



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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February 18-19, 2023 ~ 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Mass & Intentions



Sunday, February 19

8:30 a.m. – +Tillie Hauck

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Monday, February 20 - NO MASS

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, February 21 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – +Harvey Speace

Wednesday, February 22 Ash Wednesday

9:00 a.m. – the Parishioners

7:00 p.m. – +Janice Leidal

Thursday, February 23

9:00 a.m. – For poor souls in purgatory

Friday, February 24

9:00 a.m. – +Lynett Gable

Saturday, February 25

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

5:15 p.m. – +Olvido Villimar de Pablo

Sunday, February 26

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Quinn Larson

Offertory Gifts



February 11-12, 2023

Adult: \$5,437.69

Children: \$27

Improvements: \$382

Firm Foundation: \$225

Poor Fund: \$117

Collected to Date

Goal to Date

\$42,875.44	Adult	\$56,000.00
\$204.00	Children	\$210.00
\$2,745.05	Improvements	\$7,000.00
\$454,432.40	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, February 20

RCIA: Tuesday, February 21, 7 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 22,
Masses at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Churches United (CUH), Thursday, February 23

Soup 'N More, Thursday, February 23, 5:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross, Friday, February 24, 7 p.m.

The CHOSEN, Season 1 - Episodes 1 & 2,
Friday, February 24, 7:30 p.m., Social Hall

LENT

Lent

A 40-day period leading up to Easter that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday. It is a season of prayer, fasting, and works of charity (almsgiving). Lent reminds us of Jesus preparing for his preaching, teaching, and healing ministry, all leading up to his passion, death, and resurrection during that first Holy Week. Lent reminds us of the **love** that Jesus has for the Father and for us, how Jesus unselfishly came to serve and give his life as a ransom for all of us. Love is what Lent is all about.

Ash Wednesday is February 22. Mass times are 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross Blessed Sacrament will host Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 7:00 p.m. in the church. All are welcome to join us.

Lenten Regulations

- Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.
- Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted.

When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

Begin Your Lenten Journey in the Gathering Area. You will find a table with a bowl of sand. A bowl with water, towels for drying and a mirror.

Why? Following the directions, you will consider...

- Where do you want to go, with your faith, in the next few weeks?
- What do you want to be like by the time Easter arrives and Jesus is resurrected?
- How can you choose to fall more in love with Jesus during Lent?
- What would you say to Jesus if you could see him face to face?

Now make your way to the Table and follow the steps to the encouraged during your Lenten journey.

Pack the Pew is Coming! Our Parish Lenten Project is "Pack the Pew". We will collect non-perishable food items in a pew of the church. As the weeks pass the pew will become full of groceries for our hungry neighbors. We keep 1/3 of the food for our Blessing Box and 2/3 will go to the Emergency Food Pantry.

The CHOSEN Season 1 will be shown on most Friday's during Lent at 7:30 p.m., following Stations of the Cross. Mark your calendars, bring your friends and family members, a comfortable chair, and encounter Jesus Christ through the experiences of those who were called by Him, cured by Him, and challenged by Him. This is not your typical movie about Jesus. Don't miss out on "Your encounter" with Him.

Feb. 24 - Episodes 1 & 2. Mar. 3 - Episodes 3 & 4. Mar. 10 - Episodes 5 & 6. Mar. 24 - Episodes 7 & 8.

Recipes Displayed in the Gathering Area. Do you sometimes struggle on what to prepare for dinner during Lent? Get in the habit of making the same thing and tired of that? Check out the recipe board and make something new. Take a recipe and/or bring one of your favorite meatless recipes. Remember to bring to office so Julie can make copies for others to take.

The BEST Lent Ever: Don't be a Consumer. Be a Disciple. A free daily Lenten Experience with Matthew Kelly. Every day, you will receive two short videos via email, each representing a pathway leading toward a better version of you and a closer relationship with God.

How it Works:

1. Sign up:
<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html>
2. Watch the Videos. They will help you to slow down, think, and connect with God.
3. Take A Step. Use the wisdom you gain to do something generous and live the Gospel each day.

Lenten Colors

Purple is predominant during Lent and has many meanings. It's the color of the robe Pontius Pilate put on Jesus before His crucifixion. Purple is also the traditional color of royalty, and represents that Jesus is our king.

Rose (not pink) is worn on the 4th Sunday of Lent to symbolize the half-way point and to give us joy in our Lenten journey.

Red is worn on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, to foreshadow Jesus' death on the cross.

White is used on Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday because it is the color of joy.

Lent Events

Stations of the Cross – 7:00 p.m.
All Friday's of Lent

The Chosen – Season 1 – 7:30 p.m.
Most Fridays of Lent

Reconciliation Service
Thursday, March 16, 7:00 p.m.

Fish Fry – Friday March 17, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Easter Basket Sales – March 18/19 & 25/26

Pack the Pew – until March 26

Faith Formation



PK	Feb. 19	No Class
Grades 1-5	Feb. 22	Mass 7 p.m.
WOW	Feb. 22	Mass 7 p.m.
PK	Feb. 26	10:30 a.m.
Grades 1-5	Mar. 1	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	Mar. 1	7:00 p.m.

RCIA Class, Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.
February 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/>

Vacation Bible School – Volunteers Needed.

I am looking for volunteers who would be interested and willing to help plan for Vacation Bible School this summer. It has been quite some time since we have offered VBS to our youth due in large part to COVID. I would like to bring it back this summer and would like to explore other options to better fit with the busy summer activity schedules, vacations, and other family events. Please call or message me if you could help bring back VBS. -Lucy

FORMED – What to Watch. With Eucharistic Revival in full swing there are two videos I recommend watching this week: *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church* with Bishop Andrew Cozzens of the Crookston Diocese and *A Time to Revive: Rebuilding the Catholic Faith Today*. There will be many interesting talks, videos, and other features coming up for Lent so stay connected.

Music Ministry



Combined Choirs

Date	Warmup/Sing
February 22	6:16 p.m./7:00 p.m.

Joyful Voices

Date	Warmup/Sing
February 26	9:30 a.m./10:30 a.m.

No Contemporary Choir in February

Parish Life



Baptism Basket – There is a baptism basket in the Social Hall for Hadley Grace Krueger, 1 month old daughter of Blake & Stephanie Krueger, Please help us fill the basket with baby shower items.

BINGO! February 26, March 5, 12, and 19, 12: Noon. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Concession sales begin at 11:30 a.m. \$5. Per pack. 10 regular games and 2 Specialty Games (\$1 each). All prizes are CASH!!

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: Please encourage your child to use their Youth Envelopes! 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.

Daily Readings – February 19-25, 2023

February 19: Lv 19:1-2,17-18, 1 Cor 3:16-23, Mt 5:38-48

February 20: Sir 1:1-10, Mk 9:14-29

February 21: Sir 2:1-11, Mk 9:30-37

February 22: Jl 2:12-18, 2 Cor 5:20-6:2, Mt 6:1-6,16-18

February 23: Dt 30:15-20, Lk 9:22-25

February 24: Is 58:1-9a, Mt 9:14-15

February 25: Is 58:9b-14, Lk 5:27-32

If you have Family Fare receipts

TURN THEM IN NOW!!

Direct Your Dollars Program Ends March 1

All receipts must be here no later than February 23 in order for us to compile the report and hand in the paperwork by March 1.

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

Mike Anderson (son of Joan Anderson), David Erickson, Burr Ryan (friend of Dinah Stephens), Adelson Uy, George Schmidt, Jane Debing, Darlene Kirchoffner, Tacinca Laducer, Bryan Kuntz, Gaylas Pritchard, Jennette Feltman, Gary Lammer.

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/>

Give+ Online, Mobile, or Automatic Withdrawal Giving: Give+ Online, Mobile, or Automatic Withdrawal Giving allows you to contribute to Blessed Sacrament and not worry about donation envelopes. Use online giving from your computer or smart device to schedule one-time or recurring donations! Or Automatic-Withdrawal (forms online or in the Parish Office.)

- **Online Giving:** www.bscwf.org, choose 'Get Involved' and 'Give+ Online'.
- **Mobile App:** Download "GivePlus Church" free.
- **Automatic Withdrawal:** www.bscwf.org, choose 'Get Involved', 'Donate', 'Automatic Withdrawal' or Contact MaryBeth@bscwf.org to receive a form.

Thank you for your support.

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

Our Sympathy to

- Jane Debing on the death of her husband, Doug.
 - Dolores Normandin, on the death of her brother, Bob Moen.
- May Doug and Bob enter the kingdom of heaven.

We Pray In Remembrance of...

February 20: Joseph Volk

February 21: Anna Dobush

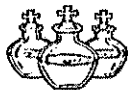
February 22: Helen Stangler, Eleanor Laultt

February 23: Orvin Frovarp, John McLaughlin,
Katrina Kuss, James Montplaisir

February 24: Walter Willis, Lawrence Fradet

February 25: Frank Bayer, Betty Wiederholt

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,

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

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 19, 2023

We are called to love others, even those who do not love us. And this message is clear to us in the first reading from Leviticus and in the gospel of Matthew. The call to Love is really a calling to holiness, as we heard in Leviticus. Perfect holiness really is the perfection of love. That is what we are called to do by our maker. It is good for us to realize that we can't become perfect in holiness and love on our own. We need the help of God. This is given to us in the sacraments. A great way to grow in holiness is doing what is offered every Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. I drop the things I am doing, and I go to the confessional. This sacrament ties in well with Paul's letter that we heard from today, which says that we are "temples of the Holy Spirit." That means it is important to keep our lives in good spiritual order because the Holy Spirit lives in you and me. The greatest being that ever was or will be actually lives in us! We are its home.

So, if someone asks you, 'Is perfection in holiness really attainable?' The answer is "without God, no. With God, yes!" May God help us to grow in holiness by loving one another. Sometimes little children say things so profound. A little girl, age 6, by the name of Nikka, once said, "If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate." Those are the Lord's words also, to love our enemies. May God help us to be shining lights of the Holy Spirit and instruments of Christ as we carry out His will in the world by loving our enemies, and thereby become perfect in holiness.

Volunteerism - Stewardship



March/April Ministry Schedules (minus Holy Week and Easter Sunday) are Available by the Parish Office.

Looking for Ministry Volunteers for Holy Week, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. If you will be in town during this time and would like to be a part of this incredible week of Jesus' journey to His crucifixion and His resurrection, then contact Julie. See her before or after masses, email her or call the office.

Community & Diocesan Events

St. Williams Fish Fry, Friday, February 24, 4:30-7:00 p.m. Argusville Community Center. Free-will offering. Sponsored by the St. Williams Men's Club.

Fish Dinners Fridays in Lent, 6:00 p.m., Holy Cross. Baked fish, shrimp, fish tacos, vegetarian lasagna, and mac and cheese.

Fish Dinners & Stations of the Cross. Join our Men's Group for their delicious fish dinners on Fridays, February 24, March 3 and March 24, at St. Benedict's Church of Wild Rice (11743 38th St. S, Horace). Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and is followed by Stations of the Cross. Menu includes pike perch fish, baked mac and cheese, coleslaw, dinner roll, dessert, coffee and lemonade. Free will offering. We hope you come for the wonderful dinner and fellowship!

ENCOUNTER, Sunday, February 26, 5:30 p.m. Sts. Anne & Joachim. Come and "encounter" the Eucharist through this night of prayer and adoration, with special music.

100 Years of Fighting the Lamb's War: The Life and Legacy of Phil Berrigan. Tuesday February 28, 7 p.m., online via Zoom, free will offering. Sponsored by Presentation Prayer Center. In this online presentation, Frida Berrigan will remember her late father, Phil Berrigan, former Catholic priest, author, anti-war and anti-nuclear weapons activist. For more information and to register, contact Scott at presentationprayercenter@gmail.com, 701-799-2076.

Presentation Prayer Center Women's Retreat.

Friday, March 3, 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 4, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. \$50. Experience a retreat steeped in the contemplative Christian tradition. Explore the concept of "anam cara" (soul friendship) through presentations, small group discussion, and prayer. In relationship with an "anam cara," discover your true self and experience a transformational love which mirrors the love of God. For more information and to register, contact Scott at 701-799-2076, presentationprayercenter@gmail.com.

Catholic Married Couples Retreats. March 3-5, 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! For more information and registration: www.sixstonejars.org

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.

Job Openings

Executive Administrative Assistant, President's Office - St. John Paul II Catholic Schools is seeking a dynamic individual to be the Executive Administrative Assistant for the President's Office. Successful candidate will provide a wide variety of complex and confidential support including communicating information on behalf of and as acting as a liaison for assigned Administrators to/with JP2 Schools, staff and families, Board of Directors, and other internal groups. Confidentiality and Professionalism are essential. Deadline for applying: Open Until Filled. To apply visit <https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/> or contact Human.Resources@jp2schools.org for more information.

Bus Driver – Substitute - St. John Paul II Catholic Schools is looking for a qualified candidate to drive bus 3 – 3 ½ hours per day on an as needed basis. Candidates must hold or be able to obtain a valid bus driver's license, CDL-B license and airbrake certification. To apply visit <https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/> or contact Human.Resources@jp2schools.org for more information.

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.

Blessed Sacrament

Parish Lent Project

Food Bank Campaign

PACK THE PEW

**Bring Non-Perishable Food Items
to fill the pew in the church**

February 25 - March 26



***"For I was Hungry and You
gave me food..."***

**Help Alleviate Hunger
for our Neighbors**

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 210 5 Ave W, West Fargo
3/4 of your donations will go to the **Emergency Food Pantry**
1/4 will be put in the Blessed Sacrament **Blessing Box**.



LENT EVENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND MOVIE SERIES

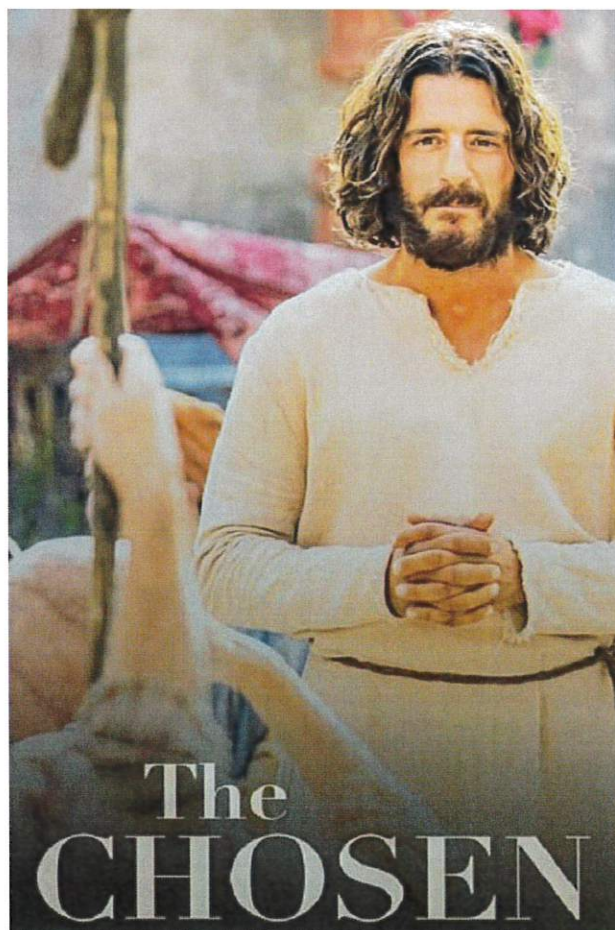
BEGINING FEBRUARY 24

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY AT 7 p.m.

followed MOST WEEKS by episodes of

THE CHOSEN ~ SEASON 1



Episodes 1 & 2 - February 24

Episodes 3 & 4 - March 3

Episodes 5 & 6 - March 10

Episodes 7 & 8 - March 24

The Chosen will NOT be shown on Friday, March 17.

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February 25-26, 2023 – 1st Sunday of Lent Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	J. Jones	L. Metzger	M. Geary Curfman
EMHC	*J. Jones, J.W. Jones, K. Jalbert	*L. Sample, M. Doster, D. Nechiporenko, **B. Opoien	*S. DeKeyser, M. Jamieson, L. DeKeyser
Gift Bearers	B. Christl Family	TBD	C. & A. Wanzek
Servers	E. Rohrich	TBD	Richman Family
Ushers	D. & J. Rohrich	A. Pritchard, P. Boyles	S. Curfman, R. Haugen
Greeters	B. Christl Family	TBD	C. & A. Wanzek
Rosary Leader	S. Bosch	J. Yourczek	M. Geary Curfman
Sacristan	J. Jones	D. Nechiporenko	S. DeKeyser
Media Minister	M. Berntson	*Eucharist Minister **Takes to home-bound	

Feast/Holy Day the Week of February 19, 2023

February 20: President's Day February 21: St. Peter Damian February 23: St. Polycarp

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