# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

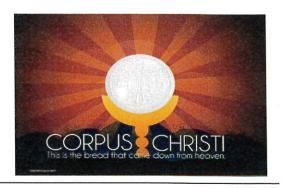
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June 5-6, 2021 Corpus Christi





## **Daily Mass & Intentions**

Sunday, June 6

8:30 a.m. - + Betty Allmaras

10:30 a.m. - the Parishioners

Monday, June 7 - NO MASS

Tuesday, June 8 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. - + Mary Ann Vetter

Wednesday, June 9

9:00 a.m. - + Jim Hill

Thursday, June 10

9:00 a.m. - + Jake Kirchoffner

Friday, June 11

9:00 a.m. - + Fr. Gregory Hilzendeger

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, June 12

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. - + Terry Krauth

Sunday, June 13

9:30 a.m. - the Parishioners

# **Offertory Gifts**

May 29-30

Adult: \$6,302.50 Children: \$10

Improvements: \$567.50 Firm Foundation: \$1,054

Poor Fund: \$265

| Collected to Date |                 | Goal to Date |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| \$149,930.75      | Adult           | \$167,200.00 |
| \$344.85          | Children        | \$660.00     |
| \$12,225.00       | Improvements    | \$22,000.00  |
| \$342,486.40      | Firm Foundation | \$400,000.00 |
| \$60,204.00       | God's Gift      | \$76,212.00  |

ONE Sunday Mass Begins NEXT Week! June 13, 9:30 a.m. 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:

**Corpus Christi Celebration** with Bishop Folda 10:30 a.m. Mass. Festivities and Reception to follow.

No Daily Mass: Tuesday, June 8

Soup & More: Thursday, June 10, 5:30 p.m.

Parish Office Closed: Friday, June 11.

# Sunday, June 6 Corpus Christi Celebration

- 10:30 a.m. Mass with Bishop Folda
- 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.
  - Celebration of Fr. Gary's priesthood anniversary.

In case of rain: \*A 10-minute Adoration will take place inside. \*\*The garden & cross will be blessed at another time.

#### **Faith Formation**

Lucy@bscwf.org

Class Registration for Fall. The registration deadline for fall classes, is July 31. Please return your forms now to avoid a late fee.

# Reflections on the Gospel for the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ and Other Items June 6, 2021 – Fr. Gary Luiten

As I look at the gospel for this weekend, we are reminded that the new covenant that Jesus gave us is just as binding as the covenants in the Old Testament, but different –a new covenant. The new covenant is this: Love one another as I have loved you. If we are faithful to Jesus, if we love others as He has loved us and keep that promise, Jesus promises us eternal life with Him in heaven. It's a pretty good deal, especially for us!

Our reception of the Eucharist, then, is our visible way of telling God that we continue to promise to God that we will keep our end of the Covenant. For the Christian, the Catholic, Jesus' Body and blood at Mass not only represents, but in reality, IS God's life! We are not receiving "the bread," or "the wine," but Jesus – the Sacred Body and Blood. This is not just something that the Middle Ages made up in order to give more credence to the priesthood. But if we look at John chapter 6, and the writings of Saint Ignatius of Antioch in the second century, he writes about the Eucharist as the very Body and Blood of Christ.

We need to remember that when we receive the Eucharist, it is not necessary to receive under the form of both bread and wine, especially now during the pandemic. Receiving under the form of bread is sufficient because both forms contain the fullness of the body and blood of Jesus. But receiving under the form of both bread and wine is a better symbol of the Eucharist.

Many people who have done well in life have drawn from the power of Christ in the Eucharist. The emperor Constantine, son of St. Helena, did a very good job defending his country, and he attended daily Mass. King Louis IX of France & Henry III of England also attended daily Mass, and Henry reigned for 56 years! Tom Monoghan, founder of Domino's Pizza, had a chapel designed at his corporate headquarters and had a priest chaplain conduct daily Mass in the company chapel. And the list goes on and on.

This stands to reason that people do well spiritually, and sometimes even bodily, too, because what one receives is Jesus! What greater thing can there be than God? The Eucharist has kept me faithful to my vocation. And I am sure if you ask other daily Mass-goers, they will tell you, too, that the Eucharist has helped keep them faithful to their commitment to Christ and the church.

May we continually remind ourselves that the Eucharist, the gift of Jesus' Body and Blood, is also our sign of keeping our side of the Covenant, and may the Eucharist give us the added strength we need to love others as Christ has loved us.

#### Just a few other items:

We welcome Bishop Folda who is celebrating with us this weekend Mass on our parish feast day at the 10:30 Sunday and blessing our prayer garden.

Beginning Experience Weekend June 25-27. I will be the spiritual director for a Beginning Experience retreat at the Convent Retreat Center in Hankinson from June 25-27. The weekend is for anyone who is separated, divorced, or widowed. Please see me if you are interested, and I will get you registered for the weekend. A lot of healing takes place on those weekends. Fr. Bernie Schneider, a retired priest from our diocese. will be the presider at Masses here that weekend.

**Summer Masses.** Just a reminder that beginning Sunday, June 13, we will be going back to a one-Sunday Mass (in addition to the Saturday evening Mass) for the Summer. During these vacation months, if you happen to be traveling, I am always interested in what other parishes are doing and how their Masses are going. I love to look at their bulletins, so keep me in mind when traveling.

## **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

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### Parish Life

#### Happy 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Fr. Gary Luiten! Let us pray:

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priest. Through him, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priest to be strong in his vocation. Set his soul on fire with love for your people. Grant him the wisdom, understanding, and strength he needs to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire him with the vision of your Kingdom. Give him the words he needs to spread the gospel. Allow him to experience joy in his ministry. Help him to become an instrument of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal priest.

Amen.

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

Building a Firm Foundation Campaign
We are in Phase 2A of the Campaign FLOORING for the Church, Sacristy and
Family Room. 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

#### Daily Readings - June 6-12, 2021

<u>June 6</u>: Ex 24:3-8, Heb 9:11-15, Mk 14:12-16,22-26

June 7: 2 Cor 1:1-7, Mt 5:13-16

June 8: 2 Cor 1:18-22, Mt 5:13-16

June 9: 2 Cor 3:4-11, Mt 5:17-19

June 10: 2 Cor 3:15-4:1,3-6, Mt 5:20-26

<u>June 11</u>: Hos 11:1,3-4,8c-9, Eph 3:8-12,14-19,

Jn 19:31-37

June 12: 2 Cor 5:14-21, Lk 2:41-51

Do you shop at Family Fare? Please save your receipts and turn them in to the Parish Office!! When we collect \$150,000 in receipts, we earn \$1,000 for our Faith Formation youth! The receipts we've collected so far total \$144,929! PEASE DO NOT CUT the receipts before you bring them to us. We have had to throw several away because we cannot use them.

God's Gift Appeal Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2021 God's Gift Appeal. Blessed Sacrament is 42% toward our goal of \$76,212. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the magazine rack of the Gathering Area.

#### 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 <u>Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.</u>

**Landscaping** on the south side of the building is complete! Leland Buckmeier and other volunteers have done a fantastic job! If you see Leland, thank him for his great work.

Make Donating to Blessed Sacrament
EASIER! Here are some options... <u>Give+</u>
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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 MaryBeth@bscwf.org to receive a form.

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.

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/become-a-member/

One Sunday Mass Begins June 13
Mass times will change for the summer.
Sunday Mass will be 9:30 a.m. This will be the schedule through Labor Day Weekend.

Plant Sale Report: Dwight and Elsie Keller so graciously donated garden vegetables to the Parish. Tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, and herbs were in the Gathering Area for parishioners. We asked for a Free-Will offering. We raised \$239.50! Thank you to Dwight and Elsie and Thank you to those who purchased plants!

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 701-282-6266.

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.

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

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

June 9: Genevieve Shoman

June 10: Robert Olmstead

June 12: Leslie Jelinek, Agnes Larson, William Essary, Norbert Block 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.

Loretta Wall, Tacinca Laducer, Faye Arlt (aunt of Mary Beth Odegaard), Brendan Zich, Brian Kuntz, Colleen Sullivan, Joan Anderson, Fran Gerszewski, Rosemary Coleman, Courtney Brand, Janice Leidal.

**Soup & More:** Blessed Sacrament has been cooking and serving a Drive-Thru meal once a month. This month we will serve on June 24 from 5-6 p.m.

**Soup & More – REPORT:** On Thursday, May 27 we raised **\$274** for the Improvement Fund. Thanks for letting us cook supper for you!

Sunday Coffee & Goodies: Beginning Sunday June 27, we will begin to 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 <a href="mailto:Karen@bscwf.org">Karen@bscwf.org</a>.

#### <u>Trivia</u>

#### The Hebrew word shalom means...

- a) "faith"
- b) "hope"
- c) "charity"
- d) "peace"

d) "Peace," is both a greeting and a prayer all by itself. It is used as a wish for God's peace.

Youth Take Their Donations to the Basket at the Altar. Our youth are encouraged to take 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 pleasure of giving.

#### Vital Statistics – May 2021

Newcomers: Jan Hoffman, Matthew & Alexis Braun We Pray for those celebrating Anniversaries and Birthdays. Watch the monthly calendar for the listing of anniversaries and birthdays! Wedding Anniversary: couples celebrating year 40, 50, 55, and 60+. Birthday: those celebrating age 75, 80, 85 and 90+.

# **Community / Diocesan Events**

**Hymn Festival "Colors"** presented by Dillon & Alex Swanson. Tuesday, June 8, 7:30 p.m., St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo.

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

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

### Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Your Representatives Are...

<u>Finance Council</u>: Lori DeKeyser, Karen Hanson\*, Brad Novak\*, Eduardo Pablo, Linda Sample, Steve Willson

<u>Pastoral Council</u>: Steve Neva, Barb Opoien, Jamie Regner, Gary Ripplinger, Ally Schweitzer, Julie Yourczek

\*Also Lay Directors

#### Solemnity of the Sacred Heart

The month of June, when the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is usually celebrated, is dedicated to this mystery. Much more than a physical organ, the heart represents the deepest interior of a person, and it symbolizes love. Jesus experienced all the movements of the human heart but because he is divine as well as human, he experienced them with divine intensity.

As the physical heart gives life to the body, pumping blood to every corner, so the heart of Jesus gives life to his Body, the Church. His physical heart was pierced on the cross, and blood and water, symbolizing the Eucharist and Baptism, gushed forth. The eternal life that only the sacraments can give comes straight from the heart of Jesus.

I am a cell within the Body of Christ, and I will only be spiritually alive and healthy insofar as I am one with Jesus. At the Last Supper, Jesus used the image of a vine and branches. A branch is dead unless the sap of the vine flows through it. So, I am dead unless the heart of Jesus pumps life into me. The heart of Jesus is alive and beating with love for me. This heart is contained in the Eucharist, from which I receive a continual flow of divine life.

#### We pray

Heart of Jesus, I want to live in union with you, for you said that apart from you I can do nothing. I need you as much as my body needs my heart. I give myself to you so that your heart may beat within me, keeping me spiritually healthy. United to you I shall live even after my own heart stops.

# The daily word

Heart of Jesus, give me life.

#### Review

How did the love of Jesus' heart touch me?

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

# June 12-13, 2021 – 11th Sunday / OT Ministries of Service

| Masses                      | 5:15 p.m. Saturday | 9:30 a.m. Sunday |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Proclaimers                 | F. McCann          | M. Doster        |
| <b>Eucharistic Minister</b> | *K. Beets          | *M. Doster       |
| Ushers                      | D. Krogen Family   | J. Regner Family |
| Greeters                    | F. & D. McCann     | J. Regner Family |
| Rosary Leader               | S. Bosch           | M. Kern          |
| Media Minister              | M. Berntson        |                  |
|                             | I                  |                  |

Please contact Karen Beets if you are unable to fulfill your Ministry no later than Thursday, June 9, 3 p.m. 701-282-3321 or Karen@bscwf.org

#### Feast/Holy Day the week of June 6, 2021

June 6: Corpus Christi, Fr. Gary Luiten Anniversary June 9: St. Ephrem June 11: Sacred Heart of Jesus June 12: Immaculate Heart of Mary

# **Blessed Sacrament Directory**

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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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