



# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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## March 5-6, 2022 ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

### Daily Mass & Intentions

#### Sunday, March 6

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Joe Barta

#### Monday, March 7 - NO MASS

#### Tuesday, March 8 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – Joe L. Sullivan

#### Wednesday, March 9

9:00 a.m. – Kathy Loney

#### Thursday, March 10

9:00 a.m. – Donnie Lutovsky

#### Friday, March 11

9:00 a.m. – +Debbie McCann

#### Saturday, March 12

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. - +Rosemary Coleman

#### Sunday, March 13 Daylight Savings Time Begins

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Bill Knoll



### Weekly Offering

#### February 19-20

Adult: \$9,716.50 Children: \$15

Improvements: \$455.50

Firm Foundation: \$4,178

Poor: \$177

#### February 26-27

Adult: \$3,867 Children: \$22

Improvements: \$85

Firm Foundation: \$863

Poor Fund: \$60

#### Collected to Date

#### Goal to Date

\$75,170.50	Adult	\$70,200.00
\$224.30	Children	\$270.00
\$3,450.00	Improvements	\$9,000.00
\$417,435.05	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, March 8, 7 p.m., Library

**Holy Hour Adoration:** Friday, March 11,  
5:45 – 6:45 p.m.

**Stations of the Cross:** Friday, March 11, 7 p.m.

### Lent

### Lent 2022

#### Stations of the Cross – 7 p.m.

All Friday's in Lent

#### Adoration Holy Hour - 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Fridays; March 11, 18, 25, & April 8

#### Penance Service

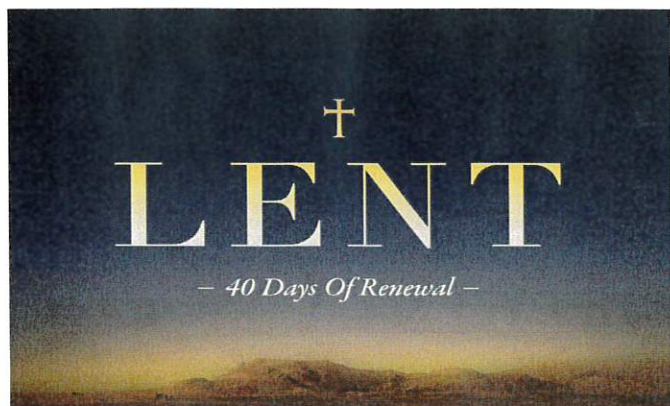
Thursday, March 24, 7 p.m.

### 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

Catholics 14 years of age or older must abstain from eating meat on Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.



**Holy Hour - Eucharistic Adoration.** Most Fridays in Lent from 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. Our Lord Jesus said to the Apostles “*Could you not spend one hour with me?*” Join us for Holy Hour on March 11, 18, 25 and April 8. Everyone is welcome to join us in spending an hour with Jesus.

**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.

**Easter Basket Items Needed:** Holy Rosary Circle is looking for donations for their Easter Basket assembly. Items they are looking for are:

- \*Plastic easter eggs
  - \*Easter grass for the baskets
  - \*Individually wrapped easter candy
  - \*donations of money are also appreciated.
- Thank You, Elsie Keller

**Pack the Pew!** Please bring non-perishable food items and put them in the designated pew in the church. Food will be collected through March 27.

## 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)

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Your name)

**Suggested donations:**  
**\$25, \$35, \$50 per name**

Make check payable to Blessed Sacrament. Drop this form and donation in the collection basket, take to the parish office or mail it to 210 5<sup>th</sup> Ave W, West Fargo ND 58078

**Please publish my gift in the bulletin:**  
\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**FORMED:** It is our hope that you have had the opportunity to download FORMED, the new streaming Catholic platform that is available to all of you. If you have not yet done so, please see the instructions, under Faith Formation.

**For the Season of Lent,** we have some recommendations for you. Search for the following: “*Living Lent as a Family*”. The series gives us ideas on how to prepare our home life, our domestic church, for the season of Lent. “*Can Almsgiving Atone for Sin?*”

Children might enjoy “*Let’s Learn about Lent and the Stations of the Cross*”. To find this you click on FAMILY & KIDS on the tool bar. Find “Brother Francis” on the dropdown menu and then “Let’s Learn about Lent and the Stations of the Cross. There are many other great programs.

“*Into His Likeness,*” by Dr. Edward Sri is an excellent series. To find this your click on PROGRAMS on the tool bar and then on Faith Formation.

Under the Movie category, we have found some very good choices: “*God’s Doorkeeper*”, “*The Juggler of Notre Dame*”, “*Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth*”, “*Coming Home*”, and the two movies about St. John Bosco.

To learn more about Sacraments. Go to PROGRAM and choose Sacraments. View the series “*Presence: Mystery of the Eucharist*”.

We would love to hear your feedback!

## Faith Formation

### Class:

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



**RCIA Class** (7:00 p.m. in the Library)

February dates: 8, 15, 22, 29

**Faith Formation Lent Project.** Our students will be saving for the poor. Families have been given a Lent bank to put on their dining tables. As families sit down to eat together, we ask that you think of those less fortunate and put change in the lent bank.

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## Music Ministry



<u>Contemporary Choir</u>	March 13	<b>Practice/Sing</b> 7:30 /8:30a.m.
	March 27	7:45 /8:30a.m.
<u>Joyful Voices</u>	March 13	9:30/10:30a.m.
	March 19	4:15 /5:15p.m.
	March 27	9:30/10:30a.m.

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

- Instrumentalists
- Song Leaders
- Substitute Accompanists

## Parish Life



**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](mailto:Gary@bscwf.org).

### 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 facility! This summer we plan to update the carpet in the Sacristy, Family Room and Social Hall. Thank you.

Campaign Goal: \$400,000

Total Pledged: \$451,190.

Total Paid: \$414,359.

Expenses Paid: \$420,582

Current Balance: -\$6,223

If you have any questions about the Building a Firm Foundation Campaign, please reach out to Fr. Gary or a member of the Finance Council.

**Children's Mass-Bag:** If you need something to occupy your child(ren) during Mass. Have them take a **Mass-Bag!** The bags are hanging on the red 'tree' in the Gathering Area. Each bag has crayons, books, and coloring page. Take home the activity and coloring pages. The crayons and books remain in the bag and returned to the 'tree' when Mass is over.

### Churches United for the Homeless (CUH):

Blessed Sacrament takes supper to CUH the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month. We cook the meal here and deliver it to CUH. If you'd like to volunteer call the Parish Office 701-282-3321. March dates are the 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Daily Readings – March 6-12, 2022

Mar. 6: Dt 26:4-10, Rom 10:8-13, Lk 4:1-13

Mar. 7: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18, Mt 25:31-46

Mar. 8: Is 55:10-11, Mt 6:7-15

Mar. 9: Jon 3:1-10, Lk 11:29-32

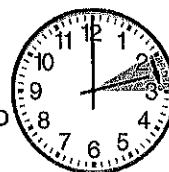
Mar. 10: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-35, Mt 7:7-12

Mar. 11: Ez 18:21-28, Mt 5:20-26

Mar. 12: Dt 26:16-19, Mt 5:43-48

### Daylight Saving Time Starts March 13!

Turn clocks **forward** 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup>.



### 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.

**God's Gift Appeal 2022.** Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2022 God's Gift Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the Gathering Area book rack. Please participate in the support of our diocesan church.

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

- Roy Folstad, March 9

**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.

**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 April 7. For more information contact the Parish Office or speak with Eduardo Pablo.

**March – BINGO.** Sunday's March 6, 13, & 27. Concession sales start at 11:30 a.m. Bingo begins at 12: p.m. \$0.25 per card per game. 20 games. All prizes are CASH. There are TWO added specialty games. \$1 each. 50/50 and Progressive Black-out (the pot goes up each week).

**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 will celebrate Mass at Trinity Elementary on THURSDAY, MARCH 31. There is no daily Mass at Blessed Sacrament on that day.

**Our Sympathy** to Bill & Karen Rohrich on the death of their nephew, Michael Rohrich. May Michael enjoy eternal rewards forever.

**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 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!*

March 6: Joseph Grandbois, Donald Beaton

March 8: Frank Wetzstein

March 9: Michael Gaulrapp, Robert Bommersbach,  
Laverne Montplaisir

March 10: Robert Murray

March 11: Mary Otos

March 12: Margaret Beaton

**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.

Mark Halverson, Lu Ulmer, Kathy Loney,  
Carol Bitterman, Julie Potter, Janet Gerszewski,  
James Buettner, Penny Adam, Gary Lammer

**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/>

### **Vital Statistics – February 2022**

**Newcomers:** James & Maria Soeby, Alvin Nagel,  
David Foerster

**Deaths:** Dolores Porter

### **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**

### **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](http://www.ecclesiadomestica.net/registration) or call St. Boniface, 701-538-4604.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is offering an in-person 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](http://ndwwme.org).

**Sauce & Meatballs!** Sunday April 24, 10: a.m. – 2 p.m., St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, Dilworth MN. **TAKE OUT ONLY!** Place your order by March 20, 281-287-2705.

**Little Deacons Assistant – Holy Spirit**

**Elementary** - St. John Paul II Catholic Schools is searching for a dynamic individual to assist in the Little Deacons 3-year-old program. Candidate will work under the direction of the Lead Teacher to provide support and help create a positive learning and socialization environment for the students to grow. Deadline for applying: Open Until Filled. To apply visit <https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/> and complete the general application or contact [Human.Resources@jp2schools.org](mailto:Human.Resources@jp2schools.org).

**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](mailto:gary@bscwf.org) Apply immediately; position is open until filled.

**Reflections on the Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent - March 6, 2022**

**Fr. Gary Luiten**

The gospel reading today is about temptation. We all know what it is like to be tempted. Sometimes we are tempted by other people. Sometimes things tempt us. Jesus, in the gospel today, is tempted by the devil. This has implications for us because we are the devil's target. The beginning of this turmoil goes back to the beginning of creation when God created the angels. He created all the angels good. And he even created Satan good. But unfortunately, he turned away from God and refused to serve him.

Notice the three different types of temptation Jesus had: that of power, wealth, and prestige. One might say, "Jesus should have known better. How could he have let himself be tempted like that?" But, if we must be honest with ourselves, we, too, can allow ourselves to be tempted with power, wealth, and prestige.

Wouldn't it be great to have the power to control the world? Then there would be peace! At least that's what we think! The second temptation is wealth. If someone said, "I'll give you a billion dollars if you tell me you renounce the church, how many of us would at least think about it? The third temptation, prestige, is something that most of us would love to have more of. We all appreciate honor, esteem, and praise from our neighbor. And it is good to praise each other from time to time. But when we constantly seek this, then we know there is something wrong.

We, too, at times are tempted, and at times, it may be by the devil. During this season of Lent, we may be tempted to give in to what we gave up, or to stop doing the things we promised to do like pray more, help others more, or to attend Church Lenten devotions. But, with the grace of God, we can stay away from times of temptation, most of the time, and we can say no to evil and yes to God.

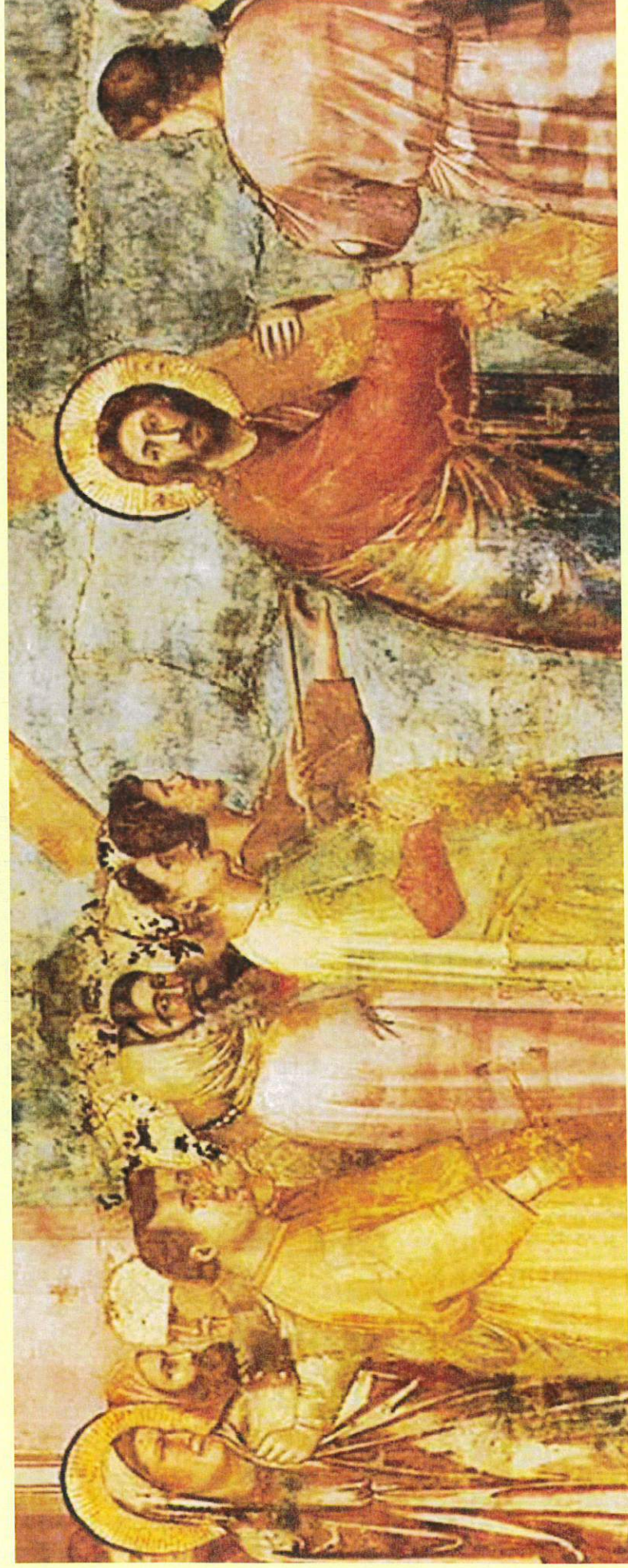
Notice the one big thing Satan wanted Jesus to do, was to bow down and worship him. I can tell you what really annoys the evil one. It really annoys Satan to see us worshipping not him, but Jesus, when we bow down and make a genuflection in Christ's presence. But Jesus withstood the temptations to bow down and worship the devil. How? Notice it says at the beginning of the gospel, prior to his temptation: and Jesus was "full of the Holy Spirit." We can resist the power of the Evil One when we, too, ask for and have the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We can resist the power of evil, too, if we have the "spiritual ammunition" - if we have the grace of God given so generously to us in the sacraments such as the Eucharist and Reconciliation.

Let us remember that in all of this, God is more powerful, more awesome, greater than any angel, whether it be a good angel, or a fallen angel, such as Satan.

We pray that more people would say no to the power of evil in their lives and say yes to God.



# Stations of the Cross



Fridays this Lent  
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- \* Raffle drawing will be publicly held at the 2022 Deacon Dinner Auction & Gala, Saturday, April 30, 2022 at the Fargo Holiday Inn (3803 13th Ave. S., Fargo, ND) and the winner notified.
- \* Must be 18 years or older to purchase a raffle ticket.
- \* Questions can be directed to Special Events Coordinator, Liz Bassett: [specialevents@jp2schools.org](mailto:specialevents@jp2schools.org) • 701-893-3242.



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## March 12-13, 2022 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
<b>Proclaimers</b>	J. Jones	W. Suchla	M. Geary Curfman
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	*J. Jones	*W. Suchla **B. Opoien	*G. Larson
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	B. Christl Family	J. Aberle Family	S. DeKeyser Family
<b>Servers</b>	Volunteers	K. & A. Wells	T. & R. Regner
<b>Ushers</b>	J. Jones, E. Pablo	T. Gross, A. Pritchard	J. & M. Regner
<b>Greeters</b>	B. Christl Family	J. Aberle Family	S. DeKeyser Family
<b>Rosary Leader</b>	P. Pritchard	J. Yourczek	M. Geary Curfman
<b>Sacristan</b>	M. Pablo	F. McCann	L. Wegner
<b>Media Minister</b>	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 10, 3 p.m. - 701-282-3321 or info@bscwf.org

### Feast/Holy Day the Week of March 6, 2022

March 7: Sts. Perpetua & Felicity    March 8: St. John of God    March 9: St. Francis of Rome

### Blessed Sacrament Directory

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