



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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December 9-10, 2023 ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent

Daily Mass & Intentions



Sunday, December 10

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. - +Andrew Hecker

Monday, December 11 - NO MASS

Tuesday, December 12 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – Poor Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, December 13

9:00 a.m. – Evan Spanier Family

Thursday, December 14

9:00 a.m. – Doreen Hilzendeger

Friday, December 15

9:00 a.m. – Darren & Collette Hanson

Saturday, December 16

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

5:15 p.m. – +Joe Spors

Sunday, December 17

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

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

Weekly Offering



December 2-3, 2023

Adult: \$8,084.84

Children: \$14

Improvements: \$604

Poor Fund: \$590

Collected to Date

Goal to Date

\$350,936.91	Adult	\$392,000.00
\$1,155.00	Children	\$1,470.00
\$40,493.60	Improvements	\$49,000.00
\$67,356.50	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 – No Coffee

Holiday Bake Sale

Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday, December 11, 7 p.m.

Finance Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 7 p.m.

Soup 'N More, Thursday, December 14, 5:30 p.m.

All Parish Advent Reconciliation Service

Thursday, December 14, 7 p.m.

Advent

The Second Week of Advent

Candle Name: the Bethlehem Candle

The Second Week of Advent Represents:

Peace and Preparation

Candle Color: Purple

During this second week of Advent, we reflect on our lives and work on becoming better-versions-of-ourselves in preparation for Jesus' coming. We remember the journey Joseph and Mary took from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

Advent Traditions

Advent traditions provide unique opportunities for us to prepare our hearts and minds for Jesus! One Advent tradition that kids love is the *Advent calendar*. This countdown until Christmas helps build anticipation and excitement. Many Catholic families set up an *Advent Wreath* so they can light a candle and pray a special prayer together each Sunday.



Good Deeds Fill The Manger For Jesus'

Coming! Help us fill the manger so Jesus can be warm and comfy when he comes into the world. The manger (crib) is to the right of the altar. A bale of straw is nearby. We encourage everyone; young, old, and in between, to place a piece of straw in the manger for every good deed you have done throughout the week. 1 good deed = 1 piece of straw. We ALL need to do more good deeds and make a difference in our world!

Blessed Sacrament Advent Reconciliation

Service. Thursday December 14, 7 p.m. Multiple priests will be hearing confessions that evening. Please make your Advent reconciliation on this day.

Area Advent Reconciliation Services

Services at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Holy Spirit	December 10-4pm
Sts. Anne & Joachim	December 12
Nativity	December 14
Blessed Sacrament	December 14
St. Benedict, Wild Rice	December 17-4pm
St. Leo, Casselton	December 18
Holy Cross	December 19
St. Anthony	December 21

How to Make a Good Confession. There is a pamphlet on the magazine rack, in the Gathering Area addressing this topic. It tells us that God is Rich in Mercy. Also, the three acts needed for a good confession; steps in the rite of reconciliation; using the ten commandments to examine your conscience. We hope this information will help you receive satisfaction this Advent.

Christmas Mass Schedule.

Sunday, December 24 – Carols 3:30 p.m.
– Mass 4:00 p.m.
Monday, December 25 – Mass 9:30 a.m.

MinisTREE for Churches United for the Homeless.

- Take an ornament or more
- Purchase the item(s).
- **Place the unwrapped item** under the **MinisTREE** by **December 18!**

Please note that gift cards should be in \$10 increments. Anyone purchasing gift cards should drop them in the mail slot of the Parish Office.

Christmas Flowers

Please use this form to make donations for the Christmas environment.

Donations are due by Monday, Dec.18.

Please print clearly.

In memory of: _____
(Name of deceased)

In honor of: _____
(Name of living person)

Requested by: _____
(Your name)

Suggested donations:

\$25, \$35, \$50 per name

Make check payable to Blessed Sacrament. Drop this form and donation in the collection basket, take to the Parish Office or mail it to 210 5th Ave W, West Fargo ND 58078

Please publish my gift in the bulletin:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Donations for Christmas Flowers are due Monday, December 18 to the Parish Office.

Faith Formation



Class:

Grs. 1-5	December 13 5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	December 13 7:00 p.m.
Grs. 1-5	December 20 5:30 p.m.
WOW	December 20 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/>

Reconciliation Preparation, Wednesdays, December 13 and 20, 5:30 p.m.

Youth Offering Envelopes. Next week all youth in Faith Formation will be given Offering Envelopes for 2024. Please encourage your child to use these weekly donation envelopes. It is good for our children to learn that giving to the church, no matter what amount, is a good thing. Pocket change goes a long way when supporting your faith community.

RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation of Adults).

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

Dates: December: 19

January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

FORMED – What to Watch. There are many exciting opportunities to learn and grow your faith during this Advent season. Scroll down to the December Liturgical Calendar and you will note that there are many feast days during the month of December. December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception; December 9, the Feast Day of Juan Diego; December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe. There are many video options to view after clicking on a date. If you scroll to the tab Advent/Christmas, you find topics such Advent with Dr. Tim Gray, The Birth of the Messiah with Dr. Brant Pitre, as well as family movies like Joseph of Nazareth and Mary of Nazareth. For kids this week, click on the Kids tab where you can learn more Advent with Brother Francis and watch a video story about Juan Diego who encountered Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Music Ministry



Joyful Voices

- 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



Blessing Box – Nonperishable Food Donations

Welcome: The Christmas holiday is drawing near, and it is important to keep our blessing box stocked. Thank you for your kindness. *“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/UCPIK7Ix77I6W WtNNUQxt5rw>

Daily Readings – December 10-16, 2023

December 10: Is 40:1-5,9-11, 2 Pt 3:8-14, Mk 1:1-8

December 11: Is 35:1-10, Lk 5:17-26

December 12: Zec 2:14-17, Lk 1:26-38

December 13: Is 40:25-31, Mt 11:28-30

December 14: Is 41:13-30, Mt 11:11-15

December 15: Is 48:17-19, Mt 11:16-19

December 16: Sir 48:1-4,9-11, Mt 17:9a,10-13

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 to verify your information.

Finance Council Meeting, Tuesday, December 12, 7 p.m. in the Library.

Happy Birthday! We pray for those who are celebrating a birthday this week:

- David Erickson (12/15)

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who contributed to our FIRST Nativity Showcase! Whether it was letting us display your set, making goodies, attending the event, or telling others to stop by. It was fun to hear the stories about each display and realize all the different countries they were from. Most importantly, thank you to Millie Tareski and Phyllis Pritchard for approaching staff with the idea of hosting a Nativity Showcase. Millie, thank you for the time you gave in making this happen. The Showcase was well received, and we hope to host one again in the future.

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 Report: There were over 165 items on display! Each manger scene was unique, and many were breathtaking! \$318 was raised to purchase groceries for the Blessing Box!

Pastoral Council Meeting, Monday, December 11, 7 p.m. in the Library.

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

*Dwight Keller, Joan Anderson,
Clarice Dancer, Bruce Pulkrabek,
Annette Roth, Larry & Marlys Mattson,
Kolby Hunsicker, Aaron Dahl, Gary Lammer*

Join us in December for Soup 'N More! We serve supper on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Everyone is welcome to join us on the following dates:

- Baked Potato Bar on December 14: Thank you to Fr. Tom / Welcome Back Fr. Gary!
- Appetizer / Finger foods on December 28: Happy New Year (early)

We Pray In Remembrance of...

December 10: Lloyd O. Anderson

December 11: Fred Walen

December 12: Larry Aberle, Richard Hersch,
Gerald Baumgartner

December 13: Joe Zdeb, Ben Salazar

December 14: Rose Stinar

December 15: Shirley DeBuhr, Richard Moody

December 16: Ray Westman

WE NEED YOUR BUSINESS to Advertise in our Bulletin: Please consider advertising in our bulletin. Contact Mary Beth in the Parish Office 701-282-3321 or MaryBeth@bscwf.org. money, from advertising, 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

Youth Offering Envelopes for ALL Youth. Next week, offering envelopes are available for students NOT enrolled in Blessed Sacrament Faith Formation classes. Contact Lucy at Lucy@bscwf.org or 701-282-3321, to request envelopes for your child.

Volunteerism - Stewardship



PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING BLOOD. The blood drive is Monday, December 18, 3 - 6:30 p.m. If you have questions or would like to sign up, reach out to Julie in the parish office 701.282.3321 or julie@bscwf.org.

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten



It was great to be able to serve you last weekend for the first time since the end of August. Thank you for the warm welcome back! There were a few new parishioners, and those people came up to me after Mass, and I am very thankful for that. I have a lot of mail to catch up on, but slowly but surely, I am tackling the office work. It is much easier, thanks in part to a wonderful staff.

Now for a reflection on this awesome season of the Church year. We observe this season of Advent to help us to prepare for Christmas. We can prepare two important parts of our lives. The first one is to prepare our minds. We prepare our minds by consciously making the decision mentally to do such things as to offer a compliment, give a break to someone, calm someone down, or cheer someone up. The second part is to prepare our hearts, by reforming, returning, repenting, and being reconciled again in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So, how am I preparing for the coming of the Savior? Am I preparing for Christmas internally as well as I am preparing externally with decorations, and other things? Hopefully, we can say, "yes." Hopefully we can do some spiritual house-cleaning as we do the physical housecleaning in preparation for the arrival of the King of Kings.

Just a reminder, reconciliation is offered every Saturday afternoon from 4 to 4:30 p.m., as well as our parish Advent reconciliation service Thursday, December 14, at 7 p.m. Please mark that on your calendar, especially if it's been a while since you've received God's grace in reconciliation.

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

Walking Coast to Coast With Our Eucharistic Lord!

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage (procession) is a truly unique initiative. This is a beautiful fusion of the journey **TO** Jesus and the journey **WITH** Jesus. What's more, it is an adventure that all Catholics can do together, either by interior disposition or physical accompaniment.

This is the birth of something remarkable. Join us as we accompany Jesus in the Eucharist from the north, south, east, and west edges of our country, stopping at many holy sites and churches along the way. Each route is scheduled to arrive in Indianapolis IN, on July 21 to join the National Eucharistic Congress, where Jesus comes to encounter His people anew.

The four routes will come from the North (Minnesota), South (Texas), East (Connecticut), and West (California).

The Southern Route, St. Juan Diego Route. This route will depart from the tip of Texas in Brownsville, wind around the Gulf of Mexico (an area chosen for its deep Catholic roots) and pass through the southeastern region of the United States on its way to Indianapolis for the 10th National Eucharistic Congress.

This Route is named for **St. Juan Diego**, whose vision of Our Lady has had a massive impact on the spiritual character of North America. St. Juan Diego had a great devotion to the Eucharist and made his own little pilgrimage every day, rising before dawn and walking 15 miles to daily Mass. Today we join him in asking Our Lady to lead America to a greater love for her Son in the Eucharist.

St. Juan Diego, pray for us!

Will you accompany Jesus on this road? Pilgrims will attend Mass every day and have numerous opportunities for healing and encounter with God's mercy. Join us in following Christ through the streets, proclaiming his love and mercy through the greatest gift humanity has ever received, the Holy Eucharist.

For More Information on the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage:

<https://www.fargodiocese.org/> scroll down until you see the "National Eucharistic Pilgrimage" box.

Community & Diocesan Events

Catholic Daughters to Meet. Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, December 12 at St. Anthony's beginning with the Mass at 5:15 p.m., meal to follow, and meeting at 6:30 p.m. Members are invited to bring non-perishable food items and/or auction baskets. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Any questions, please send an email to regentctstann@gmail.com.

6th Annual Family Christmas Ball - Friday, December 29 6:30pm-10pm, St. Mary's Cathedral Basement. Come join us for a fun, FREE night of Waltzes, Foxtrots, Swing and a few Ballroom Line Dances-that are easy to learn! Bring a snack to share. All ages are welcome, attire is formal. If you want a few lessons to brush up on your skills, **Free lessons** in the Cathedral Basement will be offered: Sun. Dec. 10, 11:15am – East Coast Swing; Sunday, Dec. 17 11:15am – Ballroom Line Dances. If you have any questions, please contact Tiffany Goering: goeringtiffany@gmail.com, 701-388-6362

Devoted, A Going Deeper silent retreat for young adults. January 12-14, 2024. St Francis Retreat Center, Hankinson ND. \$200 To learn more and to sign up go to www.fargodiocese.org/youngadults.

Handmaid of the Lord: My Heart for My Son. Retreat for Women. February 2-4, 2024, Franciscan Retreat Center, Hankinson. To register: go to www.EcclesiaDomestica.net/Registration or call 701-538-4604.

Star of the North, Eucharistic Congress 2024. Sponsored by the Dioceses of Crookston and Duluth. May 17-18, 2024, Sanford Center, Bemidji MN. To register go to CrookstonEucharist.org.

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.

Volunteer Appreciation

We have many individuals here at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, that give their time and talents on weekends, for special events, weekdays, etc. This will be a special page to thank those who help to keep our parish going. Watch each week for a new area and list of those volunteers.

A Special Thank You
to all of our Sacristans

Jenie Aberle	Jody Jones	Mary Pierce
Amanda Buettner	Margo Kern	Alice Pritchard
Delores Chapek	Heather Madson	Maria Regner
Marilyn Curfman	Francis McCann	Stephanie Richman
Lori DeKeyser	Dianne Nechiporenko	Linda Sample
Shawn DeKeyser	Jody Neva	Mallary Schiele
Marvis Doster	Carolina Pablo	Wayne Suchla
Karen Hanson	Eduardo Pablo	Leslie Wegner
Kathleen Jalbert	Steve Perreault	Julie Yourczek
John Jones	Nancy Peterson	

■ If you are interested in learning more about or wish to become a Sacristan please reach out to
 ■ Julie Yourczek, Parish Life Coordinator—phone: 701.282.3321; email: Julie@bscwf.org

Father Tom



Thank you!

Come Meet and Eat

Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head

Thursday, December 14, 2023 as we thank Fr. Tom for all he did while Fr. Gary was on sabbatical

From 5:30—6:30 p.m. you can enjoy the potato bar and desserts while sipping on coffee or water and chit chatting with the people at your table. Just grab a potato and add the toppings you're craving.

**Toppings include (may be missing some): Cheese
Sauce, Chili, Sour Cream, Onions, Salsa, Olives, maybe
some meats, broccoli, etc, etc.**

PLEASE NOTE: TOPPINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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The *Light*
is ON  for *You.*

Advent Reconciliation Service

Thursday
December 14 ~ 7:00 p.m.

The Advent Reconciliation Service will begin with a brief liturgy of the Word and an examination of conscience followed by individual confessions.

Extra priests will be present to hear confessions.

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Because of you,
life doesn't stop

BLOOD
DRIVE

BLESSED SACRAMENT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH
3:00 - 6:30 PM
SOCIAL HALL

To schedule an appointment, please contact
Julie Yourczek at 701.282.3321 ext. 105 or scan the QR code!

Use Sponsor Code: bswf



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December 16-17, 2023 – Third Sunday in Advent
Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	B. Kirkeby	K. Wells	M. Curfman
EMHC	*C. & E. Pablo, M. Pierce, P. Pritchard, G. Walz	*M.A. Schuster, L. Sample, J. Yourczek, H. Madson, J. Aberle, **T. English	*M. Curfman, S. Richman, M. Regner, B. Opoien, L. Wegner
Gift Bearers	C. Glandt Family	Wells Family	Richman Family
Servers	M. Pierce, Volunteer	Wells Crew	Richman Girls
Ushers	J.W. & J. Jones	A. Larson, G. Yourczek	J. & R. Regner
Greeters	G. Kirkeby, T. Tweeter	Wells Family	Richman Family
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	L. Metzger	M. Curfman
Sacristan	C. Pablo	J. Yourczek	L. Wegner
Media Minister	N. Althoff	*Eucharist Minister **Takes to home-bound	

Feast/Holy Day the Week of December 10, 2023

December 11: St. Samasus I December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe
 December 13: St. Lucy December 14: St. John of the Cross

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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