

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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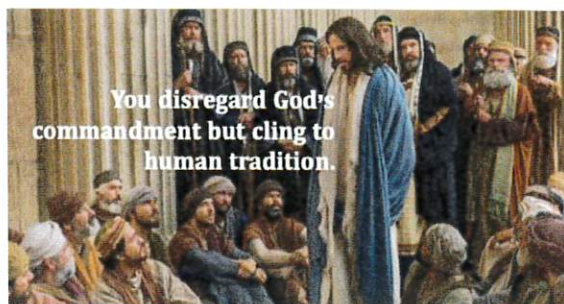
West Fargo, ND 58078-1747

Parish Office: 701-282-3321

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

August 28-29, 2021

22nd Sunday Ordinary Time



Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, August 29

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Monday, August 30 – No Mass

Tuesday, August 31 at **Sheyenne Crossings**

1:00 p.m. - + Jerry Liska

Wednesday, September 1

9:00 a.m. – + Ervin & + Joan Laber

Thursday, September 2

9:00 a.m. - + Georgia (Snookie) Strand

Friday, September 3

9:00 a.m. – + Marilyn (Wellan) Lenzmeier

Adoration – 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, September 4

4-4:30 p.m. - Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. - + Don & + Audrey Sando

Sunday, September 5

9:30 a.m.

Offertory Gifts

August 21-22, 2021

Adult: \$8,410.50 Children: \$17.05

Improvements: \$425

Firm Foundation: \$1,420

Poor Fund: \$132

Collected to Date

\$222,373.25	Adult	<u>Goal to Date</u>
\$549.09	Children	\$258,400.00
\$117,474.00	Improvements	\$1,020.00
\$372,108.05	Firm Foundation	\$34,000.00
\$63,054.00	God's Gift	\$400,000.00
		\$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 – Coffee & Goodies Following Mass

Blood Drive – Monday, August 30, 2-6 p.m.

No Daily Mass: Tuesday, August 31

Knights of Columbus Meeting: Thursday, September 2, 7 p.m.

Adoration: Fri., Sept. 3, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Parish Office Closed: Friday September 3.

Faith Formation

Lucy@bscwf.org



Is your Child Registered for Faith Formation Class? Class begins in September. Please contact Lucy 282-3321, with any questions.

Opening Mass to Start the Faith Formation Year: Wednesday, September 8 at 5:30 p.m. For ALL students, families, and catechists. All parishioners are welcome. Parent meetings and tours in the Social Hall following Mass.

Preschool / Kindergarten Class (PK): Will meet most Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Social Hall, beginning September 12.

Grades 1-5: Will meet most Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. beginning September 15.

B4WOW Students (grades 6-8): Will meet twice per month on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. beginning September 22.

WOW Students (grades 9-12): Will meet twice per month on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. beginning September 15.

Class Start Dates & Times

Preschool / Kindergarten (PK)

Sunday, September 12, 10:30 a.m.

Grades 1-5

Wednesday, September 15, 5:30 p.m.

B4WOW (Grades 6-8)

Wednesday, September 22, 5:30 p.m.

WOW (Grades 9-12)

Wednesday, September 15, 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Gary Welcomes you to RCIA Class:

Tuesday, September 21, 7 p.m., in Library.

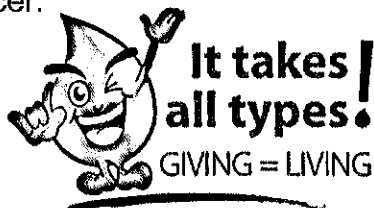
RCIA is for adults thinking about becoming Catholic, and for Catholic adults who would like a refresher course on what the church believes and teaches. If you know of someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or who would like to become Catholic, contact Father Gary, or show up. RCIA will meet most Tuesdays from now into April.

Parish Life

Blessed Sacrament Blood Drive, Monday, August 30, 2-6 p.m., Social Hall. We are working with Vitalant of Fargo. Our goal is to get 30 people to donate that day. So far we have **twenty two** names on the donor list! Anyone age 16 on up can donate, 16 year old's must have a parental consent form. Call the Parish Office 282-3321 or go to vitalant.com and use sponsor code bswf.

WHY Donate Blood? (reason's #7 & 8)

7. **You may need a blood donation in the future.** Statistics show that at least 25% of people will need blood at least once in their lifetime. Donating blood is an act of kindness and compassion toward others. Choose to give back— YOU may be in need of a blood donation yourself one day.
8. **30% of the blood supply** goes to cancer patients. When you donate blood, you could be helping someone through their battle with cancer.



Daily Readings – Aug. 29-Sept. 4, 2021

August 29: Dt 4:1-2,6-8,

Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27, Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

August 30: 1 Thes 4:13-18, Lk 4:16-30

August 31: 1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11, Lk 4:31-37

September 1: Col 1:1-8, Lk 4:38-44

September 2: Col 1:9-14, Lk 5:1-11

September 3: Col 1:15-20, Lk 5:33-39

September 4: Col 1:21-23, Lk 6:1-5

Eucharistic Adoration/Exposition. Blessed

Sacrament parish will hold Exposition & Adoration on Friday September 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Council #6465,

will meet Thursday, September 2 at 7 p.m. For more information contact the Parish Office or speak with Eduardo Pablo.



Our Sympathy to Lori Lee on the death of her mother, Anna Ruzicka. May Anna rest in peace with our Lord.

Remembering Those Who've Passed Away.

August 30: Glen Hanson

August 31: Hazel Marquart, Susan Smith,

Lois Kuklok, Jerome Liska

September 1: Marie Lerch

September 2: Paul Matthys

September 3: Larry Paczkowski

September 4: Diane Cich

Share Your Bounty: The Blessing Box has some tomatoes and cucumbers! Thank you to the gardeners that have donated!

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

Melinda Darling (neice of John & Jody Jones)

Faye Arlt (aunt of Mary Berth Odegaard),

Bob Kirkeby, Delaine Hilzendeger,

Bryan Kuntz, Janice Leidal.

Soup & More DINE-IN: September 9 & 23, 5-6 p.m. If you'd like to volunteer to serve, please call Karen in the Parish Office 701-282-3321 or email Karen@bscwf.org.

Two Sunday Masses begin September 12.
Sunday Mass times will be 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.
until Memorial Day weekend in May 2022.

Trivia

**Tradition tells us the name of
Mary's mother is...**

- a) St. Anne b) St. Joachim
c) St. Martha d) St. Louis

a) Though they are not named in the Bible, tradition tells us that Mary's parents were named Joachim and Anne. They would have been Jesus' grandparents. St. Anne is the patron saint of Canada.

Community / Diocesan Events

Orientation Evening to the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Wednesday, September 8, 7 p.m. at the Presentation Prayer Center (Zoom option available). The 19th annotation of the Spiritual Exercises is a way to experience a retreat for the busy person who is unable to take a full 30 days away from usual life. This version of the Spiritual Exercises involves a commitment to pray an hour daily with the exercises and meet with a spiritual director weekly for 30-45 minutes. The retreat is an encounter with Jesus as we walk in our daily lives. We become more aware of how we notice Jesus and the Spirit in our lives through our thoughts and insights, our feelings, and sensations. The daily prayer is centered on Scripture passages and evokes our journey with Jesus.

The genius and beauty of the Exercises is that we learn to weave our own life narrative into the life story of Jesus Christ in such a way that both become more vivid and interconnected. The purpose of the exercises is very practical: to grow in union with God, who frees us to make good decisions about our lives and to "help souls." This evening orientation is designed to provide you with enough information about the Exercises so that you can make an informed decision as to whether you'd like to start.

No Fee! To register contact Scott at presentationprayercenter@gmail.com or call 701-799-2076

Beginning Experience (BE) presents "Coping with Life Alone" a 10-week program starting Monday, September 13, Registration 6 p.m. session begins at 6:30 p.m. Liberty Brethren Lutheran Church, 1702 32nd Ave S, Fargo. This program is for widowed, divorced, or separated persons. Helping you to understand the grieving process and the stages of grief. Led by teams of peers who have experienced similar losses in their own lives. The cost is \$45 which includes material. For more information call 701-277-8784, leave a message.

Job Openings: See the bulletin board in the Blessed Sacrament Gathering Area for a list of all current job openings throughout the Fargo Diocese. Or go to:

<https://www.fargodiocese.org/jobopenings>

Stewardship Moment

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..."

James 1:22

It is easy to understand the definition of stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your actions reflect God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

Surrounding Area Fall Dinners

Sept. 26: St. Anthony, Fargo

Oct. 3: St. Francis De Sales, Moorhead

Oct. 10: Holy Spirit, Fargo

Oct. 24: Holy Cross, West Fargo

Oct. 31: Blessed Sacrament, West Fargo

Nov. 7: Nativity

Nov. 11: Sts. Anne & Joachim



Reflections for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 29, 2021
Fr. Gary Luiten

There is a saying which goes: "Who we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God." And we grow in holiness through what we do: through "acting on the Word." So, our actions are important. In fact, our actions are VERY important. We are taught that there are good acts, there are morally neutral acts, and there are bad acts. All 3 are spoken of in the gospel.

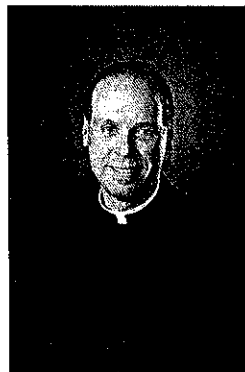
Bad acts are all those self-centered choices we make in which we refuse God's love. In order to realize the seriousness of bad acts, we must realize that we are in a war. In every war there is an enemy. It the war now being fought on our own land, there is an enemy, which is the devil. The enemy also includes evil tendencies from within the person. That's what Jesus is talking about today when he mentions the list of sins: fornication, theft, murder, adulterous conduct, and envy. Jesus here is not talking about the evil that comes from without, such as falling into a mud hole.

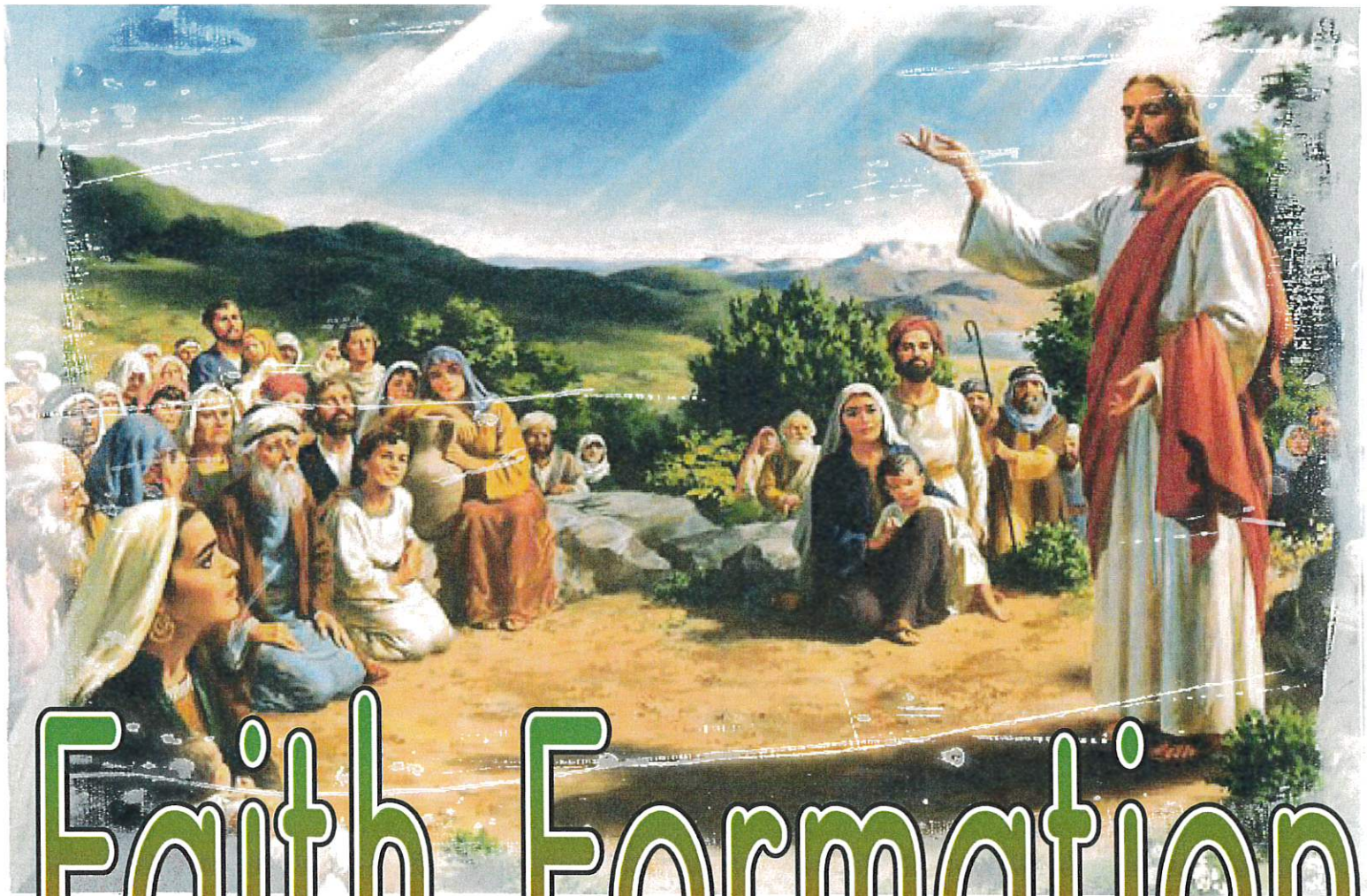
Today, there is a loss of a sense of these sins, perhaps somewhat out of ignorance. Many people don't think these are wrong anymore. But they are. Not only do the sins offend God, but they are damaging to humanity. They keep us from being our authentic selves!

And, lest this homily center on the negative, we must remember there are the good acts also, which we are called to carry out through regarding God's commandment. Notice this word in the gospel today is in the singular – when he says "You disregard God's commandment." But aren't there ten commandments? That's because we can really ultimately boil all ten commandments down to one, which is love. The first three speak about our respect and love for God. When we live our lives so as to radiate the love God gives us, when we live the lives we are called to live, then we do feel good, and rightly so. The last seven speak about our respect and love for others.

And we are called to carry out those acts in at least two ways. The first way is through prayer, which is our relationship with God. We do this communally when we gather together each Sunday or Saturday evening as members of the body of Christ and also at home with the family. We also do this privately in our personal prayer. The second way is through the kindness and love we show to others, such as through praying for them, spending time with them, and being good role models for others in what we do. So, may we be Christians, not in name only, but also in deed and in what we do.

Fr. Gary





Faith Formation

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Contact Lucy Elshaug with any questions, Lucy@bscwf.org or 701- 282-3321

September 4-5, 2021 – 23rd Sunday / OT

Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	9:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	C. Fischer	M. Geary Curfman
Eucharistic Minister	*B. Opoien	*G. Larson
Gift Bearers	Volunteers	E. Spanier Family
Servers	J. & B. Herzog	E. & R. Spanier
Ushers	R. Fischer, K. Beets	S. Curfman, B. Lenertz
Greeters	D. Herzog Family	J. Hunsicker Family
Rosary Leader	S. Bosch	M. Kern
Sacristan	K. Beets	J. Yourczek
Media Minister	N. Althoff	

**Please contact Karen Beets if you are unable to fulfill your Ministry
no later than Thursday, September 2, 3 p.m.
701-282-3321 or Karen@bscwf.org**

Feast/Holy Day the week of August 29, 2021

September 3: St. Gregory the Great

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

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