

# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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West Fargo, ND 58078-1747

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**May 22-23, 2021**

**Pentecost**



## Daily Mass & Intentions

**Sunday, May 23 Pentecost**

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – Shawn & Lori DeKeyser

**Monday, May 24 – No Mass**

**Tuesday, May 25 at Sheyenne Crossings**

1:00 p.m. – The Fitterer Family

**Wednesday, May 26**

9:00 a.m. – + Al Vetter

**Thursday, May 27**

9:00 a.m. - + Ray Hoffman

**Friday, May 28**

9:00 a.m. - + Donald Kirchoffner

**Saturday, May 29**

4-4:30 p.m. - Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. - + Albert Sadowsky

**Sunday, May 30 Holy Trinity**

8:30 a.m.- the Parishioners

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

## **This Week:**

**Senior Recognition & Reception**

10:30 a.m. Mass – All are Welcome!

**No Daily Mass:** Tuesday, May 25

**Churches United:** Thursday, May 27

**Soup & More:** Thursday May 27, 5-6 p.m.

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## **Faith Formation**

Lucy@bscwf.org

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

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## **Music Ministry**

Ronda@bscwf.org

**Corpus Christi Choir.** Please join us in singing the praises of our Lord and be part of our Corpus Christi Choir! I invite all parishioners, of any age, to be a part of this 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.



## Offertory Gifts

**May 15-16, 2021**

**Adult: \$7,713.50      Children: \$19**

**Improvements: \$410.50**

**Firm Foundation: \$1,820**

**Poor Fund: \$162**

**Collected to Date**

\$139,008.25	<b>Adult</b>	\$152,000.00
\$313.85	<b>Children</b>	\$600.00
\$11,627.50	<b>Improvements</b>	\$20,000.00
\$341,282.40	<b>Firm Foundation</b>	\$400,000.00
\$60,179.00	<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.

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## **Parish Life**

**Altar Server Training** We are happy to welcome our youth back to the role of altar serving! There were 12 youth that attend the server training last Sunday. Some are returning servers, and several are new. Please offer your words of encouragement as you see them each week celebrating Mass at the altar. Look for pictures on the Gathering Area TV's and on FaceBook.

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

- Jim & Edith Hellman (5/26), 62 Years!  
*Congratulations!*

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

- Paul Boyles (5/25) *Happy Birthday!*

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

Itinerary:

- 10:30 a.m. Bishop Folda will celebrate Mass with Fr. Gary Luiten.
- 11:30 a.m. the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed.
- Eucharistic Procession outside.
  - Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 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.** Email [info@bscwf.org](mailto:info@bscwf.org) or call the Parish Office 701-282-3321 by June 1.

**Blessed Sacrament's  
Graduating High School Seniors!**



Hunter Allmaras  
Braden DeKeyser  
Jack Endres  
Matthew Fischer  
Cordell Johnson  
Grace Planteen  
Logan Spanier



*You have learned much  
And grown greatly.  
May God guide and direct you  
To a Bright and  
Blessed Future.*

**Congratulations!**

**Daily Readings – May 23-29, 2021**

May 23: Acts 2:1-11, 1 Cor 12:3-13,  
Jn 20:19-23

May 24: Gn 3:19-15, Acts 1:12-14, Jn 19:25-34

May 25: Sir 35:1-12, Mk 10:28-31

May 26: Sir 36:1,4-5a,10-17, Mk 10:32-45

May 27: Sir 42:15-25, Mk 10:46-52

May 28: Sir 44:1,9-13, Mk 11:11-26

May 29: Sir 51:12cd-20, Mk 11:27-33

**Gardeners/Landscapers/Weeders Needed!!**

We continue to need help on the south side of the church! We are weeding and filling in dirt along the foundation. We then would like to lay down landscape fabric. Mary Jane Breitling and Lee Buckmeier have been instrumental in 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.



**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.

**Prayer Garden** Mary Jane Breitling, Ronda Voss and Mary Beth Odegaard have planted flowers in the Prayer Garden, 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. Our Lady of the Prairie (Mary) and the Guardian Angel statues will be in place before Mass this weekend!

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

May 23: Augusta Krueger, Lloyd Chale

May 24: Shirley Paulson

May 27: Ralph Bossart

May 29: Warren Anderson, Frances Koschney

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

*Joan Anderson, Fran Gerszewski,  
Rosemary Coleman, Deborah McCann,  
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! Menu: Turkey Tater-Tot hotdish, salad and dessert.

**Summer Office Hours.** Beginning June 4, the Parish Office will be closed on Fridays for the summer.

**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](mailto: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.

**Use of Incense:** We will be using incense during Mass on Corpus Christi, June 6 at 10:30 a.m.



**Trivia**

**In the Book of Exodus, we learn that the ark of the covenant...**

- a) Was a portable golden box carried on poles
- b) Contained the tablets of the law, the rod of Aaron, and a sample of manna
- c) Was honored as a symbol of God's presence
- d) All of these

(d) From the time when the Jews wandered in the desert until the fall of Jerusalem, the ark of the covenant was honored. After that, it disappeared, but legend says that the prophet Jeremiah hid it on Mt. Nebo.

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**Reflection - PENTECOST - May 23, 2021**  
**Fr. Gary Luiten**

Today is the Feast Day of the Holy Spirit. It's the third person of the Trinity - the person that is perhaps least understood of the three. The Holy Spirit did many good things for the apostles. It gave them abilities they never had before. They received the seven-fold gifts. And God gives to us, by virtue of our baptisms, the seven-fold gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord. The Holy Spirit is more important for us and more active in our lives than we may realize. It is the very life of God which powers our own spirits.

Our spirits need the Holy Spirit in order to function, in order to be at peace, in order to do what God has called us to do - to follow our general calling as Christians, as members of the Church Jesus has set up, which, by the way, was born on this day – on Pentecost. The church teaches that we receive the Holy Spirit most powerfully in the Sacraments such as the Eucharist and Reconciliation. This is the day when Jesus began that Sacrament, too, when He told the apostles to go out and forgive people's sins, to lead them closer to God. What a gift God has given to the church, for us to use often.

There are nice benefits to living the life of the Spirit and being open to the Holy Spirit in our lives. They are called "fruits." And perhaps you have heard of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, which include Joy, peace, patience, goodness, mildness, faith, modesty, and chastity.

At this point, we have our Catholic faith placed before us. God has sent Jesus to us. He has risen, he ascended, and he descended upon the apostles, coming back to us. The faith has now been offered to us. May we take the example of the apostles – and have the courage and the desire to practice and share what has been handed on to us, and to grow closer to God and the Church which He has given us, to help lead us to heaven.

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## Community / Diocesan Events

**You are Invited** to Fr. Bert Miller's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ordination and 66<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Tuesday, June 1, 6 – 8 p.m., St. Mary's Parish Hall, Park River ND. (West of the Cenex Station)

**Beginning Experience of Eastern North Dakota would like to announce the upcoming Beginning Experience Weekend**

[www.beginningexperience-easternnd.org](http://www.beginningexperience-easternnd.org)

June 25-27, 2021 - Retreat Center in Hankinson, ND. The B.E. Weekend is a Friday evening to Sunday afternoon program for adults grieving the loss of a love relationship through death, divorce, or separation.

B.E. is presented by people who have suffered the loss of a loved one. They are willing to share their experience to help others. Team members lead participants through a program of presentations, personal private reflection, and small group sharing. The B.E. Weekend is our core program and the foundation of the Beginning Experience ministry. If you or someone you know could benefit from coming to the B.E. Weekend, please contact the following for an application: Bonnie (701) 318-0949 or Marlene (218) 998-4300 or call the B.E. line (701) 277-8784 and leave a message for more information.

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## The Year of St. Joseph

### Prayer to St. Joseph:

*Joseph, by the work of your hands  
and the sweat of your brow,  
you supported Jesus and Mary,  
and had the Son of God as your fellow worker.*

*Teach me to work as you did,  
with patience and perseverance, for God and  
for those whom God has given me to support.*

*Teach me to see in my fellow workers  
the Christ who desires to be in them,  
that I may always be charitable and forbearing  
towards all.*

*Grant me to look upon work  
with the eyes of faith,  
so that I shall recognize in it  
my share in God's own creative activity  
and in Christ's work of our redemption,  
and so take pride in it.*

*When it is pleasant and productive,  
remind me to give thanks to God for it.  
And when it is burdensome,  
teach me to offer it to God,  
in reparation for my sins  
and the sins of the world.*



(Note: This prayer was taken from the booklet "Devotions to Saint Joseph" by Brian Moore, S.J., printed and published by the Society of St. Paul.)

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## Stewardship Moment

*"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." – 1 Corinthians 12:4-6*

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God's plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.



# Congratulations 2021 Graduates!

## Hunter Allmaras

**Parents:** Tim & Jeanine Allmaras

**Graduating from:** Northern Cass

**High School Achievements:** Varsity football, basketball, and track. A member of the eSports team his Senior year. Participated in Destination Imagination for 5 years, advancing to Global Finals the last 4 years. Placed 6th in 110-meter hurdles at state his Sophomore year. Is currently qualified to participate in the State track meet at the end of May in 110-meter hurdles and 4 x 100-meter relay.

**Involvement with Blessed Sacrament:** Altar Server, Usher, and Vacation Bible School Team Leader.

**After Graduation Plans:** Will attend Minnesota State Community & Technical College, Moorhead (MSCTC) for *Information Technology*.



## Braden DeKeyser

**Parents:** Shawn & Lori DeKeyser

**Graduating from:** Shanley

**High School Achievements:** Varsity basketball captain for 2 years, Honor roll, All-EDC Basketball team.

**Involvement with Blessed Sacrament:** Usher and Greeter, helped serve coffee & rolls after Mass, volunteered for Fall Dinner and Thanksgiving.

**After Graduation Plans:** Study *Accounting* at North Dakota State University (NDSU) with an interest in *Forensic Accounting*.



## Matthew Fischer

**Parents:** Rick & Cindy Fischer

**Graduating from:** West Fargo, Sheyenne

**High School Achievements:** State Star in Band, two trips to State Football Championship, three state records in weightlifting.

**Involvement with Blessed Sacrament:** Ushering and building benches for the Prayer Garden for Eagle Scout Project.

**After Graduation Plans:** Attend South Dakota State University (SDSU) to study *Exercise Science*.



# Congratulations 2021 Graduates!

## Jack Endres

Parents: Ryan & Mollie Endres

Graduating from:

High School Achievements:

Involvement with Blessed Sacrament:

After Graduation Plans:

Information Not Available

## Cordell Johnson

Parents: Darrin Johnson

Graduating from:

High School Achievements:

Involvement with Blessed Sacrament:

After Graduation Plans:

Information Not Available

## Grace Planteen

Parents: Charles & Lisa Planteen

Graduating from:

High School Achievements:

Involvement with Blessed Sacrament:

After Graduation Plans:

Information Not Available

## Logan Spanier

Parents: Evan & Lindsay Spanier

Graduating from:

High School Achievements:

Involvement with Blessed Sacrament:

After Graduation Plans:

Information Not Available



# Corpus Christi

## Feast Day Celebration

Sunday, June 6 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Join Bishop Folda & Fr. Luiten  
for Mass and Festivities

Following Mass:

**Eucharistic Procession,  
Blessing of the Prayer Garden and Cross**

Festivities also Include:

Fr. Gary's Anniversary  
of Priesthood,

A light Reception.

***All Are Welcome!***

**Please RSVP by June 1**  
(for the reception)  
**to the Parish Office**

**701-282-3321**

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## May 29-30, 2021 – Most Holy Trinity Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimer	J. Jones	L. Metzger	R. Martin
Eucharistic Minister	*J. Jones	*A. Pritchard	*K. Hanson
Greeters	K. Beets, Volunteer	T. Allmaras Family	J. Hunsicker Family
Ushers	J. Jones, K. Beets	T. & H. Allmaras	D. & K. Hunsicker
Rosary	S. Bosch	Volunteer	K. Hanson
Media Minister	M. Sloan		
	*Bread Minister		

**Please contact Karen Beets if you are unable to fulfill your Ministry  
no later than Thursday, May 27, 3 p.m.  
701-282-3321 or Karen@bscwf.org**

### Feast/Holy Day the week of May 23, 2021

May 23: Pentecost      May 24: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church  
 May 25: Sts. Bede, Gragory VII, Mary Magelene of de Pazzi      May 26: St. Phillip Neri  
 May 27: St. Augustine of Canterbury      May 29: St. Paul VI

### Blessed Sacrament Directory

701-282-3321 ~ www.bscwf.org



**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

**Ronda Voss** – Music Coordinator – Ronda@bscwf.org

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**Purpose:**  
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