



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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December 24-25, 2022 ~ Nativity of the Lord

Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, December 25 *Christmas Day*

8:30 a.m. – +Betty Allmaras

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Monday, December 26 - NO MASS

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27 at *Sheyenne Crossings*

1:00 p.m. – +Colleen Sullivan

Wednesday, December 28

9:00 a.m. – +Msgr. Jeffrey Wald

Thursday, December 29

9:00 a.m. – +Al & +Mary Ann Vetter

Friday, December 30

9:00 a.m. – +Ron Durbin

Saturday, December 31

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – +Don Lehman

Sunday, January 1, 2023

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Debbie McCann



Offertory Gifts

December 17-18, 2022

Adult: \$7,511.69

Children: \$59

Improvements: \$908

Firm Foundation: \$1,000

Poor Fund: \$309

Collected to Date

Goal to Date

\$386,213.43 Adult \$390,000.00

\$1,108.65 Children \$1,500.00

\$22,532.02 Improvements \$50,000.00

\$450,975.40 Firm Foundation \$400,000.00

\$70,366.50 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

No PK

Parish Office Closed Monday, December 26.

Churches United (CUH), Thursday, December 29.

New Year Mass Schedule.

Saturday, December 31 – Mass 5:15 p.m.

Sunday, January 1 – Mass 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

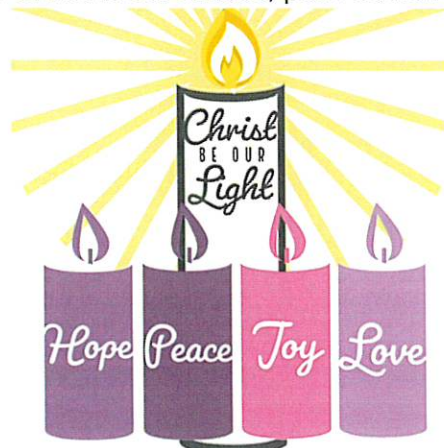
Advent

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.

Christmas Eve: The white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath and lit on Christmas Eve. This candle is called the "Christ Candle" and represents the **life of Christ**. The color white is for purity—because Christ is our sinless, pure Savior.



Faith Formation

Merry Christmas! See you next year!



Class:

Grades 1-5	Jan. 4	5:30 p.m.
WOW	Jan. 4	7:00 p.m.
PK	Jan. 8	10:30 a.m.
Grades 1-5	Jan. 11	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	Jan. 11	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/>

RCIA Class: Tuesdays at 7 p.m.
January: 3, 10, 24, 31

FORMED What to Watch. Advent – Week 4 – *The Messengers* – The Chosen Series Christmas Special. Mary's Labor: What does Catholic Tradition have to say? The true meaning of Christmas: Episodes 10, 11 & 12. And lastly: Advent: Formed in the word – weeks 1-4.

Epiphany Home Blessing (chalking of doors). Students in grades 6-8 (B4WOW) are preparing Epiphany Home Blessing Kits, which will be available the weekend of January 7-8, after each Mass. It is a traditional in some areas for families to bless their homes for the New Year. We would like to start this tradition at Blessed Sacrament. There will be instructions and a home blessing prayer included in the kit. One Kit per family please.

Music Ministry



Joyful Voices

Date	Time: Warmup/Sing
January 8	9:30 a.m. / 10:30 a.m.
January 15	9:30 a.m. / 10:30 a.m.
January 21	4:15 p.m. / 5:15 p.m.

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

- Instrumentalists
- Song Leaders

Substitute Accompanists

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.

Parish Life



BINGO SEASON IS STARTING SOON!

January - 8, 22, & 29

February - 5, 12, & 26

March - To be determined

Daily Readings – December 25-31, 2022

December 25 Is 62:11-12, Ti 3:4-7, Lk 2:15-20

December 26: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59, Mt 10:17-22

December 27: 1 Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20:1a, 2-8

December 28: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2, Mt 2:13-18

December 29: 1 Jn 2:3-11, Lk 2:22-35

December 30: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Mt 2:13-15, 190-23

December 31: 1 Jn 2:18-21, Jn 1:1-18

Holy-Hour With Adoration. Saturday afternoon, January 7 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. *"My Lord and My God!" Lord Jesus, thank you for being truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist! We adore You, hope in You and love You! You are welcome to join us for holy hour.*

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

November 27: Karen Glover

November 29: Clarence Hoganson,
Brandon Schiefert

November 30: Marilyn Scully

December 1: Theresa Bowen, Mary Ann Chevalier,
Michael Byrne

MinisTREE. The residents at Churches United for the Homeless will have a joyful Christmas thanks to all of you who donated items for our MinisTREE. Your generosity is overwhelming! Thank you!!!

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

*Irma Hernandez (mother of Maria Regner),
Stacy Ruderberger (brother-in-law of Jim Mattson),
Debbie Brand, Lisa Putney, Katelyn Putney,
Ryan Jamieson, Michael Anderson, Marie
Pulkrabek, Jennette Feltman, Penny Adam,
Gary Lammer.*

Year End Contribution Note. If you plan to make a year-end contribution to Blessed Sacrament, please make sure your donation is here by Friday, December 30.

Volunteerism - Stewardship

Eucharistic Ministers / Sacristan Training

Sacristan and ExtraOrdinary Minister of Holy Communion Training is scheduled for **Saturday, January 21 at 9am and again at 10:30am**. Shawn DeKeyser will be leading the trainings. Contact Julie if you can attend or not. If you are unable to attend one on one training will be provided. Email julie@bscwf.org, call 701.282.3321 or text Julie's cell (most should have this number)

Outside Nativity Scene Thank you to Leland Buckmeier for setting up the Nativity Scene on the South side of the Church, by the main entrance.

Parents of Confirmed Youth – We NEED Servers

Please contact Julie via one of the following ways if your child is interested in becoming a Server: julie@bscwf.org or call Parish Office at 701.282.3321. Thank you in advance!

REMINDER: Pick up your JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023 MINISTRY SCHEDULE by Parish Office

Soup 'N More is Thursday, January 12 from 5:30-6:30. REMINDER: this is for anyone and everyone. Come meet new people. Enjoy an awesome meal. More details to come very soon.

Thank you to all who participated in making the best manger bed ever for Jesus! It was great to see that many of all ages help.

Thank you to all who purchased Christmas Poinsettias in memory or in honor of a loved one. The flowers really make the altar beautiful for the welcoming of our Savior, Jesus!

Thank you! A BIG Thank you to the volunteers that helped me prepare and set up the MinisTREE this year. Thank you to Jackie Krei and Erin Jorstad for coloring the ornaments. Thank you to Dinah Stephens for cutting and stringing the ornaments. Thank you to Isaac & Emma Rohrich, and Dinah Stephens for decorating the tree AND thank you to Jacki Krei for loaning us a tree topper!! I couldn't have done it without you! -Mary Beth

Volunteer Opportunities: Teach your children about volunteering. For specifics contact Julie in the Parish Office. Current opportunities are:
Coffee Talk (after Sunday masses)
Soup 'N More
Churches United for the Homeless

WANTED – Rosary Leaders Before Each Mass.

Mary would be so proud of you. If interested contact Julie at julie@bscwf.org or call the Parish Office at 701.282.3321. Thank you in advance!

Reflections on Christmas - December 24-25, 2022 Fr. Gary Luiten

Christmas is that time when the church celebrates the greatest event in the history of the human race, when our Lord loved us so much that he took on our frail human nature, ultimately to save us from sin and to give us life forever. He took the form of a little baby.

It is interesting that a little baby can perk up anyone's spirits. A smiling baby can perk up just about anyone's spirits. The thought of Jesus as a baby is a thought anyone can relate to. There is a real innocence in a little child which is so often lost in adulthood.

The presence of a fragile baby calls forth care and gentleness from those around. Yes, babies can be a challenge at times to care for, but they really are lovable. They are gifts from God, and the greatest gift from God came in the form of a little child, of a baby. And that is what we are called to remember during this season. How right it is, then, for us to keep Christ in Christmas, something that society sometimes has a tough time with.

The giving of gifts at this time of year reminds us of the greatest gift, the gift of Jesus himself! We can seek to imitate God who gave us the greatest gift. The greatest gift was not flashy. Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger. The greatest gift was not what a person would expect. The Jewish world expected a king, and Jesus, in no way, was your typical king. He should have been born in a palace but was born with the animals. The greatest gift was a gift from the heart. Indeed, the gift of Jesus was a sign of his love.

Hopefully, we, too, will remember to turn to Christ, before we sit down to our big feasts, and sometime during this special season we will thank God for the families he has blessed us with and for all the gifts God has given, especially the greatest gift, the gift of his son.

On behalf of myself and all the staff at Blessed Sacrament, I wish all of you a very merry and blessed Christmas. May Jesus bring you tidings of comfort and joy during this holy season and forever.

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. 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

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

Community & Diocesan Events

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 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.

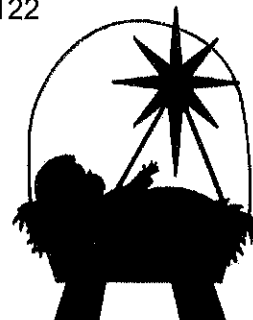
Basketball Free Throw Championship Contest, Sponsored by Holy Cross Knights of Columbus. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (as of January 1, 2023) are invited to participate in the Knights of Columbus Holy Cross Council Free Throw Championship. **Sunday, January 8, 2023,** at the **Trinity Elementary School gym**, Practice and registration is from **12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The competition starts promptly at **1:00 p.m.** and typically is completed in about an hour. Basketballs will be furnished but you may bring your own. There is **no charge** to participate in this event. Questions can be e-mailed to Chad Engels at chad.engels@mooreengineeringinc.com. **For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board.**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering an in-person Weekend on January 13-15, 2023, in Medora. 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.

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.
- February 16: 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.

Real Presence Radio Annual Fundraising Banquet, Monday, February 6, 2023. Keynote speaker Dr. Ralph Martin. Register online at www.RealPresenceRadio.com or call 877-795-0122



Christmas Flowers 2022

In Memory of

Betty Allmaras
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December 31, 2022 – January 1, 2023 – The Holy Mother of God Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	J. Neva	M. Doster	M. Hoff
EMHC	*S. Neva, J. Neva, C. Paintner	*M Doster, J. Yourczek, D. Nechiporenko	*K. Hanson, G. Larson, B. Opoien
Gift Bearers	J. Walter Family	L. & L. Juve	R. & G. Larson
Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Ushers	D. & B. Krogen	G. Yourczek, C. Pratt	E. Hanson, B. Pagel
Greeters	J. Walter Family	L. & L. Juve	E. Hanson, B. Pagel
Rosary Leader	S. Bosch	D. Nechiporenko	K. Hanson
Sacristan	J. Neva	J. Yourczek	M. Kern
Media Minister	M. Berntson	*Eucharist Minister **Takes to home-bound	

Feast/Holy Day the Week of December 25, 2022

December 25: Nativity of the Lord December 27: St. John the Apostle December 28: Holy Innocents
December 29: St. Thomas Becket December 30: Holy Family December 31: St. Sylvester I

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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