



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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May 13-14, 2023 ~ 6th Sunday of Easter

Daily Mass & Intentions



Sunday, May 14 *Mother's Day*

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Alma Grosz

Monday, May 15 - NO MASS

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday May 16 *at Sheyenne Crossings*

1:00 p.m. – Pauline Klinger

Wednesday, May 17

9:00 a.m. – Kai Green

Thursday, May 18 – NO MASS

Friday, May 19

9:00 a.m. – +Edwin Olson

Saturday, May 20

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

5:15 p.m. – +Jenny Pulkrabek

Sunday, May 21

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Bill Knoll



Weekly Offering

May 6-7, 2023

Adult: \$10,976.91

Children: \$14

Improvements: \$976.49

Firm Foundation: \$100

Poor Fund: \$1,570.50

Collected to Date

Goal to Date

\$136,781.85 Adult \$152,000.00

\$496.00 Children \$570.00

\$9,649.24 Improvements \$19,000.00

\$454,984.40 Firm Foundation \$400,000.00

\$59,681.50 God's Gift \$71,561.00

*Happy
Mother's
Day!*



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



Safety Team Meeting,

Wednesday, May 17, 7:00 p.m., Library

No Daily Mass, Thursday May 18

Pastoral Council Meeting, Thurs., May 18, 7 p.m.

Spring Cleanup, Saturday, May 20, 9:00 a.m.

Faith Formation



**Congratulations to the Confirmation and
1st Eucharist Sacrament Recipients!**

Lennox Kalabza

Alexis Kressen

Brooke Weber

Helen Yost

May the Father always watch over you.

May the Son ever bless you.

And may the Spirit ever guide you.

Faith Formation Class Finished Until Fall. Thank you to the Catechists, you rock!! Thank you to parents that aided your children in their faith journey this year. Thank you to the students, for your energy and enthusiasm for learning about our God and our faith! Have a safe and blessed summer everyone!

2023-2024 Faith Formation Registration. It's time to register your child(ren) for religion classes for the next school year. Please return the registration form with payment as soon as possible. If you have any questions, contact Lucy at 701-282-3321.

Preschool and Kindergarten Roundup! *Will your child be 4 yrs. old by July 31? We'd love to have them attend the Preschool class. *If your child is registered for Public or JPII Kindergarten, in the fall, we will welcome them with loving arms, to our Kindergarten class. *If you have questions, contact Lucy at 701-282-3321 or Lucy@bscwf.org.

FORMED – What to Watch. Have you ever wanted to grow in your understanding and devotion to the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary? Now you can. You are invited to learn more by viewing "A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries", a five- part series where you will walk through these Biblical Mysteries. Seek to grow in your understanding and love for Christ through the glorious mysteries. You can locate this series by scrolling down to the Bible study tab and then scrolling over to find and view this program.

On Saturday May 13, the Church celebrates the Feast day of Our Lady of Fatima. Interesting material is found by locating the May Liturgical Calendar and clicking to see the many options available to learn more.

For parents with teenagers, St. Josephine Garrett, a licensed mental health counselor, provides discussion on various topics related to Teenage Mental Health. You can find this series by scrolling down to the Everyday Catholic tab and then over and once there, click on it to view the many interesting and informative topics that affect teenagers today.

Music Ministry



Contemporary Choir

Date	Warmup-Sing
May 14	7:45-8:30 a.m.
May 21	7:45-8:30 a.m.

Joyful Voices Choir

Date	Warmup-Sing
May 14	9:45-10:30 a.m.
May 21	9:45-10:30 a.m.

Parish Life



Bake Sale Success! The St. Jude Bake Sale raised \$1,058.50 for the Poor Fund. Thank you to those who baked goodies and a big thank you to those who purchased them!

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Your Council Representatives Are...

Finance Council

Lori DeKeyser, Karen Hanson*, Stacy Montgomery, Brad Novak*, Eduardo Pablo, and Steve Willson

Pastoral Council

Leland Buckmeier, Kathleen Jalbert, Steve Neva, Robert Norton, Gary Ripplinger, and Ally Schweitzer

*Blessed Sacrament Lay Director

Blessing Box – Nonperishable Food Donations

Welcome: Please help if you can. *"Give what you can. Take what you need. Above all, be blessed."*

Blood Drive, Tuesday, June 13, 3-6 p.m. The Blood Drive portal is now available! Keep the momentum going by filling those spots and showing how supportive and amazing our Blessed Sacrament Family is! Remember when you give you will help save someone's life. Maybe even someone you know. To schedule contact Julie at 701-282-3321 or go to donors.vitalant.org and use sponsor code bswf.

Daily Readings – May 14-20, 2023

May 14: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, 1 Pt 3:15-18, Jn 14:15-21

May 15: Acts 16:11-15, Jn 15:26-16:4a

May 16: Acts 16:22-34, Jn 16:5-11

May 17: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1, Jn 16:12-15

May 18: Acts 18:1-8, Jn 16:16-20

May 19: Acts 18:9-18, Jn 16:20-23

May 20: Acts 18:23-28, Jn 16:23b-28

Graduating Seniors to be Honored. NEXT

Sunday, May 21, at 10:30 a.m. Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend the reception in the Social Hall following Mass.

- Seniors & Families, please **let us know if you are attending by May 15**, email Julie@bscwf.org or call 282-3321. Also, the office needs your picture and completed questionnaire!

Confirmation / 1st Eucharist Youth to be Recognized. NEXT Sunday, May 21, 10:30 a.m. Mass. A reception in the social hall will follow Mass for everyone!

Landscaping and Prayer Garden: We want to plant a tree and 3 perennial bushes on the south as well as purchase flowers for the prayer garden. If you are interested in donating toward this effort, please send your donation to us with the note "Prayer Garden" and we will credit you for your donation.

One Sunday Mass Begins May 28, Mass times will change for the summer. Sunday Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. This will be the Sunday schedule through Labor Day Weekend. We will go back to two Sunday Masses starting September 10.

Pastoral Council Meeting: Thursday, May 18, 7:00 p.m., in the Library.

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

*Micah Erickson (nephew of John Retterath),
Gail Plummer, Kaven Rohrich, Randy Marx,
Mary Rohrich, Joan Geyer, Nikki Geyer,
Aaron Dahl, Tom Regner Jr., Gregoire Simbare,
Bob Creighton, Teresa Spadafore, Judith Knoll,
Jeffrey Kitchens, Jack Fuller,
Bryan Kuntz, Gary Lammer*

Soup 'N More Thankful for Nice Weather!

Thursday, May 25, 5:30 p.m. Free Will offering accepted but not expected!

Menu: Turkey, Veg., Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Salads, Desserts...

Spring Clean-up NEXT SATURDAY: May 20 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Summer Office Hours Beginning June 2 the Parish Office will be closed on Fridays for the summer. Staff will be back to work on Fridays beginning September 8.



2023

Fall Dinner & Bazaar

NEW DATE

Same Awesome Event

October 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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Sunday, Oct 15th 2023

Volunteerism - Stewardship



Help Beautify our parish inside and out. Spring Clean Up is next Saturday, May 20, 2023. Sign up by the parish office so we have an idea of how many volunteers. The more people we have participate the quicker it goes. Light lunch provided.

Graduation/Confirmation Recognition

Reception: Looking for volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean up at the Graduation/Confirmation recognition reception. This is on Sunday, May 21, 2023, right after 10:30 mass. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Social Hall through the double doors.

WHAT IS?...

***Soup 'N More** – A community 'come one - come all' meal event. We wish for anyone and everyone to join us every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. The meal is theme based and we strive to offer different meals based on ethnicity, holidays, etc. We serve from 5:30-6:30. Some people come early, about 5 p.m., to have coffee and chat. It is a lot of fun and the food is delicious. **We are currently searching for meal ideas, name change ideas, volunteer helpers, and EATERS!**

May 25, 2023 – Thankful for Nice Weather to be Here

June 8, 2023 - TBD

June 22, 2023 – TBD

***Coffee Talk** – Most Sundays after Sunday Masses, we have coffee, juice, water and treats available. It's a time to visit with your parish family members and enjoy a light snack. We do not have coffee talk if there is a church event, holiday, or something else planned. **We are currently searching for hosts, bakers, TALKERS and EATERS.** If you would like to host but not bake no problem. The setup and hosting are very easy.

***Churches United for the Homeless (CUH)** – Every 4th (and 5th if applicable) Thursday of the month we prepare a meal internally of tator-tot hotdish. We have volunteers (fellow parishioners) that bake an equivalent of a 9 x 13 pan of bars, cake, or cookies. The goodies get dropped off at Blessed Sacrament, usually by the day before (Wednesday). We also provide rolls, coleslaw or green salad. The meal is delivered to CUH on that Thursday by 4 p.m. **We are currently searching for delivery drivers on Thursdays, individuals wishing to learn/help prepare the meal during the weekdays and bakers.**

***MASS MINISTRY:** To minister means to serve. Mass Ministry includes all the people that serve the parish and help our congregation during Mass to worship and celebrate the Mass. Fr. Gary presides over the celebration of Mass and the Mass Ministers assist through multiple ministries. **We are currently needing Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, gift bearers, greeters, lectors, media ministers, sacristans, servers (Can be youth or adult age as long as confirmed) and ushers.**

HOW TO GET INVOLVED?...

Sign-up sheets are on the volunteer boards in the Social Hall just through the double doors. Have questions, ideas or want to consider other options for you and your family? Contact Julie in the Parish Office at 701-282-3321, email at julie@bscwf.org or stop her before or after Mass. Thank you!

For Mass Ministries please contact Julie directly in the Parish Office at 701-282-3321, email at julie@bscwf.org or stop her before or after mass. Thank you!

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten



The 6th Sunday of Easter - May 14, 2023

Jesus in today's gospel calls us to keep the commandments. When we 21st Century people hear the word "commandment," we sometimes think of it as a burden or something we "have" to do. But, quite the contrary, the commandments do not have to be seen as a burden.

And, in fact, Jesus has come to free us from the burden of the Law. In other words, the Good News is meant to change our hearts so that we do not need to see the Commandments as a burden. Which church's commandments seem to be a burden to you or me? Loving your enemy? Perhaps the problem isn't with the law or with the Church, but with our own "hardness of heart."

Let's take a quick look at the commandment of loving one's neighbor. We can love our neighbor rightly only by the grace of the Holy Spirit who remains with us and will be in us, as Jesus says in today's gospel. In this discourse at the Last Supper, which was Jesus' last will and testament, Jesus promised his Church through the apostles that the Holy Spirit would be with it until the end of time. The Spirit of truth will be directing us and effectively helping us to hold on to the faith, the doctrine, and the morals which Jesus taught his Apostles.

Looking back now over almost two thousand years of the Church's history we can see how this promise of God being with us to help us love one another has been fulfilled. People came and went who threatened the very existence of the Church. There were crises and near disasters caused by the human weaknesses of its heads and its members, yet the Church survives and spreads and continues to send saints to heaven because of the direct and active help of the Holy Spirit.

In the midst of all these upheavals, the Church has continued to live and thrive because it is directed and sustained by the Holy Spirit, who lives within it. I am deeply thankful to God who planned so well for our safe journey to heaven. Knowing only too well the weakness of our human nature, Jesus and the Father sent the Holy Spirit to remain with his Church as its infallible guide until the last of God's chosen has entered heaven. Until then and into eternity, may we seek the Holy Spirit's help to love one another as Jesus has loved us.

Also, a few additional:

First, the rectory and church privacy walls. You may have noticed that workers have been repairing the brick privacy walls that extend out from the rectory and on the west side of the north sidewalk leaving the church. When the church was built, there were no tops or caps on those walls, which allowed moisture to get in, expand, freeze, and damage the brickwork and mortar. The bricks have been repaired, and soon metal tops will be placed on those walls which match the top edge of the church.

Second, the parking lot. We are in the process of getting bids to keep the parking lot in good repair. The north parking lot as well as the diagonal parking area on the south side of the church will need a two-inch coat of asphalt. This will happen hopefully within the next month or two.

Third, the social hall dividing walls. We thought this Spring that the snowpack on the roof may have damaged the roof, but the good news is that didn't happen. A structural engineer came in and deemed the roof safe and in good repair, along with the ceiling. That's the good news. The bad news is that the track on which the accordion doors slide is coming apart from the ceiling, and that will have to be raised. Accessible adjustable turnbuckles will be installed connecting the tracks to the ceiling beams.

This will cause us to have to reinstall some drywall, adjust some ductwork, and repaint the ceiling.

All of the above projects are rather costly, but the good news is we have the funds available. Our facility is 50 years old and is beginning to show its age. But thanks to your generosity, we are able to keep it up for many years to come.

Summer Mass Schedule. Please do not forget that the summer Mass schedule will begin on Memorial Day weekend – Sunday May 28. We will only have one Sunday Mass – at 9:30 am, in addition to the usual 5:15 pm Mass on Saturday. This will be the case through Labor Day, September 3. Also, for you going to the lakes for the summer, know that you are in my prayers. It is good to hear that many of you are attending Mass where you will be. Let us pray for one another, and don't forget to come back in the Fall!

May God bless us including all our graduates and confirmation students during this time of year.

Eucharistic Revival



Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress: July 16-22, 2024, in Indianapolis, IN

The Diocese of Fargo will offer a pilgrimage to the Congress in Indianapolis, IN. The Congress will include five days of talks, Mass, Eucharistic procession, Adoration and much more. The pilgrimage begins on July 16, 2024, and includes an overnight stop in Mundelein, IL at Our Lady of the Lake Retreat Center and a visit to the shrine of Maximilian Kolbe. The bus route back to Fargo will include a lunch and supper stop as well as an overnight stay in Mauston, WI. Arrival back in Fargo on Monday, July 22. The hotel for the Congress is the Hampton Inn, just a short walking distance to the events. There are only 100 spots available for the pilgrimage route to the Congress. Registration: fargodiocese.org/congress-pilgrimage. Early bird Registration before December 31, \$1125 based on double. After December 31, \$1225 based on double. For more information or for discounted Congress tickets without the pilgrimage option please call Mary Hanbury 701-356-7909 or email: Mary.hanbury@fargodiocese.org



Christ himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

St. Peter

Community & Diocesan Events

Mother's Day Pinochle Party. All are invited to play pinochle in the Holy Spirit Social Hall, 1420 7 St N, Fargo, Sunday afternoon on Mother's Day, May 14, 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 almost every second Sunday of the month. Call Mary Jo Zacher at 309-253-5173 for more info.

Catholic Man Night. Join us for Catholic Man Night on Monday, May 15, Holy Cross Church, West Fargo. 6-7 p.m. Adoration & Confession. 7-8 p.m. Meal & talk with short discussion with speaker Mark Hollcraft from Real Presence Radio. Come and bring a friend! Free will offering for the meal.

Pregnancy & Infant Loss Couples Retreat. Saturday, May 20, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Mary's Cathedral, Fargo. 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>.

Fr. Andrew Jasinski invites you to the Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of his

Ordination to the Priesthood on Sunday, June 11, 2023. The Jubilee Mass will be celebrated at St. Benedict Church, Horace, at 10:30 a.m. A social will be held at Sts. Anne & Joachim Church, Fargo, at 4:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 5:30 p.m. For more information or to RSVP for the dinner, visit www.stbensnd.org/j25 or contact St. Benedict Church at 701-588-4288. Please respond by June 2.

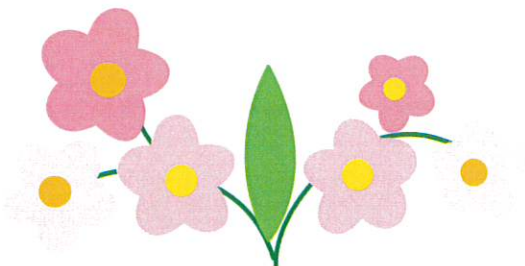


Catholic Charities North Dakota Turns 100! Join the Celebration at the West Fargo location. June 20, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Bonanzaville. Family friendly event with many activities for everyone. For more information and to RSVP, visit www.catholiccharitiesnd.org.

Iconography Workshop/Retreat: June 25-30, 2023, at Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City. Learn to paint an icon with no previous art experience necessary! The Diocese of Fargo is sponsoring an iconography workshop and retreat at Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City. Each participant will learn how to paint/write an icon depicting the Mother of God with the Child Jesus. The price is \$1025 and includes all supplies, accommodations, and meals. There will be Mass and personal prayer time each day. The Instructor is Christi Jentz, a professional iconographer who has taught many classes to beginners and advanced students. Information and registration: fargodiocese.org/art-retreat or call Mary Hanbury 701-356-7909.

Rural Life Celebration, Sunday, July 2, Terry Haman Farm, Rural Crary ND 7361 46 St NE (Crary). Join Bishop Folda as we invoke God's blessing upon our rural communities.

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 or call 701-356-7903.



JOB OPENINGS

Teaching Positions

St. John Paul II Catholic Schools is looking to hire the following positions for Fall 2023:

- Art Teacher, Holy Spirit Elementary (PT)
- PhyEd Teacher, Holy Spirit Elementary (PT)
- PhyEd Teacher, Sacred Heart Middle School (PT)
- Religion Teacher, Sacred Heart Middle School
- Science Teacher, Sacred Heart Middle School
- Science Teacher, Shanley High School
- School Counselor, Trinity Elementary

To apply visit <https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/> or call 701-893-3231 for more information.

Support Positions

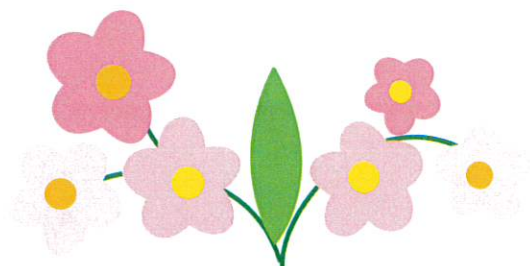
St. John Paul II Catholic Schools is looking to hire the following positions:

- Dishwasher, Shanley High School/Sacred Heart Middle School
- Evening Custodian, Shanley High School / Sacred Heart Middle School
- Girls Basketball Coach ("C" Team & 9th Grade), Shanley High School
- Summer Adventures Childcare Worker, Trinity Elementary

To apply visit <https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/> or call 701-893-3231 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.

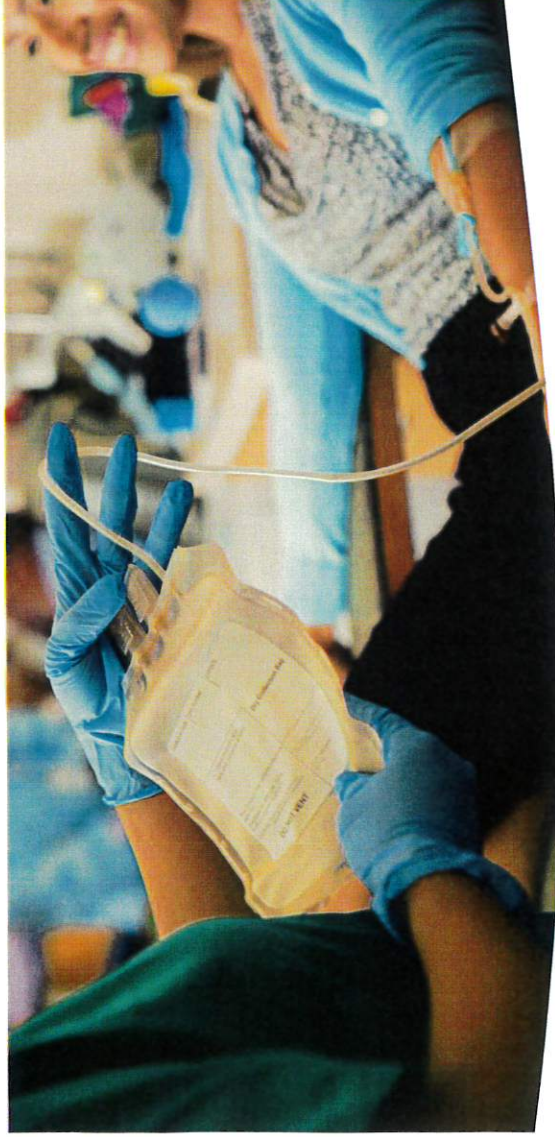


Consider making a donation for Landscape and Prayer Garden Flowers! Complete this form and drop it with your contribution at Mass or in the Parish Office.

Name: _____

Donation \$: _____

Envelope Number: _____



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May 20-21, 2023 – Ascension of the Lord Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	J. Jones	J. Allmaras	M. Kern
EMHC	*J. Jones, M. Pierce, C. Paintner, S. Perreault, K. Jalbert	*/**N. Peterson, W. Suchla, Volunteer J. Yourczek, M. A. Schuster	*G. Larson, M. Kern, M. Regner, A. Buettner, M. Curfman
Gift Bearers	C. Glandt Family	F. & D. Lenzmeier	B. & K. Novak Family
Servers	Volunteers	M. Allmaras, E. Esposito	J. Norton, E. Buettner
Ushers	D. Krogen Family	T. Allmaras, L. Sample	R. Haugen, R. Fischer
Greeters	C. Glandt Family	J. Aberle Family	R. Norton Family
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	L. Metzger	M. Curfman
Sacristan	S. Perreault	J. Yourczek	M. Kern
Media Minister	M. Berntson		
*Bread Minister. **Takes communion to the homebound and sick.			

Feast/Holy Day the Week of May 14, 2023

May 14: Mother's Day May 15: St. Isidore May 18: 18 St. John May 20: St. Bernadine of Siena

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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