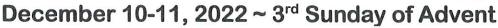
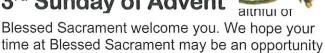
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Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, December 11

8:30 a.m. – +Andrew Hecker 10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Monday, December 12 - NO MASS

Tuesday, December 13 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. - +Cecelia Kirchoffner

Wednesday, December 14

9:00 a.m. - +Bill Knoll

Thursday, December 15

9:00 a.m. - +Grant Hoffner

Friday, December 16

9:00 a.m. - the Gilbert & Kranz Families

Saturday, December 17

Reconciliation 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

5:15 p.m. - +Mikalean Turner

Sunday, December 18

8:30 a.m. - the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. - +Carter & +Easton Supler

Offertory Gifts

December 3-4, 202269 Children: \$26

Adult: \$9,156.69

Improvements: \$55

Firm Foundation: \$465

Poor Fund: \$437

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THIRD SUNDAY OF Advent

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 No PK Class Bake Sale before and after Mass Christmas Program – 2 p.m.

RCIA, Tuesday, December 13, 7 pm

Penance Service, Thursday, December 15, 7 p.m.

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.

<u>The candles</u> 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 Three: The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

Christmas Program. THIS 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. Please see the attached examination of Conscience to help you prepare for the sacrament.

Area Advent Penance Services

Services at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Dec.11 St. Benedict, Wild Rice – 4:00 p.n	Dec.11	St. Benedict,	Wild Rice -	4:00 _l	p.m.
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Dec. 12 St. Anthony, Fargo

Dec. 13 Sts. Anne and Joachim, 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

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

Christmas Flowers

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

Donations are due by Monday, Dec.19.

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	(Name of deceased)	

(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

Christmas Mass Schedule.

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

- Mass 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, <u>December 25</u> - Mass 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

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

MinisTREE for Churches United!". Take an ornament or two and purchase the item. Do Not Wrap the item! All items must be under the MinisTREE by December 19

Faith Formation



Class:

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PK	Dec. 11	No Class
Grades 1-5	Dec. 14	5:30 p.m.
WOW	Dec. 14	7:00 p.m.
PK	Dec. 18	10:30 a.m.
Grades 1-5	Dec. 21	5:30 p.m.
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RCIA Class Dates (Tuesdays at 7 p.m.) December 13 & 20

Youth Offering Envelopes. All youth in Faith Formation have been given Offering Envelopes for 2023. Please encourage your child to use these weekly donation envelopes. Teach your child(ren) that giving to the church, no matter what amount, is a good thing. Pocket change goes a long way when supporting your faith community.

FORMED-What to Watch: Each week of Advent gives us an opportunity to learn something new. There are many interesting informative videos and discussions under the Advent tab. Check out *Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage*.

Music Ministry



Joyful Voices

 Date
 Time: Warmup/Sing

 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:

Parish Life



Baptism Basket – There is a baptism basket in the Social Hall for Mason Stephen Coauette, 2-month old son of Tanner & Krystal Coauette. Please help us fill the basket with baby shower items.

Blessing Box – Nonperishable Food Donations Welcome: Please help if you can. "Give what you can. Take what you need. Above all, be blessed."

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Your Council Representatives Are...

Finance Council

Lori DeKeyser, Karen Hanson*, Stacy Montgomery, Brad Novak*, Eduardo Pablo, and Steve Willson

Pastoral Council

Leland Buckmeier, Kathleen Jalbert, Steve Neva, Jamie Regner, Gary Ripplinger, and Ally Schweitzer

Blood Drive at Blessed Sacrament! Monday December 19, 2:00-5:45 p.m. To sign up go to <u>Vitalant.org</u> and use sponsor code <u>bswf</u> or call the Parish Office and ask for Julie. 282-3321. Sign up now and be entered for a chance to win \$5,000!

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.

Church Safety / Active Shooter Follow-up

We currently have 5 parishioners that have expressed an interest in being on the Blessed Sacrament SAFETY TEAM. This team will work with law enforcement in establishing a Plan of Action if our facility is faced with a threat. If you are interested in being on the Blessed Sacrament Safety Team, please contact the Parish Office. The team will begin meeting after the new year.

Email Addresses, Phone Numbers and Emergency Contact Information: Does the Parish Office have your current contact information on file? Call 701-282-3321 or email MaryBeth@bscwf.org to verify your information.

Daily Readings - December 11-17, 2022

<u>December 11</u>: Is 35:1-6a,10, Jas 5:7-10,

Mt 11:2-11

December 12: Zec 2:14-17, Lk 1:26-38

<u>December 13</u>: Zep 3:1-2,9-13, Mt 21:28-32

<u>December 14</u>: Is 45:6c-8,21c-25, Lk 7:18b-23

December 15: Is 54:1-10, Lk 7:24-30

December 16: Is 56:1-3a,6-8, Jn 5:22-26

<u>December 17</u>: Gn 49:2,8-10, Mt 1:1-17

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

LeRoy & Roberta Johnson (12/16) 63 years!

Holiday Bake Sale Sponsored by St. Jude Circle THIS WEEKEND, before and after Mass. This is your chance to let others do your Christmas baking for you!!

Homebound? Can't go to Sunday Mass?

- Would you like to receive communion?
 Put your name on the 'In-Home Communion' list. Call the Parish Office, 282-3321, give your name, address, and phone number.
- Watch Blessed Sacrament Mass on TV! We record Saturday Mass and play it on West Fargo Public Access Cable channel, Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.
- Watch Sunday Mass on the Blessed Sacrament YouTube Channel Go to YouTube search for Blessed Sacrament Church West Fargo ND.

Or copy and paste this link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPIK7lx77I6W WtNNUQxt5rw

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

December 11: Fred Walen

December 12: Larry Aberle, Richard Hersch,

Gerald Baumgartner

December 13: Joe Zdeb, Ben Salazar

December 14: Rose Stinar

December 15: Shirley DeBuhr, Richard Moody

December 16: Ray Westman

December 17: Joseph Schultz, Henry Thies

Moving? All parishioners are reminded to please call the Parish Office, or drop a note in the mail, whenever you move either within the parish or out of the parish.

Our Sympathy to Marilyn Geary Curfman on the death of her Uncle Larry Reidman. May Larry rest in the arms of our loving God.

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

Lisa Putney, Katelyn Putney, Ryan Jamieson, Michael Anderson, Marie Pulkrabek, Darlene Kirchoffner, Irma Hernandez, Jennette Feltman, Penny Adam, Gary Lammer.

Youth Offering Envelopes for ALL Youth.

Offering envelopes are available for your student even if they are not enrolled in Blessed Sacrament Faith Formation classes. Contact Lucy at Lucy@bscwf.org or 701-282-3321, to request envelopes for your child.

Thanks everyone for your cards, prayers, Masses, and thoughts during the difficult time losing my mother. (Tillie Hauck)
-Alice Pritchard

Volunteerism - Stewardship

Volunteer Opportunities in December

- Coffee 'N Goodies: Most Sundays
- Soup 'N More: 2 Thursdays per month
- Churches United: 4th & 5th Thursdays/month

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

Sign-up sheets are in the Social Hall.

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 at <u>Julie@bscwf.org</u> or 701-282-3321.

Reflections on the Readings for the Third Sunday of Advent - December 11, 2022 Fr. Gary Luiten

The focus for this third Sunday of Lent is to rejoice. We have many reasons to rejoice. First, Jesus has already come once, over two thousand years ago, and we rejoice because he will come again someday to take us home. When we look forward to our eternal goal, we are even allowed to rejoice in any misery we may experience because we know that any pain we may endure in this life will not last forever and someday we will reach the light at the end of the tunnel!

And in looking forward to Christmas, we can rejoice for many reasons. One reason many people look forward to Christmas is because they know there are going to be gifts given and received. When you think about it, the idea of giving presents at Christmas is an appropriate thing. To overdo it and to go broke giving gifts is not such a good thing, though. The giving of gifts is appropriate because this giving represents the giving of the greatest gift, the gift of Jesus to the world given to us by the Father.

Little children at this time of year may look at their wrapped gifts and wonder, "Is Christmas EVER going to get here?" There really is nothing we can do to quicken the coming of Christmas or the coming of Christ. But we can change the way we prepare for that coming.

One thing we can do to prepare for the coming is to be patient. The Lord will come with justice. Those who have offended us unjustly will be justly treated by the Lord, and hopefully with mercy, too, and those who have suffered injustice will be rewarded. In fact, even James tells us in the second reading to be patient until the coming of the Lord.

The theme of the readings today, besides to rejoice, is to be patient because the best is yet to come. May heaven which we are all striving for and the coming of our Lord help us to be patient and even to rejoice in our limitations as we await Jesus' coming again.

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.

Diocesan Synod/Eucharistic Conference

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.

Join Bishop John Folda at any of these Regional Listening Sessions

The Regional Listening Sessions will begin with adoration, reflection on Scripture, and prayer. This will be followed by a time in a gathering space to discuss and to reflect together as a community on these questions: What are the top three things that are working well at your parish/the diocese? What are the top three challenges to address in your parish/the diocese? What is one step I might be called to take to respond? All of the faithful are encouraged and invited to attend these events. For more information, go to:

www.fargodiocese.org/synod.

Fargo Area Dates

Time are 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted

Jan. 17: Holy Spirit, Fargo

Jan. 22: Holy Cross, West Fargo 2-4:30 p.m.

Jan. 24: Sts. Anne & Joachim, Fargo

March 8: St. Paul Newman Center, Fargo

Community & Diocesan Events

Real Presence Radio Annual Fundraising Banquet, Monday, February 3, 2023. Keynote speaker Dr. Ralph Martin. Register online at www.RealPresenceRadio.com or call 877-795-0122

Light of the Lantern Christmas Vigils

Sponsored by CHI Living Communities (Riverview Place) 5300 12th St S, Fargo. Vigils will be in the Chapel. These events are free and open to the public.

- Wednesday, December 14, 6:30 p.m.
 We remember Nano Nagle, "The Lady of the Lantern," who brought light to the vulnerable.
 A brief social will follow the vigil.
- Wednesday, December 21, 6:30 p.m.
 We celebrate those who have died and the light they continue to bring to us.
 A brief social will follow the vigil.
- Wednesday, December 28, 6:30 p.m.
 We believe Jesus is the Light of the world and asks that we bring His light to each other.
 Light of the Lantern Christmas Reception will follow the vigil. (beverage, appetizers, Christmas treats, and enlightening guests.

Priests vs. Seminarians Annual Basketball Competition, the Collar Classic! Tuesday, December 27, 7:00 p.m., Shanley High School. Free Admission. Half-Time Games for Kids!

Youth and Young Adults... Do you want to grow closer to God? Do you want to meet other likeminded 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.

Catholic Man Night – 2023 Schedule. Invite a friend, bring your sons, and join us as we deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ, learn more about our incredible faith, and arm ourselves for battle against the secular culture. The night begins with adoration and confession at 6 p.m., followed by a simple meal and speaker at 7 p.m.

- January 12: St. Joseph's, Moorhead. Speaker Angela Wambach.
- <u>February 16</u>: St. Anthony's, Fargo. Speaker, Fr. Luke Meyer.
- March 23: Holy Spirit, Fargo. Speaker Mark Holcraft.
- April 20: Blessed Sacrament, West Fargo. Speaker Brad Gray.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Based on The 10 Commandments

1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.

- Do I give God time every day in prayer?
- Do I seek to love Him with my whole heart?
- Have I been involved with superstitious practices or have I been involved with the occult?
- Do I seek to surrender myself to God's Word as taught by the Church?
- Have I ever received Communion in the state of mortal sin?
- Have I ever deliberately told a lie in Confession or have I withheld a mortal sin from the priest in Confession?

2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

- Have I used God's name in vain: lightly or carelessly?
- Have I been angry with God?
- Have I wished evil upon any other person?
- Have I insulted a sacred person or abused a sacred object?

3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

- Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of obligation?
- Have I tried to observe Sunday as a family day and a day of rest?
- Do I do needless work on Sunday?

4. Honor your father and your mother.

- Do I honor and obey my parents?
- Have I neglected my duties to my spouse and children?
- Have I given my family good religious example?
- Do I try to bring peace into my home life?
- Do I care for my aged and infirm relatives?

5. You shall not kill.

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- Have I had an abortion or encouraged anyone to have an abortion?
- Have I physically harmed anyone?
- Have I abused alcohol or drugs?
- Did I give scandal to anyone, thereby leading him or her into sin?
- Have I been angry or resentful?
 Have I harbored hatred in my heart?
- Have I mutilated myself through any form of sterilization?
- Have I encouraged or condoned sterilization?

6. You shall not commit adultery.

- Have I been faithful to my marriage vows in thought and action?
- Have I engaged in any sexual activity outside of marriage?
- Have I used any method of contraception or artificial birth control in my marriage?
- Has each sexual act in my marriage been open to the transmission of new life?'
- Have I used sex for myself?
- Have I sought to control my thoughts?
- Have I respected all members of the opposite sex, or have I thought of other people as objects?
- Have I been guilty of any homosexual activity?
- Do I seek to be chaste in my thoughts, words, and actions?
- Am I careful to dress modestly?

7. You shall not steal.

- Have I stolen what is not mine?
- Have I returned or made restitution for what I have stolen?
- Do I waste time at work, school, or at home?
- Do I gamble excessively, thereby denying my family of their needs?
- Do I pay my debts promptly?
- Do I seek to share what I have with the poor?

8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

- Have I lied?
- Have I gossiped?
- Have I spoken behind someone else's back?
- Am I sincere in my dealings with others?
- Am I critical, negative, or uncharitable in my thoughts of others?
- Do I keep secret what should be kept confidential?

9. You shall not desire your neighbor's wife.

- Have I consented to impure thoughts?
- Have I caused them by impure reading, movies, conversation, or curiosity?
- Do I seek to control my imagination?
- Do I pray at once to banish impure thoughts and temptations?

10. You shall not desire your neighbor's goods.

- Am I jealous of what other people have?
- Do I envy the families or possessions of others?
- Am I greedy or selfish?
- Are material possessions the purpose of my life?
- Do I trust that God will care for all of my material and spiritual needs?

Blessed Sacrament Faith Formation Students Present: THE FIRST CHRISTMAS: THE STORY OF OUR SALVATION

Sunday December 11, 2022 at 2:00 pm



The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

Luke 2: 10-12



Make the most out of the moment





MONDAY, DECEMBER 19TH 2:00 - 5:45 pm SOCIAL HALL

TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT, PLEASE CONTACT JULIE YOURCZEK @ 701.282.3321 EXT 105

TO SCHEDULE ONLINE GO TO VITALANT.ORG AND USE SPONSOR CODE: bswf



December 17-18, 2022 - 4th Sunday of Advent Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	S. Neva	L. Metzger	L. Elshaug
ЕМНС	*M. Pierce, S. Neva, J. Neva	*D. Nechiporenko, M-A Schuster, L. Sample, **B. Opoien	*L. Elshaug, M. Regner, S. Richman
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Ushers	D. & J. Rohrich	G. Yourczek, C. Pratt	S. & M. Curfman
Greeters	J. Walter Family	L. & L. Juve	B. Novak Family
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	L. Metzger	M. Curfman
Sacristan	M. Pierce	D. Nechiporenko	L. Elshaug TBD
Media Minister	N. Althoff	*Eucharist Minister **Tak	es to home-bound

Please contact the Parish Office if you are unable to fulfill your Ministry no later than Thursday, December 15, 3 p.m. - Call or email Julie - 701-282-3321, Julie@bscwf.org

Feast/Holy Day the Week of December 11, 2022

December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 13: St. Lucv

December 14: St. John of the Cross

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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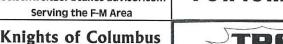
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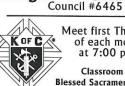


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