



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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March 26-27, 2022 ~ 4th Sunday in Lent

Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, March 27

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Leona Volk

Monday, March 28 - NO MASS

Tuesday, March 29 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – +Merlin Nagel

Wednesday, March 30

9:00 a.m. – For Peace in Ukraine

Thursday, March 31 at Trinity Elementary

8:45 a.m. - +Anton & +Frances Piatz

Friday, April 1

9:00 a.m. – +Philip & +Dorothy Nagel

Adoration 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 2

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. - +Ray Langer

Sunday, April 3 5th Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. – Special Intentions (MK)

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Offertory Gifts

February 19-20, 2022

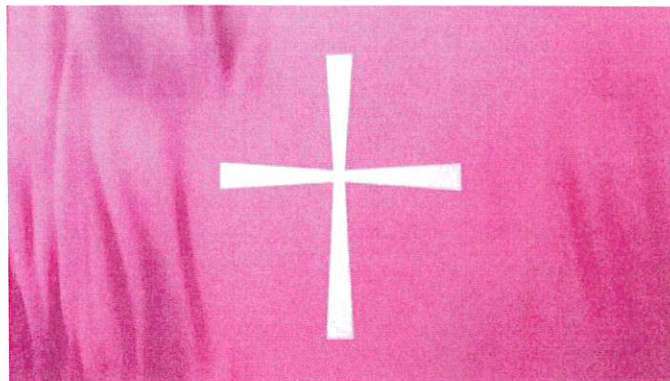
Adult: \$9,769.88 Children: \$19

Improvements: \$424.57

Firm Foundation: \$1,480

Poor Fund: \$131.10

Collected to Date		Goal to Date
\$91,621.56	Adult	\$93,600.00
\$305.30	Children	\$360.00
\$5,346.07	Improvements	\$12,000.00
\$419,770.05	Firm Foundation	\$400,000.00
\$38,963.00	God's Gift	\$69,942.00



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: No PK
Easter Basket Sales
Confirmation/1st Eucharist Retreat, 1 p.m.

NO Mass at Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, March 29 and Thursday, March 31.

RCIA, Tuesday, March 29, 7 p.m., Library

Churches United: Thursday, March 31.

First Friday Adoration: Friday, April 1,
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross: Friday April 1, 7 p.m.

Lent 2022

Chrism Mass: Tuesday, April 12, 11 a.m. St. Mary's Cathedral. All are invited to attend this Mass. Bishop Folda will bless the Holy Oils for the upcoming year.

Easter Basket Sales Saturday and Sunday, March 26 & 27, and April 2 & 3 before and after all Masses. Buy a basket for your children or grandchildren.

Holy Hour - Eucharistic Adoration. April 8, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome to spend time in prayer with Jesus.

Holy Thursday, Stew Supper: Thursday, April 14, 5:30-6:30 p.m. You are all invited dine with us on Holy Thursday. Free Will Offering, proceeds go to our Poor Fund. You are welcome to join us for Holy Thursday Mass, following supper, at 7:30 p.m. We will experience the Passion of our Lord.

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.

Lent Environment. During Lent, we adorn the cross in the Gathering Area with a purple cloth which represents penance, sacrifice, sorrow, and suffering. The color purple also represents wealth, royalty, and power. Purple dye was very expensive at one time. The tree branch we have next to the cross symbolizes death and it becomes a part of the cross on which our Savior was crucified. You will also notice various pictures hanging from the tree branch, these pictures remind us of the agony in the garden; the carrying of the cross; Jesus falls, and Simeon helps Jesus carry His cross; the crucifixion, death, and burial of Jesus. The candles represent the number of weeks in Lent. A 6th candle will be added on Palm Sunday. The rock and plant are to remind us of the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert.

The branches in front of the altar are to remind us of dryness, brokenness, and death. The serpent on the rock represents the devil and the struggle of temptation that we may be experiencing at times just as Jesus was tempted in the desert. The rocks written with the words SIN, represent the hardness of our hearts that we experience when we pass judgement on others, "let he who is without sin cast the first stone." The clay pot with the word BROKEN is a reminder that we are a broken people when we sin. We need to be reminded that He is the potter and we are the clay, the work of His hands and turn away from sin to be made whole again. The greenery represents us when we repent and turn away from sin. We are reconciled with Christ and new life begins again.

Pack the Pew! We will be packing all the food up after 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 27. If you would like to assist, please stay after Mass for a few minutes. Thank you.

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

Volunteers Needed in the Kitchen on Holy Thursday, April 14. We will be serving stew and we need servers, and dishwashers. If you are interested in helping, contact the Parish Office, 282-3321.

Assistance Needed for the reception following the Easter Vigil on April 16. If you are interested in helping, contact the Parish Office 282-3321.

MASS MINISTERS NEEDED

Palm Sunday, April 9-10

5:15 p.m. – Servers Needed

8:30 a.m. – Servers Needed

Easter Sunday, April 17.

8:30 a.m. – Gift Bearers and Servers

10:30 a.m. – Servers, Ushers, and Greeters

Please call the Parish Office if you would like to help us 282-3321.

Area Penance Services

All services are at 7 p.m. unless noted.

- Sunday, March 27 – Holy Spirit – 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 29 – Holy Cross
- Tuesday, April 5 – Sts. Anne & Joachim
- Wednesday, April 6 – St. Maurice (Kindred)
- Thursday, April 7 – Nativity
- Friday, April 8 – St. Leo's (Casselton)
- Sunday, April 10 – St. Mary's – 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 10 – St. Benedict's - 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 12 – St. Anthony's
- Wednesday, April 13 – Newman Center

Easter Flowers

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

Donations are due by Sunday April 10.

Please print clearly

In memory of: _____
(Name of deceased)

In honor of: _____
(Name of living person)

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(Your name)

Suggested donations:
\$25, \$35, \$50 per name
Make check payable to Blessed Sacrament.

Please publish my gift in the bulletin:
___ Yes ___ No

Faith Formation



Class:

Grs. 1-5	Mar. 30	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	Mar. 30	5:30 p.m.
PK	April 3	10:30 a.m.
Grs 1-5	April 6	5:30 p.m.
WOW	April 6	7:00 p.m.

Confirmation Rehearsal, Wednesday, March 30, 7:00 p.m.

Please pray for our Third Grade Students as they prepare for the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. The sacramental Mass will be Saturday, April 2, 10:00 a.m. St. Benedict students will join Blessed Sacrament in this joyous occasion.

Confirmation/1st Eucharist Sacramental Mass, Saturday, April 2, 10:00 a.m.

Recognition of Confirmation/1st Eucharist Students, Sunday, April 3, 10:30 a.m. Mass. A reception will follow Mass for the students and their families.

RCIA Class Tuesday, March 29, 7:00 p.m.

Lent Banks. Our Faith Formation students and families are saving "Alms for the Poor" this Lent. Students will place their bank on the altar during Mass on Holy Thursday.

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Music Ministry



		Practice/Sing
<u>Contemporary Choir</u>	April 10	7:45/ 8:30a.m.
	April 24	7:45/ 8:30a.m.
<u>Joyful Voices</u>	April 3	9:45/10:30a.m.
	April 10	9:45/10:30a.m.
	April 24	9:45/10:30a.m.

COMBINED CHOIR PRACTICE

(Contemporary & Joyful Voices)

April 6	7:00 p.m.
April 13	7:00 p.m.
April 14	6:00 p.m.
April 15	11:10 a.m.
April 16	7:30 p.m.

If you are interested in joining the choir for Easter, contact Ronda at Ronda@bscwf.org.

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

- Instrumentalists
- Song Leaders
- Substitute Accompanists

Parish Life



CHANGES! Beginning THIS weekend, Mar. 26-27:

- Confessions have returned to the confessional and no longer in the Family Room.
- The Offertory Basket is being passed during preparation of gifts.

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 at 701-282-3321. We will take food to CUH on March 31.

Daily Readings – March 27-April 2, 2022

Mar. 27: Jos 5:91,10-12, 2 Cor 5:17-21,
Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Mar. 28: Is 65:17-21, Jn 4:43-54

Mar. 29: Ez 47:1-9,12, Jn 5:1-16

Mar. 30: Is 49:8-15, Jn 5:17-30

Mar. 31: Ex 32:7-14, Jn 5:31-47

Apr. 1: Wis 2:1a,12-22, Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

Apr. 2: Jer 11:18-20, Jn 7:40-53

Divine Mercy Novena – Blessed Sacrament will be handing out Divine Mercy Novena pamphlets on Palm Sunday for parishioners who would like to join us in the Divine Mercy Novena. The Novena begins on Good Friday and ends the weekend after Easter (Divine Mercy weekend). The Novena involves a short petition each of the nine days and then a Chaplet of Divine Mercy (instructions will be enclosed for the prayer with the Novena pamphlet

Divine Mercy Sunday: Consecration and Chaplet – Sunday, April 24, 9:45 a.m., Blessed Sacrament Sanctuary. Fr. Gary will consecrate the parish to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, followed by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet together as a Parish. This will take ½ an hour of your time; all are invited and encouraged to join us!

Donations for Ukraine. Thank you to everyone who gave to Ukraine! We collected a total of \$3,859, which has been sent on to the Diocese of Fargo for war relief in Ukraine. Please continue to pray for peace.

Happy Anniversary! We pray for those celebrating a wedding anniversary this week:

- John & Wendy Retterath, April 1, 55 years!

Happy Birthday! We pray for, and celebrate with those celebrating a birthday this week:

- Darlene Coster, March 29
- Pauline Klinger, April 1

JPII Tuition Raffle Your child or Grandchild could receive one year of FREE JPII Catholic School Tuition! Raffle Ticket Price: \$20 Purchase at all JPII School front desks.

Job Opening at Blessed Sacrament Parish Life Coordinator

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in West Fargo, ND is seeking a Parish Life Coordinator. This role will serve all individuals seeking monetary assistance from the parish. Responsibilities will include planning and coordinating all outreach and parish events and maintaining the church environment. Other duties will include, office duties, scheduling and ensuring proper kitchen supplies. Candidates need to possess strong interpersonal skills, organizational skills and the ability to multi-task. To apply send cover letter, resume and contact information for three references to: gary@bscwf.org Apply immediately; position is open until filled.

PLEASE SHARE WITH QUALIFIED CANDIDATES

Milestone Birthday for Pauline Klinger! Pauline Klinger will turn 100 years old on April 1. She and her late husband, Dale, are blessed with 8 children, 19 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. Please send birthday cards to Blessed Sacrament and we will forward them on.

Remembering Those Who've Passed Away.

March 27: Joseph Grieger, Peter Grieger

March 28: Blanche Noe, Lucille Kraft,
John Coleman

March 29: Carol Hamann

March 30: Frank Beaton, Scott Burley

April 2: Hermine Wahowski

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

*Christine Nelson,
Ronnie Grenier (brother of Darlene Berube),
Janice Leidal, Mark Halverson, Lu Ulmer,
Kathy Loney, Penny Adam, Gary Lammer*

Year-End Contribution Reports 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.

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

Gardening Workshop. Saturday, April 2, 1:00 p.m., 810 12 Ave NW, West Fargo (WF Public Works). Guest speakers Julie Schroer and Jodie Ramsay. Topics include Drought Tolerant Perennials. This workshop is sponsored by Three Rivers Garden Club. Free Admission, all are welcome, refreshments will be served.

Fish Fry and Stations of the Cross, Friday, April 8, St. Benedict's. All are welcome to the Men's Group Fish Fry dinner at St. Benedict's Church of Wild Rice (11743 38th St. S, Horace) followed by Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 8. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and includes pike perch fish, baked mac and cheese, coleslaw, dinner roll, dessert, coffee and lemonade. Free will offering.

38th Annual Deacon Dinner, Auction & Gala. Saturday, April 30, Fargo Holiday Inn. Supporting St. John Paul II Catholic Schools. A Community Inspiring Excellence through Faith, Learning, and Service. For more information go to <https://jp2schools.ejoinme.org/deacondinnerauction>

Camp Summit-Middle School Camp, July 10 – 14, Red Willow Bible Camp, Binford ND. Camp Summit is for all youth entering grades 7, 8, & 9 who have a desire to deepen their relationship with Jesus and to share it with others they encounter. Cost \$35/camper OR \$300/camper for two or more members of the same family. Financial assistance is available. For more information go to <https://www.fargodiocese.org/campsummit>

Women's Retreat with St. Therese of Lisieux, August 5-7, Franciscan Retreat Center, Hankinson, ND. Ashley Njaa will lead women on a 3-day retreat using the spirituality and teachings of St. Therese of Lisieux. Cost: \$250. For more information go to <https://www.fargodiocese.org/evangelization-retreats-workshops>

Reflections on the Gospel for the 4th Sunday of Lent - March 27, 2022
Fr. Gary Luiten

The gospel today is about a man who was spiritually sick, until he came to his senses and was reconciled with his Father again - the parable of the prodigal son. It's undoubtedly one of the Lord's most popular parables. On this Sunday, also called "Rejoice" Sunday, we have reason to rejoice, because God, our Father, is willing to be reconciled with us time and time again.

And reconciliation is what the gospel is about today -- after turning away from God in sin, we are invited to return once again to God! That is the meaning of the gospel: to turn back to God! That is, even if we do forfeit that right to Heaven, we can reclaim it again! We, at times, may feel like the prodigal son. Sometimes we may erroneously think that God is not really important, that daily prayer is not really important, that weekly Mass is not really important, and so on. Then, suddenly, we realize that the grace of God is very important for our very being! What we thought was the least important, namely God, suddenly becomes the most important.

In the parable, both the sons had problems. The older son wasn't spiritually squeaky clean either. The prodigal son had his obvious problem of leaving the Father and wanting no more to do with him, and the older son had a tinge of jealousy. They both needed to turn from sin.

There are two main steps in turning from sin. The first step is to admit **to** our evil, that we are sinners. And we all do this every time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist at the beginning of each Mass when we ask the Lord to have mercy on us.

The second step is to confess our sins. We need it, because of mortal sin, when we screw up majorly. And in the gospel, we see how God forgives even a major screw-up! We need to confess our sins because Jesus mandates it. Confessing helps us. Many people have experienced peace and reclaimed a sense of wholeness in their lives. Some of the responses I have heard from people after receiving forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance is they feel whole again, and they feel one with God again. Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a real way to die to ourselves. And when we go through a real spiritual dying to ourselves and sin, then we can have a greater rising with Jesus on Easter.

Prodigal, besides being a word which means "wasteful" can also mean to "be lavish." The Father was lavish with his forgiveness – with welcoming his son back. That is what the Father in the parable today had for his wayward son who returned. And that is the way God the Father is and all the angels in heaven are upon one repentant sinner.

So, the gospel message today, in its context, is that we are called to reconciliation with God and the church. And Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a great way to **live** out that gospel message. If you have not yet done so this Lent, I encourage you to either come to reconciliation here Saturday afternoons at 4 pm, or make an appointment with me, or go to a different parish for a reconciliation service, whose times are listed in the bulletin. May Jesus touch our hearts and the hearts of our family and friends, to help us to deepen our process of conversion and reconciliation in our daily lives as we journey to the eternal Easter.

**April 2-3, 2022 –5th Sunday of Lent
Ministries of Service**

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	C. Paintner	J. Yourczek	A. Buettner
Eucharistic Minister	*B. Opoien	*A. Pritchard, **N. Peterson	*A. Buettner
Gift Bearers	B. Christl Family	J. Aberle Family	K. Volk Family
Servers	L. & E. Rohrich	K. & A. Wells	E. Buettner, Volunteer
Ushers	E. Pablo, S. Perreault	G. Yourczek, A. Pritchard	E. Hanson, B. Lenertz
Greeters	B. Christl Family	J. Wells Family	S. Supler Family
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	D. Nechiporenko	M. Kern
Sacristan	M. Pablo	J. Yourczek	K. Hanson
Media Minister	M. Berntson	*Eucharist Minister **Takes to home-bound	

**Please contact the Parish Office if you are unable to fulfill your Ministry
no later than Thursday, March 31, 3 p.m. - 701-282-3321 or info@bscwf.org**

**Feast/Holy Day the Week of March 27, 2022
April 2: St. Francis of Paola**

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