



# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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**December 17-18, 2022 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

## Daily Mass & Intentions

### Sunday, December 18

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Carter & +Easton Supler

### Monday, December 19 - NO MASS

### Tuesday, December 20 at *Sheyenne Crossings*

1:00 p.m. – +Val Tareski

### Wednesday, December 21

9:00 a.m. – +Jim Hill

### Thursday, December 22

9:00 a.m. – +Elaine Hazel Frison

### Friday, December 23

9:00 a.m. – +Delores Durbin

### Saturday, December 24 *Christmas Eve*

3:30 p.m. – Carols

4:00 p.m. – +Jerry Liska

No Reconciliation

### Sunday, December 25 *Christmas Day*

8:30 a.m. – +Betty Allmaras

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

## Offertory Gifts



### Immaculate Conception

Adult: 448

**December 10-11, 2022**

Adult: \$4,940

Children: \$24

Improvements: \$55

Firm Foundation: \$508

Poor Fund: \$35

### Collected to Date

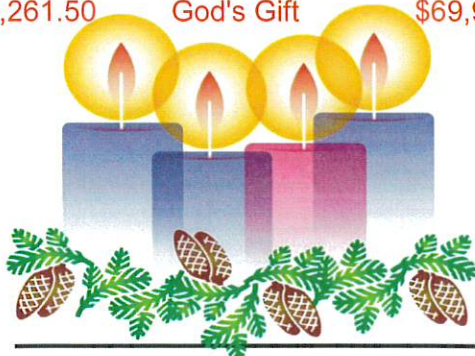
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\$1,049.65 Children \$1,470.00

\$21,624.02 Improvements \$49,000.00

\$449,978.40 Firm Foundation \$400,000.00

**\$70,261.50 God's Gift \$69,942.00**



FOURTH 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 Class, 10:30 a.m.

**Blood Drive:** Monday, December 19, 2-5:45 p.m.

**RCIA,** Tuesday December 20, 7 p.m.

**Churches United (CUH) -** Thursday, December 22

**Christmas Eve Mass:** Saturday, **December 24,**  
**4:00 p.m.** Carols will begin at 3:30 p.m.

**Christmas Day Masses:** Sunday, December 25,  
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.

**Week Four:** On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes **peace**. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

**Christmas Eve Mass,** Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> DOES fulfill your Sunday Obligation.

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

**MinisTREE** for Churches United!". All items must be under the MinisTREE by December 19, 12 p.m.

### Area Advent Penance Services

Services at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Dec. 18 St. Mary Cathedral, Fargo – 4:00 p.m.  
Dec. 19 St. Leo, Casselton  
Dec. 20 Holy Cross, West Fargo

### Faith Formation

#### Class:

PK	Dec. 18	10:30 a.m.
Grades 1-5	Dec. 21	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	Dec. 21	7:00 p.m.
PK	Dec. 25	No Class

No Class December 28



**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:** Tuesday, December 20, 7:00 p.m.

**Thank you** to all who attended the Christmas program. It was heart warming to see our Faith Formation students telling the story leading to the birth of Jesus. I am so proud of each of the students and thank them for sharing their talent with all of us. Thank you also to the catechists, musicians, and media coordinators. Your support and contributions are so appreciated. -Lucy

**FORMED What to Watch.** There are many opportunities to enhance your knowledge of our faith, especially now during Advent. Some recommended programs to view for Advent include: -Under Week 3: *The Messengers; Mary's Labor; What does Catholic Tradition have to Say? Guadalupe; The Miracle and the Message; and Prepare the Way of the King.*

### Music Ministry



#### Joyful Voices

Date	Time: Warmup/Sing
December 24	2:30 p.m. / 3:30 p.m.

### Parish Life



**Bake Sale Results.** Thank you to those that brought items to be sold at the bake sale last weekend. Thank you to those who purchased all the goodies! St. Jude Circle raised \$1,169.50 which was given to the Poor Fund.

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

**Children's Collection:** We are happy to remind our families, with young children, that Blessed Sacrament has a children's collection at all weekend Masses. Children are encouraged to bring their offering to the basket at the altar. A child's offering could be a donation envelope, cash, or a non-perishable food item. 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.

#### Church Safety / Active Shooter Follow-up

We currently have 7 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.

#### Daily Readings – December 18-24, 2022

December 18: Is 7:10-14, Rom 1:1-7, Mt 1:18-24

December 19: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a, Lk 1:5-25

December 20: Is 7:10-14, Lk 1:26-38

December 21: Sg 2:8-14, Lk 1:39-45

December 22: 1 Sm 1:24-28, Lk 1:46-56

December 23: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24, Lk 1:57-66

December 24: 2 Sm 7:1-8b-12, 14a, 16, Lk 1:67-79

**Do you Shop at Family Fare?** Please save those receipts and turn them in to the Parish Office!! When we collect \$150,000 in Family Fare receipts, we earn \$1,000 for our Faith Formation youth! We've currently collected: **\$45,602** worth.

#### New Year Mass Schedule.

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

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

**No Reconciliation** next Saturday, December 24.

### **In Remembrance.**

December 18: Daniel Hager, Mary Rustad,  
Erik Sjue, Peter Geffre, James Parsons  
December 19: Julie Volk  
December 20: Agnes Henry  
December 21: Paul Lisburg  
December 22: Ronald Webb, Daniel Cossette,  
John Gehrke  
December 24: Mary Hlebechk

**New Member Registration.** If you are interested in becoming a registered member of Blessed Sacrament, call the Parish Office 701-282-3321 or register on our website under 'Get Involved'.

### **Our Sympathy to**

- Martha Garman on the death of her son, Boyd Garman.
- LeRoy & LeAnn Juve, on the death of their nephew, Dan Erbes.

May Boyd and Dan rest in the arms of our Lord.

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

*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.

## **Sacraments**

**Baptism:** Parents must attend a preparatory class before the baptism can take place. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule the class with Fr. Gary Luiten.

**Marriage:** To be married at Blessed Sacrament, one or both persons of the engaged couple must be practicing Catholics. Contact Fr. Gary Luiten at least six months prior to the wedding.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and upon appointment,

**For the Sick:** You are encouraged to seek the Sacrament of the Sick if you are suffering from a serious illness or are going to be admitted to the hospital for surgery. Please contact Fr. Gary Luiten if you would like to be anointed.

## **Volunteerism - Stewardship**

**January / February 2023 Ministry Schedules** are ready to be Picked up outside the Parish Office.

### **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 at [julie@bscwf.org](mailto:julie@bscwf.org) or 701-282-3321. December 29.

### **Eucharistic Minister & Sacristan Training.**

There will be combined training for EMHCs and Sacristans on **Saturday, January 21 at 9 a.m. and again at 10:30 a.m.** We would like ALL EMHCs to attend one of these trainings all will know and understand the process, and everyone will be doing the same thing. Shawn DeKeyser will be leading the trainings. Please contact Julie to let her know if you can attend and what time. If you are unable to attend, Julie will do one on one training. Either email at [julie@bscwf.org](mailto:julie@bscwf.org), call 701.282.3321 or text Julie's cell (most should have this number)

### **Parent of Confirmed Youth – We Need Servers!**

Your Blessed Sacrament Parish is in need of Mass Servers. Please encourage your child to become a server. This is a great opportunity to become a volunteer at a young age. Your child must be confirmed in order to be a server. There will be formal training for all new servers and for those wishing to get a refresher. If your child is interested contact Julie at [julie@bscwf.org](mailto:julie@bscwf.org) or call parish office at 701.282.3321. Thank you in advance!

**WANTED: Rosary Leaders Before Mass.** Do you pray the rosary daily? Are you looking to say it more often? Have you considered volunteering but a bit shy/timid? No need to be. The rosary is said as a group. You just lead the group. There are rosary flyers in the back of church on the bookshelves, so you don't need to know anything by heart. Please step forward and be a rosary leader. If interested contact Julie at [julie@bscwf.org](mailto:julie@bscwf.org) or call the parish office at 701.282.3321. Thank you in advance!

**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](mailto: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.

**Sign-up sheets are in the Social Hall.**

**Reflections on the Readings for the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday of Advent - December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Fr. Gary Luiten**

The readings today remind us in one word that "God is with us," and that is Emmanuel. In the first reading from Isaiah, The Lord tells king Ahaz that the virgin shall be with child and shall call him Emmanuel. Here Isaiah is telling us in effect that Jesus is God. He is "God with us, the wonder-counselor, the God-Hero, the Father-Forever, the Prince of Peace." God is always here for us as an outlet, as the one in whom we can find shelter, under whose wings we can hide for comfort.

A person who really understood the meaning of "God is with us" was Joseph. He is quite active in the gospel today and yet not a word of Joseph is recorded in scripture. They say "Actions speak louder than words," and this is certainly the case with Joseph. He prepared a place for Jesus in his spiritual life and in his physical life.

Although God is with us, we can still prepare a greater place in our hearts for God to dwell more completely. Each one of us is called to remove anything that may get in the way of Jesus to be born in our hearts in a special way this Christmas. May we use these last few days of Advent to prepare our lives to welcome the savior in a more complete and total way. May Joseph and Mary be our models as they welcomed Jesus into their family.

**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.

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](http://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 12<sup>th</sup> St S, Fargo. Vigils will be in the Chapel. These events are free and open to the public.

- 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.

**Real Presence Radio Annual Fundraising**

**Banquet**, Monday, February 6, 2023. Keynote speaker Dr. Ralph Martin. Register online at [www.RealPresenceRadio.com](http://www.RealPresenceRadio.com) or call 877-795-0122



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# *Holiday Mass Schedule*

## **Christmas Eve Vigil**

**Saturday, December 24**

3:30 p.m. Singing of Carols

4:00 p.m. Mass

## **Christmas Day**

**Sunday, December 25**

8:30 a.m. Mass and

10:30 a.m. Mass

## **New Year's Eve Vigil**

**Saturday, Dec. 31**

5:15 p.m. Mass

## **New Year's Day**

**Sunday, January 1, 2023**

8:30 a.m. Mass and

10:30 a.m. Mass





# December 24-25, 2022 – Nativity of the Lord

## Ministries of Service

Masses	4:00 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	K. Wells	C. Pratt	M. Geary Curfman
EMHC	*J. Jones, K. Jalbert, S. Perreault	*D. Nechiporenko, L. Sample, A. Pritchard	*M. Kern, S. DeKeyser, M. Geary Curfman
Gift Bearers	L. Wegner, H. Von Bank	J. & M. Aberle	R. Norton Family
Servers	Wells Family	E. Esposito, Volunteer	Volunteer
Ushers	J.W. Jones, T. Allmaras	G. & J. Yourczek	S. Curfman, B. Pagel
Greeters	J. & B. Wells	G. & J. Yourczek	R. Norton Family
Rosary Leader	-----	A. Pritchard	M. Kern
Sacristan	K. Jalbert	D. Nechiporenko	M. Geary Curfman
Media Minister	N. Althoff	*Eucharist Minister **Takes to home-bound	

# 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	

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