



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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January 8-9, 2022 ~ The Baptism of the Lord

Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, January 9

8:30 a.m. - +Eileen Zettler

10:30 a.m. - the Parishioners

Monday, January 10 - NO MASS

Tuesday, January 11 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. - Joe L. Sullivan

Wednesday, January 12

9:00 a.m. - +The Klimek & +Malus Families

Thursday, January 13 at Trinity Elementary

8:45 a.m. - Lee & Marion Kostelecky

Friday, January 14

9:00 a.m. - +Joe Barta

Saturday, January 15

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. - +Martin Ferber

Sunday, January 16

8:30 a.m. - +Betty Allmaras

10:30 a.m. - the Parishioners

Offertory Gifts

December 30, 2021

Adult: \$3,820

Year End Total: 334,016.

Goal: \$395,200.

January 1-2, 2022

Adult: \$6,537.50

Children: \$44

Improvements: \$769.50

Firm Foundation: \$1,591.65

Poor Fund: \$312

Collected to Date

Goal to Date

\$6,637.50	Adult	\$7,600.00
\$44.00	Children	\$30.00
\$769.50	Improvements	\$1,000.00
\$408,670.05	Firm Foundation	\$448,915.00
\$66,644.00	God's Gift	\$76,212.00



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: Coffee at 9:30 a.m.

PK, 10:30 a.m.

Concessions, 11:30 a.m.

Bingo, 12:00 p.m.

RCIA, Tuesday, January 11, 7 p.m., Library

Soup & More, Thur., Jan. 13, 5-6 p.m.

Pastoral Council, Thurs., January 13, 7 p.m.

All Parish Synod Meeting. Saturday, January 15, 6:15 p.m.

Faith Formation



Class:

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 Wednesday, January 12, 5:30 p.m.

RCIA Class

January	11	7:00 p.m.
January	25	7:00 p.m.

Music Ministry



Practice/Sing

Joyful Voices

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



After-Christmas Celebration. Attention Parish Staff, Knights of Columbus Members, Soup & More Volunteers and Blessed Sacrament Circles:

You are invited to attend an 'After-Christmas' Celebration on Sunday, January 16, following 10:30 a.m. Mass, in the Social Hall. This will be a Potluck, bring a dish to share. There will be NO Gift Exchange, everyone is asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the Blessing Box.

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.

BINGO SEASON IS HERE!

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!

Blessing Box – Nonperishable Food Donations

Welcome: "Give what you can. Take what you need. Above all, be blessed."

Churches United for the Homeless (CUH):

Blessed Sacrament takes supper to CUH the 4th & 5th Thursdays of the month. We cook the meal here and deliver it to CUH. If you'd like to volunteer contact Karen Karen@bscwf.org or 701-282-3321. **January 27** is when we take food to CUH.

Daily Readings – January 9-15, 2022

Jan. 9: Is 62:1-5, 1 Cor 12:4-11, Jn 2:1-11
Jan. 10: 1 Sm 1:1-8, Mk 1:14-20
Jan. 11: 1 Sm 1:9-20, Mk 1:21-28
Jan. 12: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20, Mk 1:29-39
Jan. 13: 1 Sm 4:1-11, Mk 1:41-45
Jan. 14: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a, Mk 2:1-12
Jan. 15: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1, Mk 2:13-17

Email Addresses, Phone Numbers and

Emergency Contact Information: Does the Parish Office have your current contact information on file? Call 701-282-3321 or email MaryBeth@bscwf.org to verify your information.

Happy Birthday! We pray for those celebrating a birthday this week:

- Olga Reiter, January 9
- James Kraemer, January 14

Homebound? Can't 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/UCPIK71x77I6WwTnNUQxt5rw>

Moving? All parishioners are reminded to please call the Parish Office, or drop a note in the mail, whenever you move either within the parish or out of the parish.

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 are attached to this bulletin. Who can vote? All registered parishioners 18 years old and over. **The 2022 Candidates are: LeLand Buckmeier, Kathleen Jalbert, Gary Ripplinger and Jocelyn Sloan.**

Remembering Those Who've Passed Away.

January 12: Florence Miller

January 13: Alice Sprecher, Raymond Schaan,
Verna Bashaw

January 14: James Zellars, Martha Ressler

January 15: Arlene Lay, James Jamieson,
Betty Allmaras

Sick List: We pray for our ill parishioners and family members.

Patti Baerenwald,

Alexa Tweeter (granddaughter of Tina Tweeter),

Bella Garcia, Donna Walther,

The Kraig Bittner Family, Penny Adam,

Gary Lammer

Soup & More: Blessed Sacrament will be serving a dine-in meal on Thursday, January 13 & 27, 5-6 p.m. Take-out meals will be available. Donations are accepted but not required.

Spaghetti Dinner To celebrate Catholic Schools week. Saturday, February 5, 6-7 p.m. Hosted by our Knights of Columbus. Proceeds will go toward our JPPI stipend fund.

Trinity Elementary Classroom Campaign. For Catholic Schools Week we want to show our support to Trinity Elementary. Our goal is to collect things for the Little Deacons classrooms (Preschool / Kindergarten). Here is the wish list:

- Marble run
- Toy trains or simple trucks/cars
- Any kind of building blocks or toys (wooden, plastic, foam, magnetic, etc.)
- Duplo Legos
- Life-like baby dolls and blankets
- Dress up outfits (chef, fireman, police, cowboy, doctor, etc.)
- Toy plastic plates/cups
- Toy animal sets
 - Dinosaurs
 - Farm animals
 - Under water animals
 - Safari animals
- Toy nativity set or any play-based faith items.

Please put your donation(s) in the box in the Gathering Area. Bring donations by February 5.

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

- Coffee & Goodies after Sunday Masses
- Soup & More – January 13 & 27
- Churches United for the Homeless – Jan. 27

We Pray for those celebrating Anniversaries and Birthdays. Listed in the monthly calendar are parishioner anniversaries and birthdays!

Wedding Anniversary: couples celebrating year 40, 50, 55, and 60+.

Birthday: those celebrating age 75, 80, 85 and 90+.

Year-End Reports for 2021 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.

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 one more week there will be 2 questions in the bulletin that you will be invited to answer.



This week the highlighted questions are:

13) Does our parish have a goal? What is it? Are we achieving it?

14) What do we believe the Holy Spirit is asking of us?

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.

If you missed questions 1 through 12, contact the Parish Office for a copy. Info@bscwf.org

Feedback from the Parish

Please join Fr. Gary Luiten on Saturday, January 15, 6:30 p.m., 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 regentcstann@gmail.com.

Basketball Free-Throw Championship Contest

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (as of January 1, 2022) are invited to participate in the Knights of Columbus Holy Cross Council #9642 Free Throw Championship. This local level competition will be held **Sunday, January 23, 2022**, at the **Trinity Elementary School gym**, located at 2811 7th St East, West Fargo, ND. Practice and registration is from **12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.** The competition starts promptly at **1:00 p.m.** and typically is completed in about an hour. Basketballs will be furnished but you may bring your own. There is **no charge** to participate in this event. Boys and girls ages 9 through 11 may shoot 12 feet from the basket or from the 15-foot regulation foul line. Boys and girls ages 12 through 14 must shoot from the regulation foul line 15 feet from the basket. Boys ages 12 through 14 must use a men's regulation-size basketball, all others may use a women's regulation-size basketball. Each contestant will receive 3 warm-up tosses followed by 15 consecutive free throw attempts. Ties are settled with a second round of 5 free throws with no warm-up tosses. Normal rules of basketball apply; contestants may not step on or over the line prior to the ball reaching the rim or bouncing off the backboard or out of bounds area. Awards will be given to all first-place winners and certificates of participation and patches will be given to all participants. Winners will advance to the District competition with the chance to move on to the Regional, State, and International levels. All participants are asked to bring a parent or guardian to sign the registration form and verify proof of age. First place winners will be required to furnish proof of age before advancing to the District competition. Questions can be e-mailed to Chad Engels at cengels@mooreengineeringinc.com.

Job Opening

PT Social Justice Coordinator - Nativity Church of Fargo seeks a Social Justice Coordinator to enable the parish community to form itself in the social teaching of the church and to act upon this teaching through advocacy, community organizing, and empowerment of others. The successful candidate will possess excellent interpersonal and relational skills and demonstrated commitment to the social mission of the church. Part time Includes evening and weekend hours. Bachelor's degree required, preferably in theology or human services, with working knowledge of the church's social teaching. Active participation in the life of the parish is required. Position qualifies for participation in a pension plan and is eligible for vacation, sick days, and medical coverage, based on qualifications. Position open until filled. Apply by January 21, 2022, for primary consideration. Submit a resume and three references to Margaret Zeren at: margaretz@nativitycatholicchurch.net

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Your Representatives Are...

Finance Council

Lori DeKeyser, Karen Hanson*,
Stacy Kalvoda, Brad Novak*, Eduardo Pablo,
Linda Sample, and Steve Willson

Pastoral Council

Steve Neva, Barb Opoien, Jamie Regner
Gary Ripplinger, Ally Schweitzer, and
Julie Yourczek

*Blessed Sacrament Lay Director

Stewardship Moment

Baptism of Our Lord

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit..." Luke 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states that *"Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will."* In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

Reflections on the Gospel for the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord - January 9, 2022
Fr. Gary Luiten

Jesus' baptism tells us two main things. The first point is the importance of baptism. How do we know? Because Jesus allowed himself to be baptized by John, even though He didn't need it. Jesus was baptized as an example for us. So, not only did Jesus say that baptism is important, He himself was baptized!

The church, like Jesus, sees Baptism as important, too. In fact, we see that is so important that it should be received within the first few weeks after birth, if possible. And we see this carried out in the early church in the Acts of the Apostles, when whole families were being baptized.

It may be a while since you've seen a baptism, and most of us probably don't remember our own baptisms. So, what actually happens at a baptism? What does baptism do? Baptism takes away sin. Baptism also makes us adopted children of God. And if you ask people who have adopted children why they did so, they will say, "It is because we loved that child." And that is why God the Father adopted us – because of His love for us.

However, it is important for us to realize that in the midst of all this "sugary sweet" love God has for us, God is also just. Isaiah says in 42:3-4, that God will not quench the smoldering wick until He establishes justice on the earth! Here God is not saying, "Because I love you, you can do whatever you want." Instead, we must be just to others.

And so, precisely because of God's love for us, He expects a response from us – a response of love in return – loving Him, (which involves carrying out His commandments) and loving our neighbor. And so, you and I are called to imitate God in the sense of loving one another so we receive the inheritance of heaven someday. And because of having become a member of God's family – a child of God and a brother or sister of Jesus, we have a share in the family inheritance – which is heaven unless we forfeit that through breaking our relationship with God through serious sin. But then we can always get our inheritance back through the Sacrament of Reconciliation!

Secondly, the gospel passage tells us that besides baptism being important for us, even though Jesus is God He is also God's Son. This is part of the mystery of Jesus. The words "father" and "son" are words used in describing a family. Jesus reveals to us today who He really is – the Son of God. It is a family relationship. And so, the relationship between God the Father and God the Son is an example for families today.



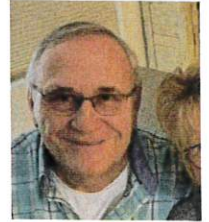
Pastoral Council Candidates 2022

Elections are January 29-30, 2022

You will choose two of the below candidates to represent you on the Pastoral Council for 3 years.

LeLand Buckmeier

My name is Leland Buckmeier, I have been a member of Blessed Sacrament Church for more than 15 years. My wife Jane, attends Triumph West Lutheran Church. We are both retired, with a Blended family of 6 children and 14 Grand Children. I am running for Pastoral Council, to further support the Blessed Sacrament Church body. It would be a privilege to serve in this capacity. Thank you.



Kathleen Jalbert

My name is Kathleen Jalbert, and I have been a member of Blessed Sacrament Church since the fall of 2010 after moving to West Fargo from Texas. I have been married to my high school sweetheart for the past 18 years, and we have a son, Alex and a dog, Leia. Alex and I are active members of the parish community as a Proclaimer and Eucharistic Minister during Saturdays' mass and a volunteer at Soup and More, the Fall Festival, and various other parish activities as time permits, while Alex is an usher. I hope he will want to be an altar server one day, but that is yet to be determined. Now, I am excited about the opportunity to run for the parish council. Growing up in the Catholic faith has molded me into the person I am today, helping people and creating an environment based on the teaching of our faith. I would love the opportunity to continue my growth as a leader and lay minister at Blessed Sacrament Church. Since joining 11 years, I have been welcomed into a community unlike any other. I would love the chance to give back even more. Thank you!



Gary Ripplinger

My wife, Lisa and I have two wonderful children 9 and 11. We have been members of Blessed Sacrament since 2009. We truly enjoy all that Blessed Sacrament has offered our family and we are proud of the positive impact that Blessed Sacrament has had in West Fargo. I want to continue strengthening the path that our wonderful parish has set forth in our community and ensure we continue meeting the needs of our parishioners. I appreciate your consideration as a Pastoral Council Candidate.

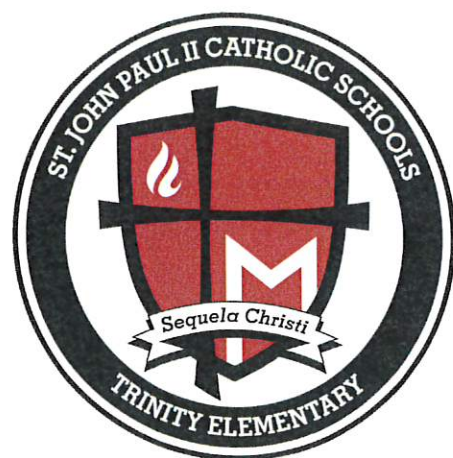


Jocelyn Sloan

Greetings! I have been a member of Blessed Sacrament since the summer of 1994. During that time, I have served the parish as a choir member, catechist, and musician. During the week, I work for Clay County (MN) in Information Technology. My husband Mark and I have two (now-adult) children; our youngest has Autism. For many years, I have advocated for children and young adults with disabilities. If elected to the Pastoral Council, this advocacy would easily expand to include the elderly. I firmly believe that every one of us has something to offer to the community. Sometimes, differences require additional patience and/or flexibility on the part of others. If we take the time to listen to those needs, we can often make small changes that allow for greater inclusivity. We must accommodate the needs of all our neighbors, friends, and parishioners, so that we can learn from them and with them, in this community we call Blessed Sacrament.



Trinity Elementary Classroom Drive



For the Preschool / Kindergarten Classrooms

- Marble run
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January 15-16, 2022 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C

Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	C. Fischer	J. Yourczek	A. Buettner
Eucharistic Minister	*G. Walz	*J. Yourczek, **B. Opoien	*A. Buettner
Gift Bearers	J. Walter Family	Volunteers	B. Novak Family
Servers	Volunteers	K. & A. Wells	D. Hunsicker, E. Buettner
Ushers	R. Fischer, K. Beets	G. Yourczek, L. Sample	S. DeKeyser Family
Greeters	J. Walter Family	J. Wells Family	J. Hunsicker Family
Rosary Leader	S. Bosch	J. Klaers	M. Geary Curfman
Sacristan	K. Beets	J. Yourczek	K. Beets
Media Minister	M. Berntson	*Bread Minister **Takes communion to home-bound	

**Please contact Karen Beets if you are unable to fulfill your Ministry
no later than Thursday, January 13, 3 p.m..
701-282-3321 or Karen@bscwf.org**

**Feast/Holy Day the Week of January 9, 2021
January 13: St. Hillary**

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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Lucy Elshaug - DRE/Youth Ministry - Lucy@bscwf.org

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

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