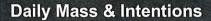
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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Sunday, February 20

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

Monday, February 21 - NO MASS

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, February 22 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. - Colleen Sullivan

Wednesday, February 23

9:00 a.m. - +Edward & +Rita Zimprich

Thursday, February 24

9:00 a.m. - +Glorine (Lizotte) Jones

Friday, February 25

9:00 a.m. - +Jim Hill

Saturday, February 26

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. - +Dale Klinger

Sunday, February 27

8:30 a.m. - +Ron Durbin

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners



Offertory Gifts

February 12-13, 2022

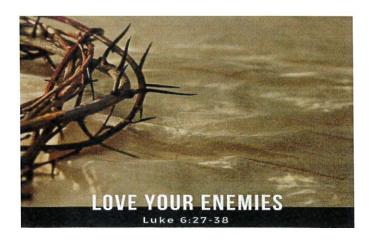
Adult: \$5,987.50

Children: \$16.45

Improvements: \$452.50 Firm Foundation: \$765

Poor Fund: \$275

Collected to Date		Goal to Date
\$61,597.00	Adult	\$54,600.00
\$187.30	Children	\$210.00
\$2,909.50	Improvements	\$7,000.00
\$412,394.05	Firm Foundation	\$400,000.00



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

Parish Office Closed, Monday, February 21.

Churches United for the Homeless, Th., Feb. 24

Lent 2022

Lent

A 40-day period of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Lent reminds us of Jesus' preparing for his preaching, teaching, and healing ministry, all leading up to his passion, death, and resurrection during that first Holy Week. Lent reminds us of the love that Jesus has for the Father and for us, how Jesus unselfishly came to serve and give his life as a ransom for all of us. Love is what Lent is all about.

Lenten Regulations

- Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.
- Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength. may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

Ash Wednesday is March 2. Mass times are 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Mass will be Streaming on YouTube and Facebook. If you are not able to attend, you can watch Mass on the internet by going to our YouTube channel and/or our Facebook page. If you have questions, contact the Parish Office 701-282-3321.

Pack the Pew is Coming! Our Parish Lenten Project is "Pack the Pew". We will collect non-perishable food items in a pew of the church. Food will be collected through April 3. As the weeks pass the pew will become full of groceries for our hungry neighbors. We keep 1/3 of the food for our Blessing Box and 2/3 will go to the Emergency Food Pantry.

Recycled Palms: Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2. If you have palms and would like us to recycle them for Ash Wednesday. There is a basket outside the Parish Office, please bring them by February 28.

Stations of the Cross Blessed Sacrament will host Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent at 7:00 p.m. in the church. All are welcome to join us.

Don't Give Up Chocolate for Lent... Best Lent Ever 2.0 – A Free Daily Lenten Experience with Matthew Kelly.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday and through the forty days of Lent, you will receive a daily email with a short video to help you reconnect with yourself and your God. The paths: The Generosity Habit and Difficult Teachings. Have your best lent ever! Sign up at: https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html

Faith Formation Lent Project. For Lent, our Faith Formation Students will be saving alms for the poor. Families will have a Lenten bank to put on their dining tables at home. As families sit down to eat together, we ask that they think of those less fortunate and put change in the lent bank. The banks will be collected on Holy Thursday.

Faith Formation



Class:

Grs 1-5	Feb. 23	5:30 p.m.	
B4WOW	Feb. 23	5:30 p.m.	
PK	Feb. 27	10:30 p.m.	

RCIA Class No Class this week.

INTRODUCING - FORMED!

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Music Ministry



Practice/Sing

Contemporary Choir Feb. 27 7:45/8:30 a.m.

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

- Instrumentalists
- Song Leaders
- Substitute Accompanists

Parish Life



BINGO Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. February 27 at 12:00 p.m. Concession sales begin at 11:30 a.m. \$0.25 per card, per game. A total of 20 games are played. All prizes are CASH!!

Two extra games are played; 50/50 where the winner receives ½ of the money collected for that game, and Progressive black-out where if you bingo in a certain amount of numbers, you receive a BIG PAYOUT! Next week the black-out prize will be \$150, if you bingo in 58 numbers.

Bulletin Deadline: Articles are due to Mary Beth in the Parish Office, Tuesdays by Noon, for the following Sunday. Drop them off in the office or email MaryBeth@bscwf.org.

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

- Coffee & Goodies, Following Sunday Mass
- Soup & More

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 the Parish Office 701-282-3321. **February date is the 24th**.

Daily Readings - February 20-26, 2022

<u>Feb. 20</u>: 1 Sm 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23, Cor 15:45-49, Lk 6:27-38

Feb. 21: Jas 3:13-18, Mk 9:14-19

Feb. 22: 1 Pt 5:1-4, Mt 16:13-19

Feb. 23: Jas 4:13-17, Mk 9:28-40

Feb. 24: Jas 5:1-6, Mk 9:31-50

Feb. 25: Jas 5:9-12, Mk 10:1-12

Feb. 26: Jas 5:13-20, Mk 10:13-16

Do you Shop at Family Fare? Please save those receipts and turn them in to the Parish Office!! When we collect \$150,000 in Family Fare receipts, we earn \$1,000 for our Faith Formation youth! We've currently collected: \$86,093 worth.

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- Mobile App: Download "GivePlus Church" free.
- Automatic Withdrawal: www.bscwf.org, choose 'Get Involved', 'Donate', 'Automatic Withdrawal' or Contact MaryBeth@bscwf.org to receive a form.

Thank you for your support.

God's Gift Appeal 2022. Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2022 God's Gift Appeal. Please bring the personalized commitment card you received in the mail to Mass with you as we join together to support our Catholic Church.

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

- Hazel Maddocks, February 20
- Jim Hellman, February 22

Holy Land – Olive Wood Item for Sale. March 12 & 13 before and after all Masses. Olive wood religious works from the holy city of Bethlehem. The proceeds provide for the Christian community in the Holy Land.

Lost & Found: Please check the Lost and Found box on the left side of the shelf above the coat rack for any missing belongings.

Mass Stipends Needed: We are in need of names for weekend and daily Masses each week. The suggested fee for a stipend is \$10. Have a Mass said in memory of a deceased loved one or friend; or in honor of someone living. Contact the Parish Office or place your request and donation in the weekend collection.

New Member Registration. If you are interested in becoming a registered member of Blessed Sacrament, please see Fr. Gary Luiten, call the Parish Office 701-282-3321 or register on our website https://www.bscwf.org/become-amember/

Our Sympathy to the family of Dolores Porter. May Dolores embrace the Lord in the presence of the angels.

Remembering Those Who've Passed Away.

February 20: Joseph Volk

February 21: Anna Dobush

<u>February 22</u>: Helen Stangler, Eleanor Lautt February 23: Orvin Frovarp, John McLaughlin.

Katrina Kuss, James Montplaisir

February 24: Walter Willis, Lawrence Fradet

February 25: Frank Bayer, Betty Wiederholt

February 26: Vivian Dame

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

Carol Bitterman, Julie Potter (Sister of Darlene Berube), Janet Gerszewski, James Beuttner, Mary Gutirrez, Yvonne Toutant, Penny Adam, Gary Lammer

Youth are Encouraged to Give Non-Perishable Food <u>During Offertory</u>: The basket at the right of the altar is for 'Youth Donations' of non-perishable food and offering envelopes. The food items go to our Blessing Box for those in need. Have your child put the food in the basket during Offertory. This is a way of encouraging your child to share with those who are less fortunate.

Sacraments

<u>Baptism</u>: Parents must attend a preparatory class before the baptism can take place. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule the class with Fr. Gary Luiten.

<u>Marriage</u>: To be married at Blessed Sacrament, one or both persons of the engaged couple must be practicing Catholics. Contact Fr. Gary Luiten at least six months prior to the wedding.

Reconciliation: Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and upon appointment,

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,

Fr. Gary Luiten - Gary@bscwf.org Parish Office - 701-282-3321

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

Parent Information Night - Monday, February 28, 2022 @ 6:30pm. Sacred Heart Middle School, 5600 25th St. S., Fargo. Join us for some practical information and discussion on what to expect as your child transitions to Sacred Heart Middle School and how best to support the next step in your child's life. For more information, contact Admissions Director Lori Hager: lori.hager@jp2schools.org, 701-893-3271

Redeemed Women's Conference – Trusted Sister, March 4-5, 2022, Delta Hotel, Fargo. Get your tickets for the REDEEMED Trusted Sister Women's Conference before the early registration discount ends on February 14. The conference will take place on the evening of Friday, March 4 and all-day Saturday, March 5. Find out more about conference details and satellite locations or register by visiting: fargodiocese.org/redeemedwomen

A Time of Reckoning, A Time of Revelation and Renewal. Saturday March 5, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Riverview, 5300 12 St S., Fargo. Cost: \$25 donation. During this retreat, we will explore the dynamics of the COVID pandemic we have experienced as a paradigm of our personal and spiritual journey and reflect on how our own crises and crosses have been both times of turmoil and suffering as well as a period of grace, transformation, and spiritual renewal. Retreat leader, Briston Fernandes. RSVP to Scott by March 1, 701-799-2076.

Embracing and Alternate Orthodoxy – Richard Rohr on the Legacy of St. Francis. Tuesdays March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 1 – 3 p.m., Riverview, 5300 12 St S, Fargo. Cost \$35 donation. Through five engaging video segments and a thought-provoking workbook, you will journey with your group. Workshop leader, Maren Ortmeier. RSVP to Scott, 701-799-2076.

Men's Retreat: When Good Men do Nothing: Answering God's Call to Defend His Church.

March 18-20 at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Hankinson. There will be Rosary, engaging large group talks, small group discussions, Mass, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, private priest/deacon spiritual direction, and more. Room and all meals provided, cost \$250. Register at www.ecclesiadomestica.net/registration or call St. Boniface, 701-538-4604.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering an inperson weekend on March 18-20, Days Inn, Casselton. These weekends are private and allow couples to focus just on each other. A communication tool is taught to help spouses get to know themselves better and to grow deeper in their married relationships. Live your best life in love! For more information, call Rob & Angie at (701) 347-1998 or apply at ndwwme.org.

Pilgrimage with Bishop Folda, September 10-14, 2022. Bishop Folda will lead a pilgrimage to Washington DC, Emmitsburg MD and Philadelphia PA. Cost including airfare is \$2,195, for more information go to: https://www.petersway.com/9873.html

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 (20) hours/week, 12 months). 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. Submit a resume and three references to Margaret Zeren at: margaretz@nativitycatholicchurch.net

Stewardship Moment

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time
"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..."
-Luke 6:35

Easier said than done, right? However, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently, Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.



Reflections on the Gospel for the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 20, 2022 Fr. Gary Luiten

In today's gospel, we are called to love everyone, even those who mistreat us. It is quite a challenge for us to love our enemies. Yet this is part of what Christianity is all about. Jesus has called us to a perfection in holiness, which involves loving others and to be merciful to others. This, we know, is not always so easy. Christ didn't say it would be easy. On the other hand, the Christian life is not without its rewards.

Christian love is a love which seeks to give, as Christ gave his life for us. This is a love which does not seek its own self-interests. Christian love is something we receive ultimately from God, but it is meant to be shared also.

We receive Christian love when we feed on our God, when we receive him, not only in the Eucharist, but also in the other Sacraments, and through receiving the gift of love through the kindness of a neighbor. And then, what we do with that stored spiritual energy is up to us! We can use it, or we can store it as "spiritual fat," and never use it, becoming very poor Christians.

It is because of God's life given to us in a special way in the sacraments that we have a deeper capacity to love in the Christian sense. And Jesus tells us how to use this love he has given us in the gospel. He says, "Do good to those who hate you." The worldly person would think a person was crazy to love those who hate us. When someone really rubs us the wrong way, it is so easy to lunge out at them verbally, to try to "get even." But there is no merit in that. It is easy to love those who love us, but what's so challenging about that? There is no merit in that, either.

Here is something we can try, to see if we really love our enemy. Think of the person in our lives we can/t stand – or the person we get along with the least. Now, this evening, before you go to bed, try to pray for that person, that God would bless him or her. It might be a tough thing to do, but chances are this person needs our prayers more than anyone else we know.

May we, with open hearts, receive the love God has to offer us each day of our lives, a love which comes from God and through the Sacraments, through prayer, and through one another.

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Tuesday, February 15, 2022

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Dear Blessed Sacrament Parishioners,

It gives me great joy to share with you that our parish now has a subscription to FORMED, a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. FORMED has content from over 60 apostolates, including Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, and the Knights of Columbus, with material that is professionally produced, engaging, and solid in its catechism. Best of all, this material is free to you.

Our parish will be using the material on FORMED to support our ministries and provide continuing education for staff members and parishioners, as well as outreach for our sick and homebound members. Much of FORMED's content is available in both English and Spanish.

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My hope and prayer is that the content on FORMED will enrich, deepen, and inspire your faith. Please pray for our benefactors who have made a FORMED subscription a reality for our parish. Please pray for the people at the Augustine Institute who create this wonderful and much-needed Catholic content for our people.

May the good Lord bless you and all of your loved ones!

Fr. Gary Luiten, Pastor

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February 26-27, 2022 - 8th 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	K. Jalbert	F. McCann	S. DeKeyser
Eucharistic Minister	*K. Jalbert	*F. McCann **B. Opoien	*L. Wegner
Gift Bearers	J. Walter Family	L. & L. Juve	B. Novak Family
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Greeters	G. Kirkeby, T. Tweeter	J. Aberle Family	S. Supler Family
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	D. Nechiporenko	K. Hanson
Sacristan	Volunteer	W. Suchla	L. Wegner
Media Minister	N. Althoff	*Eucharist Minister **Takes to home-bound	

Please contact the Parish Office if you are unable to fulfill your Ministry no later than Thursday, February 24, 3 p.m. - 701-282-3321 or info@bscwf.org

Feast/Holy Day the Week of February 20, 2022

Feb. 21: St. Peter Damian Feb. 22: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle Feb. 23: St. Polycarp

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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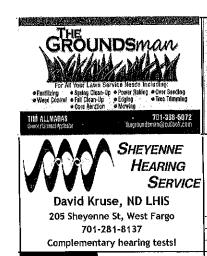
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