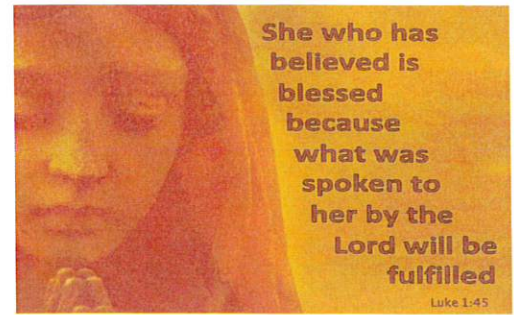


Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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December 18-19, 2021
4th Sunday in Advent

Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, December 19

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

Monday, December 20 – No Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 21 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – +Gabe Scheett

Wednesday, December 22

9:00 a.m. – Joe L. Sullivan

Thursday, December 23

9:00 a.m. – +Ervin & +Joan Laber

Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve

Carols - 3:30 p.m.

Mass - 4:00 p.m. - +Phyllis Davis

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, December 25 Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. – the Parishioners

No Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – Schreen Faber

Sunday, December 26

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Carter & +Easton Supler

Offertory Gifts

December 11-12, 2021

Adult: \$7,671. Children: \$41.

Improvements: \$295

Firm Foundation: \$1,605

Poor Fund: \$1745

Holiday Market: \$1,535.25

Collected to Date

Goal to Date

\$316,896.22	Adult	\$380,000.00
\$1,006.96	Children	\$1,500.00
\$13,756.00	Improvements	\$50,000.00
\$405,987.40	Firm Foundation	\$448,915.00
\$64,959.00	God's Gift	\$76,212.00



This Week:

Sunday – Coffee & Goodies following Mass
 No PK

Christmas Program – 2:00 p.m.

No Daily Mass: Tuesday, December 21

Staff Meeting: Tues., December 21, 10 a.m.

Churches United – Thur., Dec. 23

Soup & More– Thur., Dec. 23, 5-6 p.m.

Parish Office Closed Friday, December 24
 and Monday, December 27.

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Vigil - Friday, December 24
 3:30 p.m. Caroling ~ 4:00 p.m. Mass

Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25
 10:00 a.m. Mass

New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Vigil - Friday, December 31
 5:30 p.m. Mass

New Year's Day - Saturday, January 1
 10:00 a.m. Mass

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Fr. Gary, Ronda, Mary Beth, Lucy, Jim, and Karen

Advent

The Advent Wreath and Candles

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, signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice. A Fifth candle represents purity.

Week Four: On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes **peace**. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."



Christmas Eve: The white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath and lit on Christmas Eve. This candle is called the "Christ Candle" and represents the **life of Christ**. The color white is for purity—because Christ is our sinless, pure Savior.



Area Advent Penance Services

Services at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Dec. 19 St. Mary's Cathedral 4 p.m.

Faith Formation

Lucy@bscwf.org



Class:

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	

This Sunday Afternoon is our Faith Formation Christmas Program! Our students have been rehearsing and are ready for their big production! Please join us at 2 p.m. on Sunday and enjoy the program put on by our Faith Formation students.

Merry Christmas!



Music Ministry

Practice/Sing

<u>Joyful Voices</u>	Dec. 26	9:45 /10:30 am
<u>Contemporary</u>	Dec. 26	7:45 /8:30 am
<u>Combined Choir</u>	Dec. 24	2:45 /3:30 pm

Combined Choir = Joyful Voices and Contemporary Choirs combined.

Parish Life

Christmas Eve Mass Time is different this year. Please note that caroling will be at 3:30 p.m. and Mass will begin at 4:00 p.m.

Daily Readings – December 19-25, 2021

<u>Dec. 19:</u>	Mt 5:1-10, Heb 10:5-10, Lk 1:39-45
<u>Dec. 20:</u>	Is 7:10-14, Lk 1:26-28
<u>Dec. 21:</u>	Sg 2:8-14, Lk 1:39-45
<u>Dec. 22:</u>	2 Sm 1:24-28, Lk 1:46-56
<u>Dec. 23:</u>	Mal 3:1-4,23-24, Lk 1:57-66
<u>Dec. 24:</u>	Is 9:1-6, Ti 2:11-14, Lk 2:1-14
<u>Dec. 25:</u>	Is 62:11-12, Ti 3:4-7, Lk 12:15-20

Donations for Christmas Flowers are due Monday, December 20 to the Parish Office.

Fr. Gary Needs Your Assistance.

- Fr. Gary needs someone to read and set up for Mass at Sheyenne Crossings, on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. If you are interested and are 'called by the spirit', please visit with Karen or Fr. Gary.
- Fr. Gary is looking for someone to clean the rectory a couple times a month. If you are interested, please visit with Fr. Gary about details and salary.

Holiday Market Thank You! The circles would like to thank everyone who contributed items and those who purchased items from the Holiday Market. We made over \$1,500 which was divided among the Poor and Fall Dinner Funds.

Alice Pritchard and Elsie Keller

Jams, Jellies, Stewed Tomatoes and Salsa, and are available. These are left from the Holiday Market, and we would like you to take them home. Proceeds will go to the Poor Fund. If you are interested, stop in or call the Parish Office 701-282-3321.

No Reconciliation next Saturday, Dec. 25.

Our Sympathy to Merle DeBuhr on the death of his wife, Shirley. May Shirley be brought to the glory of the resurrection.

Remembering Those Who've Passed Away.

- December 19: Julie Volk
- December 20: Daniel Hager, Agnes Henry
- December 21: Paul Lisburg
- December 24: Mary Hlebechk

Soup & More: Blessed Sacrament will be cooking and serving a meal on Thursday, December 23.

Thank You Sincerely for sharing our sorrow. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated and will always be remembered. Thank you for the bouquet of flowers and all the prayers and support.

Fr. Gary & the Family of
Kay Morehead

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

The Kraig Bittneer Family, Jack Fuller, Irma Diegel (sister of Maria Regner), Evan Christensen and the Bird Family, Delaine Hilzendeger, Patti Baerenwald, Douglas Krueger, Aggie Hennessy, Penny Adam, Gary Lammer

Trivia

Jesus was born in...

- a) Bethlehem
- b) Jerusalem
- c) Damascus
- d) Corinth

Although they lived in Nazareth, Mary and Joseph had to register in Bethlehem, the city of David, because Joseph was descended from the family of David. It was while they were there that Jesus was born.

Christmas Flowers

Please use this form to make donations for the Christmas environment.

Donations are due by Monday, Dec. 20.

Please print clearly

In memory of: _____
(Name of deceased)

In honor of: _____
(Name of living person)

Requested by: _____
(Your name)

Suggested donation:

\$25, \$35, \$50 per name

Make check payable to Blessed Sacrament. Submit form and donation to the Parish Office.

Please publish my gift in the bulletin:

___ Yes ___ No

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

Pope Francis Wants to Hear from You!

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 4 weeks there will be 2 questions in the bulletin that you will be invited to answer.

This week the highlighted questions are:

- 7) What is needed to form laity in leadership roles to respond to the needs of the Church?**
- 8) #8 How do we foster a more consultative approach in the Parish council?**

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 by way of email, place in the collection basket, or drop them off at the parish office.

*Questions 1 & 2 are in the 11/28 bulletin.
Questions 3 & 4 are in the 12/5 bulletin.
Questions 5 & 6 are in the 12/12 bulletin.
If you missed them, contact the Parish Office for a copy. Info@bscwf.org*

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.

St. Joseph the Worker

Made in the image and likeness of God, we are made to work with the Creator for the good of creation. Work is not a punishment but a way in which we fulfill the first commandment found in scripture: “God blessed them, and God said to them: ‘Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it.’ The Lord God then took the human and settled him in the Garden of Eden to cultivate and care for it” (Gn 1:28;2:15).

Through their work, people contribute to the good of creation, to developing the world into a garden in which all people can live at peace with their needs met. Jesus showed us the value of work done for God’s glory when he followed Joseph’s trade and worked with his hands as a carpenter. With every task he performed, he was saving the world because he lived each moment in perfect harmony with the will of the Father. Let us ask St. Joseph to help us do the same today.

We Pray:

God, Our Father, creator, and ruler of the universe, in every age You call men and women to develop and use their gifts for the good of others. With St. Joseph as our example and guide, help us to do the work You have asked and come to the rewards You have promised. Inspired by the example of St. Joseph, may our lives manifest Your love and may we rejoice forever in Your peace. Grant this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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

hope peace love joy
A D V E N T

Reflections on the Readings for December 19, 2021 - 4th Sunday of Advent
Fr. Gary Luiten

Sometimes I will ask people, especially those who think they know all the answers to our faith: "Why did Jesus come to earth?" And I usually trick them with that question. They answer, "To suffer, die, and rise for us." Hebrews has a different answer, as we heard today in the second reading: "I have come to do your will, O God." So, Jesus has come to do the Father's will. That is why Jesus came to earth.

Just think if Jesus wasn't obedient! Just think if he were selfish and lived his own private life. The sick would not be healed. The deaf and blind would not be cured. And I would not have gotten to meet and know you! From a practical standpoint, we wouldn't have the opportunity to give and receive Christmas gifts! But, most importantly, would not be saved, we would not have hope for eternal life, we would not have hope for peace. We would be living in despair. The world would not know what love really is – love made flesh!

Mary is a person who was also obedient. She did the Father's will. In the gospel today, she had just done so, in conceiving Jesus. Then Mary went to visit Elizabeth. Elizabeth recognized what a special person Mary was and is when she said, "Who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" What deep respect we owe Mary, the first Christian, the one who gave the world its savior.

And, having experienced God's presence through the angel Gabriel, this experience called forth a response. Mary just didn't get on a camel or mosey over on a horse or walk over to see her cousin, she "went in haste" to visit her cousin Elizabeth. She couldn't wait to tell Elizabeth the good news! And when John the Baptist experienced this good news of the coming of the Messiah, he didn't just stir in the womb of Elizabeth, he "leaped for joy!" All of you mothers can just imagine the jolt that Elizabeth felt when that happened. Then Elizabeth didn't just acknowledge Mary's blessedness, she cried out in a loud voice, acclaiming Mary's blessedness!

Like Mary, Elizabeth, and John's encounter with the Lord in Elizabeth's womb, our encounter with Jesus in Word and Sacrament, in one another, in creation, is also meant to call forth a response. We, like Mary, Elizabeth, John the Baptist, and even Jesus, upon encountering the Lord, are called to do the Father's will. And what is God's will for us? Like Mary, Elizabeth, and John the Baptist, it is to obey God by loving the Lord and others.

So, when the Lord comes again, may he find us obediently serving Him, not seeking so much our own ends, but may we see the unselfish acts of loving and serving Him in our lives, as Mary, our Mother, did, and touch the world with the presence of Christ in our lives.

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December 25-26, 2021 – Holy Family Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	J. Yourczek	J. Wells	N. Peterson
Eucharistic Minister	*J. Yourczek	*F. McCann, **B. Opoien, **A. Pritchard	*N. Peterson
Gift Bearers	B. Christl Family	J. Wells Family	L. Wegner, H. Von Bank
Servers	I. & E. Rohrich	K. & G. Wells	Volunteers
Ushers	G. Yourczek, D. Rohrich	W. Suchla, F. McCann	S. Curfman, K. Beets
Greeters	C. Paintner, K. Beets	Volunteers	K. Beets, Volunteer
Rosary Leader	S. Bosch	A. Pritchard	M. Geary Curfman
Sacristan	K. Beets	W. Suchla	L. Wegner
Media Minister	M. Sloan	**take communion to the homebound	

**Please contact Karen Beets if you are unable to fulfill your Ministry
no later than Thursday, December 17, 3 p.m.
701-282-3321 or Karen@bscwf.org**

Feast/Holy Day the Week of December 19, 2021

Dec. 21: St. Peter Dec. 23: St. John of Kanty Dec. 25: Nativity of the Lord

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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December 24-25 ~ Christmas

Masses	Fri., Dec. 24 - 4:00 p.m.	Sat., Dec. 25 - 10:00 a.m.
Proclaimers	J. Jones	C. Paintner
Eucharistic Minister	*A. Pritchard	*F. McCann
Gift Bearers	K. & A. Jalbert	L. & L. Juve
Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Ushers	J. Jones, K. Beets	F. McCann, W. Suchla
Greeters	A. Pritchard, G. Kirkeby	W. & J. Suchla
Sacristan	K. Beets	K. Beets
Media Minister	M. Sloan	