



# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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## July 29-30, 2023 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Daily Mass & Intentions



#### Sunday, July 30

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

#### Monday, July 31 - NO MASS

#### Tuesday, August 1 at *Sheyenne Crossings*

1:00 p.m. – +Kay Morehead

#### Wednesday, August 2

9:00 a.m. – +Leonard Kirkhoff

#### Thursday, August 3

9:00 a.m. – +Marilyn Dockter

#### Friday, August 4

9:00 a.m. – +Irma Hernandez

Adoration 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

*Parish Office Closed*

#### Saturday, August 5

Holy Hour with Adoration 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – +Tillie Hauck

#### Sunday, August 6

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioners



### Offertory Gifts

**Your Support Helps Keep the Light On!**

**July 22-23, 2023**

Adult: \$6,511.34

Children: \$117

Improvements: \$74.07

Poor Fund: \$90.10

#### Collected to Date

\$205,328.98      Adult      \$240,000.00

\$770.00      Children      \$900.00

\$23,090.36      Improvements      \$30,000.00

\$63,336.50      God's Gift      \$71,561.00

#### Goal to Date

*Grateful to God*



**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:

Coffee

**Parish Office Closed**, Friday, August 4.

#### First Friday Adoration.

August 4, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

#### First Saturday Holy Hour with Adoration

August 5, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

### Faith Formation



#### Faith Formation Registration Forms **DUE**

**MONDAY, JULY 31.** Registration forms coming in after July 31, will have a \$15 late fee. You can find registration forms 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](mailto:Lucy@bscwf.org). Youth from preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome in our Faith Formation classes.

#### Family Vacation Bible School Registration

Forms are **DUE TUESDAY, AUGUST 8.** If you are interested in attending, the registration forms are in the Parish Office and on our website:

[https://www.bscwf.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/2023.VBS\\_.pdf](https://www.bscwf.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/2023.VBS_.pdf)

If you have questions, contact Lucy.

[Lucy@bscwf.org](mailto:Lucy@bscwf.org) 701-282-3321.

**FORMED – What to Watch.** There is so much great Catholic content on Formed! There are three programs that are recommended for this week.

- Once you are on the Formed Platform page, scroll down to the tab called Road Trip with Formed and then click on Pope John Paul II, which is an epic film that follows his journey



from his youth in Poland through his late days on the chair of St. Peter.

- Scroll down further to the Eucharist tab and then over to Alive: The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist that presents compelling testimonies of five men and women with unique stories of how their lives were completely transformed by experiencing the True Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.
- And lastly, skip down to the Faith Formation tab and view the 13 -part series from Fr. Chris Alar entitled Explaining the Faith.

If you would like to share what you have viewed on Formed with other parishioners, email me and I can include your recommendations in the weekly bulletins. If you know of a fellow parishioner who you think would enjoy and benefit from having Formed in their home, share it with them or email me with their information. [Lucy@bscwf.org](mailto:Lucy@bscwf.org)

## Music Ministry



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

- Instrumentalists
- Song Leaders
- Substitute Accompanists

## Parish Life



### Daily Readings – July 30-August 5, 2023

July 30: 1 Kgs 3:5,7-12, Rom 8:28-30,  
Mt 13:44-52

July 31: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34, Mt 13:31-35

August 1: Ex 33:7-11,34-5b-9,28, Mt 13:36-43

August 2: Ex 34:29-35, Mt 13:44-46

August 3: Ex 40:16-21,24-28, Mt 13:47-53

August 4: Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37,  
Mt 13:47-53

August 5: Lv 25:1,8-17, Mt 14:1-12

**DO YOU KNOW AND LIVE BY BLESSED SACRAMENT'S MISSION? Take some time to learn it and reflect upon it. What can you do to live out our mission even more?**

*To strive for full and active participation in joyfully serving Christ while recognizing the gifts and dignity of all.*

**Eucharistic Adoration.** Eucharistic adoration is when the Eucharist is exposed for viewing. Fr. Gary removes the sacred host from the tabernacle and places it in the monstrance on the altar for adoration by the faithful. The exposed Eucharist must not be left alone. Blessed Sacrament parish has two Adoration opportunities each month:

- First Friday from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and
- First Saturday Holy Hour from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Happy Birthday!** We pray for those celebrating their birthday this week.

- Frank Metzger, August 4.

**Lighting a Candle for Prayer Intentions.** In our Gathering Area you will find a space at the feet of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, where votive candles are placed. These candles are intended to be burned as an offering of prayer; special intentions or for someone who needs prayers. The Virgin Mary guides our prayers to the Lord our God. This is a thoughtful expression of your sentiments and best wishes for any occasion. Your lit candle is an act of faith and charity. If you see a lit candle, quietly offer a prayer for the intentions of who or what it was lit for.

To help defray the cost of the votive candles, we suggest that you contribute \$5 to light a large, 7-day candle; and 50 cents to light a small, 8-hour candle.

### Our Sympathy to

- KayLynn Wold on the death of her mother, Sandy Johnson
- Jim Lee on the death of his mother, Dolores Lee

**Saturday Holy-Hour Adoration.** Saturday afternoon, August 5 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. “My Lord and My God!” Lord Jesus, thank you for being truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist! We adore You, hope in You and love You! You are welcome to join us for holy hour.

**Schedule to Save a Life – Blessed Sacrament's NEXT BLOOD DRIVE**, Tuesday, September 26, 2023 – 2 – 6 p.m.

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

*Rachel Dwyer, Pauline Klinger, Frank Metzger,  
Marion Kostelecky, Jack Fuller, Larry Mattson,  
Aaron Dahl, Bryan Kuntz, Gary Lammer*

### Upcoming Soup 'N More

**August 10:** Take a trip to Hawaii via WF

**August 24:** Send off for Fr. Gary Fish Fry

### We Pray In Remembrance of...

July 30: Bill Knoll, Charles Matthys

July 31: Peter Iverson

August 2: Mathilda Johnson

August 4: Patsy Meyer, John Murphy,  
Dell Sprecher

## Volunteerism - Stewardship



**VOLUNTEERING SIGN-UPS ARE CURRENTLY  
HOUSED ON THE TABLE IN FRONT OF PARISH  
OFFICE**

### WAYS TO SUBMIT ONESELF FOR THE 2023 FALL DINNER/BAZAAR:

- Meal Prep/Kitchen help (before and after)
- Dining Setup
- During Dinner (take tickets/money, clearing dishes, resetting, serving, replenishing, greeting, dishwasher, etc.)
- Take A Chance Baskets (donate basket full of themed items, help committee before and after, ticket sellers)
- Silent Auction (help setup, man the room, answer questions, watch bids, announce winners)
- Country & Jewelry Store (run by St. Jude's circle)
- Games (help plan out games, set up and man the games, ticket takers)
- Bakers



## Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten



### The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 30, 2023

In the first reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Kings, Solomon asks God for the ability to distinguish right from wrong. That prayer couldn't be more appropriate for us in today's society! Oftentimes it is hard to tell the difference between the two. Sin and our fallen human nature have muddled the waters. There has become a lot of gray area.

These muddled waters cause one to ask God's help, like Solomon did when he was practically at the brink of despair. He came to the point when he thought, "I don't even know the difference between right and wrong anymore. I thought I did. Lord, help me to know the difference!" A lot of times, people do not have ill will when they do wrong. They are simply mis-informed, mis-guided, or have never heard the truth.

But with the Wisdom like the Wisdom Solomon pursued, we realize this... that sin does not help us in the end. And so, it is in our best interest to keep the commandments. And although sin must involve the will, one's mind which involves knowledge and wisdom is more involved in committing sin than we think. Perhaps in making decisions we should pray just as much for wisdom as we do for the courage to resist temptation sin in the first place.

And yet, no matter how much we seem to use reason, it takes time to hear God telling us the why. We must remember that God cannot deceive us. It would be against God's nature. It just doesn't happen. And so when Our Lord speaks the truth to us such as through Scripture, the church teaching, or through a parent, friend, or spouse, it must be right! That is when our prayer must be like Solomon's when he asked the Lord to help him to know the difference between right and wrong.

Finally, when faced with a difficult choice, may we do what Solomon did, and ask the Lord for the ability to know the difference between right and wrong, and then may we ask God for the courage to make the right choice. When we do this, we truly are living out the gospel message today. We are then living as citizens of the kingdom of God.

## Eucharistic Revival



From the very beginning, the Church has believed and celebrated according to the teaching of Jesus himself: *Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.*

Catechism of the Catholic Church

### God is Doing Something New

#### AND He Is Calling You To Be A Part Of It!

Ready to be a part of something life-changing? Jesus needs each one of us to be his hands and feet throughout this Eucharistic Revival. We're seeking laypeople, families, religious orders, and priests to volunteer their time, talents, and prayers in pursuit of the grassroots renewal our world so desperately needs.

Just as many humble pieces come together to form a glorious stained-glass image, so too will God use each of us, however ordinary or imperfect, to bring about this Revival. He only asks that you listen for, his voice! Click below to respond to one—or all three—opportunities for participation.

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/get-involved>

The conference will include daily Mass, breakout sessions in the morning and afternoons and general sessions in the evenings. Speakers will include Bishop Barron, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Gloria Purvis, Chris Stefanick, Bishop Cozzens, Dr. Mary Healy, Sr. Josephine Garrett, Sr. Bethany Madonna, Cardinal-Elect Christophe Pierre, Mother Adela Galindo, Katie Prejean McGrady, Fr. Agustino Torres, Julianne Stanz, Damon Owens, Mari Pablo, Fr. John Burns, and Bishop Joseph Espallat.

#### Are you Interested in Attending the National Eucharistic Congress in 2024?

- To join the Fargo Diocese pilgrimage trip, contact Fr. Gary Luiten or Mary Beth Odegaard, Parish Secretary, for information, 701-282-3321 [Gary@bscwf.org](mailto:Gary@bscwf.org), or [MaryBeth@bscwf.org](mailto:MaryBeth@bscwf.org)
- If you want to attend but don't want to go on the Diocese bus, register here: <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/register>

## 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.

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.** Monday, August 7, 2023, at Rose Creek Golf Course. Proceeds from the event benefit seminarian education and youth programs throughout the Diocese of Fargo. The programs include March for Life, SEARCH, Catholic Youth Advisory Council (CYAC), and youth camps. If you'd like to Putt 4 a Purpose, donate, or become a sponsor, please contact the Catholic Development Foundation, 5201 Bishops Blvd. S., Suite A, Fargo, ND, 58104. For more information, please contact Steve Schons at (701) 356-7926 or [steve.schons@fargodiocese.org](mailto:steve.schons@fargodiocese.org).

**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](http://www.fargodiocese.org/events/holy-land).

Organized by LP Pilgrimages. [www.lpip.org](http://www.lpip.org) Call Mary Hanbury for questions 701-356-7909. Limited spots available.

### 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.



# *Holy Hour*

*with Eucharistic Adoration*

**First Saturday Adoration**

**3:30 - 4:30 p.m.**

**You are also invited to stay for  
the Rosary at 4:45 p.m.  
and Mass at 5:15 p.m.**

*Come spend time with the Risen Lord!*

Upcoming Dates:

August 5 - September 2

October 7 - November 4 - December 2

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# Family Vacation Bible School



All parish members are invited to a fun-filled evening of VBS!

Learn about the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

Learn about the Rosary!

Learn how you can bring the Blessed Mother into your home!



**Who:** All parish members

**Where:** Blessed Sacrament

**What:** Scripture, Crafts, and Games

**When:** Tue, Aug. 15 from 4-7pm  
(supper included for attendees)

**Mass** will be held from 7-8pm.

Please **RSVP** to the church office  
by Aug. 8.



# FORESTRY

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## COMMUNITY ORCHARDS

Community orchards are small local orchards designed to encourage healthy eating habits. The orchards contain apples, pears, plums, peaches and cherry trees for residents in the area to use for eating, baking, cooking or canning.

## FIND AN ORCHARD NEAR YOU:

- Francis Orchard - 216 Francis Street
- Meadowridge Orchard - 2101 5th Street
- Arboretum - 2800 5th Street W
- Eagle Run Orchard - 3737 12th Street W
- The Wilds Orchard - 1100 Block Albert Court W
- 14th Ave Orchard - 1200 14th Avenue E
- Elmwood Orchard - 501 19th Avenue W
- River's Bend Orchard - 302 26th Avenue E

## COMING IN 2023:

- Charleswood Orchard
  - Located near the 15th Avenue E Walking Path

## SCAN TO LEARN MORE!





## August 5-6, 2023 – Transfiguration Sunday

### Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	9:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	S. Neva	N. Peterson
EMHC	*S & J. Neva, K. Jalbert, C. Paintner, P. Pritchard	*/**N. Peterson, J. Aberle, J. Yourczek, L. Sample, L. Wegner
Gift Bearers	S. & J. Neva	L. & L. Juve
Servers	Volunteers	E. Esposito, Volunteer
Ushers	D. B. & E Krogen	G. Yourczek, A. Larson
Greeters	D. Krogen Family	L. & L. Juve
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	J. Yourczek
Sacristan	J. Neva	L. Wegner
Media Minister	R. Cwikla	
*Bread Minister    **Takes communion to the shut-ins and sick		

### Feast/Holy Day the Week of July 30, 2023

July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola    August 1: St. Alphonsus Liguori  
August 2: Sts. Eusebius of Vercelli, Peter Julian Eymard    August 4: St. John Vianney

### Blessed Sacrament Directory

701-282-3321 ~ www.bscwf.org

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