



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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November 25-26, 2023 – Christ the King

Daily Mass & Intentions



Sunday, November 26

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Phil Schafer

Monday, November 27 - NO MASS

Tuesday, November 28 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – Mary Garman & girls

Wednesday, November 29

9:00 a.m. – +Cecelia Kirchofner

Thursday, November 30

9:00 a.m. – +Betty Allmaras

Friday, December 1

9:00 a.m. – +Jerry Liska

Adoration 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 2

Holy Hour with Adoration 3:30-4:30 p.m.

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – Mary Pierce

Sunday, December 3 First Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Elsie Sadowsky

Offertory Gifts



Your Support Helps Keep the Furnace Running!

November 18-19, 2023

Adult: \$9,256.86

Children: \$14

Improvements: \$497.07

Poor Fund: \$316.10

Collected to Date

Collected to Date		Goal to Date
\$336,562.90	Adult	\$376,000.00
\$1,129.00	Children	\$1,410.00
\$39,751.60	Improvements	\$47,000.00
\$66,197.50	God's Gift	\$71,561.00

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

Set-up for Nativity Showcase:

Thursday, November 30 and Friday, December 1.

Churches United for the Homeless

Thursday, November 30

First Friday Adoration:

Friday, December 1, 9:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

Nativity Showcase:

Saturday, December 2, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sunday, December 3, 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

First Saturday Holy Hour with Adoration:

Saturday, December 2, 3:30 – 4:30- p.m.

Faith Formation



Class:

Grs 1-5	November 29	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	November 29	7:00 p.m.
PK	December 3	10:30 a.m.
Grs 1-5	December 6	5:30 p.m.
WOW	December 6	7:00 p.m.

For all Faith Formation Class Dates and Times, refer to the Faith Formation Calendar on the Blessed Sacrament Website at:

<https://www.bscwf.org/classes/>

RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Beginning in December RCIA class will be on

Tuesdays.

Dates: December: 5, 19

The King will reply,
"Truly I tell you, whatever
you did for one of the least of
these brothers and sisters of
mine, you did for me."

FORMED – What to Watch. Coming soon, Formed will have many titles related to Advent. There will be a purple tab at the top of the platform page. Suggestions for this week: Find the tab titled St. Pope John Paul II and view “Put out into the deep” with Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers. The Discussion focuses on these beautiful words of Jesus found in Luke 5:4. Drs. Gray and Akers walk through the meaning of the passage and why it was one of St. Pope John Paul II’s favorite verses.

Also, click on the tab: Augustine Institute Studio’s Originals and find the first episode called Source and Summit: Lectio Eucharist: Why does the Church call the Eucharist the Source of Summit of Christian Life. Dr. Brant Pitre will tell us why and more.

Music Ministry



Joyful Voices

- December 3
Practice 9:30 a.m. | Sing 10:30 a.m.
- December 10
Practice 9:30 a.m. | Sing 10:30 a.m.
- *December 16 (Saturday)*
Practice 4:15 p.m. | Sing 5:15 p.m.
- December 24 9:30 a.m. (No Choir)
- December 31 No Choir

Combined Choir

- December 24

Practice 2:45 p.m. | Carols 3:30 p.m. | Mass 4p.m.

No Contemporary Choir in December

Parish Life



A Thanksgiving to be Grateful For!

Grateful, Thankful, Blessed is how we feel following our Thanksgiving Dinner. Food donations came from so many people in our community, not just our parishioners. Volunteers came from all around! Many, many people enjoyed a delicious meal. There is nothing better than a Blessed Sacrament Thanksgiving, thanks to you!

Advent Information in the Gathering Area To help us prepare for the Advent Season, we have assembled some informational pamphlets. There is also a booklet with Advent Mass Readings and Daily Meditations. These are in the magazine rack in the Gathering Area.

Advent Begins Next Week. Advent is the Catholic liturgical season of preparation leading up to Christmas Day. Advent officially begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on December 24. It marks the beginning of the Catholic Church’s liturgical calendar year. This year Advent begins on Sunday, December 3. Christmas Eve is the Fourth Sunday of Advent, with Christmas falling on a Monday. Four weeks isn’t long, but that still leaves plenty of time to spend some quiet time preparing for Jesus’ coming.

Daily Readings – Nov. 26 – Dec. 2, 2023

November 26: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17,
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28, Mt 25:31-46
November 27: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20, Lk 21:1-4
November 28: Dn 2:31-45, Lk 21:5-11
November 29: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-38,
Lk 21:12-19
November 30: Rom 10:9-18, Mt 4:18-22
December 1: Dn 7:2-14, Lk 21:29-33
December 2: Dn 7:15-27, Lk 21:34-36

Holiday Bake Sale sponsored by the St. Jude Circle will be December 9-10, before and after Mass. If you would like to donate baked goods, bring them to the church prior to Mass.

Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrates that Mary was preserved from original sin from the moment of her conception. Immaculate Conception is December 8, Mass times are 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The feast day is a holy day of obligation on which Catholics are required to attend Mass.

MinisTREE for Churches United!

The MinisTREE will be in the Gathering Area beginning NEXT weekend. The MinisTREE will have ornaments with ‘wish’ items on them. Parishioners are asked to take an ornament (or two), purchase the ‘wish’ item. Place the un-wrapped item under the MinisTREE. All gifts must be UN-WRAPPED and under the MinisTREE by Monday December 18.

Nativity Showcase Viewing. You are invited to view our First Nativity Showcase. NEXT Weekend, Saturday, December 2, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Sunday, December 3, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Holiday music, treats and a beautiful display of all things ‘Nativity’. The charge is \$1 or a non-perishable food item, per person. Proceeds will be used to purchase groceries for the Blessing Box.

NEEDED – Advertisers for our Bulletin! Every year we have fewer and fewer businesses willing to advertise in our bulletin. The money that comes in for advertising helps off-set the cost of printing and mailing the bulletin each week. **ARE YOU A BUSINESS OWNER? PLEASE** consider advertising with us! The cost is **LESS THAN \$3 PER WEEK!!!** Where can you get weekly advertising for less? **PLUS**, our bulletins are on our Website and Facebook! Your ad will be viewed by **MANY** potential customers, via social media!! Please contact Mary Beth in the Parish Office to start your ad in January 2024, 701-282-3321 or MaryBeth@bscwf.org.

Receive Notifications of our Streaming Masses. Subscribe to the Blessed Sacrament YouTube channel!
<https://youtube.com/channel/UCPIK71x7716WWtNNUQxt5rw>. Subscribe and click the bell, you will get notified of live broadcasts.

Sabbatical is Coming to an End. Fr. Gary Luiten will be returning home from his three-month sabbatical, on December 1. Let's keep him in our prayers as he journeys home.

Sick List: We pray for our ill parishioners and family members.
 Bruce Pulkrabek, Annette Roth, Larry & Marlys Mattson, Kolby Hunsicker, Aaron Dahl, Gary Lammer

Soup 'N More – TWICE in December!
December 14: Thank you to Fr. Tom / Welcome Back Fr. Gary!
 Baked Potato Bar
December 28: Happy New Year (early)
 Finger/Appetizer type foods

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IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS THAT MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

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.

We Pray In Remembrance of...

November 27: Karen Glover

November 29: Clarence Hoganson,
 Brandon Schiefert

December 1: Theresa Bowen, Mary Ann Chevalier,
 Michael Byrne

Volunteerism - Stewardship



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who took part in our Thanksgiving Dinner! 44 years and still going strong! It amazes me how much people are willing to give to make our Thanksgiving dinner a success. Whether it is donating food items, time, eating and supporting. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

A Special Thank You to Steve Perreault for all his hard work in the kitchen. From cutting up bread for stuffing, preparing the turkeys and all that goes with that and making everything come together with the help of fellow parishioners and community members.

Goodies Needed. We need bars to serve at the Nativity Showcase. If you'd like to donate some bars, please bring them to the Parish Office by 3 p.m. on Friday, December 1.

Blood Drive: Monday, December 18, 3-6pm. Here is the link to get signed up:
<https://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa/appointment/bloodquest/phl/timeSlotsExtr?token=Xr%2FOH1qJlwi%2FhEERcVLvXJH0UEYBMDGifwuO%2Bp5Fcc%3D>. If you experience issues, please contact Julie in the parish office and she can get you signed up.

Need a Few More Volunteers for December

Special Liturgies: See sign-up sheets on the table in front of the parish office for Immaculate Conception (Dec 8th), Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) and Christmas Day (Dec. 25) and New Year's Day (Jan 1). Please consider helping. Thank you!!

We Have a Great Response for our 1st Annual

Nativity Scene Showcase. The Showcase of Nativity scenes will be the weekend of December 2 & 3. Remember to come and walk through to see the many different versions of the activities that we will have.

Eucharistic Revival



Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress: July 16-22, 2024, in Indianapolis, IN
If you join the Fargo Group of Pilgrims, the Schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, July 16

- Bus departure from Diocese Pastoral Center, Fargo, 7:30 a.m.
- Bag lunch stop and restroom stops (travel time 9:15 hours).
- Group supper at St. Mary of the Lake Retreat Center, Mundelein, IL.
- Overnight stay, St. Mary of the Lake Retreat Center.

Wednesday, July 17

- Visit to National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Marytown Libertyville, IL.
- Group lunch at Shrine.
- Bus departure, 12:30 p.m.
- Arrive at hotel, Hampton In, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday – Saturday

National Eucharistic Congress, Indianapolis IN
Sunday, July 21

- Bus departure after Mass (approximately 2:30 p.m.)
- Group lunch (on the road, deli stop).
- Group supper, Lino's Italian restaurant, Rockford IL.
- Overnight stay at the Lodge in Mauston, WI

Monday, July 22

- Morning bus departure.
- Lunch stop.
- Arrival in Fargo mid-afternoon.

Registration: fargodiocese.org/congress-pilgrimage.
Early bird Registration before December 31, \$1125 based on double. After December 31, \$1225 based on double. For more information or for discounted Congress tickets without the pilgrimage option please call Mary Hanbury 701-356-7909 or email: Mary.hanbury@fargodiocese.org

Community & Diocesan Events

97th Annual Concordia Christmas Concert.

December 1, 2, & 3. Experience the region's grandest musical tradition. "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.

The Future is Coming, presented by the Shanley Players. December 1, 2 & 3. In the Shanley GROW Auditorium. Dec. 1 - 7 p.m., Dec. 2 - 7 p.m., Dec. 3 - 2 p.m.

Holiday Collections & Craft Show. Saturday, December 2, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Holy Cross Catholic Church. 70+ Local & regional artisans will have their crafts displayed or all your holiday shopping. Admission \$2. Lunch is available for purchase.

St. Nicholas Festival. Sunday, December 3, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., St. Mary's Cathedral. Breakfast, Festival Booths, Feast lunch.

Catholic Man Night, Tuesday, December 5, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., St. Benedict's, Horace. Pray and socialize with the guys. 6 p.m. Adoration & Confessions; 7 p.m. Meal & Talk. Guest Speaker, Fr. Eric Seitz. All area churches are invited - Grab a friend!

Cupcakes for Life Trivia Night! Tuesday, December 5, 7 p.m., Sts. Anne & Joachim Social Hall. Desserts and Refreshments will be provided. Hosted by Shanley Deacons for Life.

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.



*Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
Invites you to a*

Nativity Showcase

Saturday, December 2: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 3: 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Admission Fee
Donation of \$1
or a
Nonperishable
Food Item for
the Blessing Box



*Refreshments
will be available
while you view
the display.*

Listen to
Holiday Music
as you browse
in wonder.

Come enjoy the start of the Advent Season.
In viewing this collection of Nativities, you will be amazed
at the variety of interpretations (materials, sizes, etc.)

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December 2-3, 2023 – First Sunday in Advent

Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	K. Jalbert	J. Allmaras	C. Fischer
EMHC	*K. Jalbert, M. Pierce, C. & E. Pablo, C. Paintner	*J. Aberle, N. Peterson, M.A. Schuster, H. Madson, F. Lenzmeier, **N. Peterson	*M. Regner, S. Richman, M.B. Odegaard, B. Opoien, M. Kern
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Greeters	D & B. Krogen	D. Moore, J. Moody	J. & M. Regner
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	A. Pritchard	M. Curfman
Sacristan	K. Jalbert	J. Aberle	M. Regner
Media Minister	M. Berntson	*Eucharist Minister **Takes to home-bound	

Feast/Holy Day the Week of November 26, 2023

November 30: Apostle Andrew

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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