargo

Given at the Diocesan Pastoral Center
this 1st day of April, 2021

Mr. Timothy Olson, JCL
Chancellor

April 17-18, 2021 – Third Sunday of Easter Ministries of Service

| Masses | 5:15 p.m. Saturday | 8:30 a.m. Sunday | 10:30 a.m. Sunday |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Proclaimer | B. Kirkeby | C. Wanzek | M. Kern |
| Eucharistic Minister | *B. Opoien | *L. Sample | *M. Kern |
| Greeters | G. Kirkeby, K. Beets | Volunteers | S. DeKeyser Family |
| Ushers | K. Beets, Volunteer | L. Sample, T. Gross | S. DeKeyser Family |
| Rosary | S. Bosch | L. Metzger | M. Kern |
| Media Minister | R. Cwikla | | |
| | *Bread Minister | | |

**Please contact Karen Beets if you are unable to fulfill your Ministry
no later than Thursday, April 15, 3 p.m.
701-282-3321 or Karen@bscwf.org**

Feast/Holy Day the week of April 11, 2021
April 11: Divine Mercy April 13: St. Martin I

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