



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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July 1-2, 2023 ~ 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, July 2

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Monday, July 3 - NO MASS

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, July 4 – NO MASS

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, July 5

9:00 a.m. - +Marvin Klimek

Thursday, July 6

9:00 a.m. – +Phil Schafer

Friday, July 7

9:00 a.m. – +Jake Kirchoffner

Adoration 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, July 8

Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.

5:15 p.m. – +Jerry Liska

Sunday, July 9

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioners



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: No Coffee

Parish Office Closed,

Monday, Tuesday, and Friday. July 3, 4, and 7

First Friday Adoration,

July 7, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Faith Formation



Register Your Youth - Preschool through 12th

grade! Registration Forms for the 2023-24 school year, are due July 31. After that date, there is a late fee of \$15. 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.

Family Vacation Bible School. This two-day event will be on Monday and Tuesday, August 14 & 15 from 4-7 p.m. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office. The event is free and open to all! If you have any questions, contact Lucy@bscwf.org or 701-282-3321. Registration deadline is July 31

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.

Weekly Offering



Your Support Helps Keep the Light On!

June 24-25, 2023

Adult: \$3,943.37

Children: \$5

Improvements: \$112.07

Firm Foundation: \$145

Poor Fund: \$494.10

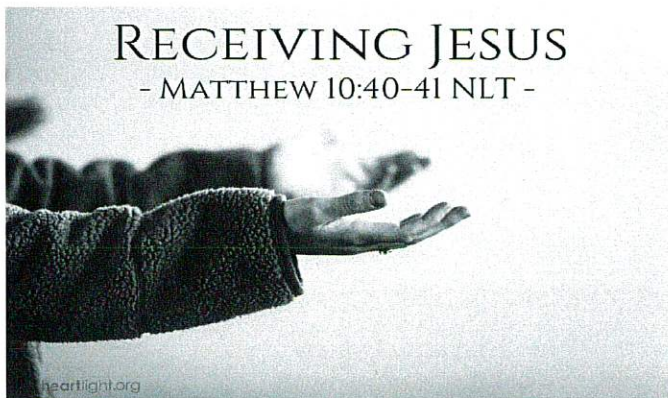
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Goal to Date

\$174,316.51	Adult	\$208,000.00
\$582.00	Children	\$780.00
\$21,382.80	Improvements	\$26,000.00
\$455,504.40	Firm Foundation	\$400,000.00
\$63,276.50	God's Gift	\$71,561.00

RECEIVING JESUS

- MATTHEW 10:40-41 NLT -



Formed – What to Watch... As we continue in this time of Eucharistic Revival, there are three recommendations to watch this week which you can find by clicking on What's Trending and viewing Bread for the Journey, Eucharistic Miracles with Fr. Robert Spitzer, and The Bread of Life with Dr. Brant Pitre, a short course for Corpus Christi and The Bread of Life Discourse given by Jesus beginning in John 6-30. Also, under the Movie tab, watch the film called Convinced: Why Would Anyone Become Catholic? There are so many choices to choose from and learn from so keep on taking advantage of what Formed has to offer for adults and children.

Music Ministry



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 or call the Parish Office 701-282-3321.

Parish Life



Blood Drive Results = Successful Drive again! THANK YOU!!

Here are the detailed results June 13, 2023:

- 16 Donations were projected (goal)
- 17 products were projected (goal)
- 18 out of 27 appointments were filled
- 20 volunteered to donate
- 15 were able to donate,
- 2 gave a double red cell donation, resulting in
- 17 blood products for the community!
- 1 person volunteered for the first time 😊

Save the Date and Mark Your Calendar: Next blood drive will be Tuesday, September 26, 2023, from 2-6pm. Julie will provide a link once it is available.

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

Pledge Amount 462,097

Pledges Paid: 456,142

Balance Due: 5,955

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

BAGS ARE MISSING:

We are missing about half of the children Busy Bags! If you have mistakenly taken a bag home, please return it to the red tree in the Gathering Area. We would greatly appreciate it.

Do you need something to occupy your child(ren) during Mass? Have them take a Busy-Bag! 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 – July 2-8, 2023

July 2: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a, Rom 6:2-4, 8-11, Mt 10:27-42

July 3: Eph 2:19-22, Jn 20:24-29

July 4: Gn 19:15-29, Mt 8:23-27

July 5: Gn 21:5, 8-20, Mt 9:1-8

July 6: Gn 22:1b-19, Mt 9:1-8

July 7: Gn 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67, Mt 9:1-13

July 8: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29, Mt 9:14-17

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

Let us Pray for You! Contact the Parish Office with your prayer needs 701-282-3321. Your request will be forwarded on to our Prayer Warriors and/or placed in the bulletin. **You may also request prayers on our website:**
<https://www.bscwf.org/prayer-wall/>

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.

Please Check Lost and Found. Items not picked up by July 31 will be donated. We collect items that have been left behind and place them in the tote above the coat rack. If what you're looking for isn't in our Lost and Found, ask the intercession of St. Anthony of Padua to help you recover it.

Prayer Garden ASSISTANCE NEEDED: 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. If you are interested in joining our Warriors of Prayer or if you have questions, contact Mary Beth in the Parish Office. 701-282-3321.

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.

*Allen Pritchard, Georgia Schock,
Darlene Kirchoffner, Tina Tweeter, Clarice Dancer,
Fran Gerszewski, Darren Rohrich, George Schmidt,
Gail Plummer, Aaron Dahl, Bryan Kuntz,
Gary Lammer*

Soup 'n More Twice in July. We will serve a meal on July 13, & 27, **from 5:30-6:30 p.m.** Take-out meals will be available. Free will offering.
Thursday, July 13, 2023, Summer Grillin' Time
Thursday, July 27, 2023. Theme TBD

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

Traveling This Summer? Remember... We're still here while you're on vacation! Use online Giving from your computer or smart device. To schedule one-time or recurring donations!
www.bscwf.org/donate/

Vital Statistics – June 2023

Baptisms: Kaia Naomi Amor

Deaths: Jane Debing

Newcomers: Nigel & Khyrstyn Amor, Tyler Wentz,
Stephanie Pratt, Jesse & Sadie Gilbert,
Tyx & Stella Servano

We Pray In Remembrance of...

July 2: Marvin Leidal, Ann Hlebichuck,
Leona Weinmann

July 3: Ednah Brown

July 4: Ed Robinson, Henry Epton

July 5: Val Tareski

July 6: Murel Plummer

July 7: Herbert Rohrenback

July 8: Carol Schmidt

Volunteerism - Stewardship



Coffee Talk will occur on 4 out of 5 Sundays in July after 9:30 a.m. mass. We need volunteers to host. Hosting includes setting up, serving and cleanup. You can choose to bake, or Julie can purchase the treats. If you have never hosted, one of our seasoned hosts can assist you. **Sign-ups on the board in the Social Hall.**

Drivers are always needed for delivering to Churches United for the Homeless. Every 4th Thursday and 5th Thursday in the month. **Talk to Julie in the office if you have any questions otherwise sign up in the Social Hall.**

Looking for Helpers for Soup 'N More: Please consider joining us every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month. We like to come up with food themes and try our hands at cooking new meals. We have fun and best of all you get to eat the food too!! Reach out to Julie at 701.282.3321, email her julie@bscwf.org or stop her when you see her to sign up or learn more.

MINISTRY Scheduling

- **Emailed or Printed??** Julie is wondering if volunteers would prefer to have the ministry schedule emailed or printed? Please shoot her an email or text to let her know.
- **Please start looking at your September & October calendars.** Let Julie know your availability for those upcoming months.

Mass Ministry Participation. If you wish to participate in the Mass by being a Mass Minister (volunteer), please reach out to Julie, she will work with you to find the best fit for you.

REMINDER: Annual Dinner/Fall Bazaar is October 1, 2023 – If you wish to get involved, please contact Julie in the parish office 701.282.3321, email her julie@bscwf.org or stop her when you see her. This is our big fundraiser for our parish.

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten



The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 2, 2023

When we take a closer look at the gospel, we see that Jesus is talking about forgetting our own wants and instead thinking of other people's needs with God at the top. Jesus calls us to love God and love our neighbor. The Lord is saying in the gospel that we shouldn't love people including family more than we love God. We need to love God the most.

We may tend to think that as long as we are nice to our neighbor, as long as we are kind to them and to our family then we are loving God, and we are doing all that we are called to do. But that is not what Jesus is saying today. He actually contrasts love of God and love of neighbor. They are both important, but they are different. Quality time is important with family members, but so is spending quality time with God. Any time spent with God in prayer is good for our spirits.

Jesus seems to be giving families and all of us a warning here. Jesus is telling families that we all need that quality time with God. Families can't hold together without the help of God's grace. Are families hurting and divided? If so, we must ask ourselves, "Is there enough prayer?" Perhaps not. I am sure we have heard the famous saying, "The family that prays together stays together."

The gospel then flows from love of God to love of neighbor. So, if we truly love God, we will spend time with him and we will do what God wants of us. This includes being hospitable and reaching out to others in acts of charity. So may we be obedient to God in always directing our lives to the one who created and redeemed us, and may we be like the woman in the book of Kings. May we always have a spirit of hospitality and generosity to those whom we meet.

Since this is the first bulletin of the month, I only have one other item for you. The national Eucharistic congress in Indianapolis in July 16-24 of 2024. There are 4 of us that will be going for sure so far. I encourage you to think about attending. If you feel the nudge from the Holy Spirit, please see me or contact the parish office. Please see the article in this bulletin regarding the congress.

I hope all of you have a relaxing and refreshing summer!



Diocesan Synod



What's Next?

Parish listening sessions across the Diocese of Fargo are now complete. Nearly 1,000 faithful took part in the 17 events at locations across the diocese. Also now being reviewed by committees and pastors are the parish self-reflections completed this winter by over 2,200 parishioners. As part of the ongoing synod preparations, Bishop Folda will continue to consult with the clergy of the Diocese of Fargo. What are some things that have stood out so far? What's next?

During the listening sessions the power of time spent in adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament was a topic that always came up. Another common topic was the love for our priests and the appreciation of their availability for the sacraments. A concern was shared for those who

have not yet returned to Mass after COVID-19, and for families who are not practicing or passing on their Catholic faith to their children. Lack of volunteers and help at parishes was another great concern.

The parish self-reflections offered a more personal perspective of faith journeys in our parishes. The majority of these surveys were taken by parishioners who attend Sunday Mass on a regular basis. Even with this being the case, there were a large number who indicated they did not attend confession on more than an annual basis. Additionally, in most cases, 50% of couples indicated that they pray together seldom to never. The majority of parishioners did not feel like their parish was on a mission to evangelize or had a very good connection to the greater community. An interesting paradox emerged: at the parish listening sessions, most parishes were concerned about the lack of help and volunteers. The parish self-reflection, however, reported that 25-50 percent of the respondents indicated that "they were not involved, but would like to be."

This summer, in preparation for the Synod Assembly scheduled for April 2024, each parish will elect at least one lay representative to participate in the three-day event. In October-November, after all consultations are complete, Bishop Folda will propose questions for discussion. Clergy, parish delegates, diocesan staff and other representatives appointed by Bishop Folda will study these questions in anticipation of the Synod Assembly.

Please pray for the success of the Synod. For more information, visit www.fargodiocese.org/synod.

Steven Splonskowski,
Office of Evangelization for the Diocese of Fargo.
New Earth Magazine, June 2023

Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen

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 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

Christ gives himself to us so that we may continue the pilgrim path toward life with him in the fullness of the Kingdom of God.

Pope John Paul II

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 11th St S, Fargo ND. 7:00 p.m. Free event! Desserts, coffee, and pop are available.

July 5: Holidays In a Year

August 2: Why Are We Doing Questionable Music? (songs with Questions)

September 6: Return of the Jedi Piano (The Prequel) (Movie Songs)

Putt 4 a Purpose – Golf Event. Bishop John Folda invited you to **Putt 4 a Purpose**, at the 17th Annual Bishop's Charity Golf Classic, benefiting Seminarian Education and Youth Programs. Join the fun and fellowship by heading to Rose Creek Golf Course in south Fargo on Monday, August 7th for a round of golf, dinner and prizes. Register three golfers and bring your Priest, Deacon, or Seminarian as your 4th player for free! Register online at: www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose

For further information, contact Steve Schons in the Stewardship and Development Office, 701-356-7926 or email steve.schons@fargodiocese.org.

Save the Date! 67th Annual Pilgrimage to Carmel of Mary. August 13, 2 p.m. Wahpeton ND
carmelofmary.org, carmelofmary@gmail.com

This is My Body – One Day Retreat.

September 9, St. Francis Retreat Center, Hankinson. Cost \$20. This retreat will focus on St. John Paul II's teaching on the human person known as Theology of the Body (TOB) and its connection to the Eucharist. The day will include Mass, time for personal prayer, an introduction to JP II's TOB, applying TOB to gender, marriage, procreation, and euthanasia, as well as music, breakfast, lunch, and more. Facilitated by Tim Mosser, Respect Life Director of the Fargo Diocese.

www.fargodiocese.org/tob-retreat
tim.mosser@fargodiocese.org 701-356-7910

Retrouvaille Weekend: September 29-October 1, 2023, in Fargo. 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 <https://www.helpourmarriage.org> to find out more information or register.

Upcoming Retreats at Maryvale, Valley City

- Summer Women's Retreat – July 7-9, 2023.
- Beloved Brother – Men's Retreat – August 31-September 2, 2023.
- Women's Retreat with Bishop Folda – October 6-8, 2023.
- Beloved Husband – Men's Retreat – November 30 – December 2, 2023.
- Couples Retreat – December 8-10, 2023
- Made for Greatness Men's Winter Retreat – January 19-21, 2024.
- Beloved Father – Men's Retreat – February 1-3, 2024.
- Couples Retreat – Feb. 9-11, 2024.
- Women's Directed Ignatian Retreat – April 4-7, 2024.

If you have questions about upcoming retreats, please contact Amanda: 701-845-2864, Amanda.Kunze@MaryvaleND.org

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 School (Part-time)
- Elementary Teacher – Holy Spirit
- PhyEd Teacher – Holy Spirit (Part-time)
- PhyEd Teacher – Sacred Heart Middle School (Part-time)
- Pre-Kindergarten Teacher – Nativity
- School Counselor – Trinity

To apply visit <https://www.ip2schools.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:

- Administrative Assistant, Activities Department
- Girls Golf, Assistant Coach – Shanley
- Evening Custodian – Shanley High School/Sacred Heart Middle School

To apply visit <https://www.ip2schools.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.

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July 8-9, 2023 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	9:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	B. Kirkeby	A. Buettner
EMHC	*C & E. Pablo, F. McCann, W. Suchla, P. Pritchard	*/**L. & S. DeKeyser, M.A. Schuster, J. Yourczek, J. Aberle
Gift Bearers	C. & E. Pablo	J. Aberle Family
Servers	Volunteers	T. & W. Lenertz
Ushers	D. & B. Christl	G. Yourczek, D. Epping
Greeters	G. Kirkeby, J. Suchla	S. & L. DeKeyser
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	S. Durbin
Sacristan	W. Suchla	J. Aberle
Media Minister	M. Berntson	
*Bread Minister **Takes communion to the shut-ins and sick		

Feast/Holy Day the Week of July 2, 2023

July 3: Apostle Thomas July 4: Independence Day
July 5: St. Elizabeth of Portugal July 6: St. Maria Goretti

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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