



# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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## January 13-14, 2024 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Daily Mass & Intentions



#### Sunday, January 14

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Fran Gerszeswski

#### Monday, January 15 - NO MASS

Parish Office Closed

#### Tuesday, January 16 - NO MASS

#### Wednesday, January 17

9:00 a.m. – +Eddy Nagel

#### Thursday, January 18

9:00 a.m. – +Gary Nagel

#### Friday, January 19

9:00 a.m. – +Gerald Peterson

#### Saturday, January 20 State of the Parish

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

5:15 p.m. – +Jake Kirchoffner

#### Sunday, January 21 State of the Parish

8:30 a.m. – +Maynard Schmidt

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

**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

Sun Mon Tue Wed

Thu Fri Sat

**Sunday – No Coffee**

**Parish Office is Closed** on Monday January 15.

#### Finance Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 7:00 p.m.

#### Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday, January 18, 7:00 p.m.

**Staff Meeting**, Friday, January 19, 1 p.m.

### Blessed Sacrament Directory

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**Fr. Gary Luiten, Pastor** – [Gary@bscwf.org](mailto:Gary@bscwf.org)

**Julie Yourczek**, Parish Life / Volunteerism  
[Julie@bscwf.org](mailto:Julie@bscwf.org)

**Lucy Elshaug**, DRE / Youth Ministry  
[Lucy @ bscwf.org](mailto:Lucy@bscwf.org)

**Mary Beth Odegard**, Administrative Secretary  
[MaryBeth@bscwf.org](mailto:MaryBeth@bscwf.org)

**Ronda Voss**, Music Coordinator  
[Ronda@bscwf.org](mailto:Ronda@bscwf.org)

#### Media Information

**Facebook:**  
Blessed Sacrament Church – West Fargo

**Web Site:** [www.bscwf.org](http://www.bscwf.org)

**YouTube:** Blessed Sacrament West Fargo

### Weekly Offering



#### New Year's Day, January 1, 2024

Adult: \$260

Children: \$1

#### January 6-7, 2024

Adult: \$9,044.51

Children: \$15

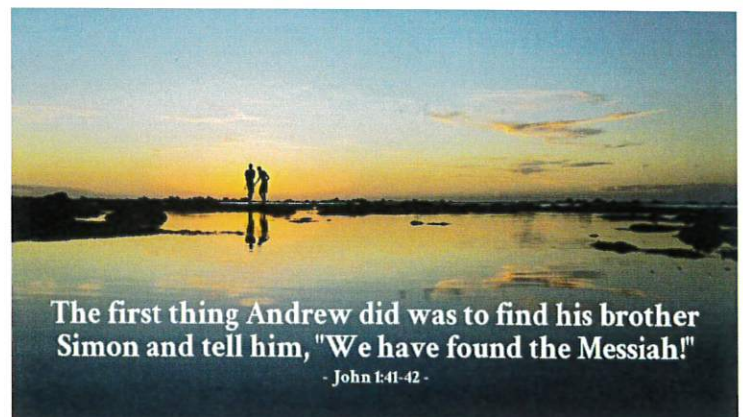
Improvements: \$288.49

Poor Fund: \$149

#### Collected to Date

#### Goal

\$9,304.51	Adult	\$8,000.00
\$16.00	Children	\$30.00
\$288.49	Improvements	\$1,000.00
\$70,564.50	God's Gift	\$71,561.00



The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah!"

- John 1:41-42 -

## Faith Formation



### Class:

Grs. 1-5	January 17	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	January 17	7:00 p.m.
Grs. 1-5	January 24	5:30 p.m.
WOW	January 24	7:00 p.m.

**Confirmation Preparation** for parents and students Wednesdays January 17, & 24, 5:30 p.m. in the church.

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

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

No RCIA on January 16.

Dates: January 23, 30

## Music Ministry



### Joyful Voices

- January 20
- January 28

#### Practice/Sing

4:30/5:15 p.m.  
9:45/10:30 a.m.

### Contemporary Choir

- January 28

#### Practice/Sing

7:45/8:30 a.m.

## Parish Life



**2023 Year-End Reports** will be provided **BY REQUEST ONLY**. We will email or print you a hard copy to be picked up. Contact Mary Beth in the Parish Office, with your request. Reports will be ready after January 15. [MaryBeth@bscwf.org](mailto:MaryBeth@bscwf.org) or 701-282-3321

**BINGO season is upon us. Mark your calendars and come join in the fun!!** January Bingo is hosted by our Youth and concession proceeds go to the Youth Activity Fund. February and March Bingo is hosted by our Knights of Columbus and concession proceeds go to the Youth Activity Fund.

### **Sundays:**

January 21 & 28

February 4, 11 & 25

March 3, 10, & 17

Concessions sales begin at 11:30 a.m.

Bingo starts at 12:00 p.m.

### **Blessing Box – Nonperishable Food Donations**

**Welcome:** Please help us 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 in-home 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/UCPIK7lx77l6WtNNUQxt5rw>

## Catholic Man Night Held at Blessed Sacrament.

Monday, January 22. Guest speaker will be Bishop Folda. 6-7 p.m. Adoration & Confessions. 7-8 p.m. Talk and short discussion. A meal will be served. Helping men ages 18 and up, to better know Jesus and imitate Him in their daily lives.

## Daily Readings – January 14-20, 2024

January 14: 1 Sm 3:2b-10, 19,

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20, Jn 1:36-42

January 15: 1 Sm 15:16-23, Mk 2:18-22

January 16: 1 Sm 16:1-13, Mk 2:23-28

January 17: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51, Mk 3:1-6

January 18: 1 Sm 18:6-9, 1-7, Mk 3:7-12

January 19: 1 Sm 24:3-21, Mk 3:13-19

January 20: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 23-27, Mk 3:20-21

## 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.

**Fr. Gary Luiten will give the State of the Parish Address** on the weekend of January 20-21, during all Masses.

**Finance Council Meeting**, Tuesday, January 16, 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

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

- Joan Krei, January 18

**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.

**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

**Our Sympathy** to Kathy York on the death of her sister, Jill Shoman. May Jill rest in the arms of our loving God.

**Pastoral Council Elections:** Elections for two members of the Pastoral Council will be held the weekend of January 27-28. Those elected will serve a three-year term. **Candidates are Leland Buchmeier, Brian Christl, Steve Neva and Colter Pratt.** Their Bio's are attached to the bulletin.

**Pastoral Council Meeting,** Thursday, January 18, 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

**Preparing for Lent 2024:** Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14.

- If you have palms from last year and would like us to recycle for Ash Wednesday, please bring them to the Parish Office by February 4.
- *Lent With the Saints* – pamphlet in the media bookcase in the Gathering Area. This will help you prepare for your Lenten Journey.

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

*Clarice Dancer, Larry Mattson, Joan Krei,  
Lucy Elshaug, Jennifer Taylor, Craig Fairbanks,  
Kolby Hunsicker, Aaron Dahl, Gary Lammer*

**School Supply Drive for Trinity Elementary.** To celebrate Catholic Schools Week, we will collect school supplies for Trinity students. We are looking specifically for CRAYOLA brand markers, crayons, and color pencils. Please drop your donations off on the table by the Parish Office by February 3.

**Spaghetti Dinner** To celebrate Catholic Schools week! Saturday, February 3, 6-7 p.m. Free-Will Offering. Hosted by our Knights of Columbus. Proceeds will go toward our JPPII stipend fund.

**Soup 'N More.** Join us on the SECOND and FOURTH Thursday of the month for a great meal, Free Of Charge!! Enjoy the atmosphere and relax because YOU DON'T HAVE TO COOK OR CLEAN!! We serve from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
January 25: Soup, Soup and More Soup  
– January is National Soup Month.  
February 8: It's Pre-Super Bowl Tailgating Time.  
February 22: Presidents' Day Recognized In Style

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

January 14: James Zellars, Martha Ressler

January 15: Dorothy Laybourn, Arlene Lay,

James Jamieson, Betty Allmaras

January 16: Marvel Kapaun, Margaret Libbrecht

January 17: Anthony Walz

January 18: Daniel Hager, Gertrude Schuster

January 19: Lee Dobberstein, Rueben Hummel

January 20: Mary Anderson, Kathryn Glaser

**Volunteerism - Stewardship**



**Bingo:** Contact Julie if you wish to volunteer to help at one of the Bingo events, or if you would like to make some desserts for one or more.

**Girl Scout Cookie Sales are on the horizon.** We will have representatives selling cookies before and after Sunday masses starting on February 18. Get ready to support our parish girl scouts.

**Soup 'N More:** Contact Julie if you wish to volunteer to help at one of the Soup 'N More dinners or if you would like to make some desserts for one, two or all of them.

**Social Hall Rental.** Did you know that parishioners can use the social hall for different events. A few examples are wedding receptions, event receptions, engagement parties, birthday parties, baptism receptions, etc. There is a small fee and a contract to sign. Interested in knowing more contact Julie at 701.282.3321 or julie@bscwf.org.



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jan. 14, 2024

Today's gospel answers two questions. The first question in the gospel today was posed by Jesus, who called out to the two disciples, "*What are you looking for?*" Jesus poses that same question to us. We come to Mass every Sunday and pray, hopefully every day. When we pray, what are we looking for? Hopefully, we are truly looking for the forgiveness of our sins from Jesus, peace of mind and heart, joy, and a chance to praise, thank, and ask God for the things we need.

The disciples then answer Jesus' question with another question, "Where are you staying?" Jesus responds by saying, "*Come, and you will see.*" It is good for us to know where and when we can find Jesus, especially during those most important times of our lives. We need to know where we can find him if we need him. If we were to ask Jesus that question today, "Where are you staying?" Jesus would say several things. He would say "*You can find Me in the Eucharist.*" Jesus would also say, "*I am with the Father in Heaven.*" Jesus spoke often in the gospels about going to be with the Father. We profess in the creed that Jesus is seated "at the right hand of the Father." So, Jesus is truly in heaven. We are also taught that Jesus lives in the hearts of the faithful. That is another home. When we want Jesus, we can also turn to the other members of the Body of Christ and find Him there, too.

Jesus responds to the two disciples with the answer, "*Come, and you will see (where I stay).*" This is not only an invitation to the disciples, but also an on-going invitation to us, to follow Him. This is what makes this season of ordinary time *extraordinary* – realizing that Jesus is present in the ordinary events of our daily lives. May God give us the grace to continue to seek him where He is present in the world and help us to realize that without God, our lives are doomed to fail, whereas *with Him, all things are possible.*

National Eucharistic Congress

**Every Movement Needs a Moment, THIS IS OURS! Be There When God MOVES!** Come in faith. Leave in Hope. God hears our prayers for the renewal of our Church. He will answer them through a life-changing transformation of our own hearts. The 10<sup>th</sup> National Eucharistic Congress is an invitation to experience profound personal revival so we can be sent out to share Christ's love with a world that so desperately needs it.

WHEN? July 17-21

WHERE? Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Indiana

WHO? Laypeople, Clergy, & Religious

For more information regarding the National Eucharistic Congress, visit: [eucharisticcongress.org](http://eucharisticcongress.org)

For more information regarding the Fargo Diocese bus pilgrimage to and from Congress, visit: [fargodiocese.org/congress-pilgrimage](http://fargodiocese.org/congress-pilgrimage)

Community & Diocesan Events

The Diocese of Fargo Young Adult Ministry is hosting **Theology on Tap**. These events will take place on Monday nights starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Crooked Pint Alehouse (3340 13<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103). Theology on Tap is a free event and open to anyone ages 21-39. During the night we will hear from a keynote speaker, spend time socializing, and grow in community. Below are the winter dates:

- January 15
- February 19
- March 18
- April 22

For more information, visit [fargodiocese.org/youngadults](http://fargodiocese.org/youngadults) or email [CorChristi@fargodiocese.org](mailto:CorChristi@fargodiocese.org)

**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](http://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](http://CrookstonEucharist.org).



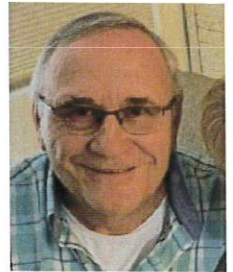
## 2024 Pastoral Council Candidates

**Voting is March 27-28 at all Masses.**

You will choose two of the below candidates to represent you on the Pastoral Council for 3 years.

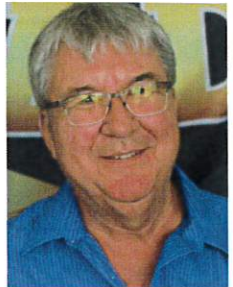
### **Leland Buckmeier:**

I have been a member of Blessed Sacrament Church for more than 18 years. My wife Jane, attends Triumph West Lutheran Church. We are both retired, with a Blended family of 6 children and 14 Grand Children. I am running to be re-elected to the Pastoral Council, to further support the Blessed Sacrament Church body. It has been a privilege to serve in this capacity, and I would like to continue for another three years. Thank you.



### **Brian Christl.**

I've lived in West Fargo my whole life. My wife, Donna, and I were married at Blessed Sacrament. We have a daughter, Emma. We have been members of the church for 22 years. Thank you for your consideration.



### **Steve Neva.**

Steve and his wife, Jody, have been members of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church for over 19 years having moved to West Fargo in 2004. Steve and Jody have been married for almost 28 years and have three adult children, Ryder, Madison, and Eden. Steve has worked for Bobcat Company for 34 years, most recently as Director, International Standards and Regulations. Steve has been on the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Pastoral Council since 2021 and is interested in remaining a member of the council to continue to learn more about the Blessed Sacrament community needs and to help provide guidance on how the parish can best continue to meet those needs. Steve was born and raised in Kensal, ND and received First Communion from Father Moore who was the priest at St. John's Catholic Church in Kensal prior to becoming the priest at Blessed Sacrament.



### **Colter Pratt:**

Hello, my fellow parishioners here at Blessed Sacrament! My name is Colter Pratt, I have been a member of the parish for about 4 years now. With encouragement from Julie Yourczek, John and Jody Jones and many others I have been pretty involved with volunteerism such as Soup 'N More, Bingo, the Fall Bazaar and other events here. I am currently a member of the Safety Team along with being a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus. As for work, I am the Aircraft Structural Maintenance NCOIC at the 119<sup>th</sup> WG in Fargo, or as you may know the unit as the Happy Hooligans. I've been working directly in aircraft maintenance at the 119<sup>th</sup> WG for 11 years. With the help of Fr. Gary Luiten, my wife Stephanie and I got married in May of 2023. I look forward to many years of worship, volunteering and serving not only my country, community but also my church in anyway I can. Thank you for welcoming me into this beautiful church and community.





# **CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT**

*Men Meeting Jesus*

**Monday  
January 22, 2024**

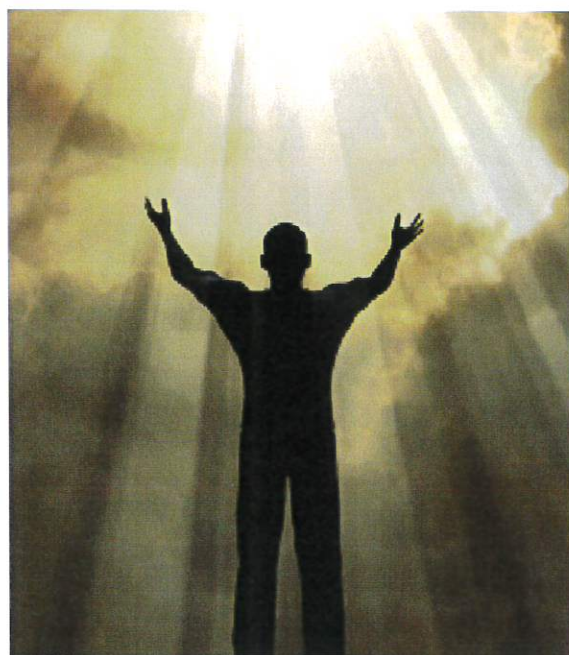
It is tough being a  
genuine man of faith.

You are not alone;  
join us for support and  
encouragement.

**Presenter:  
Bishop John Folda**

**6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Adoration & Confessions**

**7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Talk and short discussion**



**Catholic Man Night**

Helping men ages 18 and up, to better know  
Jesus and imitate Him in their daily lives.

**Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church  
210 5 Ave W, West Fargo ND**



# Trinity



Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community

# Elementary School Supply Drive!

We've been asked to replenish  
some supplies this year.

**Specifically: CRAYOLA Brand  
Markers, Crayons, and Color Pencils.**

**A donation box is in the Gathering Area.  
Please have your donation here by February 3.**

*In Celebration of Catholic Schools Week January 28-February 3*



January 20-21, 2024 – 3<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
Proclaimers	J. Jones	M. Doster	M. Curfman
EMHC	*E. & C. Pablo, K. Jalbert, M. Schiele, C. Diver	*D. Chapek, S. Perreault, M. Doster, M.A. Schuster, J. Klaers, **M. Doster	*S. Richman, B. Opoien, M. Regner, M. Curfman, M. Kern
Gift Bearers	J. Walter Family	T. & J. Allmaras	M. & J. Regner
Servers	H. Schiele, E. Rohrich	M. Allmaras, Volunteer	Richman Girls
Ushers	J. & D. Rohrich	A. Pritchard, G. Yourczek	D. Richman, J. Regner
Greeters	J. Walter Family	T. & J. Allmaras	Richman Family
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	J. Klaers	M. Kern
Sacristan	J. Jones	D. Chapek	S. Richman
Media Minister	R. Cwikla	*Eucharist Minister	**Takes to home bound

### Blessed Sacrament 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.

### Feast/Holy Day the Week of January 14, 2024

January 15: Martin Luther King Day    January 17: St. Anthony

January 20: Sts. Fabian & Sebastian



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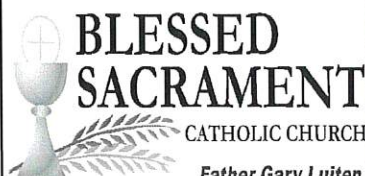
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Darren Rohrich  
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### St. Francis Thrift Store

1425 1st Avenue South, Fargo  
Ph: 701-235-5944

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**Purpose:**  
To help the needy in our community



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