



# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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## August 26-27, 2023 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Daily Mass & Intentions



#### Sunday, August 27

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioner

**Monday, August 28 - NO MASS**

**Tuesday, August 29 at Sheyenne Crossings**

1:00 p.m. – +Debbie McCann

**Wednesday, August 30**

9:00 a.m. – +Cecelia Kirchoffner

**Thursday, August 31**

9:00 a.m. – Terry & Nancy Peterson

**Friday, September 1**

9:00 a.m. – +Jerry Liska

Adoration 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

*Parish Office Closed*

**Saturday, September 2**

Holy Hour with Adoration 3:30 p.m.

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – +Leonard Kirkhoff

**Sunday, September 3**

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioners



### Offertory Gifts

August 19-12, 2023

Will be reported next weekend.

### This Week



Sunday - Coffee

CUH, Thursday August 31

**First Friday Adoration,**

September 1, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Parish Office Closed,** Friday, September 1

**Holy Hour with Adoration,**

Saturday, September 2, 3:30 p.m.

**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.



### Faith Formation

**2023-2024 Faith Formation Registration.** It's time to register your child(ren) for religion classes for the next school year. You can find registration forms in the Parish Office and, on our website,

<https://www.bscwf.org/childrens-registration/>

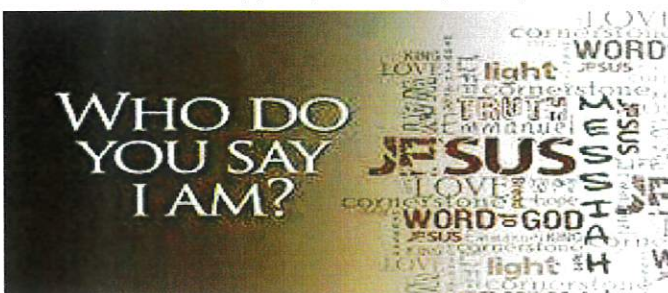
If you have questions, contact Lucy at 701-282-3321 or [Lucy@bscwf.org](mailto:Lucy@bscwf.org).

**Attention parents of preschool/kindergarten students.** As of this date, we have only a few registrations for classes this fall. I am reaching out in hopes that more students will register before classes begin. Please call and or email me at [lucy@bscwf.org](mailto:lucy@bscwf.org) to register.

**RCIA Classes** will begin Wednesday, September 20 at 7 p.m. in the parish library. If you aren't Catholic and would like to be or would like to learn more about the Catholic church, you are invited to attend. Before August 27, please email Father Gary at [gary@bscwf.org](mailto:gary@bscwf.org) or call the parish office. If you decide after August 27, please call the parish office. Marilyn Geary-Curfman will teach the class until Father Gary gets back. Thank you.

### FORMED – What to Watch this Week

This week on Tuesday August 22, the Church celebrates the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. FORMED has several educational videos that present what the church teaches about Mary as the Queen of Heaven. Once you are in FORMED, scroll down to the August Liturgical Calendar and click on August 22, the Queenship of Mary, and you will find three very enlightening presentations that prelude Mary as the Queen of heaven and the universe from early Old Testament scripture. Another suggestion would be to view session 9 Mary and the Saints which you will find in the Symbolon series located under Programs at the top of the platform page and then click on



Sacraments. Symbolon is a great series to watch that explains the catholic faith for those who are new to the faith and for those of us who need a refresher course.

## 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



**Fr. Gary Luiten on Sabbatical until the end of November.** Beginning August 28, Fr. Gary will be on sabbatical. We are fortunate to have Fr. Tom Feltman here to take charge while Fr. Gary is gone. You can reach Fr. Feltman by calling the parish phone number 701-282-3321 or emailing [Thomas.Feltman@fargodiocese.org](mailto:Thomas.Feltman@fargodiocese.org)

**Blood Drive**, Tuesday, September 26, 2023, 2-6 p.m. To schedule your donation time please contact Julie in the parish office at 701.282.3321, follow the link:

<https://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa/appointment/guest/phl/timeSlotsExtr?token=Xr%2FOH1igJlwj%2FhEERcVLvX3OqByJC9uE%2FS2TB%2FeoKJl%3D> or scan the attached barcode.



### Daily Readings – August 27-September 2, 2023

August 27: Is 22:19-23, Rom 1:33-36, Mt 16:13-20

August 28: 1 Thes 1:1-5,8b-10, Mt 23:13-22

August 29: 1 Thes 2:1-8, Mk 6:17-29

August 30: 1 Thes 2:9-13, Mt 23:27-32

August 31: 1 Thes 3:7-13, Mt 24:42-51

September 1: 1 Thes 4:1-8, Mt 25:1-13

September 2: 1 Thes 4:9-11, Mt 25:14-30

**Does Your Family Need School Supplies?** We have received a large donation of various school supplies. These supplies are for you! We ask for a small free will donation that will go toward our Poor Fund.

**First Friday Adoration.** September 1, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Please sign up for a time slot.

**Happy Anniversary!** We pray for those celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.

- Terry & Nancy Peterson, August 31, 50 years.
- Lawrence & Judy Zich, September 2, 50 years.

**Happy Birthday!** We pray for those that celebrate birthdays this week.

- Francis McCann, September 1.

**Raffle Tickets are Ready to be Picked Up!** You will find your raffle tickets for the Fall Dinner in the Gathering Area. Please pick them up as soon as possible. Also, get your ideas ready to fill baskets for the Take-A-Chance Auction. If you are interested in helping with the Fall Bazaar in any capacity, please contact Julie at 701.282.3321 or [julie@bscwf.org](mailto:julie@bscwf.org).

**Receive Notifications of our Streaming Masses.** Subscribe to the Blessed Sacrament YouTube channel!

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCPIK7Ix77I6WWtNNUQxt5rw>. Subscribe and click the bell, you will get notified of live broadcasts and newly uploaded videos.

**Saturday Holy-Hour Adoration.** Saturday afternoon, September 2 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.*

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

*Micah Erickson, Mary Beth Odgaard,  
Debbie Sandstrom, Aaron Dahl,  
Bryan Kuntz, Gary Lammer*

**Our Sympathy** to Bob & Sharon Bosch on the death of their son, Craig Bosch, may Craig rest in peace in the arms of our Lord.

**St. Jude Circle to Meet** Tuesday, September 5 at 3:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

**Soup ‘N More:** Please note we will not have a Soup ‘N More on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> due to the Fall Dinner/Bazaar. The schedule for the fall is as follows:

**Thursday, September 28, 2023**

**Thursday, October 26, 2023**

**Thursday, November 9, 2023**

**TWO SUNDAY MASSES begin September 10<sup>th</sup>.** Mass schedules from Sunday will be 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

**We Pray In Remembrance of...**

August 27: Mark Wilken

August 29: Joe Barta

August 30: Glen Hanson

August 31: Jerry Liska, Hazel Marquart,  
Susan Smith, Lois Kuklok

September 1: Marie Lerch

September 2: Paul Matthys

**Volunteerism - Stewardship**



**Ministry Schedules for September/October:** Are available for pick up. They are located on the table by the parish office.

**Looking for volunteers to be on the carnival game committee:** If you would like to get involved in planning the carnival games and activities for the Fall Dinner/Bazaar please contact Julie.

**Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten**



Reflections on the Readings for the 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, August 27, 2023

The gospel reading today focuses on Peter. We know that Peter was a fisherman by trade, that he had a wife, and that he died about 33 years after Jesus died. He died a martyr in Rome and was believed to have been crucified, not like Christ, but upside down, because he did not think himself worthy to die the same way Jesus did. Peter was a man who had faith. Several times in the gospel Peter makes a profession of faith such as in this weekend's gospel. This was one of Peter's better moments.

Peter also had some darker moments. Remember how, after Jesus was arrested, he denied that he even knew Jesus, not once, but three times! Peter is a little like you and me. He had his moments of faith, and his moments of crisis. But, eventually, his faith won out, and Peter was willing to lay down his own life for Christ. And, because of his faith, Jesus gave him the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Peter

is a good person to look to as an example of faith because we can see in him both the good as well as his stumbling blocks. And Peter overcame those stumbling blocks.

May God continue to pour out His love on us, and give us the grace of the Sacraments and the examples of good people such as Peter and the other saints to help us to become more like Jesus.

This reflection will be my last reflection until I come back from my sabbatical at the end of November. I am looking forward to the time for spiritual renewal. I think there are times when we all need a spiritual boost in our faith. I also look forward to coming back at the end of November and sharing with you new insights I will have discovered in my time away. I will occasionally keep in touch with the staff here at the parish, so if you'd like to know what I have been up to, you may ask them to see if I am keeping out of trouble! Since I also went to major seminary in Maryland, I will also plan on visiting classmates I haven't seen for over 30 years. I also look forward to auditing some classes at St. Mary's Seminary and looking forward to the amazing colors that it seems only the East Coast can bring during the fall season. I plan on spending the end of November down in Florida and will be back for the first weekend of Advent, December 2-3. I leave the parish in the capable hands of my housemate, Fr. Tom Feltman. I will keep you all in my daily prayers and Masses, and please keep me in your prayers too.

**Father Gary:**

**As you journey away for 3 months, we ask God to guide you in your travels and in all you do. May you experience the gift of spiritual growth on your sabbatical, may your studies and your prayers be fruitful. May you come back refreshed and excited for all that ministry can yet be in this church!**

**~Your Blessed Sacrament Family**

**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.

## Eucharistic Revival & Congress



### Congress Schedule - Day 1: WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024

#### From the Four Corners

*"Jesus drew near and walked with them."*

Luke 24:15

As the Congress begins, the four branches of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will converge at the venue in a powerful symbol of unity. Then—gathered as one Church—we will present our wounded and imperfect hearts to the triune God who loves us. Just as he did on the road to Emmaus, Our Lord will listen to our worries and reveal himself once more in the breaking of the bread.

- **10 AM – 4 PM:** Arrivals and check-in on site
- Dinner break
- **5:45 PM:** Eucharistic Procession into Lucas Oil Stadium to kickoff evening activities
- **7:30 PM:** General Session 1—*From the Four Corners*

Our opening session is a powerful family reunion as we welcome Catholics from all over the country and all different backgrounds united in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic faith in worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

To join the Fargo Diocese pilgrimage trip, contact Mary Beth Odegaard, Parish Secretary, for information, 701-282-3321 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>

We have been reborn in Baptism and nourished by the Eucharist so that we may live in communion with God and one another, not only today but also in the fullness of the heavenly Kingdom.

## Community & Diocesan Events

**Join Trail Life USA!** Interested in having your son join a Christian outdoor adventure program? And be surrounded by 40+ boys (and growing) and their dads, striving to put God first and grow in skills promoting adventure, character, and leadership? Come check out Troop ND-0412 with Trail Life USA. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month during the school year with additional events scheduled regularly like camping trips, in-town sporting events, and more. Following are upcoming meeting dates.

August 28, 6:15 p.m.: Parents Informational Meeting at Sts. Anne & Joachim, Social

August 28, 6:45 p.m.: First Troop Meeting at Sts. Anne & Joachim, Social Hall

Sep. 18, 6:45 p.m.: Second Troop Meeting at Sts. Anne & Joachim, Social Hall

For more information, you can reach out to our Troopmaster, Steve Hoepfner, at [sj\\_hoepfner@hotmail.com](mailto:sj_hoepfner@hotmail.com) or 701-552-0863.

### Theology of the Body and Eucharistic Revival

**Retreat.** Saturday, September 9, St.

Francis Retreat Center in Hankinson.

The retreat will focus on St. John Paul

II's teaching on the human person

known as the "Theology of the Body" and its

connection to the Eucharist. It will also include

sessions on how the Theology of the Body makes

clear the Church's teaching on such issues as

marriage, abortion, euthanasia, artificial

reproduction, and gender. Come learn the "why"

behind the "what" of all these important issues. This conference is led by Tim Mosser.

Registration deadline is September 1. For more information and to register, go to

[www.fargodiocese.org/tob-retreat](http://www.fargodiocese.org/tob-retreat) or contact

Tim Mosser at [tim.mosser@fargodiocese.org](mailto:tim.mosser@fargodiocese.org)



### National Day of Remembrance for Aborted

**Children.** September 9, 11:00 a.m., Holy Cross Cemetery North, Fargo. This will be a time to honor the gravesites of our unborn brothers and sisters. Sponsored by Sts. Anne and Joachim Church.

### Living in the Presence of God, a Spiritual

**Retreat.** September 11-14, St. Francis Retreat

Center, Hankinson. Speaker, Sister Mary Ruth

Huhn. For more information contact Sister Christina

[gfacwomen@gmail.com](mailto:gfacwomen@gmail.com)

**“May They All Be One” – God’s Great Desire,** Saturday, September 30, 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., at the Chapel at Riverview Place. In a time of division, Jesus’ great priestly prayer during the Last Supper was for one-ness. The predominate worldview in the West today is that “everything is separate”. Come to Riverview and celebrate the reality of our unity with each other throughout the ritual of “The Cosmic Walk”.

**Retrouvaille Weekend: September 29-October 1, 2023 in Fargo.** Retrouvaille consists of a weekend 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.

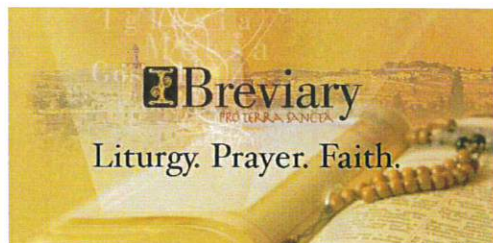
**My Flesh of the Life of the World - Women’s Eucharistic Retreat** with Bishop Folda: October 6-8, 2023, at Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City. Although registration is not yet open, mark your calendars for October 6-8, 2023, and save the date for this Women’s Eucharistic Retreat with Bishop Folda at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City. This will be a smaller retreat with limited spaces available, so keep an eye on <https://www.fargodiocese.org/retreat-schedules> 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](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.

**Job Openings:** See the bulletin board in the Blessed Sacrament Gathering Area for a list of all current job openings throughout the Fargo Diocese. Or go to: <https://www.fargodiocese.org/jobopenings>



#### Catholic App Suggestion:

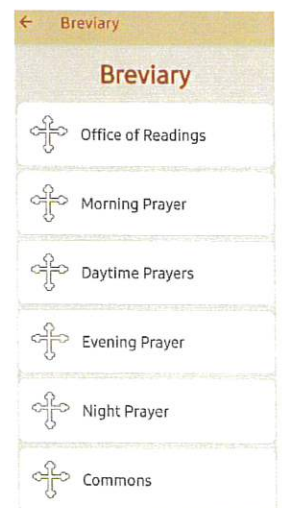
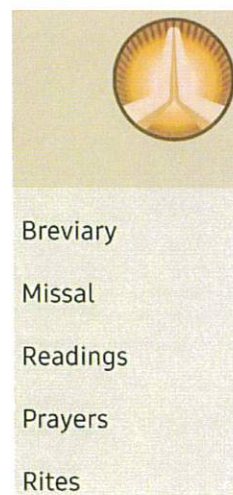
In our world today we are constantly on our phones. Not only are they used to keep in contact

with family and friends, but also as a calendar, computer, game player, etc.

Why not also for strengthening our faith. Having prayers at the click of a button on a device that seems to always be within hands reach these days.

When asked what app Fr. Gary thought would be beneficial he stated he used IBreviary. IBreviary offers everything you need to pray, to keep up on daily readings and even has information on what our priests follow for masses, rites, the Missal. It is a great learning tool.

Download the app now and look around.



**September 2-3, 2023 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Ministries of Service**

<b>Masses</b>	<b>5:15 p.m. Saturday</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Sunday</b>
<b>Proclaimers</b>	C Paintner	M Hoff
<b>EMHC</b>	*J Neva; S Neva; C Paintner; W Suchla; M Schiele	*A Pritchard; A Buettner; M Doster; J Aberle; B Opoien **M Doster
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	W & J Suchla	L & L Juve
<b>Servers</b>	H Schiele; <b>VOLUNTEER</b>	E Esposito; E Buettner
<b>Ushers</b>	B & D Christl	P Boyles; D Epping
<b>Greeters</b>	J & K Walter	L & L Juve
<b>Rosary Leader</b>	S Bosch	A Pritchard
<b>Sacristan</b>	W Suchla	A Buettner
<b>Media Minister</b>	M Berntson	
*Bread Minister    **Takes communion to the shut-ins and sick		

**Feast/Holy Day the Week of August 27, 2023**

August 28: St. Augustine    August 29: Passion of John the Baptist

**Blessed Sacrament Directory**

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<p><b>FOR \$3 PER WEEK</b> <b>THIS SPOT COULD BE YOURS!</b> <b>CALL THE PARISH OFFICE</b> <b>701-282-3321</b></p>	<p><b>St. Francis Thrift Store</b> 1425 1st Avenue South Fargo, ND 58103 Ph: 701-235-5944</p> <p>Needed: Saleable items, cash donations (tax deductible), and volunteers <b>Purpose:</b> To help the needy in our community</p>	<p><b>BLESSED SACRAMENT</b> CATHOLIC CHURCH Father Gary Luiten 701-282-3321 ~ <a href="http://www.bscwf.org">www.bscwf.org</a></p>	<p><b>firstchoice CLINIC</b> "Putting You First"</p> <p><b>free confidential services</b> 701.237.6530</p> <p>pregnancy Tests -Limited Ultrasounds -Resources &amp; Referrals -STI Testing</p>



# CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT

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EAT, PRAY & SOCIALIZE WITH THE GUYS

September 14, 2023  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Held at:  
St. Anthony of Padua  
710 10th St S, Fargo

6:00 pm -7:00 pm Adoration & Confession  
7:00 pm -8:00 pm Meal & talk with short discussion

Featured speaker: Blake Ritteman, Real Presence Radio

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# *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:

September 2 - October 7 - November 4 - December 2

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