

# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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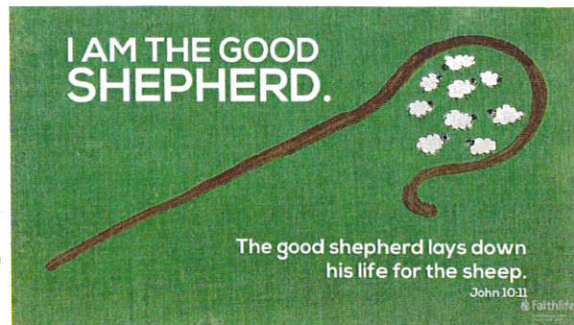
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**April 24-25, 2021**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**



## Daily Mass & Intentions

### Sunday, April 25

8:30 a.m. – + Janice Pederson

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

### Monday, April 26 – No Mass

### Tuesday, April 27 – at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – Doug Krueger

### Wednesday, April 28

9:00 a.m. – + Anthony Walz

### Thursday, April 29 – at Trinity Elementary

8:45 a.m. - + Donald Kirchoffner

### Friday, April 30

9:00 a.m. - + Lynn Davis

### Saturday, May 1

4-4:30 p.m. - Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. - + Kathryn Hecker

### Sunday, May 2

8:30 a.m. - + Betty Allmaras

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

## Offertory Gifts

**April 17-18, 2021: \$7,947.50**

**Children's Envelopes: \$25.**

**Improvements: \$510.50**

**Foundation Repair: \$3,740.**

**Poor Fund: \$242.**

<u>Collected to Date</u>		<u>Goal to Date</u>
\$113,954.25	<b>General Fund</b>	\$121,600.00
\$248.25	<b>Children</b>	\$480.00
\$9,342.50	<b>Improvements</b>	\$16,000.00
\$332,509.10	<b>Foundation Repair</b>	\$400,000.00
\$54,587.00	<b>God's Gift</b>	\$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:

**No Daily Mass:** Tuesday, April 27 and Thursday, May 29

**Churches United for the Homeless:**  
Thursday, April 29, 4-7 p.m.

## Faith Formation

[Lucy@bscwf.org](mailto:Lucy@bscwf.org)



### Class:

Grades 1-5	Apr. 28	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	Apr. 28	7:00 p.m.
Pr/K	May 2	10:30 a.m.
Grades 1-5	May 5	5:30 p.m.

**Lenten Banks Report.** Our Faith Formation families saved alms for the poor during Lent. This year **\$300.59** was collected and put in the Blessed Sacrament Poor Fund.

## Music Ministry

[Ronda@bscwf.org](mailto: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 couples celebrating a wedding anniversary this week.

- Gary & Jane Speich (5/1), 50 Years!  
*Congratulations!*

**Beginning May 1**, we Catholics from the Fargo Diocese, are once again obliged to go to Sunday Mass. Bishop Folda has lifted the dispensation. That means, beginning May 1, Mass attendance on Sundays or Saturday evenings is a requirement for Catholics

**What it Means  
to Have the Mass Dispensation Lifted.**

Canon law states, "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass." There is the reason behind the rule.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* calls the Eucharist "the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice." As a result, "the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin."

Look at your lives at this moment. Are you meeting with groups of people, perhaps attending sporting events and participating in other forms of entertainment, but not attending Mass? The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith, but are we making other things a priority in our lives at this time?

We hope to see you all at Mass soon, we miss you!

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

- Gloria Smith (4/29)
- David Yanish (4/30)

*Happy Birthday!*

**Circles Bake Sale!** NEXT Weekend, May 1 & 2 before and after all Masses. Proceeds will go to the Improvement Fund.



**Daily Readings – April 25 – May 1, 2021**

April 25: Acts 4:8-12, 1 Jn 3:1-12, Jn 10:11-18

April 26: Acts 11:1-18, Jn 10:1-10

April 27: Acts 11:19-26, Jn 10:22-30

April 28: Acts 12:24-13:5a, Jn 12:44-50

April 29: Acts 13:13-25, Jn 13:16-20

April 30: Acts 13:26-33, Jn 14:1-6

May 1: Acts 13:44-52, Jn 14:7-14

**Mary Statue in the Prayer Garden.** You may have noticed that Mary is missing. We have taken her down for two reasons. #1) Her base has been rebuilt. #2) The statue needs a good cleaning and repainting. We are looking for a volunteer or two, to clean and paint the statue.



**Spring Cleanup!** Calling all parishioners –



Spring Cleanup is NEXT Saturday, May 1, 10 a.m. A light lunch will be provided to volunteers.

Indoors: We will provide everything that will be needed to clean inside. Outdoors: You will need garden tools and gloves. Trash bags will be provided. (If the weather is bad, we will clean outdoors the following weekend, May 8. Please sign up by calling the Parish Office 701-282-3321.

**Remembering Those Who've Passed Away.**

*We pray for the souls of our departed parishioners. May the Lord Bless you!*

April 25: Jeanette Boyer, Arnold Veit

April 27: Clarence Hayek

April 28: Ernestine Bartel

April 29: Jon Wesley Meyers

May 1: Merrilee Klemisch, Gabriel Hager, Conrad Meisch

**Save the Date – June 6, 2021** A Day of Celebration! We will be sharing more details as we get closer to the celebration day.

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

*Shirley Reiter (daughter of Olga Reiter), Nicole Peterson, Courtney Brand, Janice Leidal.*



**Reflections on the Gospel - 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER - April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**Fr. Gary Luiten**

Sheep are not too common around here anymore, and so neither are those who watch over them: their shepherds. So, what are the qualities of a good shepherd? A good shepherd would be one who cares about the sheep. They have their best interests at heart. They have invested a lot of time and money in them, and they are going to want to make sure that the sheep are well-fed and stay healthy.

Those are the qualities of Jesus, too, the good shepherd. He wants to make sure that we are spiritually well-fed and that we stay healthy, or become healthy, spiritually, in our relationship with the Father. You and I are called to realize that we are not the ultimate bosses of our lives. The saying goes, "Not everyone can be the boss." We can also say, "Not everyone can be the shepherd." And it takes a virtuous person to become docile to Christ and to the teachings He gives us.

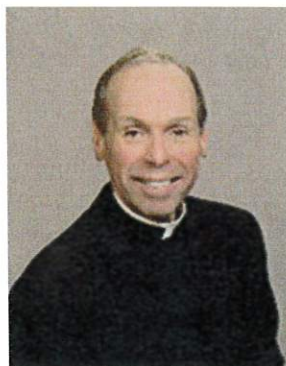
You and I are called to be docile to what God wants of us each day – not to be prideful and think that we know better than God, but to allow the Lord to do His work – to allow Jesus to be the shepherd of our lives. And this is done through prayer – a close, day-to-day relationship with the father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and with our Blessed mother. And we have nothing to worry about when we allow Jesus to become our shepherd, because, as the scripture says, Jesus is the GOOD shepherd.

The second point of the gospel today is that we are the sheep. If you ask most farmers why they don't raise sheep anymore, most likely they'll tell you that it is because sheep don't bring in any money. For us, on the contrary, we ARE worth something to God. If you don't think you are worth anything to God, remember that He has purchased us at a great price: by shedding His blood. And, although we may realize that we are worth a lot to God, we, like, sheep, have a tendency at times to stray when it comes to the things that concern our spiritual welfare. There is the tendency to ramble away from the flock to nibble at bits of forbidden pasture. However, we have a shepherd who understands us, one whose patience and love are infinite, always ready to receive us back.

Today's gospel is a call to those who have left the church. The problem is that they didn't hear the message today! The sad fact is that you and I may be the only gospel some people will ever hear. You and I are called to bring the message of Jesus Christ to others by what we say, what we do, and the example we set.

May we not shut our ears to this call of Christ today. May we give Jesus a helping hand by helping our fellow brothers and sisters to see the light of the true faith through our example of docility in our relationship with the Good Shepherd.

Fr. Gary





### Thank You Note

Dear Blessed Sacrament,

We are very grateful for your faithful support of Churches United. We are very thankful for your faithfulness in providing meals to our guests at Micha's Mission, especially during the pandemic. We are also very grateful for all the care kits you put together. These kits are a great service to our community – they ensure that our neighbors in need have access to products that allow them to stay safe, clean, and healthy. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. Thank you for all you do for Churches United, for your neighbors in need, and for the Fargo-Moorhead community!

God's Blessings,  
Tim Hiller  
Churches United for the Homeless

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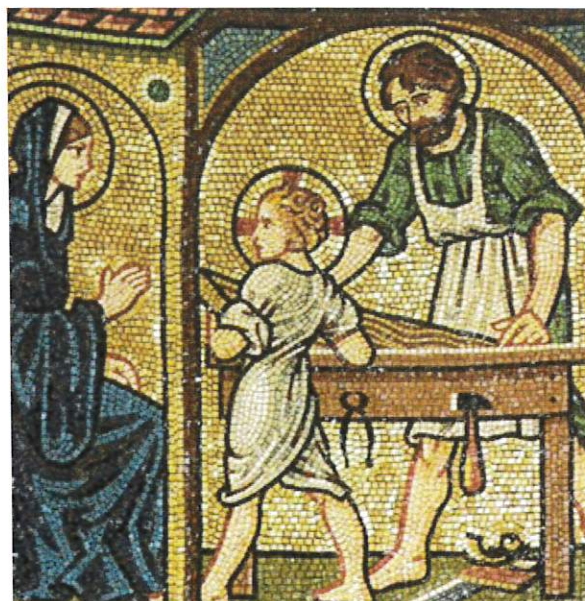
## 10 Facts about St. Joseph The Worker

Exerts from Jenna Kandas, April 30, 2020

May 1<sup>st</sup> is the feast of St. Joseph The Worker. While not the primary celebration of St. Joseph, this feast allows us to celebrate St. Joseph in a way that we can all relate to him - as workers! We each work - at home, in the world, at school - so we can each draw strength from this humble saint.

1. **Patron of a multitude.** Joseph is the patron saint of many things, including the universal Church, fathers, the dying, social justice, unborn children, travelers, immigrants, a happy death, families, expectant mothers, travelers, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers, and working people in general.
2. **Pope Pius XII Established the Feast Day.** In 1955, Pius XII established the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker, explaining that "The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work."

3. **He is patron of the Universal Church.** In 1870, Pius IX declared St. Joseph patron of the Universal Church.
4. **A man of many descriptors.** In the Litany of St. Joseph, he is referred to as "the terror of demons," the "glory of home life," and "model of artisans" amongst other descriptors.
5. **Quoteless in the Bible.** There is not one single quote from St. Joseph in the Bible, and only a few details of his life were recorded for us.
6. **We have tradition on his death.** According to tradition, Joseph died in the arms of Jesus and Mary, which is why he is considered the model of the pious believer who receives grace at the moment of death, in other words, the patron of a happy death.
7. **March is his month.** The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph and his primary feast day (Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of Mary) is March 19.
8. **A possible third feast day.** It could be argued that St. Joseph has a third feast day since he is a part of the Holy Family and we honor the Feast of the Holy Family on December 30.
9. **Long history of devotion.** Devotion for St. Joseph goes back to at least the 9th century, when he was commonly referred to as "*nutritor Domini*" meaning "guardian of the Lord."
10. **Patron of several countries.** He is the patron of the Americas, Canada, China, Croatia, Mexico, Korea, Austria, Belgium, Peru, the Philippines, and Vietnam.



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## Community / Diocesan Events

**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.

### Hours of Prayer for Peace in Our Country

Join us at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church on Saturday, May 8, anytime from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. as we join together to pray for peace in our country. The day will begin with Mass at 8 a.m., and then follow this schedule:

9:00 a.m. - Patriotic Rosary,  
10:00 a.m. - Chaplet of Divine Mercy,  
11:00 a.m. - Litany of the Sacred Heart,  
12:00 p.m. - Litany of St. Joseph,  
1:00 p.m. - Litany of the Saints and Chaplet of St. Michael, and  
2:00 p.m. - Litany of the Virgin Mary and prayers for peace.

Each hour will start with the led prayer, and any remaining portion of the hour will allow for private prayer and Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for the full time. Please make plans to join for any part of the day that you are able!

### 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](http://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.

### North Sheyenne Street Reconstruction

Sheyenne Street from Main Avenue to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Construction began March 22.

Phase 1: Sheyenne St from 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. to north of 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. including portions of 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Job Opening - Elementary Teacher

St. Catherine Elementary School in Valley City, ND is seeking a full-time combination classroom elementary school teacher for grades 1 & 2, beginning the 2021-2022 school year. Applicant must hold or be able to obtain a ND Educator's Professional License in elementary education. Applicant is required to submit a cover letter, resume, current transcripts and contact information for three professional references to [jenny.faure@k12.nd.us](mailto:jenny.faure@k12.nd.us) Position will be open until filled.

### Trivia

**"Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" were Jesus' words...**

- a) When he was dying on the cross
- b) To Joseph and Mary when they found him in the Temple when he was twelve years old
- c) When he said Peter would have the keys of the kingdom
- d) When he told the disciples, he would give them a new commandment

b) When he was twelve, Jesus was separated from his parents for three days. His parents found him in the Temple listening to the rabbis and teachers. When Mary and Joseph scolded him and told him they were worried, this is what he replied!



# Spring

CLEAN UP

**Saturday, May 1 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

A light lunch will be provided to volunteers

Please sign up by calling the Parish Office  
282-3321

# Calling All Parishioners!

**Outdoors:** Grab your garden gloves and round up those garden tools! It's time to get the church grounds ready for summer.

**Indoors:** Dusting, window cleaning, sweeping, washing & wiping throughout the building. Let's make it shine!



# Spring Cleaning Inside and Out

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# May 1-2, 2021 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

## Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimer	C. Paintner	L. Metzger	M. Doster
Eucharistic Minister	*G. Walz	*L. Grosz	*M. Doster
Greeters	D. Krogen Family	L. Sample, L. Grosz	J. Regner Family
Ushers	D. & E. Krogen	L. Sample, A. Pritchard	J. Regner Family
Rosary	Volunteer	J. Yourczek	M. Geary Curfman
Media Minister	M. Sloan		
	*Bread Minister		

**Please contact Karen Beets if you are unable to fulfill your Ministry  
no later than Thursday, April 29, 3 p.m.  
701-282-3321 or Karen@bscwf.org**

### Feast/Holy Day the week of April 25, 2021

April 28: Peter Chanel & Louis de Montfort    April 29: St. Catherine of Siena    May 1: St. Joseph

## Blessed Sacrament Directory

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**Lucy Elshaug** - DRE/Youth Ministry - Lucy@bscwf.org

**Mary Beth Odegaard** – Support Staff – MaryBeth@bscwf.org

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