

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

210 5th Avenue W

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May 15-16, 2021

Ascension of the Lord



Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, May 16 – *Blessing Seeds*

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – + Ken & + Arlene Stevenson

Monday, May 17 – **No Mass**

Tuesday, May 18 - **at Sheyenne Crossings**

1:00 p.m. - + Ervin & + Joan Laber

Wednesday, May 19

9:00 a.m. – + Jeanine McAllister

Thursday, May 20 – **at Trinity Elementary**

8:45 a.m. - + Fr. Michael J. Dobbins

Friday, May 21

9:00 a.m. – Kristen Searls

Saturday, May 22

4-4:30 p.m. - Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. + Olvido Villimar de Pablo

Sunday, May 23 - *Pentecost*

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – Shawn & Lori DeKeyser

Offertory Gifts

May 8-9, 2021

Adult: \$5,674 Children: \$24

Improvements: \$35

Firm Foundation: \$5,110

Poor Fund: \$45

<u>Collected to Date</u>		<u>Goal to Date</u>
\$131,294.75	Adult	\$144,400.00
\$294.85	Children	\$570.00
\$11,217.00	Improvements	\$19,000.00
\$339,462.40	Firm Foundation	\$400,000.00
\$59,889.00	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:

Sunday –

Blessing of Seeds at Masses

Altar Server Training 11:30 a.m.

No Daily Mass: Tuesday, May 18 and Thursday, May 20

Faith Formation

Lucy@bscwf.org



On the last day of class, our 1-5 graders crowned Mary in the Gathering Area. Students decorated flowers and Mary was crowned with a beautiful wreath of roses. The students also celebrated with a cupcake rosary and had a year-end party! What's a cupcake rosary? Ask one of our students! 😊

Please hand in your Registration Forms for the Fall Faith Formation Sessions.

Music Ministry

Ronda@bscwf.org

Corpus Christi Choir. On Sunday, June 6, 10:30 a.m., there will be a celebration choir singing for Mass. I invite all parishioners, of any age, to be a part of this choir. Please join us in singing the praises of our Lord and be part of our Corpus Christi Choir! Email Ronda@bscwf.org or call the Parish Office, 282-3321 to be put on the roster. Practice will be Wednesday, June 2 at 7 p.m. in the Music Room.



Thoughts on the Solemnity of the Ascension - May 15-16, 2021
Fr. Gary Luiten

This weekend the Church observes the celebration of the Ascension of Jesus – a time for a new chapter in his life: his Ascension to the Father in heaven. The time finally came when he no longer walked and talked and ate with the apostles – at least not in his visible human form.

Some people think that, upon reflecting on the Ascension, that Jesus is now done with us – that he has left the world on its own – especially when we reflect on world events such as terrorist acts, plagues, sicknesses, and disasters that come with seemingly more and more regularity. Yet the truth is Jesus is still with us.

How do we know God is still with us? We know God is still with us because, contrary to the evil in the world, there is too much good happening in the world to explain these things happening without a good God behind it all. Seeing a smiling baby, seeing a beautiful sunrise, observing acts of kindness and charity such as the rich giving to the poor and people giving of their lives to better humanity is proof that God is still with us. There is too much good happening to explain it without the presence of a good God behind it all. Most importantly, Our God must be with us, because he told us so. Jesus says in the gospel, “Behold, I am with you until the end of the world.”

Though God is still with us, Jesus has ascended to the Father in heaven. This causes us to think about our future and the afterlife – of hell, purgatory, and heaven. Some people think that our Catholic faith presumes we will all go to heaven someday. That is a false presumption. If we presume, then we lose hope. We hope and we trust that Jesus will lead us to heaven someday. May we never lose hope in that reward, that final goal that awaits those who are faithful. God has given us free will – before AND AFTER we have accepted Jesus as our Lord. May we continue to use our free wills rightly and one day all be included in that great feast of eternal life.

Parish Life

Birthday We pray for those celebrating a birthday this week:

- Edwin Olson (5/19). *Happy Birthday!*

Blessed Sacrament Feast Day Celebration **June 6 – Corpus Christi**

Tentative Itinerary: (a work in progress)

- 10:30 a.m. Bishop Folda will celebrate Mass with Fr. Gary Luiten.
- 11:30 a.m. the Blessed Sacrament (the body of Christ) will be exposed.
- Eucharistic Procession outside.
- Benediction.
- Blessing of Prayer Garden and Cross.
- Reception.

We will celebrate Fr. Gary's priesthood anniversary during the reception. **Please RSVP if you will be attending the Reception by June 1.** Email info@bscwf.org or call the Parish Office 701-282-3321.

Daily Readings – May 16-22, 2021

May 16: Acts 1:1-11, 1:17-23, Mk 16:15-20

May 17: Acts 19:1-8, Jn 16:29-33

May 18: Acts 20:17-27, Jn 17:1-11a

May 19: Acts 20:28-28, Jn 17:11b-19

May 20: Acts 22:30,23:6-11, Jn 17:2-26

May 21: Acts 25:13b-21, Jn 21:15-19

May 22: Acts 28:16-20,30-31, Jn 21:20-25

Eucharistic Ministers for the Homebound

We are looking for Eucharistic Ministers to take communion to the homebound. We will require the Minister and the homebound person to be vaccinated for COVID-19 and to wear a face mask. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Karen Beets at 282-3321 or Karen@bscwf.org. If you, or a parishioner you know, is unable to attend Mass and would like to have someone bring communion to them on Sundays, please contact Karen.



Graduating Seniors to be Honored. Sunday, May 23, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend the reception in the Social Hall following Mass. Seniors & families,



please **let us know if you are attending by May 16**, email info@bscwf.org or call 282-3321. Also, the office needs your picture and completed questioner!

Homebound? Can't go to Sunday Mass?

- Would you like to receive communion?
*You MUST have received your COVID-19 vaccine! Call the Parish office (282-3321) and put your name on the 'In-Home Communion' list.
- 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.

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.

Mass Stipends Needed: We are in need of names for daily Masses each week. A stipend costs \$10. Have a Mass said in memory of a deceased loved one or friend; or in honor of someone living. Contact the Parish Office or place your request and donation in the weekend collection.

Materials Available. In the magazine rack in the Gathering Area there are brochures available; *St. Joseph, A Patron for Us All*, *Our Lady of Fatima*, along with a few other items. You are welcome to take them home.

Prayer Garden Mary Jane Breitling, Ronda Voss and Mary Beth Odegaard are planting flowers in the Prayer Garden. This is in preparation for our feast day celebration. If you are interested in assisting; or donating money or plants, please contact the Parish Office and speak with Mary Beth 282-3321. The statues should be put in place this coming week!

Remembering Those Who've Passed Away.

May 17: David Johnson

May 19: John Carriveau

May 21: Francisco Vargas

May 22: Effie Thibideau, Rose Zwach

St. Joseph Table. Please take a minute to view the St. Joseph's table in the Gathering Area. Pope Francis has declared this year as the year of St. Joseph. The Year of St. Joseph began on December 8, 2020 and will continue to December 8, 2021. Pope Francis wants Catholics to reflect upon aspects of St. Joseph's life. Because St. Joseph was chosen by God to be the foster father of Jesus, he is also the model father for each of us and for the universal Church. There are seven characteristics for us to learn about St. Joseph: 1. A beloved father, 2. A tender and loving father, 3. An obedient father, 4. An accepting father, 5. A creatively courageous father, 6. A working father, and 7. A father in the shadows.

On the St. Joseph table in the Gathering Area, you will find pictures and statues that connect with the seven characteristics of St. Joseph. The table is a work in progress and as time goes on, other things will be added. Please look and take time to learn more about St. Joseph, a quiet, just, obedient Jewish man who put his own needs aside in order to do God's will and raise Jesus and take care of Mary, His mother, and why he is so important in God's plan for our salvation.

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

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

Soup & More Drive-Thru: 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!

Summer Office Hours Beginning June 4 the Parish Office will be closed on Fridays for the summer. Staff will be back to work on Fridays beginning September 10.

Sunday Coffee & Goodies – Hosts Needed:



Beginning Sunday June 27, we will once again socialize after Mass in the Social Hall with coffee and goodies! We are looking for volunteers to set up and serve.

Goodies are provided by us; however, you may bring additional goodies if you would like.

Contact Karen, 701-282-3321 or email Karen@bscwf.org.

Sunday Mass Schedule Blessed Sacrament will continue to hold two Sunday Masses until June 13. **Beginning June 13 our Sunday Mass will be at 9:30 a.m.** until September 12.

Trivia

The friend Jesus raised from the dead after four days was...

- a) Lazarus
- b) Timothy
- c) Barnabas
- d) Jonah

a Lazarus was the brother of Martha and Mary of Bethany, and Jesus visited their home often.

Weeders/Gardeners/Landscapers Needed!!

Assistance is needed on the south side of the church! We are weeding and filling in dirt along the foundation. When the dirt is in place, we would like to lay down landscape fabric. This will prevent (or slow down) the growth of weeds. Mary Jane Breitling and Lee Buckmeier have been instrumental in the planning and working on this project. They need more volunteers to accomplish this task. If you can give a little bit of your time, it would be appreciated. Call the Parish Office and we'll get you connected with Mary Jane and Lee.



Youth are Encouraged to Take Donations to the Basket at the Altar! Now that COVID-19 restrictions are loosening, our youth are once again encouraged to put their donation envelopes and/or non-perishable food items into the basket at the altar, during offertory. We enjoy watching our youth experience the joy and receive the pleasure of giving.

Community / Diocesan Events

Teams of Our Lady: Interested in knowing more about Teams of Our Lady? Interested in enriching your couple/marriage spirituality on a journey with other Catholic like-minded 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...

Info. Session: Sunday, May 16th 4:00-5:00 p.m. St. Anthony of Padua (upstairs)

All couples (BOTH husband and wife) wishing to join TEAMS are required to attend an information meeting. Mark your calendar as this will be the last information session this year! For more information, call Lorine Bernhardt at 701-781-2249 or e-mail fargosectorinformation@gmail.com. Visit the TEAMS website at www.teamsofourlady.org.

Jewelry Sale - Catholic Daughters of

Americas, Court St. Ann #261 (meet at St. Anthony's), is currently fundraising for our court with Park Lane Jewelry to raise funds that will go to charities we support and court activities. It will be held until May 17. <https://parklanejewelry.com/f/2527>.

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 www.donotcall.gov 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.



Stewardship Moment

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God."

-1 John 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

High School Graduation Recognition



Join us as we honor

the Blessed Sacrament

Graduating High School Seniors

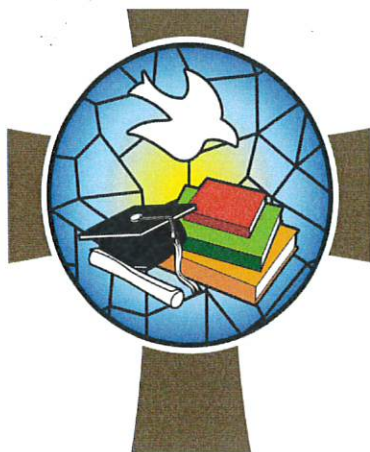
on

Sunday, May 23

at 10:30 a.m. Mass

A Reception will follow Mass

in the Social Hall



May 22-23, 2021 – Pentecost Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimer	G. Elless	C. Wanzek	K. Hanson
Eucharistic Minister	*B. Opoien	*M.A. Schuster	*K. Hanson
Greeters	D. Krogen Family	G. & J. Yourczek	S. & M. Geary Curfman
Ushers	D. & E. Krogen	G. & J. Yourczek	E. Hanson, S. Curfman
Rosary	Volunteer	A. Pritchard	M. Kern
Media Minister	R. Elless		
	*Bread Minister		

**Please contact Karen Beets if you are unable to fulfill your Ministry
no later than Thursday, May 14, 3 p.m.
701-282-3321 or Karen@bscwf.org**

Feast/Holy Day the week of May 16, 2021

May 16: Ascension of the Lord May 18: St. John I May 20: St. Bernadine of Siena
May 21: St. Christopher Magallanes May 22: St. Rita of Cascia

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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Fr. Gary Luiten, Pastor – Gary@bscwf.org

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

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

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

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Purpose: To help the needy in our community

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