



# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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## December 30-31, 2023 – The Holy Family

### Daily Mass & Intentions



#### Sunday, December 31

8:30 a.m. – +Betty Allmaras

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

**Monday, January 1, 2024 – New Year's Day**

9:00 a.m. – +Michael Scott Lenzmeier

*Parish Office Closed*

**Tuesday, January 2 at Sheyenne Crossings**

1:00 p.m. – +Phil Schafer

**Wednesday, January 3**

9:00 a.m. – The Joe Wentz Family

**Thursday, January 4**

9:00 a.m. – Mary Garman & Girls

**Friday, January 5**

9:00 a.m. – +Joshua P. Allen & Family

Adoration 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Saturday, January 6**

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

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – +Al & +Mary Ann Vetter

**Sunday, January 7 Epiphany**

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Melanie Eileen Oberg

### Offertory Gifts



#### December 23-24

Adult: \$6,924.97

Children: \$5

Improvements: \$412.07

Poor Fund: \$381.10

#### Christmas Day – December 25

Adult: \$5,831

Children: \$83

#### Collected to Date

\$384,799.20

Adult

#### Goal to Date

\$416,000.00

\$1,310.00

Children

\$1,560.00

\$51,901.16

Improvements

\$52,000.00

\$70,111.50

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

**Parish Office Closed,** Monday, January 1

**RCIA:** Tuesday, January 2, 7:00 p.m.

**Knights of Columbus Meeting,**  
Thursday, January 4, 7:00 p.m.

**First Friday Adoration.**  
January 5, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**First Saturday Holy Hour with Adoration**  
January 6, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

### Faith Formation



#### Class:

Grs. 1-5	January 3	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	January 3	7:00 p.m.
P/K	January 7	10:30 a.m.
Grs. 1-5	January 10	5:30 p.m.
WOW	January 10	7:00 p.m.

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

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

January: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

**Home Blessing Kits.** The students in B4WOW are assembling Epiphany Home Blessing kits to be distributed the weekend of the Epiphany, January 6-7, after each Mass. The Epiphany home blessing is a way for you to bless your home for 2024, asking for protection and blessings for your home and for all who enter. The kit contains blessed chalk to sign the doorway of your home along with a prayer guide and instructions. We can never have enough of God's blessings each and every day. Students will be in the Gathering Area following each Mass, feel free to get a kit from them.





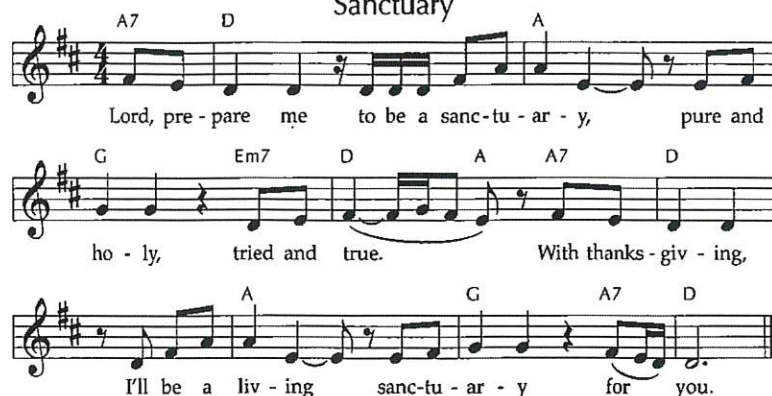
## Music Ministry



**Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary).** This song was introduced in September. It is sung, by the choir and/or cantor prior to communion. We've been asked to share it with you.

### Lord, Prepare Me

Sanctuary



#### Joyful Voices

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|--------------|-----------------|
| • January 7  | Practice/Sing   |
| • January 14 | 9:45/10:30 a.m. |
| • January 20 | 9:45/10:30 a.m. |
| • January 28 | 4:30/5:15 p.m.  |
|              | 9:45/10:30 a.m. |

#### Contemporary Choir

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|--------------|----------------|
|              | Practice/Sing  |
| • January 14 | 7:45/8:30 a.m. |
| • January 28 | 7:45/8:30 a.m. |

**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



### BINGO Starts NEXT SUNDAY!

Concession sales begin at 11:30 a.m.

Bingo will start at 12:00 p.m.

January: 7, 21, & 28

Hosted by our Faith Formation youth.

Proceeds go to our Youth Program.

February: 4, 11, 25

Hosted by Knights of Columbus

Concessions provided by our Faith

Formation Youth.

March: 3, 10, 17

Hosted by Knights of Columbus

## Daily Readings – Dec. 31, 2023 – Jan. 6, 2024

December 31: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Col 3:12-21,

Lk 2:41-52

January 1: Nm 6:22-27, Gal 4:4-7, Lk 2:16-21

January 2: 1 Jn 2:22-28, Jn 1:19-23

January 3: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6, Jn 1:29-34

January 4: 1 Jn 3:7-10, Jn 1:35-42

January 5: 1 Jn 3:11-21, Jn 1:43-51

January 6: 1 Jn 5:5-13, Mk 1:7-11

**Eucharistic Adoration.** Eucharistic adoration is when the Eucharist is exposed for viewing. The exposed Eucharist must not be left alone. Blessed Sacrament parish has two Adoration opportunities each month:

- First Friday: 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. January 5.
- First Saturday Holy Hour: 3:30–4:30 p.m. January 6

**New Year's Mass Schedule:** Mary, Mother of God, January 1, is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year. However, we will be having Mass at 9:00 a.m.

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

*Joan Krei, Lucy Elshaug, Jennifer Taylor, Craig Fairbanks, Diane Heilman, Darlene Berube, Donnie Moore, Shirley Olson, Phyllis Pritchard, Frank Metzger, Dwight Keller, Joan Anderson, Clarice Dancer, Kolby Hunsicker, Aaron Dahl, Gary Lammer*

**Soup 'N More TWICE in January!** Thursdays, January 11 and 25. Please join us for this free supper from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

### We Pray In Remembrance of...

January 1: John Sauer

January 4: Claudia Cossette, Kathlyn Thomallo, Eleanor Farrell

January 5: Joseph Marlow, Dorothy McMullen, Michael Iback, Bertha Wiederholt, Mike Kraft

January 6: Rosemary Scully

## Volunteerism - Stewardship



**Thank You For Making A Special Manger For Jesus!!** Thank you to all that participated in making the manger full of "good deed" straw. Jesus is keeping warm because of the good hearts of our parishioners!

### **Thank you again for all that donated blood.**

Also, to those that tried but were unable to. The December 18 Blood Drive Results are as follows: Here are the detailed result:

16 were scheduled to donate, 17 volunteered to donate, 11 were able to donate, 1 gave a double red cell donation, 1 gave plasma, resulting in 11 units of blood, and 4 units of plasma!

**Happy New Year!!** Is 2024 going to be your year to shine? It's easy to make resolutions regarding weight, exercise, eating healthy, quitting a bad habit etc. But what about making a spiritual resolution? Making a goal of going to mass weekly and if you miss go to confession. How about praying the rosary? Start out small and do 1 time a week before mass – we start saying the rosary 30 minutes before mass is to begin. Commit to volunteering. Smile always and say hello to everyone you meet on your path. Don't wait for others to greet you. These are just a few. Not sure about these ideas but want some more examples. Take out your phone, tablet or computer and google catholic or spiritual resolutions. Find one that will fit you perfectly to begin with.

### **Upcoming Soup 'N More themes/menus:**

Thursday, January 11:

Celebrate Sloppy Snow with Sloppy Joe's

Thursday, January 25: Soup, Soup and More Soup

January is National Soup Month

Thursday, February 8:

It's Pre-Super Bowl Tailgating Time

Thursday, February 22:

Presidents' Day Recognized In Style

**Contact Julie if you wish to volunteer to help at one of these dinners or if you would like to make some desserts for one, two or all of them.**

### **Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten**



### **Solemnity of the Holy Family – Dec. 31, 2023**

Just a few days ago, we celebrated Christ's birthday. Now Joseph and Mary have a family. So today, it is fitting to celebrate the feast of the Holy Family: Mary, Joseph, and the child Jesus. The Holy Family presents themselves as a model for today's family: to imitate their holiness, their love, and their closeness to God.

Paul, in his letter to the Colossians, speaks of love among family members. Love, he says, involves forgiveness. A strong family needs to be a family that forgives each other. How hard that can be because we feel that if we forgive them, it seems as if we are saying that what they did was

all right. But that's not what we are saying when we forgive! What a person means when they forgive is that they did not appreciate the bad action, but they love the person too much to let this incident get in the way. So, love involves forgiveness.

But Paul says that family life is not just rooted in loving one another but is rooted in love of God. So, families and all of us are called to open our hearts to God. This is accomplished through prayer as individuals and as a family.

Living together as a family can be a challenge. It can be the worst experience, or it can be the best experience! With a firm ground in the love of God and the Sacraments, it can be the best of experiences. How important strong, God-centered families are, not only for the individual, but for the church, for society, and for the world as a whole. May the Holy Family inspire today's families to keep Jesus the center of their lives.

## **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).

### **Who Is Involved?**

**JESUS CHRIST:** Jesus will be the focus of the entire pilgrimage! Join us for segments of this massive expedition across the nation, physically walking side-by-side with our Risen Lord.

**EUCCHARISTIC CARAVAN:** Those who meet up with the Pilgrimage and walk with us for any portion of the four routes—the Marian route, the Seton route, the Juan Diego route, or the Serra route—are part of our Eucharistic Caravan.



**PERPETUAL PILGRIMS:** A small, dedicated group of young adults will make the full journey to Indianapolis, traveling full-time from May 2024 until July. They will be led by clergy and followed by a support van.

**OUR GRACIOUS HOSTS:** Our Perpetual Pilgrims will rely on the biblical hospitality of local hosts, including lay families, parishes, religious orders, schools, and shrines along the way.

**For More Information on the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage:**

[www.fargodiocese.org](http://www.fargodiocese.org) scroll down until you see the "National Eucharistic Pilgrimage: box."

## Community & Diocesan Events

**"Music at A & J"** is a new performing arts series out of Sts. Anne & Joachim, and the inaugural concert is Thursday, January 4, 7:00 p.m.: "A Child is Born: An Organ Recital of Christmas Music with Benton Schmidt." This event is free and open to the public! If you have questions, contact Patrick McGuire at [pmcguire@stsaaj.org](mailto:pmcguire@stsaaj.org). This is the link to the FB Event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/324498233906291?ref=newsfeed>

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas** Tuesday, January 9, St. Anthony's. Mass at 5:15 p.m., meal to follow, and meeting at 6:30 p.m. Members are asked to bring non-perishable food items. Any questions, please send an email to [regentctstann@gmail.com](mailto:regentctstann@gmail.com).

**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](http://www.fargodiocese.org/youngadults)

**Pinochle Party.** All are invited to play pinochle in the Holy Spirit, Fargo, Sunday, January 14, 1:30 p.m. Bring a friend! You are welcome to bring a snack to share if you wish and you do not need a card partner. Call Mary Jo Zacher at 309-253-5173 for more info. There is also a KC Breakfast that day following all Masses, so come to the 11 a.m. Mass

**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.

**Good Grief** is Boulger Funeral Home's New Grief Group for people who are dealing with a more recent death; meaning a loss that has happened within the last few years, or for anyone who has not taken our 5-week class When Mourning Dawns class yet. Good Grief will meet the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Boulger Funeral Home. Upcoming dates for 2024: January 2, February 6, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3. Please call 701-237-6441 to speak with a grief coordinator, if you have any questions.

## Job Opening

**Parish Administrative Assistant/ Receptionist/ Secretary.** St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo is currently accepting applications for a part-time and/or full-time administrative assistant/ reception/ parish secretary position(s). This position could be responsible for reception and administrative tasks such as scheduling, event coordination, bulletin preparation, bookkeeping, sacramental recording, communications, etc. An integrated life of faith, a spirit of hospitality, the ability to engage other staff and volunteers as a team, and good computer skills are desired. Some evening and weekend work will be required. Interested applicants should send: A cover letter (no longer than 1 page), a resume (no longer than 2 pages), and contact information for two references. All materials should be sent to Msgr. Joseph Goering, the rector at [joseph.goering@fargodiocese.org](mailto:joseph.goering@fargodiocese.org)



From Fr. Gary Luiten, Ronda, Lucy,  
Jim, Julie, and Mary Beth





**Hosted by  
BSC YOUTH**

**Sundays**

**January 7, 21, & 28**

 **12:00 p.m.**

 **in the Social Hall**

**11:30 a.m. Concessions**

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# January 6-7, 2024 – Epiphany Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
<b>Proclaimers</b>	C. Paintner	J. Wells	R. Martin
<b>EMHC</b>	*K. Jalbert, C. Paintner, J.W. & J. Jones, M. Schiele	*D. Nechiporenko, W. Suchla, F. McCann, L. Sample, J. Yourczek, **T. English	*M. Regner, S. Richman, E. & K. Hanson, M. Curfman
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Glandt Family	S. & T. Durbin	R. & C. Fischer
<b>Servers</b>	E. Rohrich, M. Schiele	Wells Crew	Richman Girls
<b>Ushers</b>	J. & D. Rohrich	P. Boyles, S. Perreault	C. & R. Fischer
<b>Greeters</b>	Glandt Family	W. & J. Suchla	Richman Family
<b>Rosary Leader</b>	P. Pritchard	S. Durbin	K. Hanson
<b>Sacristan</b>	K. Jalbert	D. Nechiporenko	M. Regner
<b>Media Minister</b>	N. Althoff	*Eucharist Minister    **Takes to home bound	

## Feast/Holy Day the Week of December 31, 2023

December 31: The Holy Family    January 1: Mary Mother of God

January 2: St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory Nazianzen    January 3: Most Holy Name of Jesus  
January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton    January 5: St. John Neumann    January 6: St. Andre Bissette

## Blessed Sacrament Directory

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Serving the F-M Area

**Knights of Columbus**  
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Meet first Thursday  
of each month  
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