



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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May 28-29, 2022 ~ Ascension of the Lord

Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, May 29 *Ascension*

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Monday, May 30 - NO MASS

Parish Office Closed – Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 31 *at Sheyenne Crossings*

1:00 p.m. – +Leonard Wanzek

Wednesday, June 1

9:00 a.m. – +Cecelia Kirchoffner

Thursday, June 2

9:00 a.m. – The Poor of Ukraine & Russia

Friday, June 3

9:00 a.m. – Pauline Klinger

Adoration 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, June 4

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – +Tom Fiebiger

Sunday, June 5 *Pentecost*

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Offertory Gifts

May 21-22, 2022

Adult: \$7,855.65

Children: \$3

Improvements: \$435.07

Firm Foundation: \$1,580

Poor Fund: \$228.10

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Goal to Date

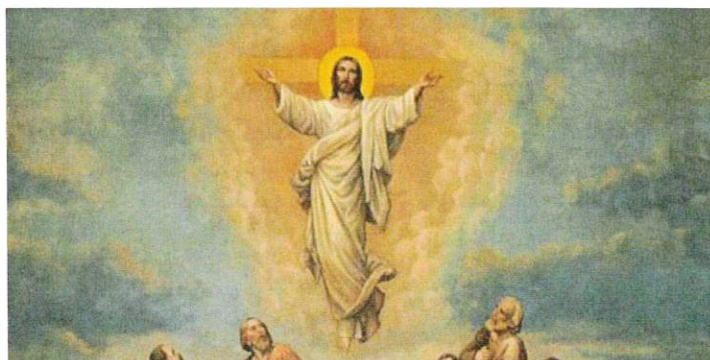
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\$535.10 Children \$600.00

\$10,207.37 Improvements \$20,000.00

\$423,714.84 Firm Foundation \$400,000.00

\$59,828.00 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

Parish Office Closed: Monday May 30 and Friday June 3.

Adoration, Friday, June 3, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.



Faith Formation

2022-2023 Faith Formation Registration. It's time to register your child(ren) for religion classes for the next school year. Please return the registration form with payment as soon as possible. If you have any questions, contact Lucy at 701-282-3321.

Preschool and Kindergarten Roundup! *Will your child be 4 yrs. old by July 31? We'd love to have them attend the Preschool class. *If your child is registered for Public or JP II Kindergarten, in the fall, we will welcome them with loving arms, to our Kindergarten class. *If you have questions, contact Lucy at 701-282-3321 or Lucy@bscwf.org.

Music Ministry



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

- Instrumentalists
- Song Leaders
- Substitute Accompanists

Parish Life



Banns of Marriage Please pray for those who are preparing for the sacrament of Marriage.

- Steven Horner and Abigail Hesse
June 18, 2022

Children's Collection: We are happy to remind our families, with young children, that Blessed Sacrament has a children's collection at all of our weekend Masses. The collection takes place as the general collection is being taken up by our ushers. Children are encouraged to bring forward their offering during this time, there is a basket to the right of the altar, on the first step, for youth to place their offering in. Jesus said, *"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."* Matthew 19:14.

Churches United for the Homeless (CUH):

Blessed Sacrament is responsible for taking supper to CUH on the 4th & 5th Thursdays of every month. Starting in June, we would like to start serving again. Thursdays, June 23 & 30. The time commitment, for serving, is from 4 -7 p.m. This includes meeting at BSC, pick up prepared food, and drive to and from CUH. If you are interested in being a cook or want to volunteer to serve, the sign-up sheets are in the Outside the Parish Office. If you have questions, please contact Julie at julie@bscwf.org or 701.282.3321.

Daily Readings – May 29 – June 4, 2022

May 29: Acts 7:55-60, Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20,
Jn 17:20-26

May 30: Acts 19:1-8, Jn 16:29-33

May 31: Zep 3:14-18a, Lk 1:39-56

June 1: Acts 20:28-38, Jn 17:11b-19

June 2: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11, Jn 17:20-26

June 3: Acts 25:13b-21, Jn 21:15-19

June 4: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31, Jn 21:20-25

Eucharistic Adoration. Please join us for our 'First Friday' monthly Eucharistic Adoration. Eucharistic adoration is when the Eucharist is exposed for viewing. At the beginning of the exposition of the Eucharist, The exposed Eucharist must not be left alone. If you are interested in signing up on our schedule for a half hour of Eucharistic Adoration, please place your name on the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area or call the Parish Office at 282-3321. Blessed Sacrament parish will hold Adoration on Friday June 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Fr. Gary Luiten Celebrates 30th Anniversary: We will be hosting a Parish Pot-Luck celebrating Fr. Gary's 30th anniversary, on Sunday, June 12 following 9:30 a.m. Mass. There is a Food Sign-up board in the Gathering Area. Sign up to bring something to share. Please join us for this joyous occasion.

Garden Vegetable Sales Continue to Raise Money for the Poor Fund! Thank you to Dwight & Elsie Keller for donating vegetable seedlings for us to sell. So far \$262 has been raised for the Poor Fund! There are still some plants left if you would like to add to your garden. We are asking for a free-will offering.

Mass Ministry Scheduling: I will be reaching out, to Mass Ministers who are scheduled for the upcoming weekend, each Thursday or Friday. It will be a reminder call or text of your duties. If you will not be there, please find a replacement or contact me if you need help. Also, please remind me if you will not be available during the summer months for participating in the Mass. You can contact me via email at julie@bscwf.org or call the Parish office 701.282.3321. -Julie

Mass Ministry Sign-up Sheets: Thank You to all who have signed up for the upcoming Masses through the end of June.

Mother Seton Circle to meet Tuesday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in joining please attend the meeting and your questions will be answered.

Our Sympathy to

- Leonard Pulkrebek on the death of his wife, Genevieve (Jenny).
- Betty Von Bank on the death of her husband, Cecil (Peter).

May Jenny and Pete rise with the angels into the arms of our Lord.

Parish Office Closed Monday, May 30 and Friday, June 3, 2022.

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.

Prayer Garden & Other Outside Flowers: We are looking for some assistance outside, watering plants. If you are willing to help, contact Mary Beth, in the Parish Office, 701-282-3321 or MaryBeth@bscwf.org and she will put your name on the outside watering schedule.

If you are interested in donating toward flowers and landscaping, please send your donation to us with the note "Prayer Garden" and we will credit you for your donation.

Relaunch Coming in June... Soup 'N More; Coffee & Goodies after Sunday Masses; Serving at Churches United for the Homeless. Stayed tuned for more details next week and be ready to jump in and volunteer!! Volunteering makes a person feel good, it makes those in need feel good and it builds character and relationships. Who wouldn't want that?? Sign-up sheets are in the Social Hall.

Remembering Those Who've Passed Away.

May 29: Warren Anderson, Frances Koschney

May 30: Phyllis Jacobson

May 31: Stephen Kinsella

June 1: Timothy Remillard

June 2: James Larson, Evelyn Belling,
Debra Kozojed

June 4: Eilene McCarthy, Mary Hoganson

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

Irma Hernandez (mother of Maria Regner), Tom & Konnie Middleton, Edith Hellman, Martha Steier, Alma Grosz, Janet Gerszewski, Samson Uy, Janice Leidal, Penny Adam, Gary Lammer

Summer Office Hours Beginning June 3 the Parish Office will be closed on Fridays for the summer. Staff will be back to work on Fridays beginning September 9.

Thank You A great BIG THANK YOU to Dinah Stephens for the donation of a Bird Bath for the Prayer Garden, and a Rocking Chair for the Family Room!! Thank you!

Time & Talent: We Need YOU to Volunteer! We handed out Time & Talent forms last weekend. Please complete the form and return it to the Parish Office. If you did not receive a form, there are some in the bookrack in the Gathering Area. Without volunteers we cannot function well. We need help in nearly all ministries especially at Mass (eucharistic minister, reader, etc.). PLEASE consider giving of your time to the Lord and your church by volunteering. Contact Julie in the Parish Office 282-3321 if you have any questions.

Community & Diocesan Events

Memorial Day Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery

Memorial Day Mass will be at Holy Cross Cemetery North on May 30, 2022, at 9 a.m. Please bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, Mass will be offered at the Cathedral of St. Mary. Daily Mass will also be offered at Holy Spirit at 5:30 p.m. Please remember the courageous men and women who gave their lives in faithful service to our country.

Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Saturday, June 11 at Holy Spirit Church beginning with Rosary (8 a.m.), Mass (8:30 a.m.) with Installation of Officers and New Member Reception, followed by breakfast and meeting. Rosary Walk (Harvest Hope Farm) to follow. Members are invited to bring food pantry donations. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Any questions, please send an email to regentcstann@gmail.com.

Mother-Daughter Days. June 19-21 and July 21-23, St. Francis Convent in Hankinson ND. Pursue a closer relationship with Jesus. To register, call or text Sister Jean Louise at 701-208-1245. Participation is limited.

Beginning Experience (BE). June 24-26 at St. Francis Retreat Center in Hankinson. BE is a program for adults grieving the loss of a love relationship through death, divorce, or separation. If you or someone you know would benefit from this ministry, contact the BE line at 701-277-8784 or visit beginningexperience-easternnd.org.

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. For more information go to <https://www.fargodiocese.org/campsummit>

Men's Leadership Summit "Cast out into the Deep" For Men, 18+, July 22-23, Stiklestad Lodge, Fr. Ransom ND. Scot \$250. To register visit: www.fargodiocese.org/mfg.

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>

Pilgrimage with Bishop Folda, September 10-14, 2022. for more information go to:
<https://www.petersway.com/9873.html>

REDEEMED Eucharistic Conference. September 23-24, Delta by Marriott, Fargo. Speakers; Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Msgr. James Shea, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, and Dr. Mary Healy. Cost \$50, after Sept. 5 the cost is \$75. For more information: fargodiocese.org/redeemed or call 701-356-7900. Registration forms are in the bookcase in the Gathering Area.

Retrouvaille Weekend for Couples. October 7-9. Faith, hope, and love; are these present in your marriage? Have you given up hope that they can be? For information call 701-356-7903 or HelpOurMarriage.com.

Job Openings: See the bulletin board in the Blessed Sacrament Gathering Area for a list of all current job openings throughout the Fargo Diocese. Or go to: <https://www.fargodiocese.org/jobopenings>

Youth Discipleship Coordinator - Holy Spirit Catholic Parish, is seeking a mission-minded disciple of Jesus Christ to coordinate our Youth Discipleship program. This involves assisting mentors and parents of our 6th-12th graders. This position is part time or full time with additional responsibilities. Please send your resume to Barb@holyspiritfargo.com.

Reflections on the Solemnity of the Ascension - May 29, 2022
Fr. Gary Luiten

It is a busy time of year. 'Tis the season for weddings, anniversaries, and graduations. As seniors graduate from high school, they are moving on and their parents, though excited for their son or daughter's future, are oftentimes sad to see them go.

The disciples find themselves in a similar situation in the gospel today. It seems that Jesus' disciples were going to miss Jesus when he ascended to heaven. They kept staring at the empty sky. They had to be reminded that Jesus would return. And so it was kind of a bittersweet time for the disciples. After all, it was the Father's will that the Holy Spirit would not be sent until Jesus ascended to the Father.

Our Lord's ascension provides us a great opportunity to think of the afterlife. It is an element of our faith that there is a hell, where those who have been unfaithful to God without repenting place themselves. It is not a good place. It is a place of eternal punishment – eternal separation from God. It is not spiritually healthy to be preoccupied with such a place, but to know that it is there, so we can avoid placing ourselves there.

And it would be quite presumptuous for me to think that, after I die, God will take me straight to heaven. I personally need time to spiritually become spotlessly clean before I see God - and this place is called purgatory, taught by the Church in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 1023-1033, and referred to indirectly in Sacred Scripture. And hell and purgatory are good for us to think of from time to time, just to remind us they are there. But they are not good to be preoccupied with.

And, finally, last but certainly not least, it is an element of our faith that there is also a heaven: a reward for those who have been faithful in this life. Paul: "Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it so much as dawned on us what God has ready for those who love him." In heaven, we will be able to see Jesus clearly. It is where we can meet Jesus in his glorified body. And it is where we can meet his mother, Mary, and all the saints: those people we have asked for intercessory help. Heaven is where we hope to meet our friends and where we can enjoy all the things we like to do, and more!

Jesus has set the example and goal for us by ascending into heaven. May we become people who live with heaven as our goal through keeping the Lord's word by faithfully receiving him and living his command of love.

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Sunday, June 12, 2022 for a....

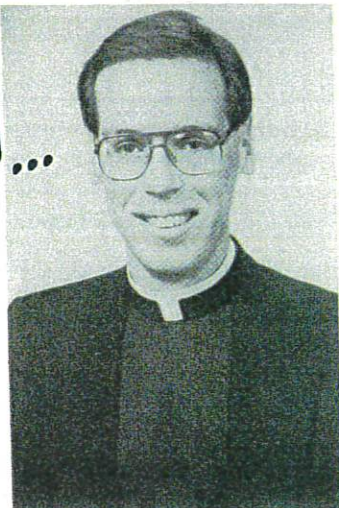
Potluck Brunch

Immediately following the 9:30am mass

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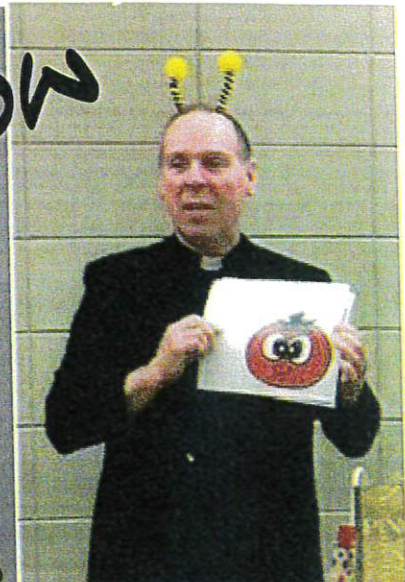
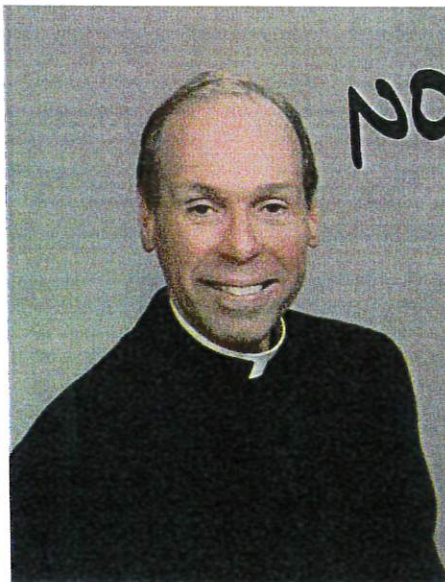
Sign up sheet in gathering area

THEN...



Rev. Gary D. Luiten
Ordained a Priest
June 6, 1992

NOW



June 4-5, 2022 – Pentecost Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	9:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	C. Fischer	M. Geary Curfman
EMHC	*F. McCann	*A. Buettner, **T. English
Gift Bearers	W. & J. Suchla	A. Buettner Family
Servers	Volunteers	E. Buettner, Volunteer
Ushers	E. & M. Pablo	S. Curfman, J. Yourczek
Greeters	F. McCann, T. Tweeter	A. & A. Buettner Family
Rosary Leader	S. Bosch	M. Geary Curfman
Sacristan	M. Pablo	J. Yourczek
Media Minister	R. Cwikla	
*Eucharist Minister **takes to the homebound		

Please contact the Parish Office if you are unable to fulfill your Ministry
no later than Thursday, June 2, 3 p.m. - Call Julie - 701-282-3321 or Julie@bscwf.org

Feast/Holy Day the Week of May 29, 2022

May 30: Memorial Day May 31: Visitation of the Blessed virgin Mary June 1: St. Justin
June 2: Sts. Marcellinus & Peter June 3: St. Charles & Companions

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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