



# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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## April 8-9, 2023 ~ Easter Sunday

### Daily Mass & Intentions

**Sunday, April 9** *Easter Sunday*

8:30 a.m. – +Margaret Maertens

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

**Monday, April 10 - NO MASS**

*Parish Office Closed*

**Tuesday April 11** *at Sheyenne Crossings*

1:00 p.m. – +Wesley Maddock

**Wednesday, April 12**

9:00 a.m. – +Lynette Gable

**Thursday, April 13** *at Trinity Elementary*

8:45 a.m. – +Marvin Leidal

**Friday, April 14**

9:00 a.m. – +Phil Schafer

Adoration – 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Saturday, April 15**

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

5:15 p.m. – Merrick Pierce

**Sunday, April 16** *Divine Mercy Sunday*

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Louis DeKeyser



### Weekly Offering

March 4-5, 2023

Adult: \$5,084.42

Children: \$18

Improvements: \$482

Firm Foundation: \$0

Poor Fund: \$317

#### Collected to Date

#### Goal to Date

\$92,108.47	Adult	\$112,000.00
\$480.00	Children	\$420.00
\$6,186.19	Improvements	\$14,000.00
\$454,528.40	Firm Foundation	\$400,000.00
\$46,715.50	God's Gift	\$71,561.00



Fr. Gary, Mary Beth, Jim,  
Lucy, Ronda, Julie

**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.

**Parish Office Closed**, Monday April 10.

**Soup 'N More** – Breakfast for Supper.

Thursday, April 13, 5:30 p.m.

**Knights of Columbus**, Thursday, April 13, 7 p.m.

**Adoration**, Friday, April 14, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### Easter Season

Easter is the greatest celebration in the Catholic church because **it is the completion of the Holy week that ends with the resurrection of Jesus.** Easter celebrates the beginning and foundation of Christianity. Jesus was raised from the dead, and it goes to show that He conquered sin and death.

The Easter season is the **second-longest liturgical season.** Only Ordinary Time is longer. The Church celebrates the Easter season for 50 days, culminating with the feast of Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church.

This season gives us time to rejoice and experience what we mean when we say Christ is risen and that we, as the church, are the body of the Risen Lord. It's a season for focusing on the core doctrines and mysteries of the faith and for preparing for the ministries the Spirit has empowered us to undertake in Jesus' name.

Please help yourself to the pamphlet on the bookcase in the Gathering Area called *How to Celebrate the Easter Season.*



## Faith Formation



### Class:

Grades 1-5	April 12	5:30 p.m.
WOW	April 12	7:00 p.m.
PK	April 16	10:30 a.m.
Grades 1-5	April 19	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	April 19	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/>

### Guess What's coming back to Blessed

**Sacrament?! Vacation Bible School** that's what. A committee has been formed to discuss how and when to bring Vacation Bible School back this summer. A parent survey was sent out to households that gathered information as to preferred dates, times, etc. The committee reviewed the results of the survey and made the decision that VBS will look different this year and will be more of a family VBS, where all members of families can attend. From the data and from input from the committee, it was determined that VBS will be held two evenings in August, Monday, and Tuesday August 14 and 15 from 4-7 pm at Blessed Sacrament. A registration form will be developed and made available to families who wish to participate as soon as next week. The committee will continue to meet and plan. If you would like to help, please contact Lucy.

**FORMED – What to Watch.** Some suggestions for this week include Jesus' Demonstration in the Temple with Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Mark Giszczak, Holy Week with Dr. Brant Pitre and the Last Supper also with Dr. Pitre.

It's so easy to access Formed and if you are enjoying and learning from the wide variety of programming, we would love to hear about your experience and to encourage others to watch and learn as well.

Geri Walz, Blessed Sacrament parishioner, watches Formed and shares the following: "I have been a convert to the Catholic faith for about 65 years and still have much to learn and Formed has helped. There was much to view during Lent and the speakers were excellent. I really, really enjoyed the stories about the Holy Family and the Saints. There are also many things for children, and I did watch the story about St. Juan Diego done for children. It was very good. Formed is worth watching!"

## Music Ministry



### Joyful Voices

Date	Warmup/Sing
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



**Anointing of the Sick,** April 15-16 at all Masses. If you are ill; will soon be having surgery; are elderly; if you need healing in mind, body, or spirit. Please stand for the anointing next weekend and receive the prayers of your faith community.

**Baptism Basket.** There is a baptism basket in the Social Hall for Jaylen Green, 3-month-old son of Jerell & Monica Green. Please help us fill the basket with baby shower items.

**Blessed Sacrament Hosts Catholic Man Night** Thursday, April 20, 6-8:30 p.m. Guest Speaker, Brad Gray. Bring 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 6:00 p.m., followed by a simple meal and speaker at 7:00 p.m.

**Blessing Box – Nonperishable Food Donations**  
**Welcome:** Thank you for your donations of food for our Blessing Box. *"Give what you can. Take what you need. Above all, be blessed."*

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

### Daily Readings – April 9-15, 2023

April 9: Acts 10:34a,37-43, Col 3:1-4, Jn 20:1-9  
April 10: Acts 2:14,22-33, Mt 28:8-15  
April 11: Acts 2:36-41, Jn 20:11-18  
April 12: Acts 3:1-10, Lk 24:13-35  
April 13: Acts 3:11-26, Lk 24:35-48  
April 14: Acts 4:1-12, Jn 21:10-14  
April 15: Acts 4:13-21, Mk 16:9-15

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

**Email Addresses, Phone Numbers and Emergency Contact Information:** Does the Parish Office have your current contact information on file? Call 701-282-3321 or email [MaryBeth@bscwf.org](mailto:MaryBeth@bscwf.org) to verify your information.

**Happy Birthday.** We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week.

- Burdell Ranzenberger (April 12)
- Kathleen Creighton (April 15)

**Homebound? Can't go to Sunday Mass?**

- Would you like to receive communion?  
Put your name on the 'In-Home Communion' list. Call the Parish Office, 282-3321, give your name, address, and phone number.
- Watch Blessed Sacrament Mass on TV! We record Saturday Mass and play it on West Fargo Public Access Cable channel, *Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.*
- Watch Sunday Mass on the Blessed Sacrament YouTube Channel Go to **YouTube** search for *Blessed Sacrament Church West Fargo ND.*

Or copy and paste this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPIK7Ix77I6WwItnNUQxt5rw>

**Moving?** All parishioners are reminded to please call the Parish Office, or drop a note in the mail, whenever you move either within the parish or out of the parish.

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

*Vicki Johnson, Darin Black, Rick Chapek,  
Marilyn Dockter (sister of Rick Chapek),  
Jack Fuller, Stacy Ruderberger, Leonard Kirkhoff,  
Michael Huttleston, Kristie Schrader,  
Irma Hernandez, Robin Mattson, Aaron Dahl,  
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.  
Menu: Eggs, pancakes, sausage, Fruit, etc.  
April 27 - Join the "Skis" for a Polish Dinner.  
Menu: Perogies, Sausage, Desserts, and More!

**We Pray In Remembrance of...**

April 9: Michael Hansen  
April 10: Doris Howard  
April 11: Richard Carlson, Patricia O'Connor,  
Helen Joan Laber  
April 12: Dennis Richard, Lyle Bashaw  
April 13: James Gorski, Lottie Kirkes,  
Dennis Schmidt  
April 15: Robert Jendro

**Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church  
Your Council Representatives Are...**

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Gary Ripplinger, and Ally Schweitzer

\*Blessed Sacrament Lay Director

**Volunteerism - Stewardship**



**Media Ministry Training.** Are you interested in recording Masses for TV viewing and streaming? Are you curious how it works? Rich Cwikla will be giving instructions and answering questions on Saturday, April 15 at 5:00 p.m. Please meet him in the Media Room.

**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 on Easter Sunday - April 9, 2023**

We made it through another Lenten season. Now we remember and celebrate our Lord's resurrection as evidenced in the gospel this weekend by the empty tomb. Soon we will begin to see water outside, not the frozen kind but the liquid kind. And it's interesting that on this Easter Sunday weekend, water is a very important part of the celebration. We have the sprinkling rite which recalls the water in which we were baptized. This water represents the cleansing of our spirits and new life. And we can't get too much of that. We can't drown in God's love and life. And that's what the celebration of Easter is all about: about God who, like water, gives us life.

The Saturday night Easter Vigil begins in darkness which represents a lack of life. I know that nobody likes darkness, especially when they have to work. They want light in order to see. The darkness which is spoken about in the creation account in Genesis, as well as the darkness that prevailed when the church throughout the world began Mass on the Easter Vigil represents the chaos, the disorder, and the sin which our world has come under since the fall of our first parents.

The darkness has passed, and now the season of light begins! We celebrate with glorious songs, such as the Gloria and the Alleluias. We haven't heard those two songs at all in the last forty days. The light came on Saturday night in Easter Vigils throughout the world in the form of the Paschal candle which represents Christ himself. It is the candle like the one which was lit when we were born again at baptism. And it is the candle which will be lit when we are born again into eternal life.

Living in the light of Christ is not always easy. It sometimes takes work, and it takes faith. And for all of us, renewing our own vows that we or our parents made at our baptism is a good thing. It helps us to refocus and reminds us of the meaning that we can find in life. We pray that, as we renew our baptismal vows this weekend, God would give us an ever-fresh zeal for defending and proclaiming our faith in our risen Lord now, throughout the Easter season, and for the rest of our lives.

On behalf of the staff and myself, I wish you all a very Joyful and Happy Easter. May our crucified and risen Lord be your source of strength now and forever.

**Community & Diocesan Events**

**Catholic Daughters**, Tuesday, April 11 at St. Anthony's. Mass at 5:15 p.m., meal to follow, and meeting at 6:30 p.m. Members are invited to bring non-perishable donations. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Any questions, please send an email to [regentctstann@gmail.com](mailto:regentctstann@gmail.com).

**True Devotion to Mary** – Afternoon retreat, Sunday, April 16, 2:00 p.m., St. Boniface Church, Lidgerwood ND. Deepen your relationship and consecration to Jesus through Mary as explained by St. Louis de Montfort. Chaplet of Divine Mercy, confessions, meal, and a special Mass. For more information call 701-640-1401.

**Spring Dinner at Holy Trinity**, Fingal. April 16, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Pork loin, au gratin potatoes and all the fixings. Homemade desserts and bake sale.

**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.

**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>.

**"I Thirst" Retreat**. July 7-9, Maryvale, Valley City. Enter the spirit of St. Teresa of Calcutta through prayer, dialogue, adoration, and more. Cost \$130. For more information [maryvalesmp@gmail.com](mailto:maryvalesmp@gmail.com)





# 2023 Easter Flowers

## In Memory of

Eugene Christl  
The Conlon Family  
Robert & Angela Cossette  
Lawrence & Virginia Deutsch  
Irma Diegel  
Family  
Thomas Feist  
The Hagen Family  
Jose Hernandez Sr.  
Kent Johnson  
Brian Keller  
Jerry Liska  
Marc & Sheri Malusky  
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Jack McClure  
Edwin & Geneva Plummer  
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## In Honor of

Irma Hernandez  
Ann Zahradka

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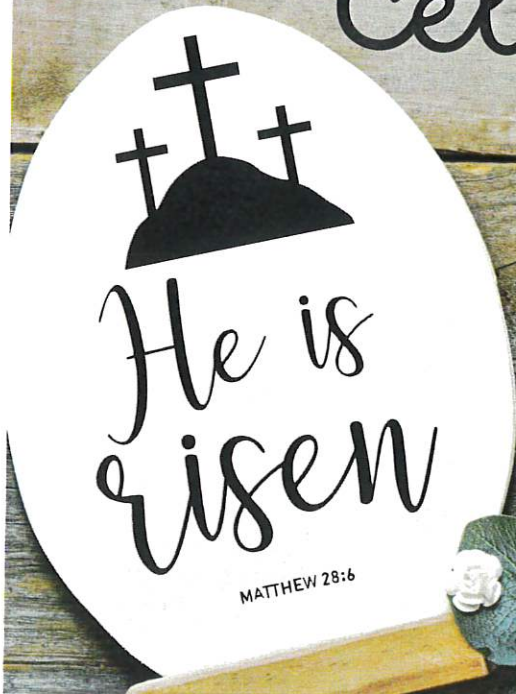
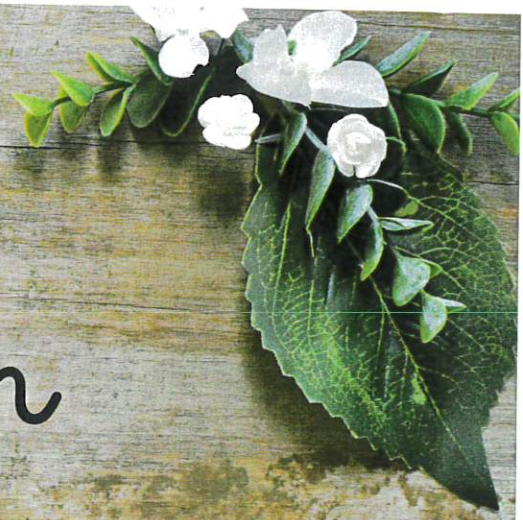
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## Given By

The Regner Family  
Larry & Patty Zahradka



# Breakfast Celebration



For supper  
Thursday,  
April 13th

Let's Celebrate Jesus' rising  
5:30 to 6:30pm

Blessed Sacrament Social Hall—210 5th Ave W

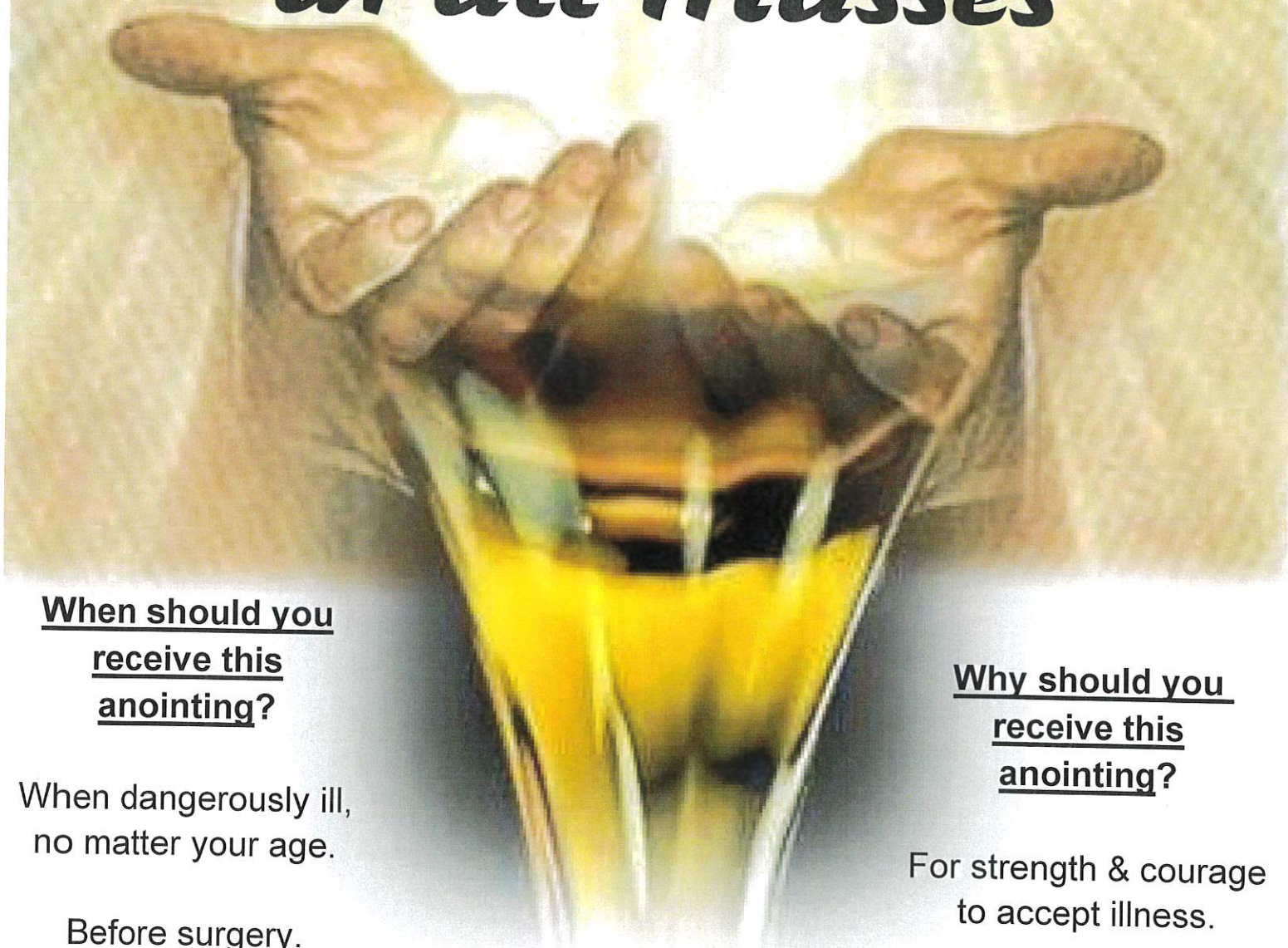
**Enjoy:** Scrambled Eggs,  
Sausage, Pancakes, Fruit,  
Desserts and  
**each other's company**

Partake in an ALL AGES  
Easter Egg Hunt





# **Anointing of the Sick April 15 & 16 at all Masses**



## **When should you receive this anointing?**

When dangerously ill,  
no matter your age.

Before surgery.

If you are elderly and  
especially weak.

When you need  
healing in mind, body  
or spirit.

**Unite with your  
Faith Community  
who are  
praying for you.**

## **Why should you receive this anointing?**

For strength & courage  
to accept illness.

For help in recovery.

To help prepare  
for death.

For peace if anxious.

# April 15-16, 2023 – Divine Mercy Sunday

## Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	J. Neva	F. McCann	A. Buettner
EMHC	*J. Neva, S. Neva, G. Walz, M. Schiele, P. Pritchard	*F. McCann, M. A. Schuster, A. Pritchard, M. Doster, D. Chapek, **M. Doster	*A. Buettner, M. Jamieson, K. Hanson, M. Regner, M. Kern
Gift Bearers	C. Glandt Family	J. Aberle Family	A. Kottsick Family
Servers	H. Schiele, Volunteer	E. Esposito, M. Allmaras	E. Buettner, T. Lenertz
Ushers	E. & C. Pablo	T. Allmaras, C. Pratt	J. & R. Regner
Greeters	C. Glandt Family	T. Allmaras Family	A. Kottsick Family
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	S. Durbin	M. Kern
Sacristan	J. Neva	F. McCann	K. Hanson
Media Minister	R. Cwikla		
*Bread Minister. **Takes communion to the homebound and sick.			

### Blessed Sacrament Directory

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