



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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February 5-6, 2022 ~ 5th Sunday/Ordinary Time

Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, February 6 *Blessing of Throats*

8:30 a.m. - +Deloris Durbin

10:30 a.m. - the Parishioners

Monday, February 7 - NO MASS

Tuesday, February 8 *at Sheyenne Crossings*

1:00 p.m. - For Those in Need

Wednesday, February 9

9:00 a.m. - +Bill Knoll

Thursday, February 10 *at Trinity Elementary*

8:45 a.m. - For Those in Need

Friday, February 11

9:00 a.m. - +Ray Langer

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

Saturday, February 12

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. - +Jerry Liska

Sunday, February 13

8:30 a.m. - +Becky Hollingsworth

10:30 a.m. - the Parishioners



Weekly Offering

January 29-30

Adult: \$4,689 Children: \$4

Improvements: \$85

Firm Foundation: \$359

Poor Fund: \$60

Collected to Date

Goal to Date

\$34,436.00 Adult \$38,000.00

\$143.00 Children \$150.00

\$1,349.50 Improvements \$5,000.00

\$410,249.05 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

Sunday:

PK - 10:30 a.m.

Concessions - 11:30 a.m.

Bingo - 12:00 p.m.

RCIA, Tuesday, February 8, 7 p.m., Library

Pastoral Council: Thursday, February 10, 7 p.m.

Faith Formation

Class:

Grs 1-5	Feb. 9	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	Feb. 9	5:30 p.m.
PK	Feb. 13	10:30 a.m.
Grs 1-5	Feb. 16	5:30 p.m.
WOW	Feb. 16	7:00 p.m.
PK	Feb. 20	NO CLASS
Grs 1-5	Feb. 23	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	Feb. 23	5:30 p.m.
PK	Feb. 27	10:30 p.m.



1st Eucharist Preparation, Wednesday February 9 & 16, 5:30 p.m.

RCIA Class February 8 & 15, 7 p.m. in the Library

Music Ministry



Practice/Sing

Joyful Voices Choir Feb 13 *9:30/ 10:30 a.m.

*Practice at 9:30 - Practicing for Easter

Feb. 19 **4:15/ 5:15 p.m.

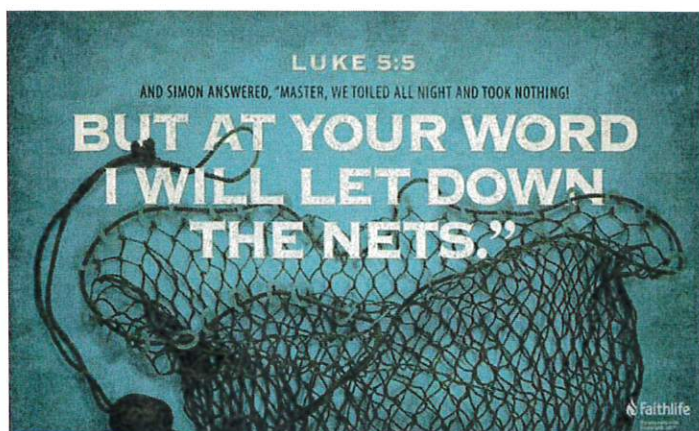
**Practice at 4:15 - Practicing for Easter

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

Feb. 13 ***7:30/ 8:30 a.m.

***Practice at 7:30 - Practicing for Easter

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



Going Away Gathering for Karen Beets

Saturday, February 12, 6:30 p.m. Light appetizers and cake will be served.

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 Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. February 6, 13, and 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!!

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

- **Coffee & Goodies**, Following Sunday Mass
 - **Soup & More** (2nd & 4th Thursday of the Month)
- Why? Is it because of COVID? NO! It is because we need VOLUNTEERS. Without volunteers, we are severely handicapped.

Catholic Man Night – Hosted by Blessed Sacrament. Thursday, February 17, 6-8 p.m. Adoration, Confession, Dinner and Discussion. Guest speaker: Fr. Bill Gerlach. All adult men are welcome to attend. There is no charge.

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. **February date is the 24th.**

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

- Alice Cumber, February 8
- Patricia Muldoon, February 8

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.

Campaign Goal: 400,000

Pledged Amount: 450,774.

Pledges Paid: 410,249.

Expenses Paid: 420,582

Current Balance: -10,333

Why are expenses higher than projected? The original bids were done in 2019.

Phase 1, Construction, and furnace replacement was completed within budget. This was done in 2020.

Phase 2, In 2021 the Tile cost \$25,000 more than the 2019 bid. The Corona Virus (COVID) caused a shortage of supplies causing the price to go up. COVID also caused the cost of labor to go up. Also, the cost of moving the pews was more than expected.

Phase 3, Carpet; We will be moving into Phase 3 this Spring. The amount needed for carpeting may increase due to overall cost increases like what we experienced throughout the campaign. We will keep the parish updated on changes.

Children's Mass-Bag: If you need something to occupy your child(ren) during Mass. Have them take a Mass-Bag! The bags are on the red 'tree' near the coat rack. 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 – February 6-12, 2022

Feb. 6: Is 6:1-2a,3-89, 1 Cor 15:1-11, Lk 5:1-11

Feb. 7: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13, Mk 6:53-56

Feb. 8: 1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30, Mk 7:1-13

Feb. 9: 1 Kgs 10:1-10, Mk 7:14-23

Feb. 10: 1 Kgs 11:4-13, Mk 7:24-30

Feb. 11: 1 Kgs 11:29-32,12:19, Mk7:31-37

Feb. 12: 1 Kgs 12:26-32,13:33-34, Mk 8:1-10

Eucharistic Adoration/Exposition. Eucharistic adoration is when the Eucharist is exposed for viewing. The exposed Eucharist must not be left alone. Blessed Sacrament parish will hold Exposition/Adoration on Friday March 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 meeting is March 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. (February 10)

Our Sympathy to Alma Grosz on the death of her brother, Ed Geffre. May Ed rejoice in the arms of our Lord.

Pastoral Council Elections: Congratulations to Gary Ripplinger and Jocelyn Sloan! Jocelyn has been elected as a new representative and Gary was elected for a second term.

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!

February 6: Edward Rohrich

February 7: Jeanine Steckler, Charles McDermott

February 9: Neil Leist, Marie Heilman

February 12: Agnes Coster, Andrew Wickenheiser,
Evelyn Cole, Agnes Nygaard

Vital Statistics – January 2022

Baptisms: Ava Greenwald, and Leo Snelling

Deaths: Dorothy Laybourn

Newcomers: Monique Hill-Ramirez,

Spencer Greenwald,

Duane & Gayle Noraker,

Randy & Krisdeanna Clapper.

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.

*Mary Gutierrez (sister of Dolores Mazelkis),
Yvonne Toutant, Laurie Haugen, Dolores Porter,
Doloris Mazelkis, Mark Halvorson, John Diemert,
Laura Wright, Patti Baerenwald, Penny Adam,
Gary Lammer*

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

- Bingo – February 6, 12, & 27
- Churches United for the Homeless – Feb. 24

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: We would like to thank everyone that :
: donated to our daughter, Ava's, baptismal :
: basket. We are extremely grateful to have her :
: welcomed to such a caring and thoughtful :
: church family. Thank you again. :
: -Spencer, Monique, and Ava :
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: Dear Blessed Sacrament Church, :
: Thank you for the basket of gifts for Leo on :
: his baptism! We feel very blessed to be part of :
: such a supportive congregation. :
: -Taylor, Valerie, Vera, & Leo Snelling :
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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

End of Life Planning. February 8, 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., St. Anthony's. Attend a compassionate and timely Adult Education workshop about End-of-Life Planning from a Catholic Perspective. Gregory Gall, Regional Manager of Catholic United Financial, will also speak about the financial aspects of end-of-life decisions, including final expenses, estate plans, charitable giving, power of attorney and more. Refreshments will be provided. Contact the parish office at 701-237-6063

Medical Foster Home for Veterans

A Medical Foster Home provides cost-effective, non-institutional care for Veterans who are unable to live independently and choose a private family setting. The VA Medical Foster Home program partners with people with caregiving experience who live within a 65-mile radius of Fargo-Moorhead and who have extra room in their homes and hearts to care for our nation's heroes. The cost for care in a Medical Foster Home is determined based on the Veteran's care through county waiver funding if the Veteran is eligible for Medical Assistance. We currently have openings in our homes in West Fargo and Moorhead. If you know of a Veteran in need or are interested in becoming a caregiver, please contact Kristin Swenson, Medical Foster Home Program Coordinator at 800-410-9723 X-3940, or email Kristin.Swenson@va.gov.

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.

Catholic Daughters will meet Tuesday, February 8, St. Anthony's. 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 Openings

PT Accounting position to cover Maternity Leave (and beyond) Diocese of Fargo is accepting applications for a part-time accounting clerk in the Parish Service Department. Duties will include accounts payable, bank deposits, payroll, records management and other financial needs and priorities that the parishes may have. This may become a long-term position. Looking for someone to start ASAP to allow for training and experience before maternity leave starts. The successful candidate will have an accounting degree and two plus years of experience. Email cover letter, resume and three references to: barbara.augdahl@fargodiocese.org.

Elementary Teacher – Nativity Elementary -

Candidate must be qualified to teach Elementary students (grade 4) starting immediately. Candidates must have knowledge of curriculum development and be able to effectively communicate with students, staff, and parents. We are looking for someone with a passion for Catholic education and strengths in literacy and math instruction. Candidates must hold or be able to obtain current ND Educator's Professional License. Deadline for applying: Open Until Filled. For more information on these positions or how to apply visit <https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/> or call 701-893-3231.

Support Positions

St. John Paul II Catholic Schools is looking to hire the following positions:

- Afternoon/Evening Custodian – Shanley High School/Sacred Heart Middle School
- Evening Custodian – Shanley High School/Sacred Heart Middle School
- Assistant Cook – Nativity Elementary
- After School Program Workers – All Elementary schools

For more information on these positions or how to apply visit <https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/> or call 701-893-3231.

Reflections on the Readings for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 6, 2022
Fr. Gary Luiten

Have you ever really experienced or been aware of God's presence? In today's readings, two people encountered God in a real, deep sense: Isaiah and Peter. They were in awe of God's presence. When we come to Mass, are we in awe? Perhaps we don't recognize God's presence, yet he is here with us. Jesus said in the gospel, "Where two or more are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them."

The two accounts of Isaiah and Peter, though centuries apart, are similar, in the sense that both were aware of their limitations and sin. When we really are aware of the experience of God, it can't help but to help us call to mind the reality of our sins. There seems to be a loss of a sense of sin the world today. Perhaps this is because there is a loss of the sense of God.

In looking at the readings for today, it is quite obvious that God wants us to be aware of his presence in the many ways God comes to us. One way is in the Liturgy - at Mass. The documents of Vatican II tell us that God really and truly becomes present to us in many ways, including in the presence of the spoken Word, in the presence of the minister, in the presence of all of us when we pray and sing, and especially in the Eucharistic species of bread and wine. And that's why we bow before receiving Jesus in the Eucharist.

The church also teaches us that God becomes present to us in the world. There are many good Samaritans who do many good deeds - reaching out to those in need physically and spiritually. God is present in them, calling them to reach out to those in need. God can become present to us in creation, and sometimes in the beauty of architecture. When I went to the seminary out east, there was a large basilica not too far away, where the bases of the columns are as large as me! It makes a person feel very small in the grand scheme of things. Such a place causes many people who enter to "ooh" and "awe." That really gave me a sense of God's presence.

God's presence calls forth a response of faith from us. Isaiah's response was that of prophesying to the people - calling them to center once again on God. Peter's response was to bring people to Jesus. You and I are called to live out our faith in many different ways - through being good examples for our fellow Christians - examples of love, justice, and caring, and sharing what we have with others. What is the response of faith that God calls forth from us look like? How is it fleshed out? It's a good question for us to ponder. May we ask God to help us to put our faith into practice, not just by attending Mass, but giving testimony to the living God by the way we live our lives each day.

Since this is the first bulletin of the month, I have a few other items to mention.

Pastoral Council Elections. Thank you to all who ran for our pastoral council elections. Our new member is Jocelyn Sloan, and Gary Ripplinger has been re-elected. Thank you, too, to our outgoing member: Barb Opoien.

Text and email scams. Also, people continue to receive e-mails or texts from people who claim to be me. Please call the parish office before you act on those e-mails, just to be sure. Oftentimes they are asking for money or want to sell things. Please be careful not to fall victim to scammers. Thank you.

Farewell to our Parish Life Coordinator. As I mentioned last weekend, our parish life coordinator, Karen Beets, will be finishing up her position here in the parish on February 12. She has been working for the parish since 2006 and has been a member of the parish for much longer than that. She has been working hard behind the scenes in many different areas, including helping the poor, helping with office work, preparing liturgy schedules, helping with funerals, art and environment, coordinating much of the work in the parish kitchen, coordinating dinners, lunches, and receptions, among other duties. I will miss her, and I think I speak for all of us - we wish her all the best. Karen will be moving out of the area. We will soon be looking for someone to fill her full-time position. We are having a farewell party for Karen on Saturday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m. Please join us.

February 12-13, 2022 – 6th 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	J. Jones	J. Allmaras	R. Martin
Eucharistic Minister	*J. Jones	*W. Suchla **Nancy Peterson	*G. Larson
Gift Bearers	K. & A. Jalbert	J. Aberle Family	L. Wegner, H. Von Bank
Servers	Volunteers	M. Allmaras	T. & R. Regner
Ushers	J. Jones, S. Perreault	T. & H. Allmaras	J. & M. Regner
Greeters	T. Tweeter, G. Walz	D. Moore, J. Moody	B. Pagel, Volunteer
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	J. Klaers	M. Kern
Sacristan	J. Jones	F. McCann	L. Wegner
Media Minister	M. Berntson	*Eucharist Minister **Takes to home-bound	

Please contact Karen Beets if you are unable to fulfill your Ministry
no later than Thursday, January 10, 3 p.m. 701-282-3321 or Karen@bscwf.org

Feast/Holy Day the Week of February 6, 2021

Catholic Schools Week!

Feb. 8: Sts Jerome & Josephine

Feb. 10: St. Scholastica

Feb 11: Our Lady of Lourdes

Blessed Sacrament Directory

701-282-3321 ~ www.bscwf.org



Fr. Gary Luiten, Pastor – Gary@bscwf.org

Karen Beets – Parish Life/Volunteers – Karen@bscwf.org

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

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Guidance for Catholic funerals,
cremation and final expense plans

Managing **estate tax** exposure
and **protecting assets**

Understanding how **probate** will
affect your family and estate



Feb. 8th at 8:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Fargo

Join us in the Mother Cabrini Room

To RSVP:



RSVP by phone
at 701-237-6063



Online at [www.catholicunited.org/
workshop-signup](http://www.catholicunited.org/workshop-signup)

SPEAKERS

Father Gerard Braun

will address end-of-life questions during this workshop, and will provide advice for putting together a Catholic Health Care Directive and a Catholic funeral.

Gregory Gall, FIC, LUTCF

Regional Manager for Catholic United Financial and president of the National Association of Fraternal Insurance Counselors (NAFIC), will speak about the financial aspects of end of life decisions, including final expenses, estate plans, power of attorney and more.



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