



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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January 1-2, 2022, ~ Epiphany

Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, January 2

8:30 a.m. - +Jane Krueger

10:30 a.m. - the Parishioners

Monday, January 3 - NO MASS

Tuesday, January 4 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. - Colleen Sullivan

Wednesday, January 5

9:00 a.m. - +Mary Ann Vetter

Thursday, January 6

9:00 a.m. - +Bill Knoll

Friday, January 7

9:00 a.m. - +Melanie (Lenzmeier) Oberg

Adoration 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 8

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. - +Norman Ulmer & Family

Sunday, January 9

8:30 a.m. - Eileen Zettler

10:30 a.m. - the Parishioners

Weekly Offering

December 25-26, 2021

Adult: \$5,704

Children: \$21

Christmas: \$3,218

Improvements: \$595

Firm Foundation: \$426

Poor Fund: \$25

Collected to Date

\$330,296.22

Adult

\$395,200.00

\$1,053.96

Children

\$1,560.00

\$14,456.00

Improvements

\$52,000.00

\$407,078.40

Firm Foundation

\$448,915.00

\$66,644.0

God's Gift

\$76,212.00



Epiphany



Welcome! 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

Sunday: No Coffee
No PK

RCIA, Tuesday, January 4, 7 p.m., Library

Knights of Columbus, Thur., Jan. 6, 7 p.m.

Adoration, Fri., January 7, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Faith Formation



Class:

PK	Jan. 2	No Class
Grs 1-12	Jan. 5	5:30 p.m.
WOW	Jan. 5	7:00 p.m.
PK	Jan. 9	10:30 a.m.
Grs 1-5	Jan. 12	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	Jan. 12	5:30 p.m.
PK	Jan. 16	NO CLASS
Grs 1-5	Jan. 19	5:30 p.m.
WOW	Jan. 19	7:00 p.m.
PK	Jan. 23	10:30 a.m.
Grs 1-5	Jan. 26	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	Jan. 26	5:30 p.m.
PK	Jan. 30	10:30 a.m.

Confirmation Preparation Wednesdays, January 5 and 12, 5:30 p.m.

RCIA Class (7:00 p.m. in the Library)

January Dates: 4, 11, & 25

Music Ministry



Contact Ronda (Ronda@bscwf.org) if you are interested in assisting at Weekend Masses:

- Instrumentalists
- Song Leaders
- Substitute Accompanists

Practice/Sing

Joyful Voices Jan. 2 9:45/ 10:30 a.m.
 Jan. 9 9:45/ 10:30 a.m.
 Jan. 15 4:30/ 5:15 p.m.
 Jan. 23 9:45/ 10:30 a.m.
 Jan. 30 9:45/ 10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Jan. 16 7:45/ 8:30 a.m.
 Jan. 30 7:45/ 8:30 a.m.

Parish Life



2021 Year-End Reports will be provided **BY REQUEST ONLY**. We will email it to you or print a hard copy to be picked up. Contact Mary Beth, in the Parish Office, with your request. Reports will be ready after Jan. 15.

Additions to the Christmas Flower List.

In Memory of:

John Normandin

by Dolores Normandin

Donald & Audrey Sando

by Brian, Donna & Emma Christl

Baptism Basket. There is a baptism basket in the Social Hall for Grayson S. Johnston, 2 ½ month old son of Dane & Alexis Johnston. Please help us welcome Grayson and fill the basket with 'baby shower' items.

Be Aware - Park With Care! When parking near the building, in the parking lot, please **DO NOT PARK ON THE SIDEWALK!** Please be aware of where you are parking. Thank you.

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

**BINGO SEASON...
STARTS NEXT WEEK!**
January 9, 23, and 30
February 6, 13, and 27
March – To be determined

Concessions start at 11:30 a.m.
Bingo begins at 12:00 p.m.

\$0.25 per card per game
20 games are played
All prizes are CASH!

Building a Firm Foundation Campaign

Thank you to all of you who have and continue to support our efforts in improving our infrastructure and upgrading the environment! The summer of 2022 we plan to update the carpet in the Sacristy, Family Room and Social Hall. Thank you.

Pledge Goal: \$448,915.

Paid: \$407,078

Due: \$41,837

Catholic Schools Week

January 30 through February 5 marks the celebration of Catholic education in the United States! Schools typically observe the week with Mass, assemblies and other activities for students, families, parishioners, and community members to celebrate. The theme this year is "*Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.*" Trinity Elementary is supported by Blessed Sacrament, St. Benedict, and Holy Cross. We also have several students from Blessed Sacrament who attend JP II Catholic Schools. Blessed Sacrament will celebrate the week by having a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, February 5, hosted by our Knights of Columbus. Proceeds will go to our JP II stipend to support Trinity.

Catholic Schools week is a great time to show your support. Our parish is assessed 30% of our envelope giving each month to be given to the JP II network. This amount is increased by 5% each year. It will cap at 45%. To help us reach that percentage, you are invited to donate by using the JP II envelope in your pack of offering envelopes. If you give automatically, you may use the JP II envelope attached to the bulletin or in the Gathering Area. There is also an option on our parish website to give to the JP II Schools. Giving in this way, through our parish to the school system can help us to reach our assessed dollars faster each month.

Children's Mass-Bag: If you need something to occupy your child(ren) during Mass. Have them take a Mass-Bag! The bags are hanging on the red 'tree' near the coat rack in the Gathering Area. Each bag has crayons, books, and coloring page. Take home the activity and coloring pages. The crayons and books remain in the bag and returned to the 'tree' when Mass is over.

Daily Readings – January 2 - 8, 2022

Jan. 2: Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3a,5-6, Mt 2:1-12

Jan. 3: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6, Mt 4:12-17,23-25

Jan. 4: 1 Jn 4:7-10, Mk 6:34-44

Jan. 5: 1 Jn 4:11-18, Mk 6:45-52

Jan. 6: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4, Lk 4:14-22

Jan. 7: 1 Jn 5:5-13, Lk 5:12-16

Jan. 8: 1 Jn 5:14-21, Jn 3:22-30

Eucharistic Adoration/Exposition. Eucharistic adoration is when the Eucharist is exposed for viewing. At the beginning of the exposition of the Eucharist, Fr. Gary removes the sacred host from the tabernacle and places it in the monstrance on the altar for adoration by the faithful. The exposed Eucharist must not be left alone. Blessed Sacrament parish will hold Exposition/Adoration on Friday January 7 and February 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Council #6465,

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. The Knights of Columbus meet once a month at 7:00 p.m. The next meetings are January 7 and February 3. For more information contact the Parish Office or speak with Eduardo Pablo.

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.

Mass at Trinity Elementary: Fr. Gary celebrates Mass at Trinity Elementary the SECOND THURSDAY of the month during the school year. There is no daily Mass at Blessed Sacrament on those days. (January 13)

Monthly Calendar Every month we publish a Blessed Sacrament calendar. The calendar is usually sent the week prior to the beginning of a new month.

Side 1 has our Mass times, daily readings, the saint of the day or feast day, and any activities/events Blessed Sacrament is having.

Side 2 has the anniversary of a parishioners death (marked with an +), the wedding anniversary date of parishioners celebrating 40, 50, 55 and 60 plus years of marriage, and the birthdate of parishioners celebrating year 75, 80, 85 and 90 plus years. The Monthly Calendar can also be found on our website <https://www.bscwf.org/latest-bulletins/> scroll down to CALENDAR.

Our Sympathy to Maria Regner on the death of her sister, Irma Diegel. May Irma delight in eternal rewards with our Lord.

Pastoral Council Elections: Elections for two new members of the Pastoral Council, will be held the weekend of January 29-30. Those elected will serve a three-year term. They will be replacing Barb Opoien and Gary Ripplinger. If you have the opportunity, please thank Barb and Gary for their service to our parish. Candidate names and biographies will be available next weekend. Who can vote? All registered parishioners 18 years old and over.

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 and contact Wendy Retterath (701-282-6266) or Parish Secretary, Mary Beth Odegaard at 701-282-3321 or MaryBeth@bscwf.org. **Please become a Warrior of Prayer.**

Remembering Those Who've Passed Away.
*We pray for the souls of our departed parishioners.
May they enjoy everlasting life!*

January 4: Claudia Cossette, Kathlyn Thomallo,
Eleanor Farrell

January 5: Joseph Marlow, Dorothy McCullen,
Michael Iback, Bertha Wiederholt,
Mike Kraft

January 6: Rosemary Scully

January 7: Theresa Stangler, Alma Jean Wolf

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. **You may also request prayers on our website:**
<https://www.bscwf.org/prayer-wall/>

Sick List: *We pray for our ill parishioners and family members.* If you, or a loved one, you would like your Blessed Sacrament family to pray for, please call the Parish Office. Names will be listed, in the bulletin, for 1 month unless the office is contacted for an extension.

*Bella Garcia, Donna Walther,
The Kraig Bittner Family, Jack Fuller,
Penny Adam, Gary Lammer*

Soup & More: Blessed Sacrament will be serving a dine-in meal on the second and fourth Thursdays from 5-6 p.m. Take-out meals will be available. Donations are accepted but not expected. (January 13 & 27)

Sunday Coffee & Goodies. We need volunteers to host Coffee & Goodies after Masses on Sunday. Goodies are provided. To volunteer, contact Karen, 701-282-3321 or Karen@bscwf.org.

Thank You - Bulletin Advertisers! By placing an ad in our bulletin, you help defray the cost of printing and distribution of our weekly bulletin. We appreciate all businesses that advertise with us, and we ask our parishioners to support these businesses as you are able. Would your business like to advertise in our bulletin? If so, please contact Mary Beth in the Parish Office 701-282-3321.

Trinity Elementary Classroom Campaign. To celebrate Catholic Schools, we will be collecting something special for the Preschool and Kindergarten "Little Deacons" classrooms. There will be more information in next week's bulletin.

Vital Statistics – December 2021

Baptisms: Grayson S. Johnston
Deaths: Margaret Olson, Shirley Debuhr
Newcomers: Fred Schmidt

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

- Coffee & Goodies – Most Sundays
- Bingo – January 9, 23 & 30
- Soup & More – December 9 & 23
- Churches United for the Homeless – December 23 & 30

Winter Storm Policy The Parish Office follows the same winter storm policy as JP II Schools. If the JP II Schools are closed because of bad weather, the Parish Office will be closed and there will be no evening activities. Fr. Gary WILL say daily Mass if it is scheduled.

Pope Francis' Synod Questions

Pope Francis has invited the world-wide Catholic Church to question itself on the involvement and participation of the whole People of God in the life and mission of the Catholic Church. This is called "synodality." For the next few weeks there



will be questions in the bulletin that you will be invited to answer.

This week the highlighted questions are:

10. What is needed to form priests to help them to listen to their people and recognize their needs?
11. What facilitates or inhibits the laity from listening to the priests?

Please respond to the 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 the responses to the parish office

If you missed questions 1 through 10, contact the Parish Office for a copy. Info@bscwf.org

All Parish Meeting. We need feedback from the Parish. Please join Fr. Gary Luiten on Saturday, January 15, 6:15 p.m., following Mass to discuss and capture feedback from you concerning the Synod Questions.

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.

Community & Diocesan Events

Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, January 11 at St. Anthony's beginning with Mass at 5:15 p.m., meal to follow, and meeting at 6:30 p.m. Members are invited to bring non-perishable food pantry donations. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Any questions, please send an email to regentctstann@gmail.com.

Job Opening

Holy Family - St. Mary's Catholic School is hiring a preschool teacher to start January 3, 2022 and complete the remainder of the school year. You must hold an associate's or bachelor's degree in early childhood education or be working towards one. This is a salary paid position with benefits. If interested, please send the following documents to Katie Mayer via email. kmayer@hfsmschool.org Resume, Letter of interest, 2 letters of recommendation. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Reflections on the Gospel for the Solemnity of the Epiphany - January 2, 2022

Fr. Gary Luiten

Today is the day we recall two things: the first thing is the three wise men. The song calls them kings, but actually the original Greek translation calls them "Magoi" which means "wise ones," or "wise men." They brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Jesus. These men were indeed wise because they knew that this little baby had a large part to play in the salvation of humanity. That's why they brought not just any gifts: but gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The first gift was gold. The one place where gold was abundant was in the palace of the kings. And so, gold had the connotation with royalty. Therefore, the gold represented the kingship of Jesus. The second gift was frankincense. Incense was used in the temple, and represented what was incensed was special, was set apart, and was sacred. So, they knew that this Jesus was indeed sacred – and not just sacred, but God himself! The third gift was myrrh. Myrrh was a nard, or a perfume reserved for burial. It was to foreshadow his death. So, these wise men were indeed wise, wiser than one may realize, and probably wiser than even many Catholics today.

When I say they are wiser than many Catholics, think of it this way. When we come to adore the Lord, the King, in the Eucharist, what do people bring? I'm sure many bring not gold, but a monetary amount, which is an equivalent. They are both able to be used as trade to pay bills and to be used to purchase necessary items for the church. Some people bring their talents such as their music abilities, speaking abilities, ushering abilities, or serving abilities. And perhaps, occasionally, some people don't bring anything – not even their attention. Their thoughts are a million miles away.

Now, I ask the question, who leaves Mass the happiest? I would dare say those who have brought something to the Eucharist. That is, those who have participated in the Eucharist – those who have given of themselves and put in their energy, time, and their thought into Jesus' Sacrifice. Then they can more effectively rise with Jesus when they leave the Eucharist.

The second thing we recall, besides the three wise men, is the star that points the way to Jesus. Without that star, the wise men would have been lost. They would have been ignorant men. That star was a guiding principle in their lives. You and I are called to be like the star that points the way to Jesus in the lives of others. We can do so through our kindness, through our spiritual wisdom, prayers, and, by using the Love that God has for us we act as the Star of Bethlehem, we lead others to the Messiah.

And so, may the three wise men be our inspiration of giving to God the best of ourselves, and may the Star of Bethlehem be our example of lighting the way to Christ for others.

A few other items:

Synod Meeting. This month on January 15 at 6:15 pm, we will offer you an opportunity to speak about and respond to the questions that Pope Francis has posed to the faithful. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Bingo starting. This month we will offer bingo on January 9, 23, and 30. This bingo will benefit the parish youth and their youth projects. It's a great way to show our support for our parish youth.

Parish Council Elections. On the final weekend of January, we will have parish elections. Hopefully we can get a good turnout for voting. The parish council represent the parish in advising me as I make important decisions for the parish. I deeply consider what the council recommends.

Soup and More. We are greatly in need of people to help serve for Soup and More on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The work is not difficult. If you are interested, please contact Karen in the Parish Office.

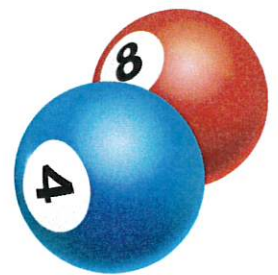
January BINGO

Sundays

January 9, 23 & 30

12:00 p.m.

in the Social Hall



**Concessions Sales
begin at 11:30 a.m.**

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Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church All Parish Meeting



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Synod - A Meeting to Resolve Questions of Discipline or Administration.

In compliance with Pope Francis and Bishop John Folda's request
to address specific questions about our Catholic Church,
we are holding an All-Parish Meeting.

Saturday, January 15

6:30 p.m.

All parishioners are invited to attend. We will be addressing the synod
questions that have been in the bulletin the past several weeks.

January 8-9, 2022 – Baptism of the Lord Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	C. Paintner	J. Allmaras	R. Martin
Eucharistic Minister	*P. Pritchard	*F. McCann, **TBA	* G. Larson
Gift Bearers	D. Krogen Family	L. & L. Juve	S. Supler Family
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Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	D. Nechiporenko	K. Hanson
Sacristan	M. Pablo	F. McCann	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, January 6, 3 p.m..
701-282-3321 or Karen@bscwf.org**

Feast/Holy Day the Week of January 5, 2021

Jan 3: Holy Name of Jesus Jan. 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Jan. 5: St. John Neumann Jan. 6: St. Andre Bessette Jan. 7: St. Raymond of Penafort

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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