



# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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**August 19-20, 2023 ~ 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Daily Mass & Intentions

### Sunday, August 20

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

### Monday, August 21 - NO MASS

### Tuesday, August 22 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – +Jake Kirchoffner

### Wednesday, August 23

9:00 a.m. – +Jenny Pulkrabek

### Thursday, August 24

9:00 a.m. – +Bill Knoll

### Friday, August 25

9:00 a.m. – +Betty Allmaras

Parish Office Closed

### Saturday, August 26

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

5:15 p.m. – +Marvin Leidal

### Sunday, August 27

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioners



## Offertory Gifts

**Thank You For Supporting Blessed Sacrament!**  
**August 12-13, 2023**

Adult: \$5,702.63

Children: \$37

Improvements: \$97.49

Poor Fund: 647

### Collected to Date

\$224,611.66

Adult

\$264,000.00

\$824.00

Children

\$990.00

\$23,944.85

Improvements

\$33,000.00

\$63,336.50

God's Gift

\$71,561.00

### Goal to Date



**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

**Churches United**, Thursday, August 24

**Soup 'N More**: Thursday, August 24, 5:30 p.m.

**Parish Office Closed**, Friday, August 25.

## 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-Curfsman will teach the class until Father Gary gets back. Thank you.



**FORMED** This week is all about the kids. Once you open FORMED, scroll down to the tab marked KIDS and click on The Jesus Stories, stories which were created to help children apply the lessons found in the parables of Jesus. Each 10- minute episode includes a story situation that children today can relate to and which gives them thought provoking ways to apply the message of the story that Jesus gives to their everyday life.

Another suggestion for the kids is The Witnesses Trilogy where kids can discover the power and love of Jesus Christ and see why His followers risked it all to carry His message to the ends of the earth. Each of the three videos is approximately an hour in length. This is great opportunity to get your children ready to come back for faith formation as well as help them to see that they too are called to be Jesus' witnesses in the world.

## 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



**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.



**Bulletin Deadline:** Articles are due to Mary Beth in the Parish Office, Tuesdays by Noon, for the following Sunday. Drop them off in the office or email [MaryBeth@bscwf.org](mailto:MaryBeth@bscwf.org).

**Cake Pans and Storage Containers:** Please check the right side of the shelf above the coat rack for your pans and containers. Anything left after September 30 will be considered a donation to Blessed Sacrament.

**Does Your Family Need School Supplies?** We have gotten a 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.

**How to Teach Your Kids About Giving.** Ways to teach your child to give all year long (2 of 5):

Pay it forward. Small acts of kindness can help someone who is having a bad day see the good in the world and help us feel positive about ourselves. Model the following positive behaviors to your child any day of the year.

7. Leave a note on a stranger's car wishing them a nice day.
8. When you pick up your morning coffee, pay for the person behind you in the drive-through.
9. Drive by the coveted parking space at the front of the store and let someone who might appreciate it park there.
10. When you stop to pay a toll, throw in an extra dollar for the person in the car behind you. Or, add loose change to someone's expired parking meter.
11. Offer to bag your own groceries when the cashier is working alone.
12. Put an extra dollar in the Sunday collection at Church.

## Daily Readings – August 20-26, 2023

August 20: Is 56:6-7, Rom 11:13-15, 22-32, Mt 15:21-28

August 21: Jgs 2:11-19, Mt 19:16-22

August 22: Jgs 6:11-24a, Mt 119:23-30

August 23: Jgs 9:6-15, Mt 20:1-16

August 24: Rv 21:9b-14, Jn 1:45-51

August 25: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22, Mt 22:34-40

August 26: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17, Mt 23:1-12

## Fall Dinner / Bazaar Raffle Tickets – Are

**Coming!** Our Raffle is 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!!

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

- John & Sylvia Birrenkott, August 24, 60 years.

**New Member Registration.** Become a registered member of Blessed Sacrament! To do so, see Fr. Gary Luiten, call the Parish Office 701-282-3321 or **register on our website**

<https://www.bscwf.org/become-a-member/>

**Our Sympathy** to Mary Dahlen on the death of her husband, William. May William rest in the arms of our Lord.

**Prayer Garden Flowers are Beautiful!** Please take a couple minutes to stop and admire the flowers in the Prayer Garden on the north side of the church. They are beautiful! The flowers on the south side are also very nice. The new Mary statue is surrounded by beautiful flowers! AND one of the newly planted hydrangea bushes is blossoming! Thank you to all who have helped make our outdoors area gorgeous.

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

*Micah Erickson (nephew of Wendy Retterath),  
Mary Beth Odegaard, Debbie Sandstrom,  
Frank Metzger, Aaron Dahl,  
Bryan Kuntz, Gary Lammer*

**The Family Room.** We are working on the lighting in our Family Room. We know it is very bright and is a distraction. We plan to install dimmers. We are blessed to have a special room for families with small children. The Family room is reserved for infants and toddlers with their parents and people with special needs during Mass. This room has comfortable chairs including a rocking chair! Ask an usher or greeter and they will show you where the Family Room is.

**SPECIAL Soup 'N More – Fish Fry**, Thursday, August 24, 5:30 – 7 p.m. We will be celebrating with Fr. Gary Luiten before he goes on a 3-month sabbatical. On the menu is fish made with Fr. Gary's secret recipe. Join us for great food and camaraderie as we send Fr. Gary off with best wishes and prayers.

**Trinity Elementary - Back to School Drive.** We are raising money to purchase reusable water bottles for Trinity students. The bottle has the Blessed Sacrament logo on it. If you would like to contribute, a donation box is on the table by the Parish Office door. Thank you!

**We Pray In Remembrance of.**

August 21: Violet Kemp

August 23: Inez Wilhelmi, William Kraft,

Georgia Vargas

August 24: Dorothy Livdahl

August 25: Sarah Olmstead, Vernetta Engness

August 26: Louis Reiter, Edna Gross

Dear Blessed Sacrament,

A few weeks ago, I made an announcement asking for donations for my Eagle project. I initially was asking for \$250 for wood and supplies.

After making that announcement, I was immediately surrounded by incredibly generous and loving people who all contributed with donations. I ultimately was able to raise \$466 from that Sunday alone, nearly DOUBLE what I was hoping to raise!

Thank you all so much for donating to my project! I am in the process of scheduling project build dates and making a few more purchases for remaining supplies. Any extra money not used on the project will be donated directly to the Red River Zoo, my beneficiary for the project.

Again, thank you all so much for your generosity and may God bless you all!

Sincerely,  
Killian Wells

**Online, Mobile, or Automatic Withdrawal Giving**

These allow you to contribute to Blessed Sacrament and not worry about donation envelopes. Use online giving from your computer or smart device to schedule one-time or recurring donations! Or Automatic Withdrawal.

- **Online Giving:** [www.bscwf.org](http://www.bscwf.org), choose 'Get Involved' and 'Give+ Online'.
- **Mobile App:** Download "GivePlus Church" free.
- **Automatic Withdrawal:** [www.bscwf.org](http://www.bscwf.org), choose 'Get Involved', 'Donate', 'Automatic Withdrawal' or Contact [MaryBeth@bscwf.org](mailto:MaryBeth@bscwf.org) to receive a form.

Thank you for your support.

**Upcoming Soup 'N More Dates** (every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month)

**August 24: Fish Fry**, send off for Fr. Gary

- **September 14: CANCELLED DUE TO WEST FEST AND CRUISE NIGHT**
- **September 28: Bountiful Harvest** – Enjoy a fantastic Vegetable Beef Soup & Sandwich plus more. Have veggies from your garden – would love for you to donate to make this amazing soup!!

## Volunteerism - Stewardship



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

**Always Looking For Additional Disciples:** We are always in need of filling the mass ministries and volunteers for other happenings. Call or email Julie if you wish to get involved at 701.282.3321 or [julie@bscwf.org](mailto:julie@bscwf.org).

**Younger Families, We Need You!** The majority of our volunteers are older and have been helping for a long time to keep our parish going. It is time for our younger parishioners and families to step up to the plate and get involved. Getting involved is such a great way to teach your children about volunteering and assisting others. It's also a great way for our older and younger generations to come together for the common goal – Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church's livelihood. We can all learn from one another.

**Parents of Middle/High School Students:** Julie is looking for people to be part of the game committee and would love middle school and high school students to help. Not only the day of but to be part of the game committee for the Annual Dinner & Bazaar. 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).

## Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten



**The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, August 20, 2023**

In the gospel Jesus welcomes the stranger. A Canaanite woman comes up to Jesus and pleads that he help her. Then, because of her faith, Jesus helps her. The lesson that Jesus gives is that of welcoming others. Membership in the church is open to everyone, to all who, like the Canaanite woman, are open to the Faith that Jesus gives.

Isaiah even tells us this in the first reading today when he says, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." When Isaiah spoke those words, it was a new idea because the chosen people then were only the Jews. Isaiah is saying that God will include everyone to be a part of his house and not just the Israelites.

Since the Church is open to receiving all people, then we all are called to welcome others. But how do we welcome others, including those who aren't too cooperative, those who would just as soon have nothing to do with us? One way is to pray for them. Jesus says in the gospel, "Pray for your persecutors." Another way we can welcome others is when we give them our time.

Who is the stranger we are called to welcome? The Canaanite woman in the gospel really represents all people including family members, brothers, sisters, friends, your pastor, even our enemies. Jesus welcomed the woman who had faith in Him, who really wanted to be a part of His group. And Jesus was aware of that. Maybe you know someone who is spiritually searching and is looking for a church. Any time is a great time to invite him or her to come to Mass and teach them a little about our beliefs. We are having a new RCIA class beginning in September. Please see the bulletin for more details. It is good to keep an eye and ear out for new prospects for the flock.

So may we reach out to others, as Jesus reached out to the Canaanite woman, and may we, too, have the faith the woman had and have the perseverance to keep asking Jesus for what we need.

## Eucharistic Revival & Congress



"Sunday is a day which is at the very heart of the Christian life. Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human."

St. John Paul II

### **Eyes Opened - Hearts on Fire**

At the National Eucharistic Congress, the Church will draw into a deeper intimacy with our Eucharistic Lord, allowing our eyes to be opened and our hearts to be set on fire with his love.

The whole Congress will be an experience of prayer: a liturgical act offering the Catholic Church—those in attendance in Indianapolis as well as across the country—to the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit. This reconsecration will result in a massive outpouring of grace and renewed missionary sending as participants are moved to share the Eucharistic love of the Lord "for the life of the world" (John 6:51).

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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>

## 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.

**"The Father and I are One"** - Men's Retreats with Fr. Jason Lefor

- Beloved Brother Retreat – Aug. 31-Sept. 2
- Beloved Husband Retreat – Nov. 30-Dec 2
- Beloved Father Retreat – Feb 1-3, 2024

For more information contact

[Amanda.Kunze@maryvaleND.org](mailto:Amanda.Kunze@maryvaleND.org)

**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)

### 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.

**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/>

## 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 (Part-time)
- Elementary School Counselor – Nativity and Holy Spirit Elementary School
- Elementary Teacher – Nativity Elementary
- PhyEd Teacher-Holy Spirit Elementary (Part-time)

To apply visit <https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/> or call 701-893-3231 for more information.

### Other Positions

St. John Paul II Catholic Schools is looking to hire the following positions:

- After School Program Worker – Multiple locations
- Boys Golf Head Coach – Shanley High School (Spring 2024)

To apply visit <https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/> or call 701-893-3231 for more information.

### Marketing & Communications Specialist

**(1.0FTE)** Under the guidance of the Director of Advancement, JP2 Catholic Schools is looking for a successful candidate to lead, plan, direct, and implement overall strategies for marketing, communications, and brand messaging on behalf of JP2 Catholic Schools. The goal of this position is to increase engagement with prospective and current stakeholders. Candidate must have knowledge of the Catholic faith and Catholic education as well as an ability to articulate the mission and vision of JP2 Catholic Schools. Bachelor's degree in Communication, Marketing or related field. Master's degree a plus. Deadline for applying: Open Until Filled. To apply visit <https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/> or contact [Human.Resources@jp2schools.org](mailto:Human.Resources@jp2schools.org) for more information.



**August 26-27, 2023 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Ministries of Service**

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	9:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	K. Jalbert	J. or K. Wells
EMHC	*K. Jalbert, J. W. & J. Jones, S. Perreault, F. McCann	*M. Curfman, M. Regner, A. Pritchard, J. Yourczek, **T. English
Gift Bearers	C. & M. Glandt	R. & C. Fischer
Servers	Volunteers	Wells Crew
Ushers	C. & E. Pablo	J. Regner, S. Curfman
Greeters	C. & M. Glandt	Wells Family
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	M. Kern
Sacristan	K. Jalbert	M. Curfman
Media Minister	R. Cwikla	
*Bread Minister    **Takes communion to the shut-ins and sick		

**Feast/Holy Day the Week of August 20, 2023**

August 21: St. Pius X    August 22: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
August 23: St. Rose of Lima    August 24: Apostle Bartholomew  
August 25: Sts. Louis, & Joseph Calasanaz

**Blessed Sacrament Directory**  
701-282-3321 ~ www.bscwf.org



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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  <b>Father Gary Luiten</b>  701-282-3321 ~ www.bscwf.org</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>