



# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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**November 11-12, 2023 ~ 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary**

## Daily Mass & Intentions



### Sunday, November 12

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. - +Joshua P. Allen & family

### Monday, November 13 - NO MASS

### Tuesday, November 14 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – Rachel Dwyer

### Wednesday, November 15

9:00 a.m. – +Jake Kirchoffner

### Thursday, November 16

9:00 a.m. – Debbie McCann

### Friday, November 17

9:00 a.m. – +Edward Scheveck

### Saturday, November 18

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

5:15 p.m. – +Thomas Redjinski

### Sunday, November 19

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. - +Louis DeKeyser



## Weekly Offering

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

**All Saints Day – November 1, 2023**

Adult: \$608

**November 5-6, 2023**

Adult: \$8,871.51

Children: \$13

Improvements: \$639.49

Poor Fund: \$357

### Collected to Date

### Goal to Date

\$322,567.05	Adult	\$360,000.00
\$1,102.00	Children	\$1,350.00
\$38,875.53	Improvements	\$45,000.00
\$65,782.50	God's Gift	\$71,561.00



*Thank You*  
**VETERANS**

**Welcome!** Fr. Gary Luiten, Fr. Tom Feltman, 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 – No Coffee**

Bingo - CANCELLED

## 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Dinner November 23, 2023

### Celebrate Thanksgiving with Blessed

**Sacrament!** We have been serving Thanksgiving dinner for 44 years! This is the biggest community service project of Blessed Sacrament. We count on you to assist us by donating food, volunteering, and joining us for dinner on Thanksgiving day! We need volunteers the day before (setup) and Thanksgiving Day see the sign-up sheets in the Social Hall.

### Items Needed for our Thanksgiving Meal:

Frozen Turkeys, Foil roaster liners,  
Canned Corn, Canned Cranberries,  
Pies (any variety), Cool Whip.

Bring these items to the church during our office hours. Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; or on weekends before and after Mass.

**Thanksgiving Mass Time Change!** Mass Thanksgiving day, will be at **10:30 a.m.**

## Faith Formation



### Class:

Grs. 1-5	November 15 5:30 p.m.
WOW	November 15 7:00 p.m.
No Class	November 22

### RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

Dates: November: 15

In December RCIA class will be on Tuesdays.

Dates: December: 5, 19



**FORMED – What to Watch.** November is the month we honor and pray for those who have passed away. Formed has information about praying for holy souls and more about what happens to us after we die. Click on the November Liturgical calendar and you will find several videos. I recommend following: *“The Last Things: What happens to us when we die”* and *“The Afterlife”*, which is the second presentation of the series called Eternal Rest. After you’ve viewed the above, click on *“Jesus I Trust in You”* to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet along with the Franciscan Friars. The Divine Mercy prayer was given directly by Jesus to St. Faustina as a way for us to pray for those who are dying or for those in purgatory, so they receive mercy and grace.

For Kids, there are videos from the Brother Francis video series on All Saints Day and All Souls Day which you can watch together with your children and grandchildren. You can find them by clicking on the Kids tab and then on the Brother Francis tab.

## Music Ministry



### Joyful Voices,

- Saturday, November 18
  - Practice 4:30 p.m. | Sing 5:15 p.m.
- No Choir November 26

### No Contemporary Choir in November

## Parish Life



**Blessed Sacrament Turns 87.** Wednesday, November 22 is our 87<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We ask that you say a prayer for many more blessed years.

### Blessing Box – Nonperishable Food Donations

**Welcome:** As the cold weather begins to set in and the holidays are drawing near it is important to keep our blessing box stocked. If you are able and willing, please consider making a non-perishable donation. Thank you for your kindness. *“Give what you can. Take what you need. Above all, be blessed.”*

**Bulletin Advertising:** Would your business like to advertise in our bulletin? If so, please contact Mary Beth in the Parish Office 701-282-3321. The bulletin advertising money is used to off-set the cost of printing and distributing the bulletin.

## 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

### 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/UCPIK7lx77I6W/WtNNUQxt5rw>

### Daily Readings – November 12-18, 2023

November 12: Wis 6:12-16, 1 Thes 4:13-18,  
Mt 23:1-13

November 13: Wis 1:1-7, Lk 17:1-6

November 14: Wis 2:23-3:9, Lk 17:7-10

November 15: Wis 6:1-11, Lk 17:11-19

November 16: Wis 7:22b-8:1, Lk 17:20-25

November 17: Wis 13:1-9, Lk 17:26-37

November 18: Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9, Mt 14:22-33

### 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.



**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.

**Nativity Showcase** Do you have an ornament; a wall hanging; a crib with the holy family? Wood, stone, crystal, fabric? We would like you to put your items on display. Please sign up so we can prepare a space for your items. The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area. The deadline to sign-up is November 19. Set-up for the event will be November 30 & December 1. The showcase will be on December 2 & 3.

**October Combined Collection.** Thank you for your donations totaling \$2,295. Below is the breakdown:

World Missions	\$1,022.50
Retired Religious	\$532.00
Home Missions	\$227.50
Black & Indian	\$307.50
Peter's Pence	\$207.50
Total	2,295.00

**Our Sympathy** to Pat McFarren on the death of his Mother, Maxine McFarren. May Maxine rest in peace in the arms of our Lord.

**Remembrance Display.** There is a memorial in the Gathering Area honoring our parishioners that have passed away within the last year.

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

*Annette Roth, Larry & Marlys Mattson,  
Mark Menschel, Kolby Hunsicker,  
Aaron Dahl, Gary Lammer*

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

November 12: Joan Barta, Linda McGuire,  
Jackilyn Tuchscherer, Virginia Westman

November 13: Mary Ann Hockert

November 14: Leonard Pulkrabek,  
Rosemary Gaden, Mark Derrig,  
Leland Hockert

November 15: Leonard Zahradka

November 16: Bridget Lisburg, Edward Schlosser

November 17: Norbert Frank, Norbert Kosir

November 18: Gregory Beauchamp, Joyce Bladow

**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.

Fr. Gary, Fr. Tom, Blessed Sacrament Staff  
and Parishioners,

Thank you so much for the care and concern you have shown for Kolby and our family. Thank you for the financial donations, the help with the benefit, and the prayers that God has been flooded with. ♡

Our Blessed Sacrament church family is the best!!

Love, Jerry, Cindy  
& the whole Hunsicker 6 pak.

We are so lucky to be part of such an amazing community. ♡

*Thank you all so much, I personally thank you all so very much.*

-Kolby

**Volunteerism - Stewardship**



**A Special Thank You To One of Our Ushers, Rick Fischer!** Our ushers have multiple duties during and after the Liturgy each weekend. These by no means are difficult or time consuming, just standard things to watch out for and execute. Such as assisting individuals to an appropriate sized pew when the church is full, taking up the collection, passing out bulletins and checking pews after the Liturgy has completed. The biggest responsibility is to be our watchful shepherds. Keeping an eye out not only for possible trouble but also to make sure all participants appear to be doing ok. Rick Fischer has gone over and above on the latter. In fact, he has made sure those in our choir who need assistance getting up and down receive that assistance personally from him. This is a prime example of a good shepherd and loving thy neighbor. Thank you, Rick!! You are appreciated!

**Blessed Sacrament Blook Drive:** Monday, December 18, 2023, from 3-6 p.m. More info to follow. In the meantime, please reach out to Julie if you wish to be scheduled for that drive and a couple of times that would work best for you.

**Soup 'N More TWICE in December.** You might have missed our November meal; it was last week.

**– Upcoming Dates –**

December 14: Thank you to Fr. Tom!  
Baked Potato Bar

December 28: Happy New Year (early)  
Featuring Finger/Appetizer type foods

**REMINDER Soup 'N More dinners are for anyone and everyone.** The meal changes based on themed ideas. The food is amazing and home cooked (well your parish home cooked) and the company is incredible but don't take our word for it – come and see/taste yourself!

**Liturgy sign-up sheets** for the Immaculate Conception, Christmas and New Year's Day are on clipboards by the Parish Office. If you are able to volunteer, please review the sheets and put your name down. Thank you!

**New Year's Resolution Ideas,  
Pertaining to Our Faith:**

- Get more involved in the Liturgy or other areas/activities within our church.
- Learn more about your faith and how Catholicism follows what Jesus instructed of his disciples.
- Introduce yourself to others you do not know yet here at Blessed Sacrament.
- Go to confession more often.
- Pray with your family at home.
- Talk to God daily.
- Say the rosary daily.
- Try not to miss Mass for anything other than sickness.

**Churches United for the Homeless (CUH):**

Blessed Sacrament takes supper to CUH the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month. We cook the meal here and deliver it to CUH. If you'd like to volunteer, see the sign-up sheets on the rack in the Gathering Area or contact Julie in the Parish Office 701-282-3321.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

- Mass Ministry – every weekend
- Coffee Talk - after Sunday Masses
- Soup 'N More – two Thursdays per month.
- Churches United for the Homeless – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month.
- Thanksgiving Dinner – November 23. Set up is earlier in the week.

To volunteer, see the Sign-up or contact Julie 701-282-3321 or [Julie@bscwf.org](mailto:Julie@bscwf.org).

**A Note From Fr. Gary Luiten**



Greetings Parishioners,

I hope this note finds you all well back home at Blessed Sacrament. My sabbatical is flying by, and soon I will begin the “scenic route” journey back home by way of Florida. Since I wrote to you last, I have visited the holocaust museum in Washington, DC, the Basilica of the Assumption here in Baltimore (which is our nation's first cathedral), the St. Francis Xavier Catholic church in Compton, MD (which is the oldest catholic church in continuous operation in the 13 original colonies), and have visited our 5 seminarians at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. I have also seen many other historic places and museums, and continue to take classes in Medical Ethics, Prophets, and the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. I continue to offer daily Mass and I offer the Mass at least once a week for you and your intentions. The weather is finally not as humid. I need a jacket occasionally. I hear the weather is going to give me a rude awakening when I arrive home December 1! Thank you for the prayers and let us continue to keep each another in prayer.

Blessings,  
Fr. Gary.

**Eucharistic Revival & Congress**



**National Eucharistic Congress  
JULY 17-21, 2024**

**For the first time in a generation, the Church in the United States will gather for a National Eucharistic Congress.**

With each parish represented at this historic gathering, the fires of Pentecost will be brought back to ignite our churches with Eucharistic love. This is God's promise, and we believe in a God who keeps his promises!

The bishops of the United States are calling on each community—from rural Alaska to urban New York—to come be set ablaze, bringing the holy fire back to their home parishes and neighborhoods.

Who will represent your parish at this generational moment? The Congress won't be the same without you!



## Community & Diocesan Events

### 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Concordia Christmas Concert.

December 1, 2, and 3. Tickets are on sale now! Experience the region's grandest musical tradition performed by more than 300 student musicians. "Rejoice and Sing!" will feature three choirs and a 75-piece orchestra and will be performed in front of a magnificent 140'-wide mural. For tickets, call 888-477-0277 or visit [ConcordiaChristmas.com](http://ConcordiaChristmas.com).

**Friendsgiving**, November 27, 5:15 p.m., St. Anthony. The Diocese of Fargo hosted by Young Adult Ministry. The evening starts at 5:15 p.m. With mass (not required to be at the meal), followed by a 6:00 p.m. potluck meal. Following the meal, there will be corn hole, board games, and fellowship. The potluck will be coordinated via Sign-up Genius (check out the QR Code). God Bless! See you there! Contact [CorChristi@fargodiocese.org](mailto:CorChristi@fargodiocese.org) with any questions.



### Catholic Married Couples Retreat

December 8-10, 2023, Maryvale, Valley City. During this retreat you will explore both the Cardinal and Theological Virtues. Registration is \$400 per couple. [www.sixstonejars.org/virtues-retreat](http://www.sixstonejars.org/virtues-retreat)

### Upcoming Retreats at Maryvale, Valley City

- Beloved Husband – Men's Retreat – November 30 – December 2, 2023.
- Couples Retreat – December 8-10, 2023
- Made for Greatness Men's Winter Retreat – January 19-21, 2024.
- Beloved Father – Men's Retreat – February 1-3, 2024.
- Couples Retreat – Feb. 9-11, 2024.
- Women's Directed Ignatian Retreat – April 4-7, 2024.

If you have questions about upcoming retreats, please contact Amanda: 701-845-2864, [Amanda.Kunze@MaryvaleND.org](mailto:Amanda.Kunze@MaryvaleND.org)

### Married Couples Retreat Weekends.

Virtues – Building Blocks for Great Lives and Joy Filled Marriages.

- Dec. 1-3, Mount St. Benedict Center, Crookston
- Dec. 8-10, Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City

"I AM" – Christ's Model for Grace Filled Marriages

- Jan 12-14, Franciscan Retreat Center, Hankinson
- Feb. 2-4, Mount St. Benedict Center, Crookston
- Feb 9-11, Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City
- April 5-7, Franciscan Retreat Center, Hankinson

For information and registration go to [www.sixstonejars.org](http://www.sixstonejars.org)

# Veterans ★ Day ★

Thank you for your courage,  
dedication, and hard work.  
And thanks to the military  
families for their support,  
resilience, and sacrifice.





**November 18-19, 2023 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Ministries of Service**

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
<b>Proclaimers</b>	C. Paintner	L. Wall	C. Fischer
<b>EMHC</b>	M. Schiele, M. Pierce, E. & C. Pablo, C. Paintner	*H. Madson, F. Lenzmeier, M. Doster, S. Perreault, D. Chapek. **M. Doster	*S. Richman, B. Opoien, G. Larson, M. Curfman, J. Yourczek
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	K. & A. Jalbert	S. & T. Durbin	Norton Family
<b>Servers</b>	H. Schiele, <b>Volunteer</b>	E. Esposito, <b>Volunteer</b>	J. Norton, <b>Volunteer</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	D. & B. Christl	J. & M. Aberle	R. Haugen, S. Curfman
<b>Greeters</b>	D. & B. Christl	J. & M. Aberle	R. & J. Norton
<b>Rosary Leader</b>	P. Pritchard	S. Durbin	M. Curfman
<b>Sacristan</b>	M. Schiele	J. Aberle	S. Richman
<b>Media Minister</b>	R. Cwikla	*Eucharist Minister **Takes to home-bound	

**Feast/Holy Day the Week of November 12, 2023**

November 13: St. Frances Xavier    November 15: St. Albert the Great  
November 16: St. Margaret of Scotland    November 17: St. Elizabeth of Hungary  
November 18: St. Rose Duchesne

**Blessed Sacrament Directory**

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