



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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May 6-7, 2023 ~ 5th Sunday of Easter

Daily Mass & Intentions



Sunday, May 7

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Debbie McCann

Monday, May 8 - NO MASS

Tuesday, May 9 – NO MASS

Wednesday, May 10 at Trinity Elementary

8:45 a.m. – +Randy Ulmer

Thursday, May 11

9:00 a.m. – +Louis DeKeyser

Friday, May 12

9:00 a.m. - +George Vogel

Saturday, May 13

Reconciliation 4:4:30 p.m.

5:15 p.m. – +Ray Hoffman

Sunday, May 14

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Alma Grosz

Weekly Offering



April 29-30, 2023

Adult: \$5,804.69

Children: \$40

Improvements: \$40

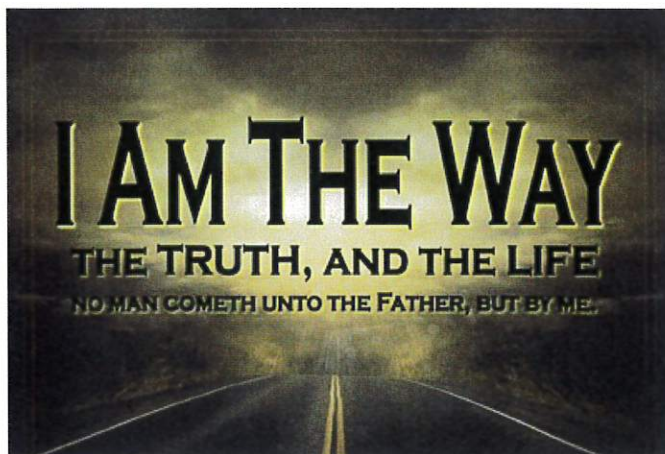
Firm Foundation: \$61

Poor Fund: \$538

Collected to Date

Goal to Date

\$125,804.94	Adult	\$144,000.00
\$482.00	Children	\$540.00
\$8,672.75	Improvements	\$18,000.00
\$454,884.40	Firm Foundation	\$400,000.00
\$58,936.50	God's Gift	\$71,561.00



Welcome! Fr. Gary Luiten and the faithful of Blessed Sacrament welcome you. We hope your time at Blessed Sacrament may be an opportunity to join in fellowship of our faith and joy in Jesus Christ.

This Week



Sunday: Coffee

PK Class – 10:30 a.m. (last class)

Bake Sale before and after Masses

Catechist Meeting: Wednesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.

Soup 'N More Thursday, May 11, 5:30 p.m.

Faith Formation



Catechist Meeting: Wednesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.

The Sacraments of Confirmation and First

Eucharist: Our Third grade Faith Formation youth will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist on Saturday, May 13, 5:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral. Please pray for them as they make this faith journey.

Recognition for Youth Receiving Sacraments.

Our Confirmation and First Eucharist students will be recognized at 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday May 21. There is a reception following Mass in the Social Hall.

FORMED-What to Watch:

As we begin the month of May, a month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, there are several options to view - Lectio: Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God. Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries? In this 8-part series, Dr. Brandt Pitre examines what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about the life and identity of Mary. Each episode is a half hour in length.

Another recommendation is to learn more about the life of St. Damien of Molokai, whose feast day is May 10. St. Damien spent most of his life ministering to leper colonies on the Hawaiian island of Molokai. You can find information about him on the May liturgical calendar and by searching for him at the top of the platform page.

Music Ministry



Contemporary Choir

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

Joyful Voices Choir

Date	Warmup-Sing
May 7	9:45-10:30 a.m.
May 14	9:45-10:30 a.m.
May 21	9:45-10:30 a.m.

Contact Ronda (Ronda@bscwf.org) if you are interested in assisting at Weekend Masses:

- Instrumentalists
- Song Leaders
- Substitute Accompanists

Parish Life



Building a Firm Foundation Campaign

A few households continue to make payments toward their pledge. Thank you!

Amount Pledged: 461,520.40

Amount Paid: 455,441.40

If you have any questions about the Building a Firm Foundation Campaign, please reach out to Fr. Gary or a member of the Finance Council.

Children's Mass 'Busy-Bag': If you need something to occupy your child(ren) during Mass. Have them take a Busy-Bag! The bags are hanging on the red 'tree' near the coat rack in the Gathering Area. Each bag has crayons, books, and a coloring page. You may take home the activity and coloring pages. The crayons and books remain in the bag. Please return the Busy-Bag to the 'tree' when Mass is over.

Daily Readings – May 7-13, 2023

May 7: Acts 6:1-7, 1 Pt 2:4-9, Jn 14:1-12

May 8: Acts 14:5-18, Jn 14:21-26

May 9: Acts 14:19-28, Jn 14:27-31a

May 10: Acts 15:1-6, Jn 15:1-8

May 11: Acts 15:7-21, Jn 15:9-11

May 12: Acts 15:22-31, Jn 15:12-17

May 13: Acts 16:1-10, Jn 15:18-21

God's Gift Appeal 2023. Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2023 God's Gift Appeal. Blessed Sacrament is 82% towards our goal of \$71,561. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the Gathering Area book rack. Please participate in the support of our diocesan church.

Mass at Sheyenne Crossings: Fr. Gary celebrates Mass at Sheyenne Crossings every Tuesday at 1 p.m. There is no Daily Mass at Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays.

Mass at Trinity Elementary. The month of May, Fr. Gary will celebrate Mass with the Trinity students TWICE. Thursdays, May 11 and May 18. There will be no Daily Mass on those days.

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.

Our Sympathy to Maria Regner on the death of her Mother, Irma Hernandez. May Irma rest in the arms of our Lord.

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

Prayer Garden and Landscaping It is time for us to start thinking about the Prayer Garden and other landscaping. We want to plant a tree and 3 perennial bushes on the south side 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.

Prayer Warriors are a group of individuals who pray for those who have requested prayer. Be a Warrior of Prayer for Blessed Sacrament and contact Wendy Retterath (701-282-6266) or Parish Secretary, Mary Beth Odegard at 701-282-3321 or MaryBeth@bscwf.org.

Requesting Prayers If you or a family member would benefit from prayers, please contact the Parish Office 701-282-3321. **You may also request prayers on our website:**
<https://www.bscwf.org/prayer-wall/>

Sick List: We pray for our ill parishioners and family members. If you would like your Blessed Sacrament family to pray for you or a loved one, please call the Parish Office. Names will be listed, in the bulletin, for 1 month unless the office is contacted for an extension.

*Kaven Rohrich (grandson of Bill & Karen Rohrich),
Randy Marx (son of Alice Pritchard),
Mary Rohrich (sister-in-law of Bill & Karen Rohrich),
Joan Geyer, Nikki Geyer, Aaron Dahl,
Tom Regner Jr., Gregoire Simbare, Bob Creighton,
Teresa Spadafore, Judith Knoll, Jeffrey Kitchens,
Vicki Johnson, Darin Black, Rick Chapek,
Jack Fuller, Bryan Kuntz, Gary Lammer*

Vital Statistics – April 2023

Baptisms: Ashton Pavlish, Rue Bruggeman and, Jaylen Green

Deaths: Leonard Kirkhoff, Irma Hernandez

Newcomers: Bill & Lois Schafer, Damian Stephan

We Pray In Remembrance of...

May 7: Tony Geary, Josephine Yoder, Rose Ginsbach

May 8: Christopher Gaulrapp, Apollonia Van Slyke, Leroy Thoenke

May 11: DeAnn Walen Staack

May 12: Susan Ranzenberger

May 13: James Kemp

Youth Recognition Sunday, May 21, 10:30 a.m.

Mass. We will be honoring and recognizing our Graduating High School Seniors and our Confirmation / 1st Eucharist Students at 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 21. You are all invited to join our students in the Social Hall for a reception after Mass.

Volunteerism - Stewardship



Media Ministers Needed! A Media Minister records Saturday Mass to be played on West Fargo Public Access cable channel. The Mass is also streamed onto our YouTube channel. We would like to have 5 or 6 media ministers; we currently have 3. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

VOLUNTEER BOARDS in Gathering Area for...

Please sign up to assist at the following:

Coffee Talk (after Sunday masses)

Churches United for the Homeless (CUH) (4th & 5th Thursday of the month)

– Currently delivering only.

Soup 'N More (2nd & 4th Thursday of the month)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Blood Drive on Tuesday, June 13 from 3 to 6pm. The donation date is not available on the portal yet. A link will be provided as soon as Julie receives it. If you have a date and time you wish to be scheduled let Julie know.

Spring Clean Up Sign-up Sheets are on the table in front of parish office. Don't forget to sign up to help beautify the inside and outside of our Parish. The more people we have participate the quicker it goes. Light lunch provided.

Soup 'N More – Looking to change the name for this recurring event. If you have any catchy ideas let Julie know in the Parish office 701.282.3321. Want to help set up and serve – see the volunteer board in the Gathering Area. We make a meal every 2nd & 4th Thursday to share with anyone that likes to eat but doesn't want to cook. Take-out is available. Free will offering (accepted BUT NOT expected) More information will follow once theme and menu are decided for the following:

May 11 – Spring Has Sprung or... Has it??

May 25 – Thankful for Nice Weather to be Here

June 8 –

June 22 –



2023

Fall Dinner & Bazaar

NEW DATE

Same Awesome Event

October 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Sunday, Oct 15th 2023



The 5th Sunday of Easter - May 7, 2023

In today's gospel, Jesus had spent a lot of time with his disciples, and even having spent all that time getting to know the Lord, Phillip said, "Show us the Father and that will be enough for us." It goes to show that Phillip and the apostles didn't really know Jesus, either, even after all that time together.

Sometimes we can be like Phillip and not realize the many different ways Jesus cares for us. Sometimes we, too, can be like Philip, when we say, "Just show us the Father, Lord, and that will help our faith. Then we'll know that you are really the Messiah, and we will follow. Just give us a little miracle!" Sometimes our relationship with Jesus may be kind of weak and we'd like it to grow stronger.

We come to know Jesus and his care for us in many ways. One way is through prayer. As we enter into the month of May, it is a great time for us to deepen our relationship with Jesus' mother Mary through the rosary, who leads us to Jesus. We also come to know Jesus through the sacraments, and through church activities. Also, we come to know Jesus through the kindness shown to one another, through the works of mercy and charity. Eventually, this kindness comes back to us sooner or later. And, most often it is through the kindness shown to others that the awesome mystery of Christ begins to be revealed.

May we use these different ways to come to really know Jesus. Then we won't make the mistake Philip did, by spending all that time with Jesus, and not really getting to know Him! Some people end up leaving the flock, and they haven't really even gotten to know Jesus, the Chief Shepherd of the flock.

Eucharistic Revival



Without the grace of Christ received at Baptism, strengthened in Confirmation, and nourished by the Eucharist, selfishness dominates us.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Community & Diocesan Events

Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, May 9, St. Anthony's beginning with Mass at 5:15 p.m., meal to follow, and meeting at 6:30 p.m. Members are invited to bring non-perishable or toiletry donations. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Any questions, please send an email to regentctstann@gmail.com.

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

Suicide Survivors Support Group. St. Anthony's is hosting an introductory session for those who have lost loved ones through suicide. If you, or someone you know, has suffered the loss of a loved one who died by suicide, you are welcome to attend a support group gathering on Thursday, May 18, at St. Anthony's, upstairs in Room 206, at 7:00 p.m. Call Fr. Braun at 701-237-6063 with questions.

Job Opening:

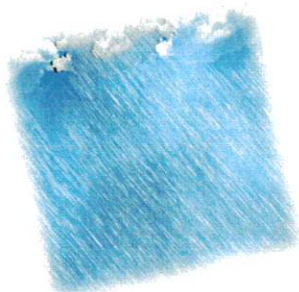
FT Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Formation. Sacred Heart Parish in East Grand Forks, MN is seeking a full-time Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Formation. We are seeking a self-motivated and team-oriented Catholic professional of high integrity who possesses a great work ethic, a love for ministry, and a passion for fulfilling the Catholic Church's mission. This person will coordinate the parish Religious Education and Youth Ministry programs for grades 6-12 and facilitate opportunities for young adult formation, to help our youth and young adults deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church and grow in their discipleship. Rather than engaging primarily in direct relational ministry, this person will primarily assemble and coordinate teams of parents and parishioners to provide for these ministries. The ideal candidate will have excellent organization, communication, and collaborative skills and will work well with committees and teams. Salary and benefits commensurate with background and experience. To apply, e-mail a resume and cover letter to Fr. Matt Schmitz at mschmitz@sacredheartegf.net

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.



spring HAS
sprung



Or... *HAS it??*



JOIN US THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023

5:30—6:30PM

ENJOY A MIXED WEATHER
MEAL OF A SOUP AND
SANDWICH BAR



BLESSED SACRAMENT SOCIAL HALL

Build your own sandwich:

Pick a bread
Some deli Meat
Lettuce • Cheese • Onions
Condiments, etc.

Enjoy a cup or
bowl of
homemade
soup—flavor
of soup TBD

Fruit • Pickles •
Chips • Desserts





Calling All Parishioners!

Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m.

A light lunch will be provided to all volunteers

Please sign up on the board
in the Social Hall
or call the office 282-3321

Outdoors:


Grab your garden gloves and round up those garden tools! It's time to get the church grounds ready for summer.

Indoors:

Kitchen cleaning, dusting, window cleaning, sweeping, washing & wiping throughout the building. Let's make it shine!

Spring Cleaning Inside and Out

Graduate & Youth Recognition



Join us as we honor
Graduating High School Seniors
&

Confirmation/1st Eucharist Students

Sunday, May 21~10:30 a.m. Mass

A lite reception will follow for ALL!



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

Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	S. Neva	J. Wells	M. Hoff
EMHC	*S. Neva, G. Walz J. & J.W. Jones, P. Pritchard	*/**M. Doster, D. Nechiporenko, J. Aberle, J. Yourczek, J. Klaers	*M. Kern, M. Regner, S. & L. DeKeyser, B. Opoien
Gift Bearers	M. Pierce Family	J. Aberle Family	S. Supler Family
Servers	M. Pierce, Volunteer	Wells Crew	Volunteer
Ushers	B. & D Christl	S. Hartze, L. Sample	B. & K. Novak
Greeters	B. & D. Christl	J. Wells Family	S. Supler Family
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	J. Klaers	M. Kern
Sacristan	J. Jones	J. Aberle	M. Regner
Media Minister	N. Althoff		
*Bread Minister. **Takes communion to the homebound and sick.			

Feast/Holy Day the Week of May 7, 2023

May 10: St. Damien de Veuster May 12: Sts. Nereus & Achilleus May 13: Our Lady of Fatima

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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<p>Knights of Columbus Council #6465</p>  <p>Meet first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Classroom #4 Blessed Sacrament Church</p>	 <p>Darren Rohrich</p> <p>701-367-8676</p> <p>darrenrohrich@gmail.com</p> <p>DAKOTA PLAINS REALTY DakotaPlainsRealty.com</p>	 <p>Custom Covers for Anything</p> <p>1-701-277-1749—Fargo, ND</p>	<p>Advertise Here! for \$3 per week</p> <p>Contact the Parish Office</p> <p>701-282-3321</p>
<p>FOR \$3 PER WEEK</p> <p>THIS SPOT COULD BE YOURS!</p> <p>CALL THE PARISH OFFICE</p> <p>701-282-3321</p>	<p>St. Francis Thrift Store</p> <p>1425 1st Avenue South Fargo, ND 58103</p> <p>Ph: 701-235-5944</p> <p>Needed: Saleable items, cash donations (tax deductible), and volunteers</p> <p>Purpose: To help the needy in our community</p>	<p>BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH</p> <p>Father Gary Luiten</p> <p>701-282-3321 ~ www.bscwf.org</p>	 <p>firstchoice CLINIC "Putting You First"</p> <p>free confidential services</p> <p>701.237.6530</p> <p>pregnancy Tests -Limited Ultrasounds -Resources & Referrals -STI Testing</p>