



# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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## April 15-16, 2023 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday

### Daily Mass & Intentions

**Sunday, April 16** *Anointing of the sick*

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Louis DeKeyser

**Monday, April 17 - NO MASS**

**Tuesday, April 18** *at Sheyenne Crossings*

1:00 p.m. – +Bill Knoll

**Wednesday, April 19**

9:00 a.m. – +Jenny Pulkrabek

**Thursday, April 20**

9:00 a.m. – +Jim Hill

**Friday, April 21**

9:00 a.m. – +Alma Grosz

**Saturday, April 22**

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

5:15 p.m. – +Boyd Garman

**Sunday, April 23**

8:30 a.m. – +Jim Hill

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners



### Offertory Gifts

**Holy Thursday, April 6** (Poor Fund): \$1,425

**Good Friday, April 7** (Holy Land): \$881

**April 8-9, 2023**

Adult: \$10,112.63

Children: \$23

Improvements: \$1,753.49

Firm Foundation: \$230

Poor Fund: \$312

**Collected to Date**

**Goal to Date**

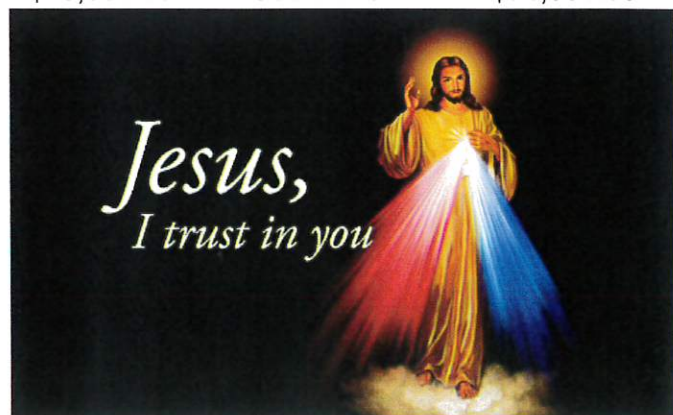
\$102,221.10 Adult \$120,000.00

\$480.00 Children \$450.00

\$7,939.68 Improvements \$15,000.00

\$454,758.40 Firm Foundation \$400,000.00

\$48,891.50 God's Gift \$71,561.00



**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 after Mass

PK Class – 10:30 a.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet – 11:30 a.m.

**Finance Council Meeting,**

Tuesday, April 18, 7:00 p.m., Library.

**Catholic Man Night,**

Thursday, April 20, 6:00 p.m., Social Hall.

### Faith Formation



**Class:**

Grades 1-5	April 19	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	April 19	7:00 p.m.
PK	April 23	10:30 a.m.
Grades 1-5	April 26	5:30 p.m.
WOW	April 26	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/>

**FORMED – What to Watch.**

This week, I am excited to tell you about the Formed series on the *Stations of the Resurrection: Via Lucis, the Stations of Light*. The Stations of Light is a devotional practice for reflecting upon the joy and hope of the Resurrection during the Easter season. While the traditional Stations of the Cross commemorate Jesus' journey to his crucifixion and death, the Stations of Light focus on the events that follow the Resurrection from the Empty tomb to the Road to Emmaus, to the faith of Thomas, to the Ascension and to Pentecost whereupon the followers of Jesus like Mary Magdalene and the Apostles have personal encounters with the Risen Jesus. The commentary on the Stations of the Resurrection provided by Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben



Akers, provide powerful insight into the each of the stations as well as how each of the stations shows Jesus' intent with each of these encounters and how this applies to our Easter faith and to the Mass today. I really enjoyed this series and once again learned so much so don't miss this one.

Also, on Formed this week, for the children, is a video called *He Is Risen* which is very good and can be viewed not only during this Easter Season but anytime during the year.

Another suggestion this week is to view the video called *Divine Mercy* with Fr. Michael Gaitley, which will prepare us for Divine Mercy Sunday on Sunday April 16.

All this can be found by clicking on the Easter tab at the top of the Formed platform page.

## Music Ministry



### Joyful Voices

Date	Warmup/Sing
April 23	9:45/10:30 a.m.
April 30	9:45/10:30 a.m.

### We Need Accompanists & Cantors!

Accompanist – The accompanist is responsible for providing accompaniment for the hymns and acclamations during the Mass. Knowledge of the Catholic Mass is preferred. *This is a paid position.*

Cantor (Song Leader) – The Cantor is both a singer and leader of the congregational songs. The Cantor has the responsibility for leading the assembly, and inviting them in hymns and acclamations used throughout Mass. You should have a strong singing voice. This ministry is open to high school/adult singers. *This is a volunteer opportunity.*

If you are interested in assisting at weekend Masses, please contact Ronda at [Ronda@bscwf.org](mailto:Ronda@bscwf.org) or call the Parish Office 701-282-3321.

## Parish Life



### Blake Riteman Speaks at Catholic Man Night

Thursday, April 20, 6-8:30 p.m., Blessed Sacrament. Guest Speaker is Blake Riteman from Real Presence Radio. Bring a friend, bring your sons, and join us as we deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ. The night begins with adoration and confession at 6:00 p.m., followed by a simple meal and speaker at 7:00 p.m.

**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](mailto:MaryBeth@bscwf.org).

**Children's Collection:** All Faith Formation students have received donation envelopes. Children not in Faith Formation have been offered envelopes. Please encourage your child to use them! 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 aged 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.

**COMING JUNE 13 – Blood Drive.** Mark your calendars! More information is coming soon.

### Daily Readings – April 16-22, 2023

April 16: Acts 2:42-47, 1 Pt 1:39, Jn 20:19-31

April 17: Acts 4:23-31, Jn 3:1-8

April 18: Acts 4:32-37, Jn 3:7b-15

April 19: Acts 5:17-26, Jn 3:16-21

April 20: Acts 5:27-33, Jn 3:31-36

April 21: Acts 5:34-42, Jn 6:1-15

April 22: Acts 6:1-7, Jn 6:16-21

**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/>

### 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](http://www.bscwf.org), choose 'Get Involved' and 'Give+ Online'.
- **Mobile App:** Download "GivePlus Church" free.
- **Automatic Withdrawal:** [www.bscwf.org](http://www.bscwf.org), choose 'Get Involved', 'Donate', 'Automatic Withdrawal' or Contact [MaryBeth@bscwf.org](mailto:MaryBeth@bscwf.org) to receive a form.

Thank you for your support.

### Our Sympathy to

- Rick Chapek on the death of his sister, Marilyn Dockter.
- The family of Leonard Kirkhoff.
- Robert Haugen, on the death of his mother, Margaret Haugen.

May Marilyn, Leonard, and Margaret rest in the arms of our risen Lord.

### Soup 'N More, All Hungry People are Invited!!

April 27 - Join the "Skis" for a Polish Dinner.

Menu: Perogies, Sausage, Desserts, and More!

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

*Nancy Lanigan (daughter of Donnie Moore),  
Bob Creighton, Teresa Spadafore, Judith Knoll,  
Jeffrey Kitchens (father of Amanda Buettner),  
Vicki Johnson, Darin Black, Rick Chapek,  
Jack Fuller, Stacy Ruderberger, Michael Huttleston,  
Kristie Schrader, Irma Hernandez,  
Bryan Kuntz, Gary Lammer*

### We Pray In Remembrance of...

April 16: Wendelin Burckhard

April 17: Les Pritchard, Paula Friedt, John Veit

April 18: Agnes Kapaun

April 19: Mabel Verlinden, Allan Fandrick

April 21: Marie Lip

April 22: Willie Goldade, Ione Frank

### 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.

## Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten



### Divine Mercy Sunday

April 16, 2023

The readings today all have in common the topic of belief, to believe and have faith in Jesus. In the gospel today we hear of the Thomas' lack of faith. Jesus' death was hard on Thomas and the other disciples because Jesus had been preaching on living forever. Thomas had put his faith and time in Jesus. He really invested in Jesus. Then Jesus died. And Thomas was trying to get over the Lord's death. He figured Jesus' resurrection was too good to be true.

One person we can probably relate to at times is Thomas. Thomas was one who was known as the doubter. He doubted everything until it was proven to him. Sometimes we, too, can have a lack of trust in God. No one wants to look like a fool. And that's what happens when we place our belief in something that turns out to be false. But we know that our God is true! Jesus said, "I am the Way, the truth, and the life." We can be thankful that our faith is something solid we can hold on to!

Thomas doubted until he saw the wounds of Christ. Then he believed. In today's gospel, Jesus is speaking about us. He calls us to believe, when He says, "Blessed are those who have not seen, but believe!" God gives us the gift of faith to help us make it through the difficult times.

This second Sunday of Easter is also called "Divine Mercy Sunday." Having recalled Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection the past week or so we now look back and see as a whole the great act of loving mercy that Jesus did for us when he gave his very life for us on the cross. The title for this day goes back to the year 2000, which is just a very brief time in the whole history of the church. Divine Mercy Sunday is a title that has been given to this day by none other than Pope John Paul II when he canonized St. Faustina who had a devotion to the Divine Mercy. Pope John Paul was canonized on this day, too.

So may the Lord help us to understand and to believe that He will take care of us and our families, that everything will work out in the end if we place our trust in Him and in His church.

## 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](mailto:Gary@bscwf.org). 701-282-3321

## Volunteerism - Stewardship



**THANK YOU THANK YOU!!** I would like to thank everyone that played a part in making Holy Week and Easter Sunday so beautiful! Great job by everyone involved. Makes me extremely proud to be part of the Blessed Sacrament Church family! Julie

**LAST CALL for summer weekend availability. PLEASE let Julie know if you are available or not beginning in May through September. Thank you.**

Always ways to volunteer, meet new people, make new friends. Sign up to host a Coffee Talk after either 8:30 or 10:30 masses. Volunteer to learn to cook in our kitchen for Churches United for the Homeless. Talk your family into coming up with a food theme and making it for Soup 'N More. We buy the ingredients based on your recipes and you make it, serve it and clean up. Of course, there will be extra help too.

Looking for more details. Look in the social hall on the volunteer boards or reach out to Julie in the office or via email: 701.282.3321; [julie@bscwf.org](mailto:julie@bscwf.org)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Blood Drive on Tuesday, June 13 from 3 to 6pm. More details to come.

Spring Clean Up time is coming. Currently scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2023. Sign up sheets will follow.

## Eucharistic Revival



*"When you see the Body of Christ set before you, on the altar, say to yourself: Because of this Body I am no longer earth and ashes, no longer a prisoner, but free: because of this I hope for heaven, and to receive the good things therein, immortal life, the portion of angels, and closeness with Christ."*

-St. John Chrysostom

## Community & Diocesan Events

**Women ages 16-30 are invited to the Miryam Dinner, Thursday, April 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m.** at Bishop Folda's Home. Bishop Folda and Fr. Kyle Metzger invite women who are open to the religious life to an evening of prayer, dinner, and fellowship. They will be joined by consecrated religious women sharing their own vocation stories. Women should be accompanied by their pastor, a consecrated religious, or a friend. For more information or to reserve your place, [vocations@fargodiocese.org](mailto:vocations@fargodiocese.org) or 701-356-7957.

**Teams Of Our Lady For Your Marriage.** Are you interested in enriching your couple/marriage spirituality on a journey with other Catholic like-minded couples? The F-M Sector of Teams of Our Lady now has 13 TEAMS comprised of 72 area couples, 11 chaplains, and has been going strong for 18 years! Join us to learn more at our Spring Information Sessions!

- **Information Session #1** – Thursday, April 27, 7:00 p.m., St. Anthony of Padua Church (upstairs)
- **Information Session #2** – Sunday, May 7, 4:00 p.m., St. Anthony of Padua (upstairs).

All couples (BOTH husband and wife) wishing to join TEAMS are *required to attend one* of these two sessions. Mark your calendar as these will be the only Information Sessions this year! For more information, call Lorine Bernhardt at 701-781-2249 or e-mail [fargosectorinformation@gmail.com](mailto:fargosectorinformation@gmail.com). More information can also be found on the TEAMS website at [www.teamsofourlady.org](http://www.teamsofourlady.org).

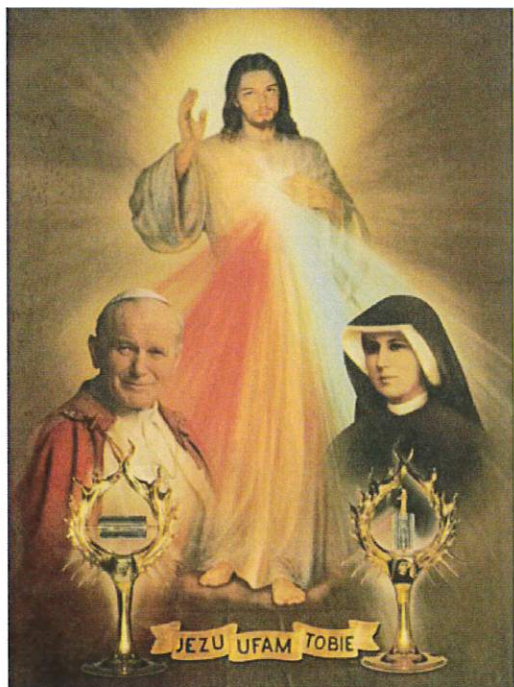


**St. Elizabeth's Original Spaghetti Dinner,**  
Sunday, April 30, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Dilworth (207 N. Main). Adults-\$18, Children-\$10 (6-12 yrs.),  
Preschool Free. Take-out meals-\$18. There will be  
a raffle drawing for \$500!

**Pregnancy & Infant Loss Couples Retreat.**  
Saturday, May 20, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Mary's  
Cathedral, Fargo ND. A healing retreat for any  
couple that has experienced any type of pregnancy  
or early infant loss. To register go to  
<https://www.fargodiocese.net/child-loss-retreat>.

**Made for Greatness – Men's Retreat,** July 14-16,  
Stiklestad Lodge, Ft. Ransom. This event will help  
men encounter God in a deeper way. Guided by  
Bishop John Folda, . The retreat will feature  
profound spiritual insights by His Excellency, Mass,  
confession, prayer and reflection, and time for  
growing as brothers in Christ. Cost \$250. Register  
at [www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-retreat](http://www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-retreat) or call 701-  
356-7903.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Bishop John  
Folda.** October 21-31, 2024. \$4,700 from Chicago.  
All-inclusive except lunches. More information at  
[www.fargodiocese.org/events/holy-land](http://www.fargodiocese.org/events/holy-land).



## What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

- The first Sunday after Easter, The Feast of Mercy
- Instituted by Saint John Paul II in April of 2000
- The message of Christ's mercy given to St. Faustina
- Exposition & Holy Hour
- Reflections and Meditation on Divine Mercy
- Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- A day of forgiveness for all souls who turn to Jesus' mercy especially "poor sinners"

### Stewardship Moment

**April 16, 2023 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)**

*"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'"*

John 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.

# A Very Sincere Thank You to All Who Made Our Holy Week and Easter Amazing

- ♦ Mass Ministers:
  - Proclaimers
  - EMHCs
  - Gift Bearers
  - Servers
  - Ushers
  - Greeters
  - Rosary Leaders
  - Sacristans
  - Cross/Candle Bearers
  - Foot Washing Recipients
  - Altar Dressers
  - Media Ministers
  - Musicians/Choir
- ♦ Environment Planners, Designers and Executors
- ♦ Cooks, Bakers, Helpers during and after for Stew Supper and Easter Vigil Reception

## JESUS IS RISEN



Thank you to Fr. Gary, Mary Beth, Lucy and Ronda for your patience and guidance. For getting me through my first Holy Week of planning and follow-through ~Julie



# **CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT**

*Men Meeting Jesus*



**Thursday**  
**April 20, 2023**

It is tough being a  
genuine man of faith.  
You are not alone;  
join us for support and  
encouragement.

**Presenter:**

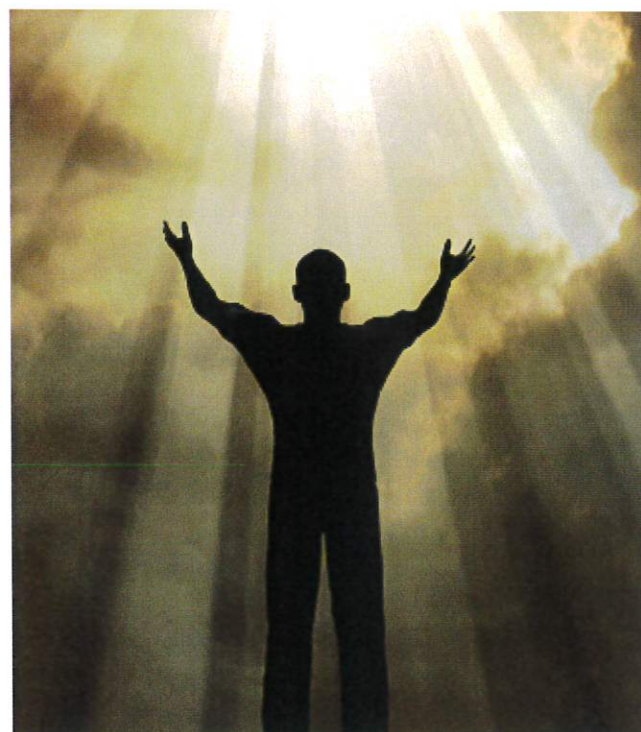
**Blake Riteman**  
**from Real Presence Radio**

**6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Adoration & Confessions**

**7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Talk and short discussion**



**Catholic Man Night**

Helping men ages 18 and up, to better know  
Jesus and imitate Him in their daily lives.

**Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church**  
**210 5 Ave W, West Fargo ND**

**April 22-23, 2023 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**Ministries of Service**

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	K. Jalbert	K. Wells	M. Hoff
EMHC	*S. Perreault, J. W. & J. Jones, K. Jalbert, M. Peirce	*J. Klaers, D. Nechiporenko, F. Lenzmeier, J. Yourczek, B. Opoien, **N. Peterson	*E. Hanson, K. Hanson, G. Larson, L. Wegner, M. Curfman
Gift Bearers	D. Krogen Family	L. & L. Juve	R. & R. Larson
Servers	M. Pierce, E. Rohrich	Wells Family	R. Regner, Volunteer
Ushers	B. & D. Christl	F. McCann, W. Suchla	S. Curfman, B. Pagel
Greeters	D. Krogen Family	L. & L. Juve	B. Novak Family
Rosary Leader	S. Bosch	A. Pritchard	M. Curfman
Sacristan	M. Pierce	D. Nechiporenko	L. Wegner
Media Minister	M. Berntson		
*Bread Minister.    **Takes communion to the homebound and sick.			

**Feast/Holy Day the Week of April 16, 2023**

April 21: St. Anseim

**Blessed Sacrament Directory**

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