



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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March 25-26, 2023 – 5th Sunday of Lent

Daily Mass & Intentions



Sunday, March 26

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Edith Hellman

Monday, March 27 - NO MASS

Tuesday, March 28 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – +Roy Folstad

Wednesday, March 29

9:00 a.m. – Marion Kostecki

Thursday, March 30

9:00 a.m. – Kai Green

Friday, March 31

9:00 a.m. – +Boyd Garman

Saturday, April 1

Holy Hour with Adoration, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – +Norman Ulmer

Sunday, April 2 Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Quinn Larson

Offertory Gifts



March 18-19, 2023

Adult: \$11,263.85

Children: \$41

Improvements: \$1,105.07

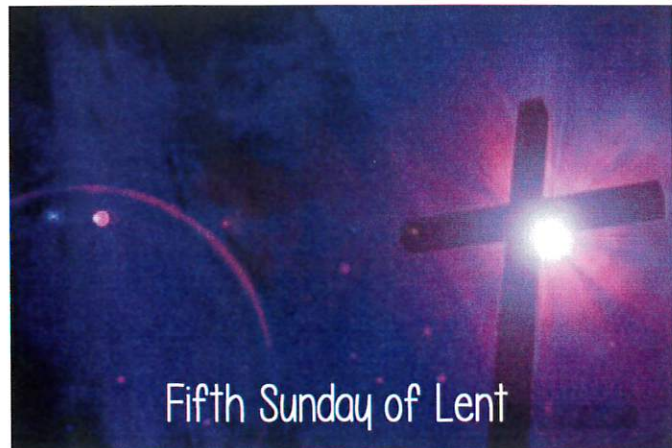
Firm Foundation: \$75

Poor Fund: \$301.10

Collected to Date

Goal to Date

\$80,629.34	Adult	\$96,000.00
\$450.00	Children	\$360.00
\$5,416.19	Improvements	\$12,000.00
\$454,476.40	Firm Foundation	\$400,000.00
\$35,205.50	God's Gift	\$71,561.00



Fifth Sunday of Lent

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:

Easter Basket Sales

Coffee

PK Class – 10:30 a.m.

Evangelization Committee, Monday, Mar. 27, 6p

RCIA, Tuesday, March 28, 7 p.m.

Churches United (CUH), Thursday, March 30.

Stations of the Cross, Friday, March 31, 7 p.m.

First Saturday Holy Hour with Adoration,
April 1, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

LENT

Stations of the Cross: March 31, 7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday: April 1-2

Holy Week – April 6, 7, 8

Holy Thursday: April 6

Stew Supper – 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Mass – 7:00 p.m.

Adoration – until 11 p.m.

Good Friday: April 7

Service 12:10 p.m.

Easter Vigil: April 8

Mass – 8:30 p.m.

Reception following Mass.

Easter Sunday: April 9

Mass 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Chrism Mass: Tuesday, April 4, 11 a.m. St. Mary's Cathedral. All are invited to attend this Mass. Bishop Folda will bless the Holy Oils for the upcoming year.

Fish Fry Report Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Fish Fry on March 17! We raised **\$950** for Music Ministry Improvements.

Holy Thursday, Stew Supper: Thursday, April 6, 5:30-6:30 p.m. You are all invited to dine with us on Holy Thursday. Free Will Offering, proceeds go to our Poor Fund. You are welcome to join us for Holy Thursday Mass, following supper, at 7:00 p.m. We will experience the Passion of our Lord.

Holy Week is just a week away. If you would like to learn more about Holy Week, there is a pamphlet in the bookcase in the Gathering Area called *Holy Week, Simple Ways to Walk with Jesus*.

Pack the Pew! This is the LAST Weekend for Pack the Pew. We will be sending 2/3 of the food to The Emergency Food Pantry on Tuesday. Thank you EVERYONE!!! We'll let you know the poundage donated, next week.

Easter Flowers

Please use this form to make donations for the Easter environment.

Donations are due by Sunday April 2.

Please print clearly.

In memory of: _____
(Name of deceased)

In honor of: _____
(Name of living person)

Requested by: _____
(Your name)

Suggested donations:
\$25, \$35, \$50 per name

Make check payable to Blessed Sacrament. Drop this form and donation in the collection basket, take to the parish office or mail it to
210 5th Ave W, West Fargo ND 58078

Please publish my gift in the bulletin:
___ Yes ___ No

Ring Those Bells! Bring your small hand bells to ring during the singing of the *Gloria* on Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil.

Use of Incense: We will be using incense during Mass on Holy Thursday (April 6) and the Easter Vigil (April 8).

What is the Chrism Mass?

Many dioceses celebrate the Chrism Mass on the morning during Holy Week. "Chrism" refers to one of the oils used during different Sacraments. During the Chrism Mass, the Oil of the Sick (used during the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick), the Oil of Catechumens (used during the Sacrament of Baptism), and the Chrism oil are consecrated by the Bishop. Large vessels of oils are carried to the altar for the blessings and consecration of Chrism, which is a mixture of oil and balsam. After Mass, the oils are distributed to representatives of each parish. The oils are taken back to the parishes and used for the Sacraments.

Faith Formation



Class:

Grades 1-5	March 29	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	March 29	7:00 p.m.
PK	April 2	No Class
Grades 1-5	April 5	No Class
WOW	April 5	No Class

RCIA Class Dates: March: 28 April: 4, 11

FORMED – What to Watch. The season of Lent is moving closer toward Holy Week. FORMED offers us many opportunities to prepare ourselves. Under the Lenten tab: Preparing for Holy Week with Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Mark Giszczak, Understanding the Stations of the Cross, and Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage which brings you to the sites where the last events in Jesus' life took place.

Also, we have just celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph, there is a 4-part series (20 minutes each in length) about him entitled: St. Joseph Old and New, St. Joseph Guardian of the Redeemer, St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church, and St. Joseph Patron of the Domestic Church. Very interesting information about the man who was chosen by God to be the earthly father of Jesus and about his role in God's plan for our salvation and for the role he plays in the Church today.

Music Ministry



COMBINED Choir Practice

Wednesday, March 29, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 5, 7:00 p.m.

COMBINED Choir

Date	Warmup/Sing
Holy Thursday (4/6)	6:30/ 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday (4/7)	11:30a/12:10p.m.
Easter Vigil (4/8)	7:30/ 8:30 p.m.

Joyful Voices

Date	Warmup/Sing
April 2	9:30/10:30 a.m.
April 15	4:30/ 5:15 p.m.
April 23	9:45/10:30 a.m.
April 30	9:45/10:30 a.m.

Parish Life



Daily Readings – March 26-April 1, 2023

March 26: Ez 37:12-14, Rom 8:8-11, Jn 11:1-45
March 27: Dn 13:1-19, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62, Jn 8:1-11
March 28: Nm 21:4-9, Jn 8:21-30
March 29: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, Jn 8:31-42
March 30: Gn 17:3-9, Jn 8:51-59
March 31: Jer 20:10-13, Jn 10:31-42
April 1: Ez 37:21-28, Jn 11:45-56

Divine Mercy Novena. We will be handing out Divine Mercy Novena pamphlets on Palm Sunday. The Novena begins on Good Friday and ends the weekend after Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday). The Novena involves a short petition each of the nine days. A Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Instructions for the prayer are included in the pamphlet.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Consecration and Chaplet, Sunday, April 16, following 10:30 Mass. Fr. Gary will consecrate the parish to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, followed by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet together as a Parish. This will take ½ an hour of your time; all are invited and encouraged to join us!

God's Gift Appeal 2023. Thank you to our parishioners who have made their pledge to the 2023 God's Gift Appeal. Blessed Sacrament is **49%** towards our goal of \$69,942. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the Gathering Area book rack.

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

- Martha Steier, March 27
- Pauline Klinger, April 1

Our Sympathy

- To the family of Ray Gutterud.
 - Maureen Tomaszewski on the death of her mother, Carole Bitterman.
- May Ray and Carole rest in the arms of our Lord in heaven.

Saturday Holy-Hour Adoration. Saturday afternoon, April 1 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. You are welcome to join us for holy hour.

Sick List: We pray for our ill parishioners and family members. *Michael Huttleston (brother-in-Law of Jody Jones), Kristie Schrader (sister of Geri Weeding and Gloria Larson), Irma Hernandez, Robin Mattson, Aaron Dahl, Jack Fuller, Pauline Klinger, Bryan Kuntz, Gary Lammer*

Soup 'N More, All Hungry People are Invited!!
April 13 - Jesus Is Risen Breakfast for Supper Celebration. All Ages Easter Egg Hunt.
April 27 - Join the "Skis" for a Polish Dinner.

The Knights of Columbus want to thank all the parishioners that participated in our Bingo games this year. Congratulations to all the winners!

We Pray In Remembrance of...

March 26: Peter Gross, Caroline Vetter
March 27: Joseph Grieger, Peter Grieger
March 28: Blanch Noe, Lucille Kraft, John Coleman
March 29: Carol Hamann
March 30: Frank Beaton, Scott Burley

Volunteerism - Stewardship



Easter is a couple of weeks away. We will be having the Stew Supper on Holy Thursday and a reception after the Easter Vigil mass. Signups to help with these will be on a board in the gathering area. Please check these out and help where you can. Thank you in advance.

Holy Week, Easter Vigil and Easter Day ministry schedules are by the parish office. Please pick those up. The rehearsals schedule will be included. Lectors for these masses have been notified and should plan to be at church Sunday, March 26, and the appropriate scheduled time.

LOOKING FOR ALTAR SERVERS. Due to struggling to fill server positions for weekend Masses, we have decided to open the role of Altar Server up to any adults who may be interested in assisting Father Gary during Mass. Adults will not serve alongside youth altar servers UNLESS it is their own child. Please let Julie know if you are interested.

DISCIPLES.... There are always plenty of opportunities to step up and volunteer. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! Please reach out to Julie if you are interested in learning more. She can be reached in parish office at 701.282.3321 or by email julie@bscwf.org.

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten



The 5TH Sunday of Lent - March 26, 2023

The readings today really capture the idea of Holy Week, of that journey from death to life. Holy Week begins Palm Sunday, one week away. In the first reading Ezekiel is speaking to the people about coming back to their homeland. This is a real sign of the resurrection, a foreshadowing of the future resurrection in Christ. For the Jewish people, living well meant being at home again. That journey from death to life is also played out in the Gospel today, when Jesus raised his friend Lazarus from the dead.

Holy week is really a journey from death to life. The week really begins with Palm Sunday which is next Sunday. Palm Sunday recalls Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. This was his last final entry when he was about to suffer his cruel death. On Holy Thursday we will celebrate the Eucharist at 7 p.m., the Mass of the Lord's Last Supper. This includes the washing of feet which Jesus did after the Last Supper. Mass concludes with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is invited to stay for some time after Mass in Adoration of Jesus' body and blood in the Eucharist.

Friday at 12:10 p.m. we will have a special service which contains the reading of the Passion, the Veneration of the Cross, and Communion. It is the only day in which Mass is not celebrated anywhere in the world, which is fitting for the day of Our Lord's death.

Then, Holy Saturday evening the evening before Easter Sunday, the Easter season begins with the Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30 p.m. This is the Mass of Masses. That Mass officially rings in the joyful season of Easter. Easter is a sign of the resurrection when we hope to rise again, to be free from all pain, suffering, evil, and to be perfectly happy with our God.

And so, that pretty much summarizes our faith. If one truly participates and understands the upcoming events we will celebrate these next two weeks, then one has a good understanding of our Catholic Christian faith. Hopefully we can really enter into Holy Week with an open mind and heart. May we truly die this next week to ourselves and any self-centeredness we may have, so that we can rise with Christ on Easter and in the final resurrection.

Community & Diocesan Events

From JPII Catholic Schools Admissions Office:

On Monday, March 27, 6-7 p.m., there will be an informational night for those families who will have a student attending Sacred Heart in the Fall. The evening is geared towards parents whose oldest child is starting 6 grade or new to the JPII Network. If you know of any families who are thinking about sending their child to Sacred Heart, this might be a great starting point for them. For further information, please reach out to Lori Hager in the admissions department at 701-893-3271 or lori.hager@jp2schools.org.

Monday, March 27, 2023, 6:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Middle School 5600 25th Street South, Fargo. Visitors park in the North lot and enter via Door #3.

Easter Pinochle Party. All are invited to play pinochle in the Holy Spirit Social Hall, 1420 7th St N, Fargo, Easter Sunday afternoon, April 9, at 1:30 p.m. Bring a friend! You are welcome to bring a snack to share if you wish and you do not need to bring a card partner. Pinochle is played at Holy Spirit most every second Sunday of the month. Call Mary Jo Zacher at 309-253-5173 for more info.

Job Openings:

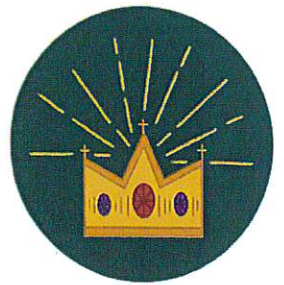
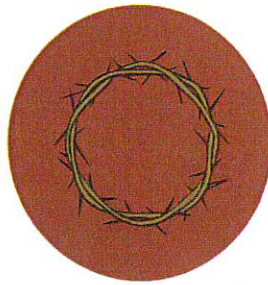
Several new positions have been listed. Please see the bulletin board in the Gathering Area for details.

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.

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Worship Schedule for Holy Week



Palm Sunday - April 2

5:15 p.m. Mass Saturday ~ 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Mass Sunday

Holy Thursday - April 6

5:30-6:30 p.m. - Stew Supper

7:00 p.m. - Mass 'Liturgy of the Lord's Supper'

Eucharistic Adoration following Mass until 11 p.m.

Good Friday - April 7

12:10 p.m. - Veneration of the Cross and Communion Service

Holy Saturday - April 8

8:30 p.m. - Easter Vigil

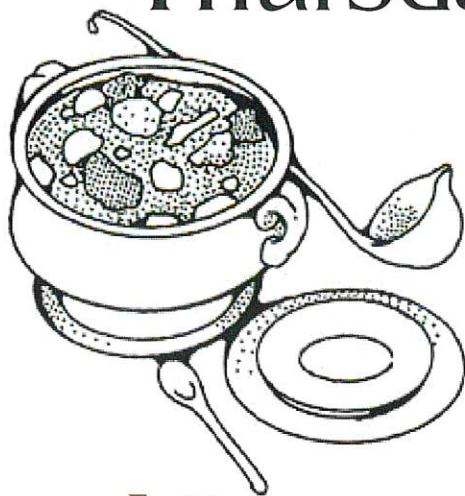
Reception following Mass

Easter Sunday - April 9

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Mass

Holy Thursday Events

Thursday, April 6, 2023

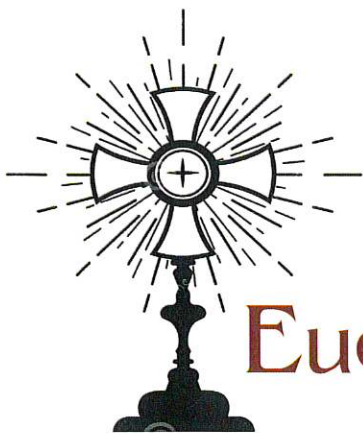


Stew Supper

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

Mass - 7:00 p.m.



Eucharistic Adoration

following Mass until 11 p.m.

April 6, 2023 – Holy Thursday – 7:00 p.m.

Ministries of Service

Proclaimers	J. Allmaras, R. Martin
EMHC	*J. Yourczek, A. Buettner, G. Larson, S. Richman, D. Nechiporenko
Servers	M. Allmaras, E. Buettner, M. Richman, B. Richman
Ushers	G. Yourczek, T. Allmaras
Greeters	Kalabza Family, Yost Family
Sacristan	J. Yourczek

Gift Bearers	Weber Family
Chrism Oil Bearers	J. Onken, A. Pavlish Family, B. Weber Family
Foot Washing	D. Moore, B. Novak, A. Kressin, K. Kressin, D. Christl, B. Christl, G. Larson, R. Larson, J. Walter, K. Walter, J. Walter, A. Walter
Altar Dressing	H. Yost, L. & K. Kalabza, A. Kressin, B. Weber Family

April 7, 2023 – Good Friday – 12:10 p.m.

Ministries of Service

Proclaimers	N. Peterson, B. Schmidt
EMHC	*N. Peterson, M. Doster, D. Nechiporenko, S. & J. Neva
Ushers	D. & J. Rohrich
Greeters	B. Krogen, A. Kottsick Family
Cross Bearers	R. & E. Spanier
Sacristan	D. Nechiporenko

April 8, 2023 – Easter Vigil – 8:30 p.m.

Ministries of Service

Proclaimers	L. Elshaug, B. Kirkeby, M. Kern, M. Doster, A. Buettner
EMHC	J. & J.W. Jones, M. Doster, M. Kern, A. Buettner
Servers	Wells Crew (4)
Pascal Candle	J. Wells
Altar Dressing	D. & B. Krogen, F. & D. Lenzmeier, J. & J. Jones, Buettner Family, K. Yanish, Pavlish Family, K. & L. Stroik?
Gift Bearers	B. & A. Wells
Ushers	E. & C. Pablo
Greeters	G. Kirkeby, T. Tweeter
Sacristan	J. Jones

**April 1-2, 2023 – Palm Sunday
Ministries of Service**

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	C. Fischer, M. Doster	C. Fischer, M. Doster	C. Fischer, M. Doster
EMHC	*E. & C. Pablo, K. Jalbert, J. W. & J. Jones	*D. Nechiporenko, M. Doster, N. Peterson, S. DeKeyser, L. Sample, **S. DeKeyser	*G. Larson, M. Kern K. & E. Hanson, L. Wegner
Gift Bearers	B. Christl Family	J. Wells Family	R. Norton Family
Servers	E. Rohrich, H. Schiele	Wells Family	J. Norton, E. Buettner
Ushers	D. & B. Krogen	S. Hartze, P. Bowels	R. Fischer, R. Haugen
Greeters	D. Krogen Family	J. Yourczek, L. Sample	R. Norton Family
Rosary Leader	-----	-----	-----
Sacristan	E. Pablo	M. Doster	L. Wegner
Media Minister	R. Cwikla		
*Bread Minister **Takes communion to the shut-ins and sick			

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