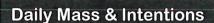


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### September 3-4, 2022 ~ 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time



Sunday, September 4

9:30 a.m. - the Parishioners

Monday, September 5 - NO MASS

Tuesday, September 6 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. - +Fr. Bill Sherman

Wednesday, September 7

9:00 a.m. - +Teresa & +Bernard Weiser

Thursday, September 8 at Trinity Elementary

8:45 a.m. - +Gary Kapaun

Friday, September 9

9:00 a.m. - +Pauline Siebert

Adoration – 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 10

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. - +Ludvig & +Johanna Hoffert

Sunday, September 11

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners 10:30 a.m. - +Bill Knoll

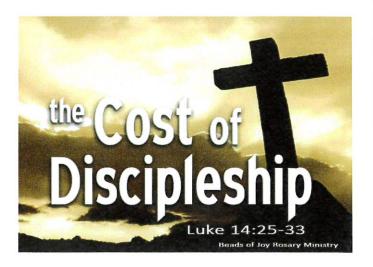
### **Weekly Offering**

August 27-28, 2022

Adult: \$3,847.68 Children: \$17

Improvements: \$45 Firm Foundation: \$837 Poor Fund: \$306

Collected to Date		Goal to Date
\$265,764.38	Adult	\$265,200.00
\$785.51	Children	\$1,020.00
\$15,056.25	Improvements	\$34,000.00
\$433,960.76	Firm Foundation	\$400,000.00
\$67,522.00	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 Coffee

Parish Office Closed, Monday September 5.

**No Daily Mass,** Tuesday, September 6 and Thursday, September 8.

Mother Seton Circle AND Holy Rosary Circles: Combined meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 6, 6:30 p.m.

**Soup 'N More Italian Night,** Thursday, September 8, 5:30 p.m.

Pastoral Council Meeting, Thurs., Sept. 8, 7 p.m.

Two Sunday Masses begin NEXT WEEKEND, September 11. Sunday Mass times will be 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. until Memorial Day weekend 2023.

### **Faith Formation**

**Faith Formation Class Begins THIS Month!** Is your child registered? Contact Lucy if you have any questions. 701-282-3321 <u>Lucy@bscwf.org</u>.

Opening Mass to Start Faith Formation Year: Wednesday, September 14 at 5:30 p.m. For ALL students, families, and catechists. Fr. Gary Luiten will bless us all as we begin our 2022-23 year. All Blessed Sacrament parishioners are welcome to attend. Following Mass there will be parent meetings in the Social Hall and classroom tours.

Parent Meeting will be Wednesday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall,

Preschool / Kindergarten Class (PK): Will meet most Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Social Hall, beginning September 18.

**Grades 1-5:** Will meet most Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. beginning September 21.

**B4WOW Students** (grades 6-8): Will meet twice per month on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. beginning September 28.

**WOW Students** (grades 9-12): Will meet twice per month on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. beginning September 21.

### **Class Start Dates & Times**

Preschool / Kindergarten (PK)

Sunday, September 18, 10:30 a.m.

Grades 1-5

Wednesday, September 21, 5:30 p.m.

**WOW** (Grades 9-12)

Wednesday, September 11, 7:00 p.m.

B4WOW (Grades 6-8)

Wednesday, September 28, 7:00 p.m.

For all Faith Formation Class Dates and Times, refer to the Faith Formation Calendar on the Blessed Sacrament Website at:

https://www.bscwf.org/classes/

Fr. Gary Welcomes you to RCIA Class: Tuesday, September 20, 7 p.m., in Library. RCIA is for adults thinking about becoming Catholic, and for Catholic adults who would like a refresher course on what the church believes and teaches. If you know of someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or who would like to become Catholic, contact Father Gary, or show up. RCIA will meet most Tuesdays from now into April.

### **RCIA Class Dates:**

September: 20

October: 8, 15, 22, 29

### **Music Ministry**



Choirs Begin September 11. If you or anyone you know, loves to sing and would like to join the choir, please join us on Sunday, September 11 in the Music Room, to warm up for Mass. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Ronda at Ronda@bscwf.org. I hope to see many of you there!

Contemporary Choir 8:30 a.m. (practice 7:45) Joyful Voices Choir 10:30 a.m. (practice 9:30) **Joyful Voices Choir** sing most Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and one Saturday per month at 5:15 p.m. encompasses ALL of you who like to sing at any age. From age 6-96!

Contemporary Choir sing Sundays at 8:30 a.m. Mass twice a month and features guitars. Instrumentalists and singers of all ages are welcome!

You Are Invited to Join Choir! I would like to encourage all of you to consider joining. Some people say their voice isn't good enough, when asked to join the choir. I can tell you from experience that I was the same way. I have often said that I don't play the piano 'good enough'. It has dawned on me that when I believed I wasn't good enough, I was offending God. After all, He is the one who gave me my ability to play piano and sing. Let me leave you with this thought.

Success isn't measured by what you do compared to others. It's measured by what you do with the ability God gave you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Ronda@bscwf.org. I hope to hear you singing with us!

-Ronda

### Contact Ronda if you are interested in assisting at Weekend Masses:

- Instrumentalists
- Song Leaders
- Substitute Accompanists

### Parish Life



### **BSCWF.ORG** – Blessed Sacrament's Website!!

Our hope is that you use this as your "GO-TO" place to get information about Blessed Sacrament. One feature you will see on occasion is our "Banner". When we have something important going on and we want to get your attention, we create a banner that pops up the moment you open our site. On Thursday, September 1 the banner changed from reminding us of the Blood Drive to reminding us that two Sunday Masses begin September 11. Check it out and send us your feedback to <a href="mailto:info@bscwf.org">info@bscwf.org</a> or MaryBeth@bscwf.org. Thank You!!

### **Building a Firm Foundation Campaign**

Campaign Statements went out last week. If you have any questions about your statement, contact Mary Beth in the Parish Office, 701-282-3321 or MaryBeth@bscwf.org.

Thank you to all of you who have and continue to support our campaign. The work is completed. However, if you still owe money toward your pledge, we are counting on you to honor your pledge and continue to send us your payment(s).

Campaign Goal: \$400,000 Pledge Amount 455,280 Pledges Paid: 433,960 Expenses Paid: 444,219 Current Balance: (-10,259)

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

### 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 contact Julie in the Parish Office 701-282-3321. September dates – 22 & 29.

### Daily Readings - September 4-10, 2022

<u>September 4</u>: Wis 9:12-18b, Phlm 9:10,12-17, Lk 14:25-33

<u>September 5</u>: 1 Cor 5:11-8, Lk 6:6-11 <u>September 6</u>: 1 Cor 6:1-11, Lk 6:12-19 <u>September 7</u>: 1 Cor 7:25-31, Lk 6:20-26 <u>September 8</u>: Mi 5:1-4a, Mt 1:1-16,18-23

September 9: 1 Cor 9:16-19,22b-27, Lk 6:39-42

September 10: 1 Cor 10:14-22, Lk 6:43-49

God's Gift Appeal 2022. Blessed Sacrament has contributed 96% toward our goal of \$69,942! Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 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.

**In Remembrance.** May the angels lead you into eternal paradise among the saints in Heaven.

September 4: Diane Cich

<u>September 7</u>: Wilhelm Lerch, Mary Thompson September 10: Lloyd Stromme, LaVerne Tintes

### Knights of Columbus Council #6465.

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. The Knights of Columbus do not meet in the summer months. The next meeting will be October 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. 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.

### Our Sympathy to

- Andrew and Amanda Buettner on the death of their son, James.
- the Family of Edwin Olson.

May James and Edwin dance with the angels in heaven on their way to the arms of our Lord.

**Pastoral Council Meeting:** Thursday, September 8, 7 p.m. in the Library.

Prayer Warriors. The Blessed Sacrament Prayer Warriors are a group of individuals who pray for those who have requested prayer. Please become a Warrior of Prayer at Blessed Sacrament and contact Wendy Retterath (701-282-6266) or Parish Secretary, Mary Beth Odegaard at 701-282-3321 or MaryBeth@bscwf.org.

Raffle Tickets are Ready to be Picked Up! You will find your raffle tickets for the Fall Dinner in the Gathering Area. Please pick them up as soon as possible. Also, get your ideas ready to fill baskets for the Take-A-Chance Auction. If you are interested in helping with the Fall Bazaar in any capacity, please contact Julie at 701.282.3321 or julie@bscwf.org.

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: <a href="https://www.bscwf.org/prayer-wall/">https://www.bscwf.org/prayer-wall/</a>

Save the Date!
Blessed Sacrament
Annual Fall Dinner/Bazaar
October 30

**Sick List:** We pray for our ill parishioners and family members. If you would like your Blessed Sacrament family to pray for you or a loved one, please call the Parish Office. Names will be listed, in the bulletin, for 1 month.

Kristi Clemetson (niece of Marge Cossette), Janet Gerszewski, Penny Adam, Gary Lammer.

**Soup 'n More - Italian Night:** Join us Thursday, September 8, 5:30-6:30 p.m. We will be serving: Italian cuisine! Menu: Baked Ziti, pasta salad, garlic bread, and more.

<u>September 22</u> – *Football Spirit Night*! Wear apparel from your favorite team.

Menu: Burgers, hotdogs, salad, and more.

THANK YOU THANK YOU! To all who signed up and gave blood at our Blood Drive on Thursday, September 1. In doing so you have contributed to saving the life of another human being and walked with Jesus to serve others. You are all greatly appreciated and should be proud. God Bless You

**Trinity Elementary Back to School Drive.** Show your support and help Trinity Elementary with some needed supplies. A list of needs and collection boxes are in the Gathering Area. Supplies will be taken to Trinity on September 6.

### Vital Statistics - August 2022

<u>Deaths</u>: Janice Leidal, Edith Hellman, Edwin Olson, James Buettner.

Newcomers: Marsha Spicer, Danna Sabolik

WestFest Pancake Breakfast. Blessed Sacrament is bringing back the pancake breakfast for West Fest! It will be on Saturday, September 17 from 7:30 – 10:30 am. Share the attached poster with friends and family.

### Volunteerism

Volunteer Opportunities for All Ages! We have many opportunities for you to volunteer. Check out the board in the Social Hall or contact Julie 282-3321, julie@bscwf.org.

Current Volunteer Opportunities are:

- Coffee 'N Goodies after Sunday Masses
- Soup 'N More two Thursdays per month.
- Churches United for the Homeless 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>
   Thursdays of the month.
- WestFest Pancake Breakfast September 17
- <u>Fall Dinner & Bazaar</u> October 30. Set up is earlier in the week.

Sign-up sheets are in the Social Hall.

### Community & Diocesan Events

Appeal from Seven Dolors Mission, Ft. Totten. Seven Dolors Parish has experienced severe damage. Repair and renovations are in order. The parish is a small Mission church and Fr. Antony Samy Michael has asked for your help. For more information, please see the booklet in the bookcase in the Gathering Area.

Nativity's Sweet Serenade "Return of the Jedi Piano" (songs written for movies) by Brent Hermans, Wednesday, September 7, 7 p.m., Nativity Church Cafeteria.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, Sept 13, St. Anthony's beginning with Mass at 5:15 p.m., meal to follow, and meeting at 6:30 p.m. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Any questions, please send an email to regentctstann@gmail.com.

Is God calling you to the Secular Franciscan Order? The rule and life of the Secular Franciscan is to observe the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by following Saint Francis of Assisi, who made Christ the inspiration and center of his life with God and people. The primary sphere of activity and influence of Secular Franciscans is in the ordinary events of daily life: in their families, their communities, their places of work, and their parishes. With the assistance of the leaders of the Grand Forks Fraternity, several of us in the Fargo area have completed the Formation period and made our Profession on May 31, 2022, in the chapel at Holy Cross Church in West Fargo, ND, during a Mass offered by Bishop John Folda of the Diocese of Fargo. At the beginning of our efforts in 2019. Bishop Folda wrote his approval stating, "The spirit of St. Francis is a treasured part of the Church's spiritual patrimony, and I am grateful for your efforts to promote this Franciscan spirit in the Fargo area. Be assured of my prayers, and God bless you."

We meet on the third Sunday of each month. If this spirituality sounds like something appeals to you, we invite you to a "Come and See" gathering on Sunday, September 18, 2022, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Church. Contacts: Geraldine Cariveau (701)235-9192 <a href="mailto:geraldinecariveau@outlook.com">geraldinecariveau@outlook.com</a>
Bradley Steen (701)219-3424 cell and text

msg bils96@yahoo.com

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.

**St. Elizabeth's**, Dilworth MN. Once again, we are unable to hold our regular sit-down meal. However, we will be selling Sauce & Meatballs on Sunday, October 30. Please place your order by October 1. **TAKE-OUT ONLY!** 218-287-2705.

St. Francis de Sales, Moorhead MN, would like to invite you to the annual Roast Beef Dinner and Fall Festival on Sunday, October 2, 2022. Dinner will be served from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The menu includes delicious roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, coleslaw, dinner rolls, dessert, and beverage. Prices are: Adults \$13.00; Youth ages 6-12 \$6.00; Children 5 and under are free. Advanced tickets are available at the parish office. The Fall Festival includes BINGO, Chocolate Fantasy Table, a Craft area, Country Store, the Bakery, fresh vegetables and jellies and jams, a Hope Chest Raffle, games and much, much more. Come and check it out!

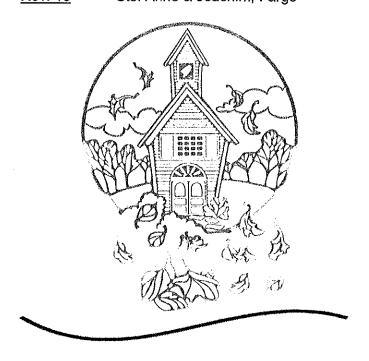
Retrouvaille Weekend for Couples. October 7-9. Faith, hope, and love; are these present in your marriage? Have you given up hope that they can be? For information call 701-356-7903 or HelpOurMarriage.com.

### **JOB OPENINGS**

Vigil Choir Director Wanted. Holy Spirit's Vigil Choir, which sings throughout the year at the 4 p.m. Saturday Mass, needs a director. Practicing Catholic with choral experience, leadership skills, comfortable reading sheet music, and ideally past church musician experience and some piano knowledge. Stipend provided for Mass and rehearsals. Contact Emma at <a href="mailto:music@holyspiritfargo.com">music@holyspiritfargo.com</a> for details.

### **Upcoming Fall Dinners**

<u>Sept. 11</u>	St. Jude, Thompson
Sept. 18	St. Benedict, Horace
<u>Sept. 25</u>	St. Anthony, Fargo
Oct. 2	St. Williams, Argusville
	St. Francis, Moorhead
<u>Oct. 16</u>	St. Alphonsus, Langdon
Oct. 23	Holy Cross, West Fargo
Oct. 30	Blessed Sacrament, West Fargo
	St. Elizabeth, Dillworth (Take-out)
<u>Nov. 6</u>	Nativity, Fargo
<u>Nov. 13</u>	Sts. Anne & Joachim, Fargo



### **Stewardship Moment**

### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Every one of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help other. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 4, 2022 (19, 16, 13) DISCIPLESHIP - a deeper look Fr. Gary Luiten

Jesus talks about calculating the construction of a tower, which points to calculating the cost of discipleship. And the readings remind us today that discipleship involves a choice. Philemon in the second reading had to make that choice. Paul tells Philemon in this letter to no longer treat Onesimus as a slave and instead to look at him as a brother, as a fellow believer, as an equal in the Lord; probably quite a challenge for Philemon who had been his master. That was a moment of truth for Philemon. What would he choose? Philemon must have heeded Paul's letter, because tradition tells us that Philemon eventually became a bishop, and so did Onesimus: Philemon's slave! Onesimus was freed! For Philemon, a part of the cost of discipleship was having to give up the comforts of having a slave.

Every day, or almost every day, life presents us choices – to either do the right thing – to do what the Lord wants us to do in keeping the commandments or not. God's wants us every day to choose God first above everything else – above possessions, above family, above work, above play, above sports, above friends. And every one of us can choose to begin the day in God's grace. By offering the day to the Lord, we choose to begin it with God's help. And that's the way a life is built – from many weeks, many months, and many years of choosing to say "yes" to the Lord each day.

May we ask the Lord each day to give us our daily bread so that we may have the ability to say "yes" to the Lord and to live out our faith lives.

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

<u>Eucharistic Conference.</u> As you may have seen in the bulletin, our diocese is having a Eucharistic Conference on Friday and Saturday, September 23 and 24 at the Delta in Fargo. There will be a number of inspirational speakers. Hopefully we can get a good attendance. There are registration forms located in the Gathering Area bookcase.

RCIA Classes. Classes for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will be held Tuesday evenings from 7 p.m. to about 8:15 p.m. in the library, beginning September 20. It is for all adults who are interested in knowing more about the church or in becoming Catholic. It is also for those Catholics who want a refresher course on the faith. So, all are welcome. We will meet in the parish library. You may enter through the parish office door.

<u>Blood Drive.</u> Thank you to all who participated in the blood drive this past week. Thank you for giving the gift of life.

Anointing of the Sick. After a 2-year covid absence, we will again offer the anointing of the sick at all Masses on the weekend of September 18. There was a time in the church when many people saw the anointing as something that was given only at the point of death. In fact, some people, sadly, even now equate a visit from the priest as the sign of death. But now the church sees the sacrament of anointing is meant to bring life – God's life, not death. This sacrament is not only for those at the point of death. Therefore, "As soon as any one of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time to receive this sacrament has arrived." (Vat. II, on the Liturgy, article 73). Also, some types of mental sicknesses such as some types of depression or anxiety are now classified as serious (article 53). So those who think they would be strengthened by this sacrament may be anointed.



# Choir Members Welcome! The only thing better than singing is...

**MORE SINGING!** 

**Choirs begin September 11** 

Contemporary Choir 8:30 a.m. (practice 7:45)

Joyful Voices Choir 10:30 a.m. (practice 9:30)

## Foith Formation Starting Dates:

Opening Mass - September 14, 5:30 p.m. Classroom Open House & Parent Meeting following Mass

### First Day of Class:

Preschool/Kindergarten (PK) September 18 10:30 a.m.

Grades 1-5 September 21 5:30 p.m.

B4WOW (Grades 6-8) September 28 7:00 p.m.

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Saturday, September 17 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.

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### September 10-11, 2022 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	C. Paintner	J. Allmaras	S. DeKeyser
EMHC	*P. Pritchard	*N. Peterson, **N. Peterson	*S. DeKeyser
Gift Bearers	D. & J. Rohrich	R. & D. Chapek	D. Richman Family
Servers	E. & I. Rohrich	M. Allmaras, Volunteer	M. & B. Richman
Ushers	E. & C. Pablo	T. & H. Allmaras	R. Haugen, B. Lenertz
Greeters	J. Walter Family	R. & D. Chapek	B. Novak Family
Rosary Leader	S. Bosch	L. Metzger	M. Kern
Sacristan	C. Pablo	J. Yourczek	M. Curfman
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, September 8, 3 p.m. - Call Julie - 701-282-3321 or Julie@bscwf.org

### Feast/Holy Day the Week of September 4, 2022

Sept. 5: Fr. Gary Luiten's Birthday Sept. 8: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sept. 9: St. Peter Claver

### **Blessed Sacrament Directory**

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