

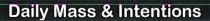
# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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# June 3-4, 2023 ~ Holy Trinity





Sunday, June 4

9:30 a.m. - the Parishioners

Monday, June 5 - NO MASS

Tuesday, June 6 - NO MASS

Wednesday, June 7 - NO MASS

Thursday, June 8 - NO MASS

Friday, June 9 - NO MASS

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, June 10

Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.

5:15 p.m. - Denise Hug

Sunday, June 11

9:30 a.m. - the Parishioners



### **This Week**

Christ.



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

Sunday: Coffee

NO Daily Mass this week. Intentions have been moved.

Soup 'N More, Thursday, June 8, 5:30 p.m.

Parish Office Closed, Friday, June 9

### **Weekly Offering**

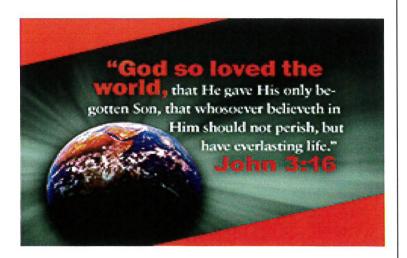


May 27-28, 2023

Adult: \$4,755.17 Children: \$29

Improvements: \$198 Firm Foundation: \$81 Poor Fund: \$533

Collected to D	Goal to Date	
\$145,330.00	Adult	\$176,000.00
\$545.00	Children	\$660.00
\$9,669.24	Improvements	\$22,000.00
\$455,084.40	Firm Foundation	\$400,000.00
\$63,211.50	God's Gift	\$71,561.00



### **Faith Formation**



2023-2024 Faith Formation Registration, Youth from preschool through 12th grade are welcome in our Faith Formation classes. Early registration allows us to plan and purchase supplies prior to the beginning of classes. Registration forms are in the Parish Office and, on our website,

https://www.bscwf.org/childrens-registration/ If you have questions, contact Lucy at 701-282-3321 or Lucy@bscwf.org.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Classes will begin in the fall - RCIA is the process through which adults enter the Catholic Church. These classes are open to those interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith or those considering becoming Catholic. To register for the classes, please contact Fr. Gary Luiten at Gary@bscwf.org or 701-282-3321.

FORMED-What to Watch: There are so many inspirational and educational opportunities to learn about our faith that is hard to decide what to watch first. Some recommendations for this week include the following: What do Catholics Believe about the Eucharist and Alive: The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. If your interests are about the lives of our great saints, then listening to the audio presentation of The Victory of Joan of Arc might be

something you might explore as her feast day is May 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are looking for something to watch on movie night, a suggestion would be The 13<sup>th</sup> Day, a movie based on the memoirs of Lucia Santos, one of the three children of Fatima who experienced six appearances by the Blessed Virgin Mary who gave them a mission for the conversion of the world. Lastly, for the youth, scroll down to the Comics tab and view the Digital Disciple: Carlos Acutis and the Eucharist. Carlos had a passion for the Eucharist and through his evangelization efforts, many youth have been inspired by the comic book series that he created. He died at the age of 15 and is on his way to canonization.

# Music Ministry

### We Need Accompanists & Cantors!

<u>Accompanist</u> – 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.* 

<u>Cantor (Song Leader)</u> – 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 or call the Parish Office 701-282-3321.



**Banns of Marriage** Please pray for those who are preparing for the sacrament of Marriage,

Tyler Wentz and Allison Schweitzer, June 9

Blessed Sacrament to send a Delegation on the Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress: July 16-22, 2024, in Indianapolis. For more information see "Eucharistic Revival".

### **Building a Firm Foundation Campaign**

Campaign Goal: \$400,000 Pledge Amount 461,857 Pledges Paid: 455,084 Expenses Paid: 445,324

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.

**Busy-Bag for Children**: Do you need something to occupy your child(ren) during Mass? Have them take a <u>Busy-Bag!</u> The bags are on the red 'tree' near the coat rack. 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 - June 4-10, 2023

June 4: Ex 34:4b-6,8-9, 2 Cor 13:11-13, Jn 3:16-18

June 5: Tb 1:3,2-1b-8, Mk 12:1-12

June 6: Tb 2:9-14, Mk 12:13-17

June 7: Tb 3:1-11a,16-17a, Mk 12:18-27

<u>June 8</u>: Tb 6:10-11,7:1bcde,9-17,8:4-9a,

Mk 12:28-34

June 9: Tb 11:5-17, Mk 12:35-37

June 10: Tb 12:1,5-15,20, Mk 12:38-44

HELP!! BLOOD DONORS NEEDED!! Our blood drive is Tuesday, June 13 from 3 to 6pm. We are in dire need of donors. PLEASE be a part of making our blood drive successful. You can access our drive at donors.vitalant.org and use sponsor code: bswf or call Julie in the parish office to get scheduled 701-282-3321.

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.

PARISH FEAST DAY – CORPUS CHRISTI –
POTLUCK IS NEXT WEEKEND ALREADY! HAVE
YOU SIGNED UP FOR ANYTHING YET? There

are sign-up forms by the parish office on the table. We are looking for people to bring a dish to pass as well as members to help with the potluck. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 701-282-331. Let's work on having an amazing turnout!

Prayer Garden and Landscaping: With your donations toward the Prayer Garden and Landscaping fund, we will be able to purchase a tree and 3 bushes. They will be planted on the southeast side of the property. Your donations will also help us purchase flowers for the prayer garden. Any funds remaining in the account will be carried over for use in 2024.

Prayer Garden ASSISTANCE NEEEDED: We are looking for some assistance outside, watering plants. We would like to water on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. If you can water once a week or even once or twice a month, that would be a great help for staff members. If you are willing to help, see the Watering Schedule binder on the table in the Gathering Area or contact Mary Beth, in the Parish Office, 701-282-3321 or MaryBeth@bscwf.org

Prayer Warriors. The Blessed Sacrament 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 Odegaard at 701-282-3321 or MaryBeth@bscwf.org. Please become a Warrior of Prayer.

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: <a href="https://www.bscwf.org/prayer-wall/">https://www.bscwf.org/prayer-wall/</a>

**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.

Wes Weeding, Christine Nelson, Darren Rohrich, Ted Nilles, George Schmidt, Micah Erickson, Gail Plummer, Aaron Dahl, Bryan Kuntz, Gary Lammer

**Soup 'n More 1 year Celebration,** Thursday June 8, 5:30 p.m. Menu: Pulled Beef, Pulled Chicken, Salads, Desserts and more! ALL ARE INVITED. Freewill offering accepted but not expected.

**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.

### Vital Statistics - May 2023

Newcomers: Dave & Staci Birrenkott, Taylor Skwiera

### We Pray In Remembrance of...

June 4: Eilene McCarthy, Mary Hoganson

June 6: Clarence Pulkrabek June 9: Genevieve Shoman June 10: Robert Olmstead



### Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten



### Trinity Sunday – June 4, 2023

The Trinity is one of the great mysteries of faith. Isn't it interesting how the greatest gifts in the world are hard to understand? Other gifts are hard to understand, too, such as human life, God, and love. The bible still does speak about the Trinity, even though it doesn't use the word. It speaks of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Though the Trinity is hard to understand, we do know a little about the trinity. It is very active today! The Father creates. Today we see in nature the lush trees and plants keep coming back from year to year. We see the work of creation most clearly in new human life. The Son redeems. Today we see Jesus prompting us to choose Him and to find the narrow way to peace so we may have eternal life. The Holy Spirit sanctifies or makes us holy. We are made holy in the sacraments in which the Holy Spirit is given to us in a special way. The Holy Spirit fills us with that desire to pray and to come to Mass, and to become one with God. The Holy Spirit fills us with concern and care for our neighbor.

The Trinity is really a communion of love. It is the key to understanding what love really is. The love of the Father and the Son sends forth the Holy Spirit into the world. It is important for us to recognize the prompting of the Trinity. If we want a better world, if we want peace in our lives, then we need to allow the Trinity to work in our lives. We need to continue to listen to the Trinity revealing itself to us, and to respond in generously loving God and showing that concern for our neighbor. Then all things will be brought to fulfillment in Christ, as we live out this summer and as we live the rest of our lives.

Since this is the first Sunday of the month, I have a couple more items for you.

- First, just a reminder that next Sunday is our parish feast day. Hopefully we can have a good attendance for our parish potluck. The potluckier, the better!
- Also, we will have the blessing of Fathers on Father's Day the weekend of June 18. May God give you all a blessed, fun, and relaxing summer.

### Rites

**Marriage:** Congratulations and Blessings to Colter Pratt and Stephanie Shimota, joined together in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

### **Eucharistic Revival**



How can Jesus Christ be truly present in what still appears to be bread and wine? In the liturgical act known as the epiclesis, the celebrant, speaking in the person of Jesus Christ, calls upon the Father to send down his Holy Spirit to change the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, and this change occurs through the institution narrative, by the power of the words of Christ pronounced by the celebrant.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

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 Maximillian 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

Blessed Sacrament to send a Delegation on the Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress: July 16-22, 2024, in Indianapolis,

If you are interested in attending the Eucharistic Congress in 2024, contact Fr. Gary Luiten as soon as possible! We will assemble a group and begin raising money for the trip.

### **Community & Diocesan Events**

Nativity's Sweet Serenade Concert Series.

Brent Hermans in Concert! Nativity Church Cafeteria, 1825 11<sup>th</sup> St S, Fargo ND. 7:00 p.m. Free event! Desserts, coffee, and pop are available. June 7: A-B-C's

July 5: Holidays In a Year

<u>August 2</u>: Why Are We Doing Questionable Music? (songs with Questions)

<u>September 6</u>: Return of the Jedi Piano (The Prequel) (Movie Songs)

Pinochle Party. Looking for something to do on a Sunday afternoon? Come play pinochle in the Holy Spirit Social Hall, 1420 7th St N, Fargo, Sunday afternoon on June 11, at 1:30pm. 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 Daughters of the Americas will meet Wednesday, June 14, 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 food items. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Any questions, please send an email to regentctstann@gmail.com.

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

Valley City's Court St. Gerard #2518, Catholic Daughters of America, invite you to share in their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Saturday, June 24, 540 3 Ave NE, Valley City ND. RSVP to Ina by June 16, 701-490-1919.

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 <a href="https://www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-retreat">www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-retreat</a> or call 701-356-7903.

Putt 4 a Purpose – MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Monday, August 7, 2023, at 11 a.m. this is the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Putt 4 a Purpose golf classic at Rose Creek Golf Course in Fargo.

Retrouvaille Weekend: September 29-October 1, 2023 in Fargo. Retrouvaille is a program designed to help married couples who have experienced any degree of disconnection or disappointment in their marriages renew and deepen their love, commitment, and joy in one another. Whether a couple is simply having a hard time getting on the same page on certain issues or the hurt has already led to separation or divorce, Retrouvaille can help couples break through barriers and forge new and deeper bonds than ever before.

Retrouvaille consists of a weekend experience and a series of follow-up sessions over three months. The next Retrouvaille weekend will be held in Fargo on September 29-October 1, 2023. Visit <a href="https://www.helpourmarriage.org">https://www.helpourmarriage.org</a> to find out more information or register.

Women's Eucharistic Retreat with Bishop Folda: October 6-8, 2023, at Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City. Although registration is not yet open, mark your calendars for October 6-8, 2023, and save the date for this Women's Eucharistic Retreat with Bishop Folda at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City. This will be a smaller retreat with limited spaces available, so keep an eye on <a href="https://www.fargodiocese.org/retreat-schedules">https://www.fargodiocese.org/retreat-schedules</a> for more details in the weeks to come.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Bishop John Folda**. October 21-31, 2024. Join Bishop Folda for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. For more information and registration visit:

www.fargodiocese.org/events/holy-land.
Organized by LP Pilgrimages. www.lpip.org Call
Mary Hanbury for questions 701-356-7909. Limited spots available.

### **Job Opening**

Business Manager at Sts. Anne & Joachim. Full Time Business Manager to start in August 2023. This person will be familiar with Catholic teaching, structure and procedures with the ability to manage multiple projects and priorities. This position is responsible for the effective organization and operation of Sts. Anne and Joachim financial affairs. Duties include the management of the financial health of the parish such as budget, contributions, reports and analysis, fiscal year end reporting, payroll, employee benefits, taxes and payable/receivables. This is a full-time salaried position offering health insurance, 401k, retirement. PTO. Salary depends upon experience. Candidate must have strong organizational, communication. critical thinking, and computer skills; previous accounting experience is preferred. To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to Fr. Luke Meyer at <u>luke.meyer@fargodiocese.org</u>. A full job description is available upon request.

### **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.



soup 'N More returned!!

soin us as we celebrate
the amazing past year.

# Inursally, June 8, 2023

serving 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Pulled Beef
Salads
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Signup sheets are on the table
by the Parish Office

### June 10-11, 2023 – Corpus Christi Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	9:30 a.m. Sunday	
Proclaimers	F. McCann	K. Wells	
EMHC	*F. McCann, C. Paintner, M. Schiele, C. & E. Pablo	*D. Nechiporenko, L. Sample, A. Buettner, J. Yourczek, A. Pritchard, **TBD	
Gift Bearers	C. & E. Pablo	J. Wells Family	
Servers	H. Schiele, Volunteer	Wells Crew	
Ushers	S. Perreault, W. Suchla	D. Epping, R. Haugen	
Greeters	C. & E. Pablo	J. Wells Family	
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	S. Durbin	
Sacristan	F. McCann	D. Nechiporenko	
Media Minister	N. Althoff		
*Bread Minister **Takes communion to the shut-ins and sick			

### Feast/Holy Day the Week of May 28, 2023

May 29: Memorial Day May 31: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary June 1: St. Justin June 2: Sts. Marcellinus & Peter June 3: St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

### **Blessed Sacrament Directory**

701-282-3321 ~ www.bscwf.org

### Fr. Gary Luiten, Pastor - Gary@bscwf.org

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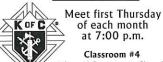
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