



# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

210 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue W, West Fargo, ND 58078

701-282-3321

[www.bscwf.org](http://www.bscwf.org) email: [info@bscwf.org](mailto:info@bscwf.org)



**August 12-13, 2023 ~ 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Daily Mass & Intentions



### Sunday, August 13

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

### Monday, August 14 - NO MASS

### Tuesday August 15 *Assumption of Mary*

9:00 a.m. – +Debbie McCann

1:00 p.m. – the Parishioners **Sheyenne Crossings**

7:00 p.m. – +Jerry Liska

### Wednesday, August 16

9:00 a.m. – +Edward Scheveck

*Parish Office Closed*

### Thursday, August 17

9:00 a.m. – +Jim Hill

### Friday, August 18

9:00 a.m. – +Boyd Garman

*Parish Office Closed*

### Saturday, August 19

Reconciliation 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

5:15 p.m. – +Phil Schafer

### Sunday, August 20

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioners



## Weekly Offering

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

**August 5-6, 2023**

Adult: \$8,197.66

Children: \$3

Improvements: \$649

Poor Fund: \$928

### Collected to Date

\$218,909.03

Adult

### Goal to Date

\$256,000.00

\$787.00

Children

\$960.00

\$23,847.36

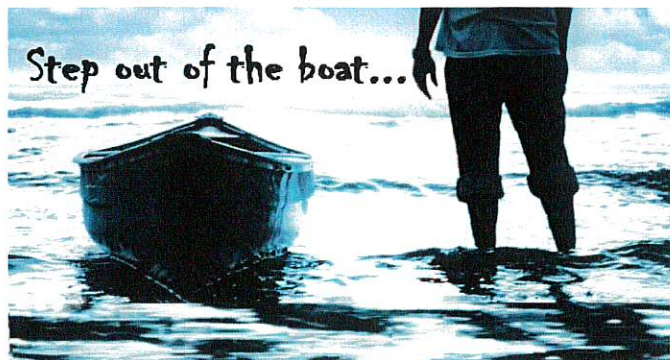
Improvements

\$32,000.00

\$63,336.50

God's Gift

\$71,561.00



**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**

## Family Vacation Bible School:

Monday and Tuesday from 4-7 p.m.

**Staff Retreat:** Wednesday, August 16, the Parish Office will be closed.

**Assumption of Mary – Holy Day of Obligation.**

Tuesday, August 15 - Masses 9: a.m. & 7: p.m.

**Parish Office Closed** Friday, August 18

## 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).

## 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

## 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.





**Assumption of Mary - Holy Day of Obligation,** Tuesday August 15. Mass Times are 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Holy Days of Obligation are the days other than Sundays on which we celebrate the great things God has done for us through Jesus and the saints. On Holy Days of Obligation, Catholics are expected to attend Mass.

**Back to School Drive – Trinity Elementary.** We are giving Trinity students a reusable water bottle. The bottle will have the Blessed Sacrament logo on it. If you would like to help pay for the water bottles, a donation box is on the table by the Parish Office door. Thank you!

**Blessed Sacrament Parishioner, Shawn DeKeyser to be installed to the Ministry of Lector.** All Parishioners are invited to the Installation of Lectors Mass on Saturday, August 19, 10:00 a.m. at St. Anthony's. Fargo. Bishop Folda will be conducting the Rite of Installation to the Ministry of Lector for those in formation to the permanent diaconate. Our very own, Shawn DeKeyser will be installed!

**Blessing Box – Nonperishable Food Donations Welcome:** The food pantry shelf is getting low. Please help if you can. *"Give what you can. Take what you need. Above all, be blessed."*

#### Can't Attend Sunday Mass?

- **Would you like to receive communion?**  
To receive communion, call the Parish Office, 701-282-3321, give your name, address, and phone number.
- **Watch Blessed Sacrament Mass on TV!**  
Our weekend Mass airs on West Fargo Public Access Cable channel, *Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.*
- **Watch our Mass on YouTube!**  
Go to **YouTube** search for *Blessed Sacrament Church West Fargo.*  
Or copy and paste this link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPIK7Ix77I6WWtNNUQxt5rw>

#### Daily Readings – August 13-19, 2023

August 13: 1 Kgs 19-9a, 11-13a, Rom 9:1-5, Mt 14:22-33

August 14: Dt 10:12-22, Mt 17:22-27

August 15: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab, 1 Cor 15:20-27, Lk 1:39-56

August 16: Dt 34:1-12, Mt 18:15-20

August 17: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17, Mt 18:21-19:1

August 18: Jos 24:1-13, Mt 19:3-12

August 19: Jos 24:14-29, Mt 19:13-15

**Don't miss Helping Us Send Off Fr. Gary for His 3-Month Sabbatical.** Join us at Soup 'N More, Thursday, August 24, 2023, for a fish fry in Fr's honor. Come eat the finest (prepared and cooked by Fr. Gary) and wish him good luck on his trip and his time off away from us.

#### Emergency Contact Information, Email

**Addresses and Phone Numbers:** Does the Parish Office have your current contact information on file? Call 701-282-3321 or email [MaryBeth@bscwf.org](mailto:MaryBeth@bscwf.org) to verify your information.

**Fall Dinner / Bazaar Raffle Tickets – Coming Soon!** It's your chance to WIN \$2,000! Our Fall Celebration is Sunday, October 15. Raffle tickets will be available soon. We ask every household to sell a minimum of 10 tickets for \$5 each. We'd appreciate it if you would sell more!!

#### First Responders Training – Volunteers Needed.

The Fargo and West Fargo Fire and Police Departments are holding an active shooter training exercise at Northview Church from Wednesday, August 16 through Friday, August 18. They have asked for volunteers from local churches to act as "victims" to help with training. Below is the link that will provide additional information to those individuals interested in participating:  
<https://sites.google.com/view/northviewasher/home>

**Blessed Sacrament Safety Team Members should try and participate in this exercise!**

**Have YOU Ever Needed a Blood Transfusion** or knew someone that did? The blood products collected at Vitalant blood drives go directly to our local hospitals. Don't delay saving a life – sign up today to give at our next blood drive, Tuesday, September 26, 2023, from 2 - 6 p.m.

**Moving?** All parishioners are reminded to please call the Parish Office, or drop a note in the mail, whenever you move either within the parish or out of the parish.

### Landscape & Prayer Garden.

*To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow!*  
We need help watering. If you could water once a week or even once or twice a month. Staff members would appreciate the help. See the Watering Schedule binder on the magazine rack in the Gathering Area or contact Mary Beth, in the Parish Office, 701-282-3321 or [MaryBeth@bscwf.org](mailto:MaryBeth@bscwf.org)

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

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

**Upcoming Soup 'N More.** The 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month

August 24, 2023: Send off for Fr. Gary Fish Fry

September 14, 2023: TBD

September 28, 2023: TBD

### We Pray In Remembrance of...

August 13: Shirley Ackerman

August 14: John Kraus, Cecelia Willis,  
Elaine Meehan

August 15: Nicolas Krebsbach

August 16: Richard Burckhard

August 18: John Voeller

August 19: Allan Fandrick

### Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Your Council Representatives Are...

#### Finance Council

Lori DeKeyser, Karen Hanson\*, Stacy Montgomery,  
Brad Novak\*, Eduardo Pablo, and Steve Willson

#### Pastoral Council

Leland Buckmeier, Kathleen Jalbert, Steve Neva,  
Robert Norton, Gary Ripplinger, and Ally Wentz

\*Blessed Sacrament Lay Director

### Volunteerism - Stewardship



**Always Looking for Additional Disciples:** We are always in need of filling the mass ministries. Please consider pushing past your comfort zone and get involved. It can be such a rewarding/humbling experience. Call or email Julie if you wish to get involved at 701.282.3321 or [julie@bscwf.org](mailto:julie@bscwf.org)

### Fall Dinner & Bazaar is ONLY 2-Months Away!

Julie is looking for people to be part of the game committee and would love middle school and high school peeps to volunteer to help on Sunday, October 15. Have ideas for the games reach out to Julie in the parish office at 701.282.3321 or email [julie@bscwf.org](mailto:julie@bscwf.org).

We will be looking for assistance with all areas of the Fall Dinner/Bazaar. Take some time to think about where you can and would like to help in, here are some of the areas:

~ Kitchen/Dining/Meal ~ Country Store & Jewelry Store ~ Take-A-Chance ~ Silent Auction ~ Bingo Concessions ~ Games/Carnival ~ Ticket Takers ~ Meal Greeters ~ plus more

**VOLUNTEERING SIGN-UPS HAVE BEEN  
MOVED TO THE MAGAZINE RACK BY THE  
PARISH OFFICE**

### Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten



### 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 13, 2023

Communication is so important in relationships. In the first reading today, God communicates with a particular person: the prophet Elijah. We can imagine Elijah, at first wondering why God didn't come to his aid and protect him when he spoke out against the evil King Ahab's worship of false gods, or why God didn't bring about the king's conversion. After all, Elijah had done so many good things for the Lord. He brought the people the truth, and the people didn't appreciate that. But God did not forget Elijah. God actually appeared to him in a gentle breeze. And, if one continues to read on in 1 Kings, one hears that God actually spoke to Elijah and had more for him to do.

Sometimes we too are like Elijah. We try to do good things for others, and it seems that either they don't realize what we've done for them, or they don't show the appreciation. We at times, may not receive the affirmation for things we've done. And the communication of affirmation is important, from the time we are very young, to when we are very old.

The people didn't affirm Elijah, but God did! Elijah never forgot God, and therefore, God never forgot him! We are also like Elijah in the sense that God has not forgotten us. He still comes to us. God does affirm us when we live out our faith, even if we may not get affirmation from others.

The natural response to recognizing God's presence is faith. The prophet Elijah in the first reading and Peter in the gospel reading today were in similar situations. They began to have a crisis of faith. And so, if you ever have had a crisis in faith, you're in good company! But there was a little spark in their lives. The door to their spirits was open just a little so they could let God in. May we too have enough faith to be open enough to hear the voice of the Lord and to recognize Him, as the prophet Elijah did, and as Peter did.

## Eucharistic Revival & Congress



The Church points out one of the consequences of willful absence from Mass: "Let no one deprive the Church by staying away; if they do, they deprive the Body of Christ of one of its members!"

Didascalia Apostolorum

### MAKING HISTORY

#### The First National Eucharistic Congress in 83 Years!

This is a pivotal moment in both American history and the legacy of the Catholic Church. Tens of thousands of pilgrims are expected—but space is limited. Jesus Christ will be there. Will you?

When: July 17-21, 2024.

Where: Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis Indiana.

Who: 80,000+ Catholics.

To join the Fargo Diocese pilgrimage trip, contact Mary Beth Odegard, 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>

## Community & Diocesan Events

**Father Darin Didier 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Mass**, Monday, September 4, 5:30 p.m., Holy Spirit, Fargo. A meal will be served following Mass. A free-will offering will be collected to fund the Father Didier Memorial Scholarship Fund at Holy Spirit. For more info., call 701-232-5900. Fr. Didier was ordained on June 4, 2005, and served as parochial vicar at Holy Spirit until his death on September 6, 2005. [www.fatherdarin.com](http://www.fatherdarin.com)

**YWCA Annual Chocolate Fantasy**, Thursday September 7, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Delta by Marriott. Gather your family, friends, and coworkers for this fun-filled afternoon event. This sweet and spicy event helps women and children in our community. Can't attend for lunch? Order a dessert box for pick up until 6 p.m. on September 7, and shop the online silent auction starting September 1. For more information go to

<https://www.ywcacassclay.org/events/chocolate-fantasy/>

### 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)

**Retrouvaille Weekend: September 29-October 1, 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.



# Join Us To Send Fr. G Off On His Sabbatical

Thursday, August 24, 2023

5pm—6:30pm

We're not  
"fishing"  
around for a  
fish fry chef—  
we have one  
right here in  
Fr. G

Blessed  
Sacrament  
Catholic Church  
210 5th Ave W  
West Fargo  
Social Hall

- ~ Fish (Fr. G's favorite—MINNOWS)
- ~ Chips/Fries
- ~ Coleslaw
- ~ Fruit Salad
- ~ Rolls or Biscuits
- ~ Desserts

**\*\*Menu subject to change\*\***





**August 19-20, 2023 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Ministries of Service**

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	9:30 a.m. Sunday
<b>Proclaimers</b>	F. McCann	R. Martin
<b>EMHC</b>	*F. McCann, W. Suchla, J. & S. Neva, C. Paintner	*J. Aberle, A. Buettner, M. Doster, L. Sample, D. Nechiporenko, **TBD
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	J. & K. Walter	B. & K. Novak
<b>Servers</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>	E. Esposito, E. Buettner
<b>Ushers</b>	B. & D. Krogen	A. Larson, A. Pritchard
<b>Greeters</b>	J. & K. Walter	B. & K. Novak
<b>Rosary Leader</b>	H.J. Puvogel	D. Nechiporenko
<b>Sacristan</b>	F. McCann	J. Aberle
<b>Media Minister</b>	M. Berntson	
*Bread Minister    **Takes communion to the shut-ins and sick		

**Feast/Holy Day the Week of August 13, 2023**

August 14: St. Maximillian Kolbe    August 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
August 16: St. Stephen of Hungary    August 19: St. John Eudes

**Blessed Sacrament Directory**

701-282-3321 ~ [www.bscwf.org](http://www.bscwf.org)

**Fr. Gary Luiten, Pastor – [Gary@bscwf.org](mailto:Gary@bscwf.org)**

Julie Yourczek – Parish Life / Volunteerism – [Julie@bscwf.org](mailto:Julie@bscwf.org)

Lucy Elshaug - DRE/Youth Ministry - [Lucy@bscwf.org](mailto:Lucy@bscwf.org)

Mary Beth Odegaard – Support Staff – [MaryBeth@bscwf.org](mailto:MaryBeth@bscwf.org)

Ronda Voss – Music Coordinator – [Ronda@bscwf.org](mailto:Ronda@bscwf.org)

Facebook:

Blessed Sacrament Church - West Fargo

Twitter:

Blessed Sacrament@Blessed\_W\_Fargo



**Please Support Our Bulletin Advertisers!**

<p><b>THE GROUNDsmAN</b>  For All Your Lawn Service Needs Including:  • Fertilizing • Spring Clean-Up • Power Raking • Over Seeding  • Weed Control • Fall Clean-Up • Edging • Tree Trimming  • Core Aeration • Mowing</p> <p><b>TIM ALLMARAS</b>  Owner / Licensed Applicator</p> <p><b>701-388-5072</b>  <a href="mailto:thegroundsman@outlook.com">thegroundsman@outlook.com</a></p>	<p><b>Stan's</b> Home Repair &amp; Remodeling  Residential &amp; Light Commercial  Specializing in Kitchens, Bathrooms  and Handicap Bathroom Renovations.</p> <p>Owner – Stan Dreckman  <b>701-799-1768</b> (Leave Message)</p>	<p><b>Sign Pro</b>  <a href="http://signprofargo.com">signprofargo.com</a>  2220 2nd Ave. E. • West Fargo, ND 58078  <b>701.461.7309</b></p>	<p><b>TAXES   ADVISOR</b>  Accounting and Tax Preparation  <b>Joe Schweitzer, EA</b>  218-236-1546  <a href="mailto:joe.schweitzer@taxes-advisor.com">joe.schweitzer@taxes-advisor.com</a>  Serving the F-M Area</p>
<p><b>Knights of Columbus</b>  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  701-367-8676  <a href="mailto:darrenrohrich@gmail.com">darrenrohrich@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>DAKOTA PLAINS REALTY</b>  DakotaPlainsRealty.com</p>	<p><b>TRS INDUSTRIES</b>  FARGO, ND</p> <p>Custom Covers for Anything  1-701-277-1749—Fargo, ND</p>	<p><b>Advertise Here!</b>  <b>for \$ 3 per week</b>  <b>Contact the Parish Office</b>  <b>701-282-3321</b></p>
<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  <b>Father Gary Luiten</b>  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>