



# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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## January 21-22, 2023 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Daily Mass & Intentions



#### Sunday, January 22

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Jerry Liska

#### Monday, January 23 - NO MASS

#### Tuesday, January 24 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – +Fr. James Lauerman

#### Wednesday, January 25

9:00 a.m. – +Glorine Lizotte Jones

#### Thursday, January 26

9:00 a.m. – +Albert Siebert

#### Friday, January 27

9:00 a.m. – Marion Kostelecki

#### Saturday, January 28

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – +Edith Hellman

#### Sunday, January 29

8:30 a.m. – the Gilbert & Kranz Families

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

### Offertory Gifts



#### January 14-15, 2023

Adult: \$16,728.69

Children: \$62

Improvements: \$450

Firm Foundation: \$465

Poor Fund: \$278

#### Collected to Date

#### Goal to Date

\$30,552.68	Adult	\$23,400.00
\$94.00	Children	\$90.00
\$1,303.49	Improvements	\$3,000.00
\$453,330.40	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:

Coffee – 9:30 a.m. Only

PK Class, 10:30 a.m.

Concessions, 11:30 a.m.

Bingo, 12:00 p.m.

#### Evangelization Meeting,

Monday, January 23, 6 p.m.

RCIA, Tuesday, January 24, 7 p.m.

Churches United (CUH), Thursday, January 26.

Soup 'N More "Warm up With Us!" Thursday, January 26, 5:30 p.m.

### Faith Formation



#### Class:

Grades 1-5	Jan. 25	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	Jan. 25	7:00 p.m.
PK	Jan. 29	10:30 a.m.
Grades 1-5	Feb. 1	5:30 p.m.
WOW	Feb. 1	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 Dates:

January: 24

February 14, 21, 28

**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. See Lucy is interested.

[www.fargodiocese.org/campsummit](http://www.fargodiocese.org/campsummit)





**Formed – What to Watch.** To remind us that we are in the beginning stages of the Eucharistic Revival, I invite you to click on the Program tab at the top of the platform page, click on it, then click on Sacraments and open Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist. Once opened, view Episode 2: The Mystery of the Eucharist and Episode 3: Bread for the Journey. The videos are 35 to 40 minutes in length and contain much needed information during this revival period.

## Music Ministry



### A LETTER FROM A CHOIR

Dear Parishioners,

Is a choir important to you?

You cannot help but noticed that much of the choir is composed of senior citizens.

Many members have been challenged with health issues lately, causing us to lose them, off and on, and some permanently.

It has been years since any younger people have joined us. Yet we've always encouraged people to join.

The congregation participates so well in singing during Mass. Therefore, we do have people who able to sing in our congregation, even if they are not soloists.

You may think that you don't have time. Time is not an issue as we only practice one hour before the Mass and the music is not difficult.

Please consider joining so that Blessed Sacrament can continue to have a choir in years to come.

Sincerely,  
Joyful Voices

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

- Instrumentalists
- Song Leaders
- Substitute Accompanists
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## Parish Life



**Becoming Catholic:** If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Fr. Gary Luiten about RCIA classes, 701-282-3321 or [Gary@bscwf.org](mailto:Gary@bscwf.org).

## BINGO!

January – 22 and 29  
February – 5, 12 and 26  
March – 5, 12, and 19

Concessions start at 11:30 a.m.  
Bingo begins at 12:00 p.m.

\$0.50 per card per game  
10 regular games  
2 Specialty Games / \$1 each

All prizes are CASH!

**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.

### Daily Readings – January 22-28, 2023

January 22: Is 8:23-9:3, 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17, Mt 4:12-23

January 23: Heb 9:15, 24-28, Mk 3:22-30

January 24: Heb 10:1-10, Mt 3:31-35

January 25: Acts 22:3-16, Mk 16:15-18

January 26: 2 Tm 1:1-8, Mk 4:21-25

January 27: Heb 10:32-39, Mk 4:26-34

January 28: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19, Mk 4:35-41

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

- Hattie Witt, January 23
- Dorothy Hanson, January 28

### Knights of Columbus Sponsor Spaghetti Dinner

To celebrate Catholic Schools week. Saturday, February 4, 6-7 p.m. Freewill offering. Proceeds will go toward our JPII stipend fund.

**Our Sympathy** to Gail Kirkeby on the death of her uncle, Alfred Lindell. May Alfred rest in the arms of our Lord.

**Saturday Holy-Hour Adoration.** Saturday afternoon, February 4 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.*

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

*Bruce Reiter (son of Olga Reiter), Marilyn Dockter, Bryan Kuntz, Gaylas Pritchard, Irma Hernandez, Stacy Ruderberger, Debbie Brand, Jennette Feltman, Gary Lammer.*

**Soup 'N More – Warm up with us** Thursday, January 26, 5:30 p.m. We will be serving different types of chili. Join us for a free supper!

**Support John Paul II Catholic Schools**

### JPII Donation

Donations are due by February 5, 2023.

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**Trinity School Lunch 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.

### We Pray In Remembrance of...

January 22: Katheryn Wetzstein, Rose O'Marro, Leo Grosz

January 23: Maynard Schmidt, John Rausch

January 24: Emily Dufner, Gena Petermann

January 25: Mark Murphy, John Critelli, Arthur Hockert, Ray Eisenzimmer, Cedric Sloan

January 26: Alvin Orth, Barbara Schneider

January 27: Elizabeth Naset

January 28: Angeline Veit, Kenneth Maddocks

## Volunteerism - Stewardship



**March & April Ministry Availability Wanted by January 31, 2023.** Julie will be starting to work on the March and April 2023 ministry schedules soon. Please contact Julie if you have specific dates you will not be available. You can either email or text.

**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 by Fr. Gary Luiten

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 22, 2023

The readings today speak about unity, not just in conversation but in our ideals and in our faith in particular in the midst of a pagan society. Scripture tells us that unity ultimately comes when everyone lives the values Jesus calls us to live. You could say "We're not there yet!"

Sadly, there is division today. Sometimes even we ourselves may have tendencies to push more for division rather than unity. It is against all this division that Jesus has come. Jesus has come to unite and to break down the walls that divide people. That is one reason Jesus began the church. "Church" means "gathering," or "assembly." It is meant to help bind us together.

And, incidentally, we are hearing more and more of people who say, "I'm faithful, I'm Christian, but I don't believe in organized religion." This includes some very public figures. The problem is when you look at the scriptures and what Jesus was doing, it is difficult to support that idea when, in fact, Jesus was doing exactly that when he called the disciples in the gospel. He was organizing his religion, calling, and binding the people together, beginning with the twelve apostles. We celebrate every Sunday to help bind us together as a church

community. We gather together so Jesus may bring us all together one day in heaven.

And the Lord calls forth a response from us to that invitation to unity, and the calling is loud and clear today: repent! When we receive the Eucharist, we are receiving not just Jesus, but the Father and the Holy Spirit, too. And they are perfectly united. Let our prayer be that we be united with one another and all the members of the Body of Christ as Jesus, the Father, and the Holy Spirit are one. That was Jesus' prayer. And hopefully that will be our prayer, too. May Jesus bind us together as one as He did to the apostles and give us the courage we need to do what they did, to go out and spread the good news by our words and actions!

### Diocesan Synod

**PLEASE SEE THE LETTER FROM BISHOP FOLDA.** Attached to this bulletin.

*"We go eat of this fruit of the tree of life because Jesus told us to... He took upon himself our humanity that we might share in his divinity. We are nourished by his flesh that we may grow to be other Christs. I believe this literally, just as I believe the child is nourished by the milk from his mother's breast."*

Dorothy Day

### Community & Diocesan Events

**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](http://www.RealPresenceRadio.com).

**13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.holyspiritfargo.com/wine-dine).

**Pinochle Party at Holy Spirit.** All are invited to play pinochle, Sunday afternoon, February 12, at 1:30 p.m., Holy Spirit Social Hall, 1420 7<sup>th</sup> St N, Fargo. Bring a friend! You are welcome to bring a snack to share if you wish. You do not need to bring a card partner. Generally, we meet the second weekend of the month. For more info call the parish office at 232-5900.

**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!

February 17-19 and March 3-5

For more information and registration:  
[www.sixstonejars.org](http://www.sixstonejars.org)

**SEARCH Retreat.** Youth and Young Adults... Want to spend time on a retreat that is put on by your peers? Do you want to grow closer to God? 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 February 24-26th 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, February 6th.

**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](http://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.

### 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.

January 5, 2023

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

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” (Mt. 28:19) Thank you to those of you who have responded already to the parish self-reflection survey that we made available over the last two months.

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 sixteen locations throughout the diocese. We will begin each session with a time of prayer before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, followed by time to reflect and discuss as a faith community on a few key questions: What are the things that are working well at your parish/diocese? What are the 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. 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. A map and list in the *New Earth* provides the locations and dates of each session.

Based on this consultation process, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we will continue our preparation for the synodal assembly in April 2024. This 3-day gathering will include representation from throughout the diocese and will prayerfully discuss the mission and the needs that lie before us. Our diocesan synod, the first in seventy 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 will now begin are meant to be a communal exercise of our whole diocesan family with Christ at its center, so I look forward to seeing many of you in attendance. Be assured of my prayers, and God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
+John T. Folda  
Bishop of Fargo



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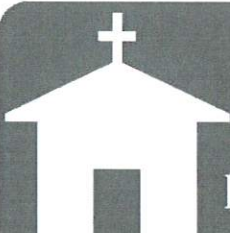
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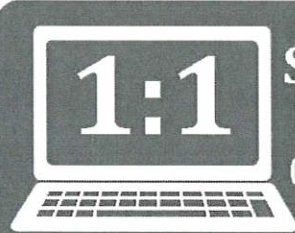


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**ENROLL NOW**



**January 28-29, 2023 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Ministries of Service**

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	K. Jalbert	K. Wells	A. Buettner
EMHC	*K. Jalbert, C. Paintner, M. Schiele	*D. Nechiporenko, M. Doster, F. Lenzmeier, **N. Peterson	*A. Buettner, E. & K. Hanson
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Media Minister	R. Cwikla	*Eucharist Minister **Takes to home-bound	

**Feast/Holy Day the Week of January 22, 2023**

January 24: St. Francis D Sales    January 25: the Conversion of Apostle Paul  
 January 26: Sts. Timothy & Titus    January 27: St. Angela Merici    January 28: St. Thomas Aquinas

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