# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

210 5th Avenue W

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

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September 18-19, 2021 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time





# **Daily Mass & Intentions**

Sunday, September 19

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

Monday, September 20 – No Mass

Tuesday, Sept. 21 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. - Jayme Rasmussen & Family

Wednesday, September 22

9:00 a.m. - + Albert Siebert

Thursday, September 23

9:00 a.m. - + Al Vetter

Friday, September 24

9:00 a.m. - + Michael Scott Lenzmeier

Saturday, September 25 Catholic Charities

4-4:30 p.m. - Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. - + Donald Pick

Sunday, September 26 Catholic Charities

8:30 a.m. - + Frank Stephan Lenzmeier

10:30 a.m. - the Parishioners

# **Offertory Gifts**

September 11-12, 2021

Adult: \$5,193 Children: \$40.75

Improvements: \$440 Firm Foundation: \$425

Poor Fund: \$30

Collected to Date		Goal to Date
\$239,116.25	Adult	\$281,200.00
\$629.58	Children	\$1,110.00
\$118,326.00	Improvements	\$37,000.00
\$375,141.05	Firm Foundation	\$400,000.00
\$64,209.00	God's Gift	\$76,212.00

# Mark Your Calendar! Blessed Sacrament Annual Fall Dinner & Bazaar October 31st

#### This Week:

Sunday - Coffee & Goodies Following Mass

No Daily Mass: Tuesday, September 21

RCIA: Tuesday, September 21, 7 p.m., Library

**Churches United for the Homeless:** 

Thursday, September 23, 4-7 p.m.

Rosary Prayer Service, Thursday, September 23, 6:30 p.m., Prayer Garden.

Soup & More: Thursday, September 23, 5-6.

#### **Faith Formation**

Lucy@bscwf.org

Class:		
P/K	Sept. 19	10:30 a.m.
Grades 1-5	Sept. 22	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	Sept. 22	7:00 p.m.
P/K	Sept. 26	10:30 a.m.
Grades 1-5	Sept. 29	5:30 p.m.
WOW	Sept. 29	7:00 p.m.

Fr. Gary Welcomes you to RCIA Class: The First Class is THIS week! Are you interested in finding out more about becoming Catholic? Contact Fr. Gary Luiten to join the RCIA classes on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Library. Contact <a href="mailto:Gary@bscwf.org">Gary@bscwf.org</a>, 701-282-3321.

# **Music Ministry**

Ronda@bscwf.org



#### **New Members Welcome!**

#### Practice:

Joyful Voices Sept. 26 9:30 a.m. Oct. 3 9:30 a.m.

The choir will sing at 10:30 a.m. Mass on the day of practice.

# Reflections on the gospel for the 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time - September 19, 2021 Fr. Gary Luiten

The gospel today speaks about service. Jesus: "If anyone wishes to rank first, he or she must remain the last one of all and the servant of all." Jesus here is calling us to be servants. Jesus is our example of servanthood, which was shown in his very act on the cross. He didn't do it for his own glory, He gave his life out of obedience to the Father, and to take away our sins and to open heaven for us. Jesus wanted to see to it that we would have a chance to be happy with him forever in heaven. Jesus now gives us hope in many ways, including helping to make life easier for us. After all, isn't that what a servant does? They help to lighten the load.

The Old Testament Prophet Isaiah speaks about a servant who will suffer on behalf of many. Looking back, we realize that he was really speaking about Jesus! Also, notice when Jesus was on the cross, was he all absorbed in his pain? Did he have self-pity? No, He was concerned about others — even in His suffering on the cross! He was concerned about the thief next to him who repented when he said, "This day you will be with me in paradise." He was concerned with those at the foot of the cross — with his mother Mary and John the beloved apostle. He was even concerned with those who crucified Him, when he said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."

There are many ways in which we can serve. Certainly, in seeing to our bodily needs – through being gracious hosts and hostesses when we have visitors. We can also serve spiritually, through helping at Mass when we can, through lending an ear to a person who needs to talk, or to give words of advice and encouragement. We can serve others spiritually through our intercessory prayers for one another. We should never underestimate the power of prayer.

When we continue to serve others and to live not for ourselves, but for others, it is amazing to see that whatever problems that happened in the past which may have tarnished our reputation, begin to fade and can even be forgotten, and Christ begins to shine in us more brightly. May God give us the grace this week to be of service in a special way to those in need.

## Parish Life

**Baptism Baskets!** There are TWO baptism baskets in the Agora.

- Holly Jean Martin, 2-month-old daughter of Clifton & Carly Martin
- 2. <u>Loretta Jean Burnette</u>, 2-month-old daughter of Kyle & Sabrina Burnette.

Please help us welcome Holly & Loretta to Blessed Sacrament by filling the baskets with 'baby shower' items.

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

- Hazel Von Bank (9/23)
- Bette Brand (9/24)

**Bundle Up Your Baby Bump.** 

Catholic Charities North Dakota is looking for gently used baby items for their "Bundle Up Your Baby Bump Event". This is a free event, for families in need to "shop" for the supplies to care for their child. There will be a crib in the Blessed Sacrament Gathering Area until September 20. Help fill the crib to support parents in our community. Clothing sizes newborn-5T, and anything a baby/toddler may need. Thank you for your support of our local parents in need! If you have questions or want to learn, more please visit our website at: CatholicCharitiesND.org or call 701-235-4457.

Marriage Banns: Let us pray for those preparing for marriage: Stephanie Krogen & Blake Krueger, October 2, 2021

#### Daily Readings - September 19-25, 2021

<u>Sept. 19</u>: Wis 2:12,17-20, Jas 3:16-4:3, Mk 9:30-37

Sept. 20: Ezr 1:1-6, Lk 8:16-18

Sept. 21: Eph 4:1-7,11-13, Mt 9:9-13

Sept. 22: Ezr 9:5-9, Lk 9:1-6

Sept. 23: Hg 1:1-8, Lk 9:7-9

Sept. 24: Hg 2:1-9, Lk 9:18-22

Sept. 25: Zec 2:5-9,14-15a, Lk 9:43b-45

Gifts from the Harvest (corn, beans, wheat, etc.) is becoming a more frequent method for farmers to donate. By donating from the harvest, farmers can take advantage of some tax benefits that are more generous than a straight cash donation. For more information, please contact the parish office, 701-282-3321.

Non-Perishable Food: Our youth are encouraged to put non-perishable food in the basket on the altar during Offertory time. The basket is for youth envelopes, cash donations and food for the poor. The food is placed in our Blessing Box.

#### Not Able to go to Sunday Mass?

- Would you like to receive communion?
   Put your name on the 'In-Home Communion' list. Call the Parish Office, 282-3321, give your name, address, and phone number.
- Watch Blessed Sacrament Mass on TV! We record Saturday Mass and play it on West Fargo Public Access Cable channel (Sparklight #69, Midcontinent #12). Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.
- Watch Sunday Mass on the Blessed
   Sacrament YouTube Channel Go to

   YouTube search for Blessed Sacrament
   Church West Fargo ND. Or copy and paste this link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPIK7Ix7716WWtNNUQxt5rw

You can also access the YouTube recording from our Website and Facebook page.

#### **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.

#### Objects Placed in Front of the Altar.

We highlight special occasions that the universal church celebrates throughout the year, by placing special objects in front of our Altar each month.

In September, the Church celebrates of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It began on September 8, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and it ends on September 15, the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Depicted In front of our altar is Our Lady of Sorrows. Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows became standard in the Church around the 14<sup>th</sup> century. Mary, in a unique way, willingly suffered alongside her Divine Son as he gave his life to save the world, and she felt the bitterness of his passion as only a mother can.

#### The Seven Sorrows are:

- Simeon's prophecy during the presentation of Jesus.
- The flight of the Holy Family into Egypt.
- The loss of the Child Jesus for three days.
- Meeting Jesus on His way to Calvary
- Beneath the cross.
- Jesus is taken down from the cross.
- Jesus is placed in the tomb.

On September 23, 6:30 p.m., in the Prayer Garden; we will pray the Rosary adapted from the 7 Sorrows of Our Lady. Please join us.

Pick Up Your Raffle Tickets Today! Your

Fall Dinner Raffle Tickets are ready to be picked up. They are in the Gathering Area. Our Fall Dinner is Sunday,

TICKET

October 31. We ask every family to sell a minimum of 10 tickets for \$5 each.

Please sell as many tickets as possible! We are counting on YOU!

Remembering Those Who've Passed Away.

Sept. 19: Pearl Schweitzer

Sept. 20: Bernice Schmidt

Sept. 22: Minnie Boll, Dean Tollefson, Helen Ebsen

Sept. 24: Lorraine Grinsteiner, LeRoy Levin

Sept. 25: John Pulkrabek, Philip Nagel

Rosary Prayer Service. Please join us in the Blessed Sacrament Prayer Garden on Thursday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m. We will be praying an adaptation of the 7 Sorrows Rosary Prayer. There is limited seating so please bring a lawnchair. Incase of inclimate weather, we will meet in the church.



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

Sandra Nowacki, Penny Adam, Dolores Mazeikis, Fran Gerszewski, Melinda Darling, Faye Arlt, Janice Leidal.

**Soup & More:** Blessed Sacrament will be cooking and serving a Dine-In meal on Thursday, September 23 from 5-6 p.m. The menu is: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, salad, dessert.

Take A Chance Baskets: This year, we are NOT going to have a Silent Auction at our Bazaar. Instead, we will have a Take A Chance Raffle. Instead of making an AUCTION basket, you will be making a RAFFLE basket.

If you want to make a basket, help yourself to one of the empty baskets in the Agora. We look forward to the baskets that will be made year!

#### <u>Trivia</u> hristmas there is

At Christmas there is usually a special celebration of Mass...

- a) At midnight
- b) At sunrise
- c) At 2:00 p.m.
- d) At 3:00 p.m.

a Midnight Mass is usually very beautiful with lots of singing and candles.

**Volunteer!** Contact Karen 282-3321 or Karen@bscwf.org, if you would like to volunteer for any of the following:

- Coffee & Goodies Most Sundays
- Soup & More September 23
- Churches United for the Homeless –
   September 23 & 30

### **Stewardship Moment**

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." -Mark 9:35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us do not like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is: "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

# Sacraments at Blessed Sacrament Gary@bscwf.org

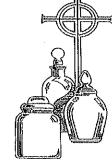
**Baptism**: Parents must attend a preparatory class before the baptism can take place. Please contact Fr. Gary Luiten to schedule the class. 701-282-3321.

Marriage: To be married at Blessed Sacrament, one or both person of the engaged couple must be a practicing Catholic. Contact Fr. Gary Luiten, at least six months prior to the wedding. 701-282-3321.

Reconciliation: Saturday at 4:00-4:30 p.m. and upon appointment, 701-282-3321.

For the Sick: You are encouraged to seek the Sacrament of the Sick if you are suffering from a serious illness or are going to be admitted to the hospital for surgery. Please contact Fr.

Gary Luiten if you would like to be anointed, 701-282-3321.



# Join a Blessed Sacrament Organization

Holy Rosary Circle: Our primary purpose is to

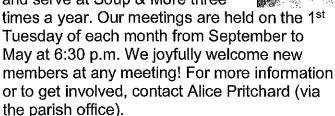


pray for members, parishioners, and the needs of the parish. We also raise funds for the poor and improvements funds. The activities our group participates in, include Easter basket making, bake sales, helping with the Fall Dinner,

specifically coordinating the Country and Jewelry stores. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month from September through May at 2 p.m. For more information or to get involved, contact Elsie Keller (via the parish office).

**Mother Seton Circle:** The mission of our circle is to assist members of Blessed Sacrament during times of sickness and loss of loved

ones. We are an active circle which hosts two bake sales a year. The proceeds from the bake sales are given to the church to feed the poor. We also organize the desserts for the Fall Dinner and serve at Soup & More three



Knights of Columbus: We consist of male



members over the age of 18 that want to do our part in helping spread charity, unity, fraternity and most importantly Faith throughout our Parish here at Blessed Sacrament. We serve the church

throughout the year by hosting Sunday breakfasts, Bingo, assisting at the Fall Dinner, and participating in the Mass by being ushers, greeters, Eucharistic ministers, and more. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month from September to June at 7 p.m. in the Social Hall. For more information or to become a member, contact Eduardo Pablo (via the parish office).

# **Community / Diocesan Events**

Hymn Festival "The Song Goes On ..."
Saturday, Sept. 18, 7:00 p.m. First
Presbyterian Church - Fargo (650 2 Ave N).
The Red River Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is celebrating 75 years of music in the Fargo-Moorhead community beginning with our kick-off Hymn Festival. This event includes festive hymn settings and reflections by choral singers, instrumentalists, and organists from the Fargo-Moorhead area. Bring your voice and sing with us! Masks are required, social distancing will also be practiced. Additional information about upcoming events can be found on our website at <a href="https://www.rrvago.org/recitals">https://www.rrvago.org/recitals</a>

Legion of Mary Celebrates 100 Years! Sunday, Sept. 19, 7-9 p.m., St. Anthony's. The Legion of Mary will be celebrating 100 years this year. It will be a time of joy, of celebration and of thanksgiving for the millions of graces God and Our Blessed Lady have showered upon us. Rosary and prayers at 7 p.m., followed by Holy Mass at 7:30 p.m., and a social following Mass in the Social Hall at 8:30 p.m. All are invited to attend!

The Perry Center Fall Fundraising Event with guest speaker Victoria Robinson. Monday, Sept. 20, 7-9 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, Fargo. Reserve your free spot www.perrycenter.org/news-events

The National 40 Days for Life campaign is Sept. 22–Oct. 31! You are called to be part of this important prayer effort to bring an end to abortion across our nation and world. The ND 40 Days for Life effort will begin at 8 a.m. Sept. 22 in front of the abortion facility at 512 1 Ave N, Fargo. Our campaign will provide a peaceful, prayerful presence there from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day of the campaign. Persons can sign up for an hour of prayer by contacting the Pregnancy Help Center at (701) 284-6601 or in Fargo (701) 356-7979. Email phc@polarcomm.com or visit 40daysforlifend.com.

Catholic Man Night! Thursday, Sept. 23, Holy Cross Catholic Church. 6-7 p.m. Adoration & Confessions. 7-8 p.m. Talk with dinner and a short discussion. The speaker is Tom O'Keefe of the New Life Center. Please join us and bring a friend!

Catholic Daughters of the Americas! Court Holy Cross is meeting on Thursday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m., Holy Cross in the multipurpose room. All Catholic women ages 18+ are invited. Catholic Daughters of the Americas strive to embrace the principles of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.

Blood Drive – Monday, Sept. 27, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church, 702 Sheyenne St West Fargo. To schedule an appointment, please call Linda at 701-200- 1818 or go to vitalant.org and use sponsor code cpcwf.

St. Anthony's will be holding a Blue Mass



for all law enforcement on Wednesday, Sept. 29, 6:30 p.m. A Blue Mass honors, in a special way, all those serving in public safety, both licensed and civilian. The color blue.

predominantly worn by the men and women in service, provides the name for this Mass. The Mass and blessing is being held close to the time of the Feast of the Archangels, because St. Michael, one of the Archangels is the patron Saint of police officers. This Mass will include prayers and blessings for police officers, firefighters, correctional officers, 911 operators EMS personnel and others serving in public safety. A light reception will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend!

Paint Your Heart Out. Saturday, October 2, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Presentation Prayer Center. Cost \$30. Register by September 27. Painting party with a reflective twist! You will engage in a creative process that focuses on connecting our mind, body, and spirit. This fun time of painting and reflecting will focus on the theme of "perspective." By the end of the class, you will have a "beautifully you" take home piece. Supplies provided. You do not need to consider yourself an artist to participate.

Walk with Christ for Life, October 3 - Bishop Folda invites the faithful of the diocese to join him in the annual Eucharistic procession, Walk with Christ for Life, on Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 3. The day's events will begin with Holy Mass at noon, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo. This will be followed by a prayerful, peaceful procession to the state's only abortion facility. A short prayer service will be held outside the abortion facility, and then those gathered will return to the Cathedral for Benediction. Lunch will be served in the church social hall after Benediction. The walk is sponsored by the Diocese of Fargo Respect Life Office. For more information, call Tim at (701) 356-7910.

# **Surrounding Area Fall Dinners**

See the bulletin board for details

Sept. 26: St. Anthony, Fargo St. Andrew's, Hawley

Oct. 3: St. Francis De Sales, Moorhead (TAKE-OUT)

St. William's, Argusville

Oct. 10: Holy Spirit, Fargo

St. Joseph's, Moorhead

Oct. 24: Holy Cross, West Fargo

Oct. 31: Blessed Sacrament, West Fargo St. Elizabeth's, Dilworth (TAKE-OUT)

Nov. 7: Nativity, Fargo

Nov. 11: Sts. Anne & Joachim, Fargo



Join us in the Prayer Garden Thursday, September 23, 6:30 p.m.

(Seating is limited ~ bring a lawnchair)

Incase of inclimate weather, we will meet in the church



210 5th Ave W. West Fargo ~701-282-3321

# September 25-26, 2021 – 26th Sunday / OT Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	J. Jones	M. Doster	S. DeKeyser
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	*J. Jones	*M. Doster, **B. Opoien	*B. Lenertz
Gift Bearers	M. Pierce Family	L. & L. Juve	R. Norton Family
Servers	Volunteers	M. Allmaras	E. & R. Spanier
Ushers	J. Jones, S. Perreault	T. & H. Allmaras	S. Curfman, B. Lenertz
Greeters	T. Tweeter, Volunteer	L. & L. Juve	S. Supler Family
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	L. Metzger	M. Geary Curfman
Sacristan	J. Jones	W. Suchla	L. Wegner
Media Minister	R. Cwikla	*Bread Minister **Takes communion to home-bound	

Please contact Karen Beets if you are unable to fulfill your Ministry no later than Thursday, September 23, 3 p.m. 701-282-3321 or Karen@bscwf.org

#### Feast/Holy Day the Week of September 19, 2021

Sept. 20: Sts. Tae-gon & Ha-Sang Sept. 21: St. Matthew Sept. 23: St. Pius of Pietreicina

# **Blessed Sacrament Directory**

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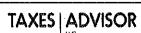
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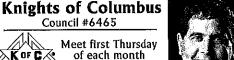
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