Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, August 6

9:30 a.m. - the Parishioners

Monday, August 7 - NO MASS

Tuesday, August 8 – at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. - +Marvin Klimik

Wednesday, August 9

9:00 a.m. - +Jake Kirchoffner

Thursday, August 10

9:00 a.m. - +James Laurence Jones

Friday, August 11

9:00 a.m. - +Louis DeKeyser

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, August 12

Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.

5:15 p.m. - +Albert Sadowsky

Sunday, August 13

9:30 a.m. - the Parishioners

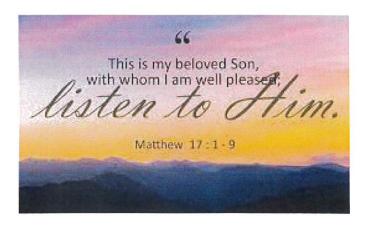
Weekly Offering

Your Support Helps Keep the Light On! July 29-30, 2023

Adult: \$5,382.39 Children: \$14

Improvements: \$108 Poor Fund: \$490

Collected to Date		Goal to Date
\$210,711.37	Adult	\$248,000.00
\$784.00	Children	\$930.00
\$23,198.36	Improvements	\$31,000.00
\$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 at Blessed Sacrament may be an opportunity to join in fellowship of our faith and joy in Jesus Christ.

This Week



Sunday: Coffee

Soup 'N More - Taste of Hawaii Thursday, August 10, 5:30 p.m.

Parish Office Closed, Friday. August 11.

Faith Formation



2023-2024 Faith Formation Registration Youth from preschool through 12th grade are welcome in our Faith Formation classes. 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.

Preschool and Kindergarten Roundup! *Is your child 4 yrs. old as of July 31? We'd love to have them attend the Preschool class. *If your child is registered for Public or JPII Kindergarten, we welcome them with loving arms, to our Kindergarten class. *If you have questions, contact Lucy at 701-282-3321 or Lucy@bscwf.org.

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.

FORMED-What to Watch: As we are approaching the upcoming Holy Day of Obligation, the Assumption of Mary, on August 15, a great way to understand and learn more is to go to the Bible Study tab and click on the Glorious Mysteries and then the Assumption discussion, which is part 4 of the 5- part series. You will find interesting parallels between the Old Testament and the New Testament in which God unveils through Scripture the great mystery of the Assumption of Mary, body, and soul, into heaven.

If you are looking for more of a deep dive into the Eucharist, stay in the Bible Study tab, and scroll to Lectio: Eucharist, Discovering the Mass in the Bible, with Dr. Brant Pitre. Dr. Pitre digs down to biblical roots of the Eucharist, "The Lamb of God", "The Bread of Life", and the "Body and Blood of Christ". These are all phrases we know from the Mass, but do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching? This is a 10-part series that you don't want to overlook.

If you are looking for something for movie night, scroll to the Movie Night tab and click on Liberating a Continent: St. John Paul II and the Fall of Communism.



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*.

<u>Cantor (Song Leader)</u> – 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.

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.



Are you Ready and Willing to Save A Life? Our NEXT BLOOD DRIVE, Tuesday, September 26, 2023 – 2 To 6 p.m. – please go online and sign up to give. Afraid to donate? Challenge yourself to step out of your comfort zone. Think about all the blood Jesus donated to save each of us.

Become a Prayer Warrior! 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

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 <u>Busy-Bag!</u> 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 - August 6-12, 2023

August 6: Dn 7:9-10,13-14, 2 Pt 1:16-19, Mt 17:1-9

<u>August 7</u>: Num 11:4b-15, Mt 14:13-21 August 8: Nm 12:1-13, Mt 14:22-35

August 9: Nm 13:1-3,25-14:1,26-29a,34-35,

Mt 15:21-28

August 10: 2 Cor 9:6-10, Jn 12:24-26

<u>August 11</u>: Dt 4:32-40, Mt 16:23-28 August 12: Dt 6:4-13, Mt 17:14-20

Holy Day of Obligation – Assumption of Mary, 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.

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/

Did You Know...

The Shroud of Turin has undergone more scientific testing than any relic in human history. The unique image on the cloth and the dating of the cloth itself, have given evidence to the claim that the herringbone cloth is the burial cloth of Jesus Christ. But how close do the wounds on the Shroud of Turin match those experienced by Jesus?

- Crown of Thorns The shroud shows blood stains on the forehead and head of the body. Normally, a crucified person would not have a reason to have blood here. However, the gospel tells us that Christ was given a crown of thorns: "and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head... And mocked him, saying, 'hail, king of the Jews!" (Matthew 27:29)
- Wound in His Side To ensure a criminal was no longer alive, the romans would sometimes break the criminal's bones. But with Jesus, "one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear" (John 19:34). The blood from this unique wound to Christ's pericardial sac can be seen on the image of the shroud.
- Nails in His Wrist. It was the roman custom to configure the victim to the cross by ropes and not nails. However, the shroud shows nail marks on the figure's hands/wrists. Though the gospel's crucifixion narratives do not mention Jesus being nailed to the cross, Thomas confirms that this occurred with the words, "unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands... I will not believe" (John 20:25)
- Nails in His Feet. Again, nailing a criminal to the cross was not the custom at the time. The nails at Christ's feet are reflected in the image of the shroud of Turin. These blood stains also fulfill the old testament prophecy, "they pierced my hands and my feet." (Psalm 22:16)

For more information on the Shroud of Turin, see the Magis Center article, "What is the Shroud of Turin? Here's What Science Says."



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.

New to Blessed Sacrament? Welcome! We're glad to have you here. If you wish to register with our parish, stop in the Parish Office or go to our website https://www.bscwf.org/new-parishioner-registration/

Our Sympathy to Mary Pierce on the death of her father, Joseph Spors, may Joseph rest in peace in the arms of our Lord.

Please Check Lost and Found. Items not picked up by August 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 NEEEDED:

Why was the gardener embarrassed? She wet her plants!

Please sign up to be a plant wetter! 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

Sick List: We pray for our parishioners and family members who are ill or distressed. 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.

Debbie Sandstrom (friend of Joan Anderson), Rachel Dwyer, Pauline Klinger, Frank Metzger, Marion Kostelecky, Jack Fuller, Larry Mattson, Aaron Dahl, Bryan Kuntz, Gary Lammer

Soup 'n More Twice in August. We will serve a meal on August 10 & 24, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Take-out meals will be available. Free will offering. August 10: Take a trip to Hawaii via WF Huli Huli Chicken, Rice, Salad, Shave Ice, & more! August 24: Send off for Fr. Gary Fish Fry Fish, Fries, salads, rolls, & more!

Summer Office Hours The Parish Office is closed on Fridays throughout the summer. The 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/

Trinity Elementary Back to School Drive.

This year we will be giving the students, reusable water bottles with the Blessed Sacrament logo on it. These bottles will be a reminder that we are part of Trinity Elementary and Trinity is part of Blessed Sacrament. If you would like to help pay for the water bottles, a donation box is on the table by the Parish Office door.



Vital Statistics – July 2023

<u>Deaths</u>: Christine Nelson, Sandy Johnson <u>Newcomers</u>: Curry & Kayla Quenette

We Pray In Remembrance of...

August 6: Margaret Gaughan

August 7: Fred Franke

August 8: Doug Burkett Sr., Daisy Leist

August 9: Reberta Krauth

August 11: Rod Erdmann, John Smith, Susan Woytassek, Bertram Dame

Volunteerism - Stewardship



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

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten



The Gospel for the Feast of the Transfiguration - August 6. 2023

This weekend's gospel should sound familiar. We heard this gospel on the second Sunday of Lent. There must be a reason, for the sake of Peter, James, and John, that Jesus appeared to them. What was it? Scripture doesn't tell us exactly. But I am convinced that Jesus did so in order to give his disciples hope. You see, this transfiguration happened just six days after Jesus told his disciples that He was going to suffer and die. That statement greatly depressed the Apostles, because they still had the wrong idea of Jesus. They still hoped he would establish an earthly kingdom, that he would use his great powers to subdue all his earthly

enemies and that he would set up a triumphant kingdom in Israel. He wanted to show his disciples that they had good reason to put their trust in Him -- that Jesus wasn't just some fly-by-night prophet, but that He was truly the Savior, that He was and is truly God!

And there must be a reason for our sakes that this transfiguration account was preserved in Scripture. And indeed there is a reason. In fact, there are several reasons. For one, this passage shows that Jesus is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit. It also shows us that Jesus is God. He is letting a little of his divine nature shine through. And, as in the case with Peter, James, and John, the account of the transfiguration gives us hope, helping us keep our eyes fixed on the prize, on Jesus. True, Jesus is one like us, but He is also God, our Maker and Savior. Jesus is telling us through this transfiguration: "This is why you're carrying your cross, so you can see Me this way some day, and so you can shine like Me."

Also, by reading and hearing this gospel passage, this is a call for us to give witness to the Father, like Jesus did. If we give witness to the Father, the Father will protect and defend us like He did for Jesus when He said, "This is my Son, Listen to Him." This passage is also a reminder to us to listen to Jesus. Here, the Father is giving us a clue, a hint as to how to get to heaven: by listening to Jesus.

Hopefully with God's grace, remembering this gospel passage today will help us keep our eyes, our minds, and our hearts fixed on the prize of Heaven as we daily follow Jesus, our shepherd.

Since this is the first weekend of the month, I have a few extra items for you.

Parish postcard. If you live within our parish boundaries, you should have received a postcard in the mail advertising Blessed Sacrament. The parish and finance councils, staff, and I decided it would be good to send out a mailing to everyone nearby telling who we as a parish are and what we do. This postcard is not meant for you, but it is for all who are not parishioners and for all who are looking for a parish. This is the least expensive way to get the word out to the whole area. Our goal is to make our presence known to all those who live in our parish boundaries. Maybe you can share that postcard with someone who is looking for a parish!

Holy Day. The Assumption of Mary is Tuesday, August 15. It is our privilege and duty to attend Mass on that day, if at all possible. Masses will be at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. that day.

Sabbatical. As most of you have heard, at the end of this month, I will be leaving for St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland for a 3-month sabbatical. The last day I will have Masses here until December will be Sunday, August 27. It will be a time for spiritual renewal and an educational experience as well. That way I'll be good for another 30 years! (Lord willing). I will be auditing some classes and taking spiritual direction and also doing some traveling and visiting classmates whom I haven't seen since seminary days over 30 years ago. I went to seminary at Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg Maryland, which is about an hour drive from St. Mary's in Baltimore. My first weekend back will be the weekend of December 3 – the first Sunday of Advent. The priest taking my place will be my housemate. Fr. Tom Feltman. So. I won't be having my weekly article in the bulletin until I get back. I will give the staff and Fr. Feltman updates from time to time, if you are interested in my studies and travels out East. Please keep me in your prayers and I will keep you in my prayers, too. I will continue to offer daily Mass and continue to pray the divine office for you every day while I'm gone.

Eucharistic Revival



The obligation to attend Mass each Sunday, the Lord's Day, on which we commemorate the Resurrection of Jesus, and on other holy days of obligation, is therefore a vital expression of our unity as members of the Body of Christ, the Church.

Code of Canon Law

Go Deeper!

Encounter the Reality of Our Eucharistic Lord

The Revival is a grassroots movement of Catholics, each responding to the gift of the Eucharist in their own way. This page is home to free educational and inspirational content to help you learn more about the reality of Jesus in the Eucharist and fall more deeply in love with him. To access these resources, go to:

https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/learn-resources

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

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

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Prairies, Sunday, August 13, Carmel of Mary Monastery, Wahpeton.
Agenda:

2:00 p.m. Guest Speaker,

3:00 p.m. Rosary/Confessions,

5:00 p.m. Mass,

6:00 p.m. Picinic.

Mass Celebrant is Bishop John Folda, Gust Speaker Msgr. Brian Donahue.

For more information contact
Hank or Karen Weber 701-640-6152.
Mother Madonna 701-642-2360.
Carmel of Mary 17765 78th St SE, Wahpeton ND. carmelofmary@gmail.com
www.carmelofmary.org

Father Darin Didier 17th 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 serve as parochial vicar at Holy Spirit until his death on September 6, 2005. 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 September1. For more information go to

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







Trinity Elementary Back to School Short Drive!

This year,
Blessed Sacrament is
purchasing water bottles
for the students of
Trinity Elementary School.

If you would like to contribute, place cash, or check in the donation box in the Gathering Area next to the Parish Office.

(Make checks payable to Blessed Sacrament.)

August 12-13, 2023 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	9:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	B. Kirkeby	S. DeKeyser
ЕМНС	*M. Pierce, M. Schiele, B. Opoien, C. & E. Pablo	*L. & S. DeKeyser, L. Wegner, F. Lenzmeier, M.A. Schuster, **TBD
Gift Bearers	C. & E. Pablo	F. & D. Lenzmeier
Servers	H. Schiele, M. Pierce	T. & W. Lenertz
Ushers	B. & D. Christl	G. & J. Yourczek
Greeters	G. Kirkeby, T. Tweeter	G. & J. Yourczek
Rosary Leader	H.J. Puvogel	S. Durbin
Sacristan	C. Pablo	L. DeKeyser
Media Minister	N. Althoff	
*Bread Minister **Takes communion to the shut-ins and sick		

Feast/Holy Day the Week of August 6, 2023

August 6: Transfiguration August 7: Sts. Cajetan, Sixtus II & Companions August 8: St. Dominic August 9: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

August 10: St. Lawrence August 11: St. Clare August 12: St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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