



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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December 3-4, 2022 ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent

Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, December 4

8:30 a.m. – +Debbie McCann

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Monday, December 5 - NO MASS

Tuesday, December 6 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – Darin Nagel

Wednesday, December 7

9:00 a.m. – +Nicole Vetter-Peterson

Thursday, December 8 Immaculate Conception

9:00 a.m. – +Bob Durbin

7:00 p.m. – the Parishioners

Friday, December 9

9:00 a.m. – +Jenny Pulkrabek

Adoration 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Saturday, December 10

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – +Marvin Leidal

Sunday, December 11

8:30 a.m. – +Andrew Hecker

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners



Weekly Offering

November 24, 2022 – Thanksgiving

Adult: \$ 327.

Thanksgiving Dinner: \$4,338.

November 26-27, 2022

Adult: \$4,661.57 Children: \$9

Improvements: \$542

Firm Foundation: \$6,366.15

Poor Fund: \$32

Collected to Date

Goal to Date

\$363,749.79 Adult \$366,600.00

\$1,004.65 Children \$1,410.00

\$20,315.02 Improvements \$47,000.00

\$449,488.40 Firm Foundation \$400,000.00

\$70,251.50 God's Gift \$69,942.00



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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:

Coffee

PK – 10:30 a.m.

RCIA: Tuesday, December 6, 7 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation, Thursday, December 8. Masses 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Soup 'N More Honoring our Veterans. Thursday, December 8, 5:00-6:15 p.m.

Adoration, Friday, Dec. 9, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Circle Bake Sale, before and after all Masses next weekend.

Advent

Celebrating Advent is an excellent way to prepare your mind and heart for Christmas.

The Advent Wreath and Candles

The wreath is meant to remind us of both the immortality of our souls and God's promise of everlasting life to us through Christ.

The candles Four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, one candle is lit each Sunday. signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice. A Fifth candle represents purity.

Week Two: The second candle, which is purple, represents **love**. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

(Stay tuned for week three)

Advent Informational Pamphlets in the Gathering Area. There are 4 different pamphlets addressing Advent in the bookcase in the Gathering Area.

Christmas Program. Sunday December 11, 2 p.m. All our Faith Formation Students are participating in this program. Please join us!

Advent Penance Service. Thursday December 15, 7 p.m. Multiple priests will be hearing confessions that evening. Please make your Advent reconciliation on this day.

Area Advent Penance Services

Services at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Dec. 4	Holy Spirit, Fargo – 4:00 p.m.
Dec. 7	St. Maurice, Kindred
Dec. 11	St. Benedict, Wild Rice – 4:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	St. Anthony, Fargo
Dec. 13	Sts. Anne and Joacim, Fargo
Dec. 15	Nativity, Fargo
Dec. 15	Blessed Sacrament, West Fargo
Dec. 18	St. Mary Cathedral, Fargo – 4:00 p.m.
Dec. 19	St. Leo, Casselton
Dec. 20	Holy Cross, West Fargo

Fill the Manger with Straw. As you see in the Gathering Area there is a display of Mary & Joseph's journey from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. At the end of the journey the manger sits without any bedding. Just like we teach our children to put a piece of straw in the crib for every good deed they do during Advent, I am asking all of God's Children (young, old and everyone in-between) to stop by the manger each weekend (or even during the week) and for every good deed, act of kindness, patience, understanding, etc please pull a piece of straw for each and place in the manger. Do this as a family or on your own. We are all Children of God. Let's make Jesus the best bed ever.

Parish Advent Project- MinisTREE for Churches United! Help make Christmas special for those in need. Please take an ornament or two, purchase the item, listed on the back. Place the un-wrapped item under the MinisTREE. As the weeks of Advent pass, we will see many items under the tree! All ornaments have items from a wish list given to us by Churches United for the Homeless. They will take the items and place them in a 'gift room' for their guests to choose gifts for their family. All items must be under the MinisTREE by December 19.

Christmas Mass Schedule.

Saturday, December 24 – Carols 3:30 p.m.

– Mass 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25 – Mass 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Mass, Saturday the 24th DOES fulfill your Sunday Obligation.

Christmas Flowers

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

Donations are due by Monday, Dec. 19.

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 5th Ave W, West Fargo ND 58078

Please publish my gift in the bulletin:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Donations for Christmas Flowers are due Monday, December 19 to the Parish Office.

Faith Formation



Class:

PK	Dec. 4	10:30 a.m.
Grades 1-5	Dec. 7	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	Dec. 7	7:00 p.m.
PK	Dec. 11	No Class
Grades 1-5	Dec. 14	5:30 p.m.
WOW	Dec. 14	7:00 p.m.

RCIA Class Dates:

December Dates: 6, 13, 20

Christmas Program: Sunday, December 11, 2:00 p.m. Our students are planning a Christmas Program. You are all invited to join them. The Nativity story will be told by our students and will include familiar vocal and instrumental music.

FORMED-What to Watch: The Formed platform has great information available to view during the season of Advent. Each week of Advent is featured and gives many options to choose from. There is also a movie called *Mary of Nazareth* and the story of the nativity as well as an Advent series for kids called *Brother Francis: The Days of Advent*.

Music Ministry



Joyful Voices

Date	Time: Warmup/Sing
December 4	9:30 a.m. / 10:30 a.m.
December 11	9:30 a.m. / 10:30 a.m.
December 24	2:45 p.m. / 3:30 p.m.

There will be no Contemporary Choir for the Month of December.

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

- Instrumentalists
- Song Leaders
- Substitute Accompanists

Parish Life



2023 Bulletin Advertising: Would your business like to advertise in our bulletin? If so, please contact Mary Beth in the Parish Office 701-282-3321. The bulletin advertising money is used to off-set the cost of printing and distributing the bulletin.

2023 Wall Calendars Are Available. They are on the right side of the magazine rack in the Gathering Area by both main entrances.

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.

Blood Drive! Monday December 19, 2:00-5:45 p.m. To sign up go to Vitalant.org or call the Parish Office and ask for Julie. 282-3321. Sign up now and you may win \$5,000!

Building a Firm Foundation Campaign

Campaign Goal: \$400,000

Pledge Amount 460,383

Pledges Paid: 449,488

Expenses Paid: 445,324

Current Balance: 4,164

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.

Daily Readings – December 4-10, 2022

December 4: Is 11:1-10, Rom 15:4-9, Mt 3:1-12

December 5: Is 35:1-10, Lk 5:17-26

December 6: Is 40:1-11, Is 40:25-31, Mt 11:28-30

December 7: Is 40:25-31, Mt 11:28-30

December 8: Gn 3:9-15, Eph 1:3-6, 11-12,
Lk 1:26-38

December 9: Is 48:1-4, 9-11, Mt 11:16-19

December 10: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11, Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Flowers for Mary: Parishioners are invited to bring flowers to honor Mary for the feast of her Immaculate Conception, December 8.

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

Holiday Bake Sale Sponsored by St. Jude Circle
December 10-11, before and after Mass. If you would like to donate baked goods, bring them to the church prior to Mass.

Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrates that Mary was preserved from original sin from the moment of her conception, will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament on December 8, Mass times are 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The feast day is a holy day of obligation on which Catholics are required to attend Mass.

In Remembrance. *May the angels lead those who have died into Heaven.*

December 5: Margaret Olson

December 8: James Hill, Emma Arzt

December 9: Angeline Heinz

December 10: Lloyd O. Anderson

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.

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 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 unless the office is contacted for an extension.

*Lisa Putney (daughter of Dan & Diane Yatskis),
Katelyn Putney (granddaughter of Dan & Diane Yatskis), Ryan Jamieson (son of Marilyn Jamieson), Michael Anderson, Marie Pulkrabek,
Darlene Kirchoffner, Irma Hernandez,
Jennette Feltman, Penny Adam, Gary Lammer.*

Soup 'n More served ONCE in December. We will be honoring our Veterans! We will serve a meal on December 8, **from 5:00-6:15 p.m.** Take-out meals will be available. Menu: Stuff on a Shingle, and more!

Vital Statistics – November 2022

Baptisms: Logan Capson Cease,
Isaac Edward Marvin

Deaths: Bette Brand, Leonard Pulkrabek,
Joan Barta, Bob Yanish

Newcomers: Connor Cease, Sebae Robinson,
Michael & Julie Hilber, Mlasi Juma,
Al & Karen Huber

Winter Storm Policy The Blessed Sacrament Parish Office follows the same winter storm policy as West Fargo Public Schools. If the WF Public Schools are closed because of bad weather, the Parish Office will be closed and there will be no evening activities. Fr. Gary WILL say daily Mass if it is scheduled

Volunteerism - Stewardship

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 Julie in the Parish Office 701-282-3321. December dates: 22 & 29.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Coffee 'N Goodies: Most Sundays
- Soup 'N More: 2 Thursdays per month
- Churches United: November 24

To volunteer, see the Sign-up Sheets in the Social Hall or contact Julie 701-282-3321 or Julie@bscwf.org.

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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.

Fargo Diocesan Synod

Attention Blessed Sacrament Parishioners!

We are looking for a few Good Catholics to represent Blessed Sacrament during the Prayer and Listening Session with Bishop Folda. Sunday January 22, 2:00-4:30 p.m. Holy Cross Parish.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that a diocesan synod is "an assembly of priests and other members of Christ's faithful who assist the bishop by offering advice about the needs of the diocese and by proposing legislation for him to enact". The word "synod" comes from the Greek and signifies "walking together" or taking a common road together. This diocesan synod is distinct from the Synod of Bishops that will meet in Rome in 2023, and it will deal more directly with the needs and mission of our own diocesan Church.

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in participating in this opportunity to shape the future of our Church 701-282-3321.

Reflections on the Gospel for the 2nd Sunday of Advent - December 4th, 2022
Fr. Gary Luiten

The gospel today speaks about preparation. We hear John the Baptist echoing the Prophet Isaiah who tells us to "Prepare the Way of the Lord." Or, we could even say, "Prepare a highway for the Lord" – to make it very easy for Jesus to come to us.

John the Baptist was a prophet. Prophets' jobs were to "comfort the afflicted" and "afflict the comfortable." And that's what John did. Be shared in Jesus' mission, since not only is Jesus God, he is also a prophet. Priests, pastors, and each one of us share in the prophetic mission of Jesus and John, too. So, if you are afflicted and I haven't comforted you, I want to apologize! And if you are comfortable, and I haven't afflicted you, I also apologize!

John prepared the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Like John, Jesus' task was to preach repentance too. Jesus' main concern was repentance, to change one's mind-set and mental programming. Our paths will lead to error, confusion, and unhappiness, whereas God's roadmap will lead to inner peace.

During Advent, in order to help us to prepare the way for Christ, we have a great instrument we can use and that is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will have a reconciliation service here at Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, December 15 at 7 pm. There also will be several other priests to help with confessions. So, if it's been a while, I encourage you and the family to attend. The sacrament of reconciliation really helps us to "make the rough ways smooth." Scripture says, "Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Make straight the way of the Lord." May we use these next couple weeks to do just that as we prepare for the birthday of the savior.

Since this is also the first bulletin of the month, I have a couple other items for you.

Thanksgiving Dinner. First, I want to thank everyone who helped out in any way for our Thanksgiving dinner. We served over 1700 meals! You truly are living out the gospel calling to "feed the hungry."

Advent. We are now in a new season of the church year, Advent. We are also in the beginning of a new church year. Advent is a word which means "the coming," or "the coming to." As I mentioned at last Sunday's Mass, Advent can be a great time for us to come to the Lord, whether it be at Mass or in the sacrament of reconciliation, in our daily prayers, or in the acts of charity that we show to others, including the poor. I encourage each of us to take an ornament from the MinisTREE in the gathering area, purchase the gift written on the ornament, and bring it back to the tree by December 19. These gifts will go to help the people at Churches United for the Homeless. In this way, we are truly living out the spirit of Advent. I have also seen a number of you wearing the color for the season, too, which is great. It is purple, except for the weekend of December 11, which will be pink, or rose. There is also a manger in the Gathering Area where the baby Jesus will rest at Christmas. The manger needs straw! So, when you do a good deed this Advent, take some straw from the bale and place it in the manger.

May God gently lead us and guide us as we prepare for the awesome celebration of the birth of our savior.

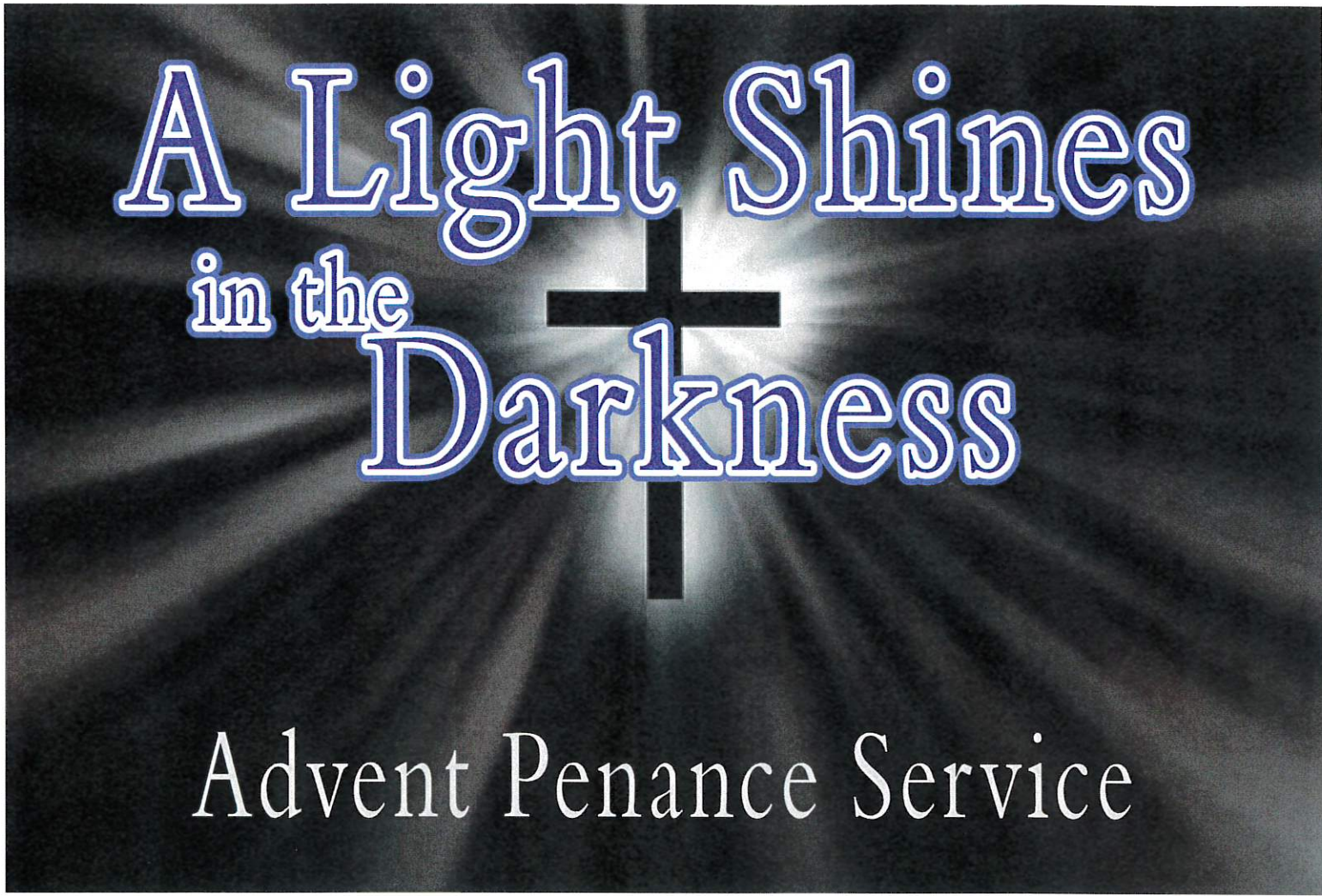
Community & Diocesan Events

Redeemed Eucharistic Conference Videos are now Available! The Diocese of Fargo has posted all the speaker recordings on its Redeemed Conference web page
<https://www.fargodiocese.org/redeemed>.

Holy Land Pilgrimage on October 2-11, 2023
You are invited to an information meeting about our pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Fr Phil Ackerman, pastor of Holy Cross Church, West Fargo, will be the spiritual director for the trip to the Holy Land on October 2-11, 2023. An information meeting will be at Holy Cross on Sunday, December 4th at 4:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. Jane Alatrash, a native of Bethlehem, is our tour guide and will be present for our meeting. You are invited to join us.

Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, December 13 at St. Anthony's beginning with Mass at 5:15 p.m., potluck meal to follow, and meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Youth and Young Adults... Do you want to grow closer to God? Do you want to meet other like-minded young adults? Do you need a "retreat" from the world around you? Experience God in a personal and REAL way. SEARCH for Christian Maturity has a retreat coming up January 6-8, 2023 at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City, ND. Youth and young adults, 16 and older are invited to attend. Details and application at <https://www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm> or call Dori at 952-210-2219. Applications are due no later than Monday, December 19th.



A Light Shines in the Darkness

Advent Penance Service

Thursday
December 15 - 7:00 p.m.

Extra priests will be present to hear confessions.

Confessions will be held in the classrooms
following the service of prayer and contrition.

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SCHEDULED

SUP 'N MORE WANTS TO HONOR OUR VETERANS

Thursday, December 8, 2022

Meal served from 5:30-6:30pm



FEATURING

S.O.S. (SERVICES ON A SHINGLE)
AND MORE
("SUPPER" ON A SHINGLE)



Young, old
and everyone—let's
in between—let's
be there for our
veterans. Enjoy
a meal together!



GOD BLESS AMERICA!!

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December 10-11, 2022 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	J. Jones	J. Allmaras	A. Buettner
EMHC	*J. Jones, C. Paintner, S. Perreault	*J. Aberle, D. Chapek, J. Yourczek, **TBD	*A. Buettner, E. Hanson, K. Hanson
Gift Bearers	M. Schiele Family	R. & D. Chapek	A. Kottsick Family
Servers	H. Schiele, M. Pierce	M. Allmaras, E. Esposito	E. Buettner, Volunteer
Ushers	D. & B. Krogen	T. Allmaras, A. Pritchard	S. & L. DeKeyser
Greeters	M. Schiele Family	J. Aberle Family	A. Kottsick Family
Rosary Leader	S. Bosch	J. Klaers	M. Kern
Sacristan	J. Jones	J. Yourczek	A. Buettner
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, December 9, 3 p.m.* - Call or email Julie - 701-282-3321, Julie@bscwf.org

Feast/Holy Day the Week of December 4, 2022

December 6: St. Nicholas December 7: St. Ambrose

December 8: Immaculate Conception December 9: St. Juan Diego

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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