Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

210 5th Avenue W

West Fargo, ND 58078-1747 Parish Office: 701-282-3321

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

May 1-2, 2021

5th Sunday of Easter





Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, May 2

8:30 a.m. – + Betty Allmaras 10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Monday, May 3 - NO MASS

Tuesday, May 4 - at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. - + Ken Stevenson

Wednesday, May 5

9:00 a.m. - + Jake Kirchoffner

Thursday, May 6

9:00 a.m. - John Michlitsch

Friday, May 7

9:00 a.m. – + Mary Ann Vetter 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Adoration

Saturday, May 8

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. - + Jim Hill

Sunday, May 9

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners 10:30 a.m. - + Rosella Elshaug

Offertory Gifts

April 24-25, 2021

Adult: \$3,556 Children: \$10.60

Improvements: \$335 Firm Foundation: \$308

Poor Fund: \$305

Collected to I	Goal to Date	
\$117,510.25	Adult	\$129,200.00
\$258.85	Children	\$510.00
\$9,677.50	Improvements	\$17,000.00
\$332,817.10	Firm Foundation	\$400,000.00
\$56,994.00	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.

Welcome! Fr. Gary Luiten and the

faithful of Blessed Sacrament welcome you. We hope your time at Blessed Sacrament may be an opportunity to join in fellowship of our faith and joy in Jesus Christ.

This Week:

Preschool/Kindergarten, May 2, 10:30 a.m.

Bake Sale, before and after Mass

No Daily Mass, Tuesday, May 4.

Knights of Columbus: Thur., May 6, 7:30p.m.

Adoration: Friday, May 7, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Faith Formation

Lucy@bscwf.org



Class:

Pr/K May 2 10:30 a.m. Grades 1-5 May 5 5:30 p.m.

20201-2022 Faith Formation Registration.

It's time to register your child(ren) for religion classes for the next school year. The registration form is included in this bulletin. Please return the registration form with payment as soon as possible. If you have any questions, contact Lucy at 701-282-3321.

Preschool and Kindergarten Roundup!

*Will your child be 4 yrs. Old by July 31? We'd love to have them attend the Preschool class. *If your child is registered for Public or JPII Kindergarten, in the fall, we will welcome them with loving arms, to our Kindergarten class. *If you have questions, contact Lucy at 701-282-3321 or Lucy@bscwf.org.

Reflections on the 5th Sunday of Easter - May 2, 2021 - Fr. Gary Luiten

I couldn't help but notice that during this beautiful Spring-time of year the trees are beginning to bud. In the gospel for this weekend, Jesus says that He is the vine, and we are the branches. I like to use the analogy of a tree, where the vine is the trunk. This means that we are all connected to the trunk, to the vine, to a greater or lesser degree. One of the things you may notice on a tree, is that some of the branches are stronger than others. If you were to climb a tree, there are some branches you know you would stay away from because they wouldn't support you. They would break off. Trust me, I know by experience. I fell out of a tree when I was 7 years old and broke my arm! And there are some of the members of the Body of Christ who are not very well-connected to the vine, and actually cause the whole church to not look so well. I think it is safe to say that at times we are all in that boat, which is why we need to get a better hold on the trunk - to Jesus - to help bring us to life.

And where the branches connect to the trunk, carrying out this analogy with the vine a little further, is where the sacraments are. They are means God uses to help us to become good, strong, healthy branches in spirit (which has an impact on our bodies, too).

And, using the image of the tree further - if you notice under a large tree with big, large branches, oftentimes nothing grows under them. This can be bad, for example grass can't grow, and flowers can't grow. But this can also be good, because weeds can't grow, either. So, it depends how you look at it. So, when we are firmly rooted in Jesus and His church, then we have a healthy tree - a healthy church - and no weeds can grow under or around the tree. And here, the weeds represent sin and the power of evil in our lives. If we remain close to Christ, sin loses its power, and we begin to live in peace with others.

So, with God's help, we will continue to remain strong in our faith, we will continue to remain firmly rooted to the vine - to Jesus, so that we may remain the beautiful people that God has made, bearing much spiritual fruit.

Since this is the first bulletin of the month, I have a couple of other items to share with you.

- 1. **Church Flooring**. We have not yet heard from the company that will be installing the church flooring. We are getting a good deal through the diocese and hopefully we will have new porcelain tile flooring sometime this Spring or Summer.
- 2. **Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ**. On <u>Sunday, June 6</u>, the parish will celebrate our Feast Day. Bishop Folda will be here for the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Bishop will bless our new cross and prayer garden on the north side of the church. We also plan on having a Eucharistic procession outside following Mass. Read your bulletin for more information. All are invited to attend.
- 3. My Mother. Some of you may have noticed that my mom has been with me the last couple of weeks. On Divine Mercy Sunday, the Lord decided to show His mercy and let my mom live! There was a fire in her apartment. She lost some furniture however, everything in her apartment retained smoke damage. Thankfully, she was at Mass at the time. A candle that she had lit when she prayed earlier that morning either re-lit or didn't go out completely. Thankfully, the Lord showed more mercy, because we found out she has renter's insurance, which she had forgotten about. Insurance will take care of most of the cleaning and replacement of furniture. Please keep her in your prayers. She will be with me for the next several weeks until her possessions get cleaned and the new apartment is ready.
- 4. Summer Mass Schedule. Summer Mass schedule will begin on Sunday, June 13. We will only have one Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m., in addition to the usual 5:15 p.m. Mass on Saturday. Also, for you going to the lakes for the summer, know that you are in my prayers. It is good to hear that many of you are attending Mass where you will be. I enjoy reading bulletins from your travels. Thank you to all who have brought one back for me. Let us pray for one another, and don't forget to come back in the Fall!

Music Ministry

Ronda@bscwf.org

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

- Instrumentalists
- Song Leaders
- Substitute Accompanists



Looking for a Piano Teacher.

Parishioners of Blessed Sacrament are looking for a piano teacher for their daughter. If you are or know of someone in the West Fargo area who gives piano lessons, please contact the Parish Office with the name and phone number. Thank you!

Parish Life

Attending Mass During COVID-19

- We encourage everyone over the age of 2 to wear a face mask.
- Please wash or sanitize your hands before entering the church. Bring hand sanitizer to use prior to receiving communion.

Becoming Catholic: If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Fr. Gary Luiten, 701-282-3321.

Blessing of Seeds, May 15-16. In honor of St. Isidore the Farmer, we will be blessing seeds the weekend of May 15-16 at all Masses. Fr. Gary will bless all varieties of

seeds; flower, vegetable, and grain for all who will be planting in gardens and fields, this spring. Bring small containers of your seeds to Mass the weekend on May 15-16, place the container in the basket in the Gathering Area. The basket of seeds will be taken

up to the Altar during Offertory where Fr. Gary will bless them. After Mass, you may retrieve your container(s) and take the seeds to plant. Please remember to label your containers.

Bishop Folda Removes Mass Dispensation.

All Catholics from the Fargo Diocese are once again obliged to go to Sunday Mass. Bishop Folda has removed the dispensation as of May 1, 2021. That means Mass attendance on Sunday or Saturday evening is a requirement for Catholics. If you have any questions, please feel free to email info@bscwf.org or call the Parish Office 701-282-3321.

Building a Firm Foundation Campaign

We are in Phase 2 of the Campaign -FLOORING. We plan to have tile installed in the church this summer. Please keep the campaign in your prayers. Projected Expenses for Tile and Installation is \$50,000.

Celebrating our Parish Feast Day – Corpus Christi. Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 6. Bishop Folda will celebrate 10:30 Mass with us that day. Following Mass there will be a Eucharistic Procession ending in our Prayer Garden. Bishop Folda will bless our garden and the cross. We will end with a lite reception where we will also celebrate Fr. Gary's Priesthood Anniversary! It will be a day of joyous celebration. Everyone is invited!

Daily Readings – May 2 - 8, 2021

May 2: Acts 9:26-31, 1 Jn 3:18-24, Jn 15:1-8

May 3: 1 Cor 15:1-8, Jn 14:6-14

May 4: Acts 14:19-28, Jn 14:27-31a

May 5: Acts 15:1-6, Jn 15:1-8

May 6: Acts 15:7-21, Jn 15:9-11

May 7: Acts 15:22-31, Jn 15:12-17

May 8: Acts 16:1-10, Jn 15:18-21

Do You Shop at Family Fare? Help us earn \$1,000 through the Family Fare Direct Your Dollars Program. Save your Family Fare

receipts. Put them in the box by
the north door. We must

collect \$150,000 in receipts, to earn \$1,000. The money

goes to our Faith Formation youth! We currently have: \$134,916 collected. PEASE DO NOT CUT the receipts before you bring them to us. We have had to throw several away because we cannot use them. Thank you.

Eucharistic Adoration/Exposition. Blessed Sacrament parish will hold Exposition & Adoration on Friday May 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

God's Gift Appeal Thanks to all our



parishioners who have made their gift to the 2021 God's Gift Appeal. Blessed Sacrament is 40% toward our goal of \$56,994. 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.

Graduating Seniors to be Honored.
Sunday, May 23, at the 10:30 a.m.
Mass. Seniors & families, please let
us know if you are attending by
May 16, email info@bscwf.org or call 282-3321

Homebound? Can't go to Sunday Mass? Watch Blessed Sacrament Mass on West Fargo Public Access Cable Channel (Sparklight #69, MidCo #12). Our Mass is shown Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

Knights of Columbus Council #6465, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. The Knights of Columbus

The next meeting will be May 6.
For more information contact the Parish Office or speak with Kevin Tranby.

Make Donating to Blessed Sacrament EASIER! Here are some options:

Give+ Online, Mobile, or Automatic Withdrawal Giving: You can set up your own user account, track your giving, and even set up recurring donations.

- Online Giving: Go to our website at <u>www.bscwf.org</u>, choose 'Get Involved' and 'Donate'.
- Mobile App: Visit the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus Church" to download the app for free.
- Automatic Withdrawal: Donations will come from your checking account. Contact <u>MaryBeth@bscwf.org</u> to receive a form.

We rely on your donations to pay our bills. Thank you for your support.

Mass at Sheyenne Crossings: Fr. Gary celebrates Mass at Sheyenne Crossings every Tuesday at 1 p.m. There is NO DAILY MASS at Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays.

Mass at Trinity Elementary: Fr. Gary celebrates Mass at Trinity Elementary one or two days per month, during the school year. There is NO DAILY MASS at Blessed Sacrament on those days. Please refer to our monthly calendar and the weekly bulletin for dates. Mass at Trinity, May 20.

New Member Registration. If you are interested in becoming a registered member of Blessed Sacrament, please see Fr. Gary Luiten, call the Parish Office 701-282-3321 or register on our website www.bscwf.org.

Prayer Garden

Mary Statue. We have taken the Mary statue down for two reasons. #1) Her base needed to be rebuilt. #2) The statue is being cleaned and repainted. Guardian Angel Statue. We will soon have a new statue. It is a beautiful guardian angel with a child. The statue will be secured in place in the flower bed between the new benches. Thank you, Dinah Stephens; this is just what our prayer garden needed.

Prayer Warriors. The Blessed Sacrament
Prayer Warriors are a group of individuals who
pray for those who have requested prayer. Be
a Warrior of Prayer for Blessed Sacrament! If
you have questions, call Mary Beth
in the Parish Office at 701-282-3321
or Wendy Retterath at 701-2826266. We Need Warriors of Prayer!

Remembering Those Who've Passed Away.

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

May 2: Larry Lafountaine, Ronald Greenwell

May 3: Verda Mangin

May 4: Palmer Madson, Victoria Chich, Char Pauls-Laufman

May 5: Mary Schultz, Gaston Libbrecht

May 6: Bernard Wiederholt

May 7: Josephine Yoder, Rose Ginsbach, Tony Geary

May 8: Christopher Galrapp,
Apollonia Van Slyke, Leroy Thoemke

Requesting Prayers If you or a family member would benefit from prayers, please contact the Parish Office. A prayer request could be sent to the Prayer Warriors for that group to pray for; or the prayer request could be posted in the bulletin and that request would be announced at weekend Mass; or both. The prayer warriors are a confidential group, whereas the bulletin and Mass is public. Contact the Parish Office 701-282-3321.

Sick List: We pray for our ill parishioners and family members. If you, or a loved one, would like to be prayed for by your Blessed Sacrament family, please call the Parish Office. Names will be listed, in the bulletin, for 1 month unless the office is contacted for an extension.

Deborah McCann, Shirley Reiter,
Nicole Peterson, Courtney Brand,
Janice Leidal.

Sacraments at Blessed Sacrament

Contact Fr. Gary Luiten to plan for the following sacraments. 701-282-3321, Gary@bscwf.org

- Baptism
- Marriage
- For the Sick



Reconciliation is Saturday at 4:00 p.m. or upon appointment, 701-282-3321.

Soup & More Drive-Thru

APRIL: On Thursday, April 22, we provided a drive-thru supper. We served more than 60 meals and raised \$300 for the Improvement Fund. Thank you everyone! See pictures on our Facebook page.

MAY: Let Blessed Sacrament do the Cooking! Thursday, May 27 from 5-6 p.m. Donations will be accepted. All money raised will go into the Improvement Fund. Everyone is welcome to join us for supper!

Stew-In-The-Pew for Churches United for the Homeless (CUH): Blessed Sacrament prepares supper for CUH the 4th & 5th Thursdays of the month. On April 29, we cooked up the stew from the pew that was donated by you! See pictures on our Facebook page. This month, we provide a meal to CUH on May 27.

Trivia

When Jesus was still a baby, Joseph and Mary took him all the way to Jerusalem to...

- a) Visit relatives
- b) Buy him new clothes
- c) Present him in the Temple
- d) Show him the city

 c) It was the custom among devout lews to present their firstborn sons to the Lord in the Temple. Mary and Joseph offered a pair of turtledoves in sacrifice.

Vital Statistics - April 2021

Newcomers: Bruce & Gloria Richard, Kyle & Sabrina Burnette, Diane Larson

Community / Diocesan Events

Teams of Our Lady – Are you interested in knowing more about Teams of Our Lady? Interested in enriching your couple/marriage spirituality on a journey with other Catholic likeminded couples? The Fargo Sector of Teams of our Lady now has 11 teams comprised of 59 area couples and has been going strong for 16 years! Join us to learn more at our spring Information sessions!

- Info Session #1 Thursday, May 6, 7:00-8:00 p.m. St. Anthony of Padua (upstairs)
- Info Session #2 Sunday, May 16, 4:00-5:00 p.m. St. Anthony of Padua (upstairs)
 All couples (BOTH husband and wife) wishing

All couples (BOTH husband and wife) wishing to join TEAMS are required to attend one of these two meetings. Mark your calendar as these will be the only two information sessions this year! For more information, call Lorine Bernhardt at 701-781-2249 or e-mail fargosectorinformation@gmail.com. Also, please visit the TEAMS website at www.teamsofourlady.org.

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be drawn May 3.

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!

Job Openings Please see the Blessed Sacrament bulletin board for the most recent job announcements within the Diocese of Fargo.

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?

The Blessed Virgin Mary

May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins reflected on this in his poem "The May Magnificat." He wondered if May is Mary's month because it is brighter and sunnier. After the April showers there are the May flowers. Spring is in full bloom and everywhere we look, we see things growing. Mary sees it all. Mother Nature reminds her of her own motherhood.

All things rising, all things sizing Mary sees, sympathizing With that world of good Nature's motherhood. Their magnifying of each its kind With delight calls to mind How she did in her stored Magnify the Lord.

Each blade of grass, spring flower, cumulus cloud, or robin's egg reflects the beauty of the Creator. Nature is engaged in a symphony of praise. Even more wonderful is the human contribution. Nature magnifies or gives praise to God simply because of what it is. But human beings, with free will, can choose not to join the symphony. We can sin. However, when we choose to give glory to God, the beauty of creation is magnified, made even more beautiful because the greatest note — love — has been added to the song of praise.

We Prav:

God of nature, I praise and thank you for the beauty of creation and for your most perfect work — Mary — whom you made without sin in order to be the Mother of your Son. May I, like Mary, say yes to all you want of me today. I offer this day to you with love, asking that it may join the chorus of praise that rises to you from all over the earth.

The Word
Praise and glory to you!

Review

How did my month magnify creation's praise of God?

Excerpts taken from A Year of Daily Offerings by Fr. James Kubicki

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FORM-PAGE ONE

BLESSED SACRAMENT – 2021-2022 (Parish Registration #_____)

Please mail this completed form with payment to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Kindergarten students must be in kindergarten in public or JPII Catholic school. Pre-school age children who are age 4 by July 31 will be considered depending on class size and teacher availability.

Registration Due Date: July 31, 2021

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Date Signed

(Maximum fee \$110.00)

2. TOTAL FEE

Enter \$0.00 if Catechist
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3. Balance due to be billed ____

May 8-9, 2021 - Sixth Sunday of Easter Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday				
Proclaimer	K. Jalbert	J. Allmaras	M. Geary Curfman				
Eucharistic Minister	*K. Jalbert	*M.A. Schuster	*G. Larson				
Greeters	D. Herzog Family	T. Allmaras Family	B. & J. Lenertz				
Ushers	D. & J. Herzog	T. & H. Allmaras	S. Curfman, B. Lenertz				
Rosary	S. Bosch	L. Metzger	K. Hanson				
Media Minister	N. Althoff						
	*Bread Minister						

Please contact Karen Beets if you are unable to fulfill your Ministry no later than Thursday, May 6, 3 p.m. 701-282-3321 or Karen@bscwf.org

Feast/Holy Day the week of May 2, 2021

May 3: Sts. Philip & James

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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Karen Beets - Parish Life/Volunteers - Karen@bscwf.org

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

Mary Beth Odegaard - Support Staff - MaryBeth@bscwf.org

Ronda Voss – Music Coordinator – Ronda@bscwf.org

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