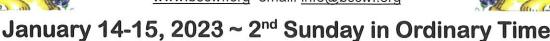


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Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, January 15

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Bill Knoll

Monday, January 16 - NO MASS

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, January 17 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – +Colleen Sullivan

Wednesday, January 18

9:00 a.m. - +Jim Hill

Thursday, January 19

9:00 a.m. - +Danny Ulmer

Friday, January 20

9:00 a.m. - +Rose & +Pete Bosch

Saturday, January 21

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

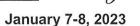
5:15 p.m. - +Janice Leidal

Sunday, January 22

8:30 a.m. - the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. - +Jerry Liska

Offertory Gifts



Adult: \$5,254.35 Children: \$16

Improvements: \$184.49 Firm Foundation: \$200

Poor Fund: \$100
Collected to Date

Collected to D	<u>ate</u>	Goal to Date
\$13,823.99	Adult	\$15,600.00
\$32.00	Children	\$60.00
\$853.49	Improvements	\$2,000.00
\$452,865.40	Firm Foundation	\$400,000.00



Welcome! Fr. Gary Luiten and the faithful of Blessed Sacrament welcome you. We hope your time with us may be blessed. May it also be an opportunity to join in fellowship of our faith and joy in Jesus Christ.

This Week



Sunday: No Coffee No PK Class No Bingo

Parish Office Closed Monday, January 16.

Finance Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 17, 7 p.m., Library

Safety Team Meeting.

Wednesday, January 18, 7 p.m., Library.

Confirmation Parent Meeting.

Wednesday, January 18, 5:30 p.m.

Faith Formation



Class:		
Grades 1-5	Jan. 18	5:30 p.m.
WOW	Jan. 18	7:00 p.m.
PK	Jan. 22	10:30 a.m.
Grades 1-5	Jan. 25	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	Jan. 25	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 7:00 p.m. in the Library January; 24, 31

Confirmation Preparation

Wednesday, January 11, 5:30 p.m.

Formed - What to Watch. This month there are some excellent videos on three saints that we celebrate in the month of January. They are titled St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: Seeker to Saint; God's doorkeeper: St. Andre' of Montreal; and St. John Bosco: The True Story of the Apostle of Youth. Other featured items that you may enjoy including: No Turning Back by Fr. Donald Calloway and Into His Likeness: Be a Transformed Disciple of Christ by Edward Sri. You can simply add these titles to the search box to view or scroll through many more options that are available to you.



Joyful Voices

Time: Warmup/Sing Date 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

Parish Life

BINGO – Join us for Bingo on Sundays January 22 & 29 sponsored by our youth! Big winners last Sunday were:

Black Out: Kathleen Jalbert, won \$25. 50/50: Jackie Krei, won \$52! Congratulations!

Bulletin Deadline: Articles are due to Mary Beth in the Parish Office, Tuesdays by Noon, for the following Sunday. Drop them off in the office or email MaryBeth@bscwf.org.

Children's Collection: All Faith Formation students have been given donation envelopes. Children not in Faith Formation have been offered envelopes. Please encourage your child to use them! Teach your children that giving to their church is a blessed action. Our hope is to receive \$30 per week from the 'Children's Collection'. We have 144 youth ages 4-18 here at Blessed Sacrament. That is an average of .21 cents per week per child. A small donation each week goes a long way.

Catholic Schools Week.

Catholic Schools Week is January 29 through February 4. We ask that you support one or more of the three things Blessed Sacrament is doing for JPII Schools and specifically Trinity Elementary.

- 1. Make a JPII donation by using an JPII envelope or cut out the section in this bulletin.
- 2. Donate to the Trinity School Lunch Program.
- 3. Attend the Spaghetti Dinner on February 4.

Spaghetti Dinner To celebrate Catholic Schools week. Saturday, February 4, 6-7 p.m. Hosted by our Knights of Columbus. Proceeds will go toward our JPII stipend fund.

Trinity School Lunch Program. Throughout the United States, it has become apparent that the economy is having a direct impact on families struggling to pay for their children(s) meals at school. West Fargo Trinity Elementary is experiencing the same issue. No student goes away hungry, the school is absorbing the balance for unpaid meals. What we'd like to do this year, for Trinity Elementary, is to raise money for their student meal program. In honor of Catholic Schools Week, for the month of January, we will collect donations for "Trinity School Lunch Program." The donation box will be in the Gathering Area. Please place your contributions in the box. Checks can be written to Blessed Sacrament.

Support John Paul II Catholic Schools

Support John Paul II Catholic Schools				
JPII Donation				
Donations are due by February 5, 2023.				
Make Check Payable to Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church				
<u>Name</u> :				
Address:				
<u>Amount</u> : \$				
Envelope Number:				

Daily Readings - January 15-21, 2023

January 15: Is 49:3,5-6, 1 Cor 1:1-3, Jn 1:29-34

<u>January 16</u>: Heb 5:1-10, Mk 2:18-22 <u>January</u> 17: Heb 6:10-20, Mk 2:23-28

January 18: Heb 7:1-3.15=17. Mk 3:1-6

<u>January 19</u>: Heb 7:25-8:6, Mk 3:7-12

January 20: Heb 8:6-13, Mk 3:13-19

January 21: Heb 9:2-3,11-14, Mk 3:20-21

Evangelization Group Meeting, Monday, January 23, 6:00 p.m.

Family Fare Receipts Please save your receipts and turn them in! The collection box is at the North Door. When we collect \$150,000 in Family Fare receipts, we earn \$1,000 for our Faith Formation youth! We've currently collected: \$55,485 worth.

Fr. Gary will give State of the Parish Address the weekend of January 21-22, during all Masses.

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Thank you for your support.

Happy Birthday! We pray for those who are celebrating a birthday this week.

Barbara Burley, January 19.

Knights of Columbus Honor Outstanding Member and Family! Congratulations to:

- Shawn DeKeyser as Knight of the Month.
- Greg and Julie Yourczek as Family of the Month!

Lost & Found: Please check the Lost and Found box on the left side of the shelf above the coat rack for any missing belongings.

New Member Registration. If you are interested in becoming a registered member of Blessed Sacrament, please see Fr. Gary Luiten, call the Parish Office 701-282-3321 or register on our website https://www.bscwf.org/become-a-member/

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

Marilyn Dockter (sister of Rick Chapek), Bryan Kuntz (cousin of Mary Beth Odegaard), Gaylas Pritchard, Irma Hernandez, Stacy Ruderberger, Debbie Brand, Jennette Feltman, Gary Lammer.

Soup 'N More is aiming to warm you up! Joi us for a chili dinner on Thursday, January 26, 5:30 p.m.

We Pray In Remembrance of...

January 15: Dorothy Laybourn, Arlene Lay, James Jamieson, Betty Allmaras

January 16: Marvel Kapaun, Margaret Libbrecht

January 17: Anthony Walz

January 18: Daniel Hager, Gertrude Schuster

January 19: Lee Dobberstein, Rueben Hummel

January 20: Mary Anderson, Kathryn Glaser

January 21: Roger Philips

Welcome to the Family Room! The family room is reserved for infants and toddlers with their parents and people with special needs during Mass.

Sacraments



<u>Baptism</u>: 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.

<u>Marriage</u>: 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,

Fr. Gary Luiten - Gary@bscwf.org. 701-282-3321

Volunteerism - Stewardship



Ministry Schedules for March & April. Julie is working on them now. Please contact her if you have a specific date(s) you will not be available. Call, email, or text.

REMINDER: Eucharistic Minister / Sacristan Training – Saturday, January 21, 2023. Two time slots: 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Volunteer Opportunities are a perfect way to get to know others and make new friendships. It is also a perfect opportunity to get your kids involved. Contact Julie in the parish office to discuss how your God given gifts can help.

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

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

WANTED!! Disciples to Become Servers and Others to Lead the Rosary. If interested contact Julie in the parish office, call 701.282.3321, email julie@bscwf.org or text (if you have Julie's cell)

Diocesan Synod

Attention Blessed Sacrament Parishioners! You are invited 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.

Bishop John Folda Asks Blessed Sacrament Parishioners to Attend the January 22 Meeting. All of the faithful are encouraged and invited to attend these events. For more information, go to: www.fargodiocese.org/synod.

"The Word Became Flesh" by Bishop John T. Folda. The Next steps for the diocesan synod. See excerpts of Bishop Folda's article from the January 2023 New Earth. Attached to this bulletin.

As Christians we know that we need Christ to be present in our lives. He is our very sustenance as he reminded us: unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you. John 6:53

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15th, 2023

The past three Sundays have been celebrations of enlightenment for the Church because the celebrations have all involved a gradual revealing bit by bit of who God is. This weekend we learn even more about Jesus. We learn that not only is Jesus from Bethlehem, the son of Mary and Joseph, and the Father's Son, but also Jesus is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. And you and I have been called by this God who loves us so much to do something. What is it we are called to do? To answer that, we must look at the first reading, and compare ourselves to Isaiah the prophet.

In many ways we are called to be like the prophet Isaiah. He was called to be a "light to the nations." For us, it means to be a light to help others see the light of Christ. We do so by being that example for them of a good and faithful Catholic Christian. This is done through God's help which is given to us in the Sacraments. This will help us to bear our crosses patiently whatever they may be. Patient acceptance of our crosses goes a long way not only in helping to lead others to Christ but in storing up for ourselves treasure in Heaven!

We can also be a light to the nations by praying for them. I hope you pray for me. I pray for you every day, sometimes several times a day. May you and I through what we say and do be a light to the nations and a shining light of hope for the world as we strive to follow Jesus each day of our lives.

Stewardship Moment

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..."

Isaiah 49:5

God has given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Do not let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.

Community & Diocesan Events

Holy Cross Hoedown! Family friendly dance for young and old. Saturday, January 21, 5:30 p.m. No admission fee, but donations for the Youth Mission Trip are appreciated! Concessions will be available as well as 50/50 raffle. See the poster for more information.

Catholic Married Couples Retreats. Franciscan Sisters of Diligen Retreat Center, Hankinson. Speakers Deacon Ben and Jennine Seitz. Mass, prayer, and reflection. Great food and cozy accommodations. Meet old friends and make new ones!

January 20-22 February 17-19 March 3-5

For more information and registration: www.sixstonejars.org

Men's Cursillo, February 2-5 at Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City. To register or for more information call Deacon Leitner 701-840-1914, Doran 701-840-1257, or Chelsey 701-320-1270.

Real Presence Radio Annual Banquet hosts Dr. Ralph Martin as keynote. Monday, February 6, Delta Hotels by Marriott; social hour begins at 5:30 and the banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by a program and keynote! For more information about the event, or to become a table host, event sponsor, or to register to attend as a guest, please call 877-795-0122 or register online at www.RealPresenceRadio.com.

13th Annual Valentine Wine & Dine. February 10, 5 – 8 p.m. Holy Spirit, Fargo. Elegant dinner paired with wines, as well as silent and live auctions and games throughout the evening. Tickets \$60/person. Call the Parish Office 701-232-5900 or www.holyspiritfargo.com/wine-dine.

Catholic Man Night 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.

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

Retrouvaille, A Lifeline for Married Couples.

March 3-5. Matrimony: A calling to forgive. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. For more information, call 701-356-7903 or visit www.helpourmarriage.com

Women's Cursillo, March 9-12 at Sisters of St. Francis Convent, Hankinson. To register or for more information call Deacon Leitner 701-840-1914, Doran 701-840-1257, or Chelsey 701-320-1270.

Awaken – Women's Retreat – March 24-26, Maryvale, \$300-\$350. Three days of learning and interactive lecture. Fantastic workbook so you can receive, not take notes. Daily Mass, adoration, and confession. Time for relaxation and networking. www.fargodiocese.org/awaken-retreat or call 701-356-7901

Lenten Retreat - The Art of Manuscript Illumination. March 27-31, Maryvale, Valley City. Come learn and experience the ancient art of illuminated manuscripts. For more information www.fargodiocese.org/art-lent-retreat

Camp Summit – Be Not Afraid, Red Willow Bible Camp. For youth entering Grades 7-9. July 9-13, 2023. Register on or before February 24: \$300 (After \$350) Family rate and scholarships available. www.fargodiocese.org/campsummit

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.

"The Word Became Flesh." Bishop John T. Folda

Next Steps for the Diocesan Synod.

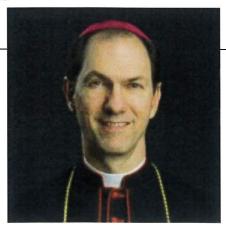
When I announced last summer that the Diocese of Fargo would hold a diocesan synod, I explained our need to prayerfully reflect on the state of our diocese and how we can carry forward the mission that Jesus has entrusted to his Church, a mission to live the Gospel and to "make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19). This is not a task only for the bishop, or only for priests and religious. It is a calling and a responsibility of all the faithful, and we all have a part to play in the work of the Church in our diocese. Over the last two months, many of you have responded to the parish self-reflection survey that we made available, which gathered information and offered an opportunity to ask: where am I in my faith life, and where should I be?

Now we have arrived at another stage of preparation for our diocesan synod. Regional listening sessions will begin in mid-January and take place at 15 locations throughout the diocese. We will begin each session with a time of Scripture reflection and prayer before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, realizing that Jesus is the head of the Church, and we draw our life from him, especially through the Eucharist. This time of prayer will be followed by time to reflect and discuss as a faith community on a few key questions: What are the top three things that are working well at your parish/diocese? What are the top three challenges to address in your parish/diocese? What is one step I might be called to take to respond? We won't be putting the tenets of our faith up for a vote, but we will consider how we are living the faith, and how we can live it more fully in our diocese. We will listen to the Holy Spirit, who guides and empowers the Church, and we will listen to each other as well. I intend to be present at each of these listening sessions, and I hope you will make an effort to attend and participate in these gatherings to give input for our synod. Page 2 in this edition of New Earth provides the locations and dates of each session.

Based on this consultation process, and with your assistance, I will formulate the significant issues and questions that should guide the rest of our synod

A synod is an act of the Church, and the word "synod" literally means "walking" or "journeying together." Our diocesan synod, the first in 70 years, will be an occasion for all of us to listen to the voice of our Lord as we strive to follow him more closely and carry forward the work he has given his Church to do in the Diocese of Fargo. The listening sessions that we are planning will be an opportunity to gather and "walk together" in faith, to pray together before our Eucharistic Lord, and to share the fruits of our reflection with one another. We will listen and discuss how the Holy Spirit is guiding and inspiring the bishop, the clergy, and all the people of our diocese. It is meant to be a communal exercise with Christ at its center, so I hope to see many of you in attendance.

As we continue our synodal journey, let us finally ask the intercession of Mary Immaculate, the Mother of the Church and the patroness of our diocese. Just as she listened and heard the voice of God at the moment of the incarnation, so may we listen to his voice and respond with faith, humility, and courage.



Excerpts taken from New Earth, January 2023

Trinity Elementary School Lunch Program

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,...

Bless us O
Lord and these
thy gifts...

Your donation will help feed a child at Trinity. Parents will be thankful and grateful, Bless you for helping.

A donation box is in the Gathering Area

Looking for something fun to do in January?

Dust off your dancing shoes or cowboy boots and join us for...

The 1st Annual

Holy Cross Hoedown

Saturday, January 21st at 5:30 pm

In the Holy Cross Gym



This is a family-friendly dance for young and old...no previous dance experience required! We will have instructors on hand to show you the basic steps to the polka, waltz, swing dance, 2-step, line dancing and so much more.

*No admission but donations for the Youth Mission Trip are greatly appreciated!

Some of the songs on our playlist to give you an idea...



Hokey Pokey
Bunny Hop
Macarena
Chicken Dance



Plus lots of Country, Polka, Waltz and Swing music to dance to!

(You won't find any rap or hip hop music here!)

***The Mission Trip Youth Group will be selling concessions and hosting a 50/50 raffle to raise money for their trip to Omaha, NE this summer.



See you there for a rootin' tootin' good time!

Warm up with us at Soup 'N More

January 26, 2023

Blessed Sacrament From 5:30-6:30pm in the Social Hall of Serving all those who are hungry

the chance to beat the cold with OUTSIDE! neady to serve is nice and warm. Den't miss Baby, IT'S COLD

an amesame FREE meal!

January 21-22, 2023 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	J. Jones	C. Pratt	M. Geary Curfman
ЕМНС	*J. Jones, M. Pierce, J.W. Jones	*B. Opoien, D. Chapek, M.A. Schuster, **B. Opoien	*M. Geary Curfman, G. Larson, L. DeKeyser
Gift Bearers	M. Pierce Family	Wells Family	K. & K. Volk
Servers	E. Rohrich, M. Pierce	M. Allmaras	Volunteer
Ushers	D. & J. Rohrich	T. Allmaras, G. Yourczek	S. Curfman, S. DeKeyser
Greeters	D. & J. Rohrich	R. & D. Chapek	K. & K. Volk
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	J. Yourczek	K. Hanson
Sacristan	J. Jones	A. Pritchard	M. Geary Curfman
Media Minister	N. Althoff	*Eucharist Minister **	Takes to home-bound

Feast/Holy Day the Week of January 15, 2023

January 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Day January 17: St. Anthony January 20: Sts. Fabian & Sebastian January 21: St. Agnes

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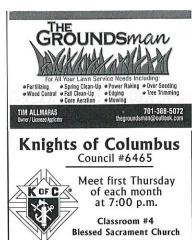
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