

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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November 27-28, 2021

1st Sunday of Advent



*"But when these things begin to happen,
look up, and lift up your heads,
because your redemption is near."
Luke 21:28*



Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, November 28

8:30 a.m. – +Jim Hill

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Monday, November 29 – No Mass

Tuesday, Nov. 30 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – +James Breker

Wednesday, December 1

9:00 a.m. – +Jerry Liska

Thursday, December 2

9:00 a.m. – +Lacey Semler

Friday, December 3

9:00 a.m. – Tyler Young

Adoration 9:30 a.m. – 12: p.m.

Saturday, December 4

4-4:30 p.m. - Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – +Elsie Sadowsky

Sunday, December 5

8:30 a.m. – +Donnley & +Patricia Dvoracek

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Offertory Gifts

November 21-22, 2021

Adult: \$4,777. Children: \$58.

Improvements: \$36.

Firm Foundation: \$1,080.

Poor Fund: \$101.

Collected to Date

<u>Collected to Date</u>		<u>Goal to Date</u>
\$295,897.22	Adult	\$357,200.00
\$934.28	Children	\$1,410.00
\$122,594.50	Improvements	\$47,000.00
\$402,223.40	Firm Foundation	\$448,702.00
\$64,434.00	God's Gift	\$76,212.00



This Week:

Sunday: No Coffee

No PK

No Daily Mass: Tuesday, November 30

RCIA: Tuesday, November 30, 7 p.m., Library

Knights of Columbus Meeting: Thursday

December 2, 7:00 p.m.

Adoration & Exposition: Friday, December 3,

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Advent

The first Sunday in Advent marks the beginning of a new Church year.

The Advent Wreath and Candles

The wreath, is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, and everlasting life we find in Christ. The wreath is meant to remind us of both the immortality of our souls and God's promise of everlasting life to us through Christ.

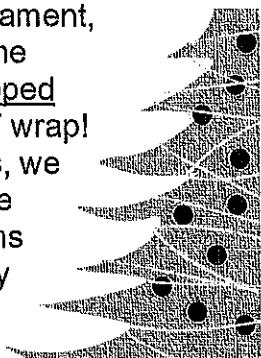
The candles Four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, one candle is lit each Sunday, signifying a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice. A Fifth candle represents purity.

Week One: The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes **hope**. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.



Celebrating Advent is an excellent way to prepare your mind and heart for Christmas.
(stay tuned for week two)

Un-Trim the Tree for Churches United! We are collecting Christmas items for residents of Churches United for the Homeless. Please un-trim the tree by taking an ornament, purchase the item listed on the ornament. Place the un-wrapped item under the tree. **DO NOT** wrap! As the weeks of Advent pass, we will see many items under the tree! All ornaments have items from a wish list given to us by CUH. The items will be placed in a 'gift room' for their residents to choose gifts for their family members. All items must be here by December 16. You don't need to return the ornament – it is yours to keep!



Faith Formation

Lucy@bscwf.org



Class:

Grs 1-5	Dec. 1	5:30 p.m.
WOW	Dec. 1	7:00 p.m.
PK	Dec. 5	10:30 a.m.
Grs 1-5	Dec. 8	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	Dec. 8	5:30 p.m.
PK	Dec. 12	10:30 a.m.
Grs 1-5	Dec. 15	5:30 p.m.
WOW	Dec. 15	7:00 p.m.
PK	Dec. 19	NO CLASS
Grs 1-5	Dec. 22	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	Dec. 22	5:30 p.m.
PK	Dec. 26	NO CLASS
NO Class	Dec. 29	

We Have Received a \$1,000 Check from Spartin Nash! Thank you for saving your Family Fare receipts!!! This money is designated to our Youth Programs. Last time we received the money from Spartin Nash, we were able to purchase smaller classroom tables and chairs for our younger students.

RCIA Class (7:00 p.m. in the Library)
December dates: 7 & 14.

Area Advent Penance Services

Services at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Nov. 30	Holy Cross
Dec. 1	St. Paul's Newman Center
Dec. 5	Holy Spirit - 4 p.m.
Dec. 8?	St. Maurice (Kindred)
Dec. 9	Blessed Sacrament
Dec. 12	St. Benedict (Wild Rice) - 4 p.m.
Dec. 13	St. Anthony
Dec. 14	Sts. Anne & Joachim
Dec. 16	Nativity
Dec. 16	St. Leo (Casselton)
Dec. 19	St. Mary's Cathedral - 4 p.m.

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.

Music Ministry

Ronda@bscwf.org

Practice

<u>Joyful Voices</u>	Dec. 5	9:45 a.m.
	Dec. 12	9:45 a.m.
	Dec. 18	4:30 p.m.
	Dec. 26	9:45 a.m.

<u>Contemporary</u>	Dec. 12	7:45 a.m.
	Dec. 24	2:45 p.m.
	Dec. 26	7:44 a.m.

Parish Life

A Christmas Market! The Holy Rosary and Mother Seton Circles will be hosting a Christmas Themed Country Store on December 11 & 12. The Circles are looking for donations of handmade items and crafts; baked and canned goods; and jewelry. If you have donations, contact Karen in the Parish Office to discuss a drop off time.



Beware of SCAMS! If you get any kind of communication from Fr. Gary (email, text, or call) asking you to go purchase gift cards for him because he just doesn't have time to do it himself - IT IS A SCAM!! The person behind these requests will take the cards and run, you will not get paid back. Do Not Fall For This!!!

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

Roberta Johnson (11/29)

Kathy Burley (12/3)

Happy Birthday!

Daily Readings – Nov. 28 – Dec. 4, 2021

Nov. 28: Jer 33:14-16, 1 Thes 3:12-4:2,

Lk 21:25-28,34-36

Nov. 29: Is 2:1-5, Mt 8:5-11

Nov. 30: Rom 10:9-18, Mt 4:18-22

Dec. 1: Is 25:6-10a, Mt 15:29-37

Dec. 2: Is 26:1-6, Mt 7:21,24-27

Dec. 3: Is 29:17-24, Mt 9:27-31

Dec. 4: Is 30:19-21,23-26, Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

Flowers for Mary: Parishioners are invited to bring flowers to honor Mary for the feast of her Immaculate Conception. Place the flowers (potted or cut) by the statue of Mary in the Gathering Area.



Help Wanted: We are looking for someone to assist in housekeeping duties in the rectory. The wage negotiable. If interested, contact the Parish Office 701-282-3321 or Info@bscwf.org.

Remembering Those Who've Passed Away.

November 29: Clarence Hoganson,

Brandon Schiefert

November 30: Marilyn Scully

December 1: Theresa Bowen,

Mary Ann Chevalier, Michael Byrne

The Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrates that Mary was preserved from original sin from the moment of her conception, will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament on December 8, Mass times are 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The feast day is a holy day of obligation on which Catholics are required to attend Mass.

Soup & More. We will be serving a meal on December 9 and 23. Take-out meals will be available, but we hope you will sit and eat with us. Donations will be accepted but not required.

Sick List: Join us in praying for our ill parishioners and family members.

Patti Baerenwald (sister of Karen Beets),

Douglas Krueger, Aggie Hennessy,

Kay Morehead, Penny Adam,

Bob Yanish, Gary Lammer,

Edwin & Margaret Olson, Irma Diegel.

Thank You Leland Buckmeier for making a cover for our Guardian Angel statue!! We are very grateful for your talent and time!

Thank You West Funeral Home for sponsoring our 2022 wall calendars!

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IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS THAT MAKE THE DIFFERENCE	

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

- Coffee & Goodies – Most Sundays
- Churches United for the Homeless – December 23 & 30

Trivia

“Blessed are those who mourn...”

- a) for they shall love their enemies”
- b) for they will be comforted”
- c) for they do not hide their light under a bushel”
- d) for they are peacemakers”

b) Christians experience sorrow when they see that something or someone is standing in the way of building the kingdom of God. Mourning the victims of tragedy and injustice helps Christians to realize the brokenness of life and experience the personal call to change.

Community / Diocesan Events

The Sermon on the Mount a wise person hears His word and puts them into practice. Friday, December 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Riverview, 5300 12 St S, Fargo. Cost \$10 donation. As we begin a new church year perhaps a review of the Sermon on the Mount could serve as a guiding light to rightful living and truthful discipleship. RSVP to 701-799-2076 or presentationprayercenter@gmail.com

Evangelization Opportunity. Motivated parish missionaries (couples or individuals) are sought to form a team to carry out discipleship and evangelization in a parish setting. Missionaries would have the freedom and support to help transform the parish to respond to Jesus' command to go and make disciples of all nations. Salary and benefits are negotiable. Missionaries would be based at Holy Spirit Parish in Fargo, ND. To apply or receive additional information, contact Fr. Ross Laframboise at pastor@holyspiritfargo.com or call at 701-404-5411. Previous discipleship experience is required.

Reflections on the First Sunday of Advent - November 28, 2021 Fr. Gary Luiten

Advent is a special season of the Church year. It is the first season of the church year, symbolizing the freshness of new beginnings. It is too bad society doesn't celebrate this season because Advent is indeed a very important time of the church year. Preparing our hearts is what is important. We are called to ready our hearts for a number of things.

One thing we are called to ready, or to prepare, our hearts for is Christmas. Another thing is to prepare our hearts for when Jesus comes again. When he comes again in his second coming, Jesus tells us in the gospel today that we will come in glory! Everyone will surely know it. Jesus does not want us to be sleeping on the job. He wants us to be awake and vigilant when he comes.

Today's Second Reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians also gives us sound advice as to how we should prepare ourselves. Whichever comes first, that we depart from this world before the final return of the Lord Jesus or He gloriously returns with His saints on the last day, either way, we should abound in love for one another and for all. Our love should not be limited to our friends, but also for our enemies. Our love should not be limited towards those we are talking to, but also towards those we are not talking to. Our love should not be limited to those we can forgive, but also towards those we have difficulty forgiving. After all, Jesus says in Matthew chapter 7, "For with the judgment you make you will be judged and the measure you give will be the measure you get." That, in a nutshell, is how we are to prepare our hearts.

During the coming weeks, let us make that extra effort to embrace that spiritual attitude so the Season of Advent may become something special for us. May Advent be a true moment of preparation for each and every one of us in the joyful expectation – in the hope of the coming of Jesus at Christmas, at our death and at Our Lord's second and final coming.



Pope Francis Reaches out to ALL Catholic Parishes Throughout the World

Pope Francis has invited the world-wide Catholic Church to question itself on synodality: In order to develop a decisive theme for the life and mission of the Catholic Church. Synodality refers to the involvement and participation of the whole People of God in the life and mission of the Catholic Church.

Blessed Sacrament Pastoral Council Member, Gary Ripplinger, represents Blessed Sacrament on the Diocesan Pastoral Council (council to Bishop Folda). Each Diocesan Council member was asked to bring the following information to their Parish:

This will be a two-year journey (2021-2023) of reflection and sharing. To enable this process the Diocese of Fargo has 14 questions that they are asking all parishioners to reflect on and provide input to either the Parish or the Diocese. The responses will enable Bishop Folda and Pope Francis to develop the future mission of the world-wide Catholic Church.

Gary Ripplinger is reaching out to the Blessed Sacrament parishioners to please give feedback. He will compile your responses and forward them on to the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

- 2 different questions will be highlighted in the bulletin over the next 7 weeks. These questions can be completed after mass or later at home. Please return your response to the Parish Office within the 7-week period. You are free to respond to all questions at any time if you wish.
- There will be an open meeting hosted by Fr. Gary Luiten on Saturday January 15th following Saturday Mass to discuss and capture feedback from the Parish.
- Visit the Diocese of Fargo website to view and submit your responses
<https://www.fargodiocese.org/synod-response>

This Weeks highlighted question:

- 1) Is the mission of our parish (Blessed Sacrament) a combined effort between the priest and people? Please explain.**
- 2) What particular issue in the Church (as a whole) do we need to pay more attention to? What should we do?**

Please respond to these questions on a separate sheet of paper. Indicate which question you are responding to by putting the question number on your response. You are not required to put your name on your response. Please return to the Parish Office via mail, place in the collection basket or drop it off in the Parish Office.

December 4-5, 2021 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	C. Paintner	N. Peterson	R. Martin
Eucharistic Minister	*K. Beets	*M.A. Schuster, **TBA	*M. Kern
Gift Bearers	B. Christl Family	J. Wells Family	B. Pagel, Volunteer
Servers	Volunteers	K. & G. Wells	E. & R. Spanier
Ushers	K. Beets, Volunteer	T. Gross, Volunteer	S. DeKeyser Family
Greeters	B. Christl Family	M. A. Schuster, J. Moody	E. Spanier Family
Rosary Leader	S. Bosch	L. Metzger	M. Kern
Sacristan	K. Beets	D. Nechiporenko	K. Hanson
Media Minister	N. Althoff	*Bread Minister **Takes communion to home-bound	

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

Feast/Holy Day the Week of November 28, 2021

Nov. 30: St. Andrew Dec. 3: St. Francis Xavier Dec. 4: St. John Damascene

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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

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