



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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701-282-3321

www.bscwf.org email: info@bscwf.org



January 20-21, 2024 ~ 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Mass & Intentions



Sunday, January 21 *State of the Parish*

8:30 a.m. – +Maynard Schmidt

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Monday, January 22 - NO MASS

Tuesday, January 23 *at Sheyenne Crossings*

1:00 p.m. – +Fr. Al Bitz

Wednesday, January 24

9:00 a.m. – +Jim Hill

Thursday, January 25 *at Trinity Elementary*

8:45 a.m. – +Glorine Luella Jones

Friday, January 26

9:00 a.m. – +Betty Allmaras

Saturday, January 27 - *Parish Council Elections*

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

5:15 p.m. – +Cecelia Kirchoffner

Sunday, January 28 - *Parish Council Elections*

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – Carmin Elshaug

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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Fr. Gary Luiten, Pastor – Gary@bscwf.org

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Julie@bscwf.org

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Blessed Sacrament Church – West Fargo

Web Site: www.bscwf.org

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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:

Concessions, 11:30 am

Bingo, 12:00 p.m.

Catholic Man Night, Monday, January 22, 6 p.m.

No Daily Mass. Tues., Jan. 23 & Thurs., Jan. 25.

RCIA, Tuesday, January 23, 7 p.m.

Confirmation Parent Meeting,
Wednesday, January 24, 5:30 p.m.

CUH, Thursday, January 25

Soup 'N More. Thursday, January 25, 5:30 p.m.

Weekly Offering



January 13-14, 2024

Adult: \$2,297

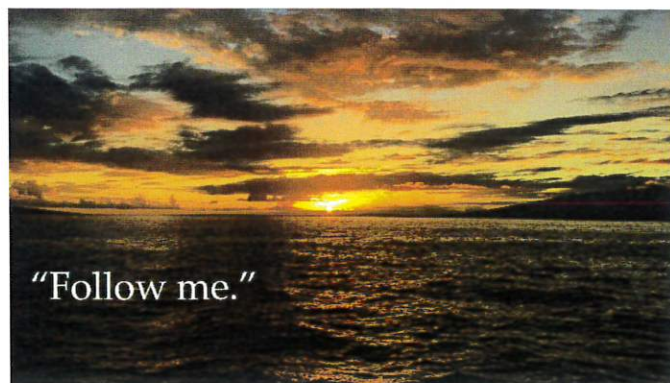
Children: \$16

Improvements: \$200

Poor Fund: \$281

Collected to Date

		Goal
\$11,601.51	Adult	\$16,000.00
\$32.00	Children	\$60.00
\$488.49	Improvements	\$2,000.00



Preparing for Lent 2024

**Lent begins on
Ash Wednesday - February 14.**

Collecting Palms: If you have old palms and would like us to recycle for Ash Wednesday, place them in the box by the Parish Office by February 4.

Lent With the Saints is a pamphlet in the media bookcase in the Gathering Area. This may help you prepare for your Lenten Journey.

Lent is a 40-day season of **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving** that begins on Ash Wednesday (February 14) and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday (March 28). It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. What is **Almsgiving**?

Almsgiving means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2462). Blessed Sacrament puts on the *Pack the Pew* each lent. Asking parishioners to donate non-perishable foods that will get delivered to the emergency food pantry.

Please take time before Lent begins to pray and reflect on ways you can increase your almsgiving.

Faith Formation



Class:

Grs 1-5	January 24	5:30 p.m.
WOW	January 24	7:00 p.m.
Grs 1-5	January 31	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	January 31	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 Class, Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Library
January; 24, 31

Confirmation Preparation

Wednesday, January 24, 5:30 p.m.

Music Ministry



Joyful Voices

- January 28

Practice/Sing

9:45/10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Choir

- January 28

Practice/Sing

7:45/8:30 a.m.

Contact Ronda (Ronda@bscwf.org) if you are interested in assisting at Weekend Masses:

- Instrumentalists
- Song Leaders
- Substitute Accompanists

Parish Life



BINGO!! Is a Lot of Fun... You should Join us!
Sundays, following 10:30 a.m. Mass:

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.

Bulletin Deadline: Articles are due to Mary Beth in the Parish Office, Tuesdays by Noon, for the following Sunday. Drop them off in the office or email MaryBeth@bscwf.org.

Catholic Man Night Held at Blessed Sacrament.

Monday, January 22. Guest speaker is Bishop John 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.

Catholic Schools Week.

Catholic Schools Week is January 28 through February 3. We ask that you support one or more of the three things Blessed Sacrament is doing for JP II Schools and specifically Trinity Elementary.

1. Make a JP II donation by using a JP II envelope or cut out the section in this bulletin.
2. Donate to the Trinity School Supply Program.
3. Attend the Spaghetti Dinner on February 3.

School Supply Drive for Trinity Elementary.

To celebrate Catholic Schools Week, we will collect school supplies for Trinity students. They 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 JPIL stipend fund.

Support John Paul II Catholic Schools

JPIL Donation

Donations are due by February 3, 2023.

Make Check Payable to
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

Name: _____

Address: _____

Amount: \$ _____

Envelope Number: _____

Daily Readings – January 21-27, 2024

January 21: Jon 3:1-5, 10, 1 Cor 7:29-31,
Mk 1:14-20

January 22: Acts 22:3-16, Mk 16:15-18

January 23: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19, Mk 3:31-35

January 24: 2 Sm 7:4-17, Mk 4:1-20

January 25: Acts 22:3-16, Mk 16:15-18

January 26: 2 Tm 1:1-8, Mk 4:26-34

January 27: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17, Mk 4:35-41

Give+ Online, Mobile, or Automatic Withdrawal

Giving: Give+ Online, Mobile, or Automatic Withdrawal Giving allows you to contribute to Blessed Sacrament and not worry about donation envelopes. Use online giving from your computer or smart device to schedule one-time or recurring donations! Or Automatic-Withdrawal (forms online or in the Parish Office.)

- **Online Giving:** www.bscwf.org, choose 'Get Involved' and 'Give+ Online'.
- **Mobile App:** Download "GivePlus Church" free.
- **Automatic Withdrawal:** www.bscwf.org, choose 'Get Involved', 'Donate', 'Automatic Withdrawal' or Contact MaryBeth@bscwf.org to receive a form.

Thank you for your support.

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

- Hattie Witt, January 23
- Jerry Sullivan, January 27

New Member Registration. If you are interested in becoming a registered member of Blessed Sacrament, please see Fr. Gary Luiten, call the Parish Office 701-282-3321 or **register on our website** <https://www.bscwf.org/become-a-member/>

Our Sympathy to Steve and Diane Fink, on the death of their daughter-in-law, Shelly Fink. May Shelly find peace in the arms of our Lord.

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.**

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*

Soup 'N More is Aiming to Warm You Up! Join us for a bowl of hot steaming Soup on Thursday, January 25, 5:30-6:60 p.m. Free Will Offering!
Future Dates:

February 8: It's Pre-Super Bowl Tailgating Time

February 22: Presidents' Day Recognized In Style

We Pray In Remembrance of...

January 21: Eileen Kaehler, Roger Philips

January 22: Katheryn Wetzstein, Rose O'Marro,
Leo Grosz

January 23: Maynard Schmidt, John Rausch

January 24: Emily Dufner, Gena Petermann

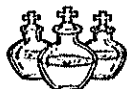
January 25: Mark Murphy, John Critelli,
Arthur Hockert, Ray Eisenzimmer,
Cedric Sloan

January 26: Alvin Orth, Barbara Schmeider

January 27: Elizabeth Naset

Welcome to the Family Room! We are blessed to have such a wonderful room for our families with young children. The Family Room is on the north side of the church (The room with the blue chairs). This room is reserved for infants and toddlers with their parents and people with special needs during Mass. This room has comfortable chairs including a rocking chair.

Sacraments



Baptism: Parents must attend a preparatory class before the baptism can take place. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule the class with Fr. Gary Luiten.

Marriage: To be married at Blessed Sacrament, one or both persons of the engaged couple must be practicing Catholics. Contact Fr. Gary Luiten at least six months prior to the wedding.

Reconciliation: Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and upon appointment.

For the Sick: You are encouraged to seek the Sacrament of the Sick if you are suffering from a serious illness or are going to be admitted to the hospital for surgery. Please contact Fr. Gary Luiten if you would like to be anointed,

Fr. Gary Luiten - Gary@bscwf.org. 701-282-3321

Volunteerism - Stewardship



COFFEE TALK: If it is wished that we continue Coffee Talk after Sunday masses Julie needs volunteers to bake and host. Julie has tried sign-up sheets with minimal to no response. So, if you would like to see Coffee Talk continue, please contact Julie to sign up to be a host and/or baked goods provider. Julie can be reached in the parish office at 701.282.3321, by email at julie@bscwf.org

Upcoming Soup 'N More: Please contact Julie if you wish to volunteer to help at a Thursday dinner OR if you would like to make a dessert for one or all of them. Soup 'N More dinners are served on the SECOND and FOURTH Thursday of the month. From 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. The cost is NOTHING!

January 25: Soup!

February 8: Pre-Super Bowl Tailgating Time

February 22: Presidents Day Recognized

Get ready for Girl Scout Cookie Sales... starting on February 18 before and after 8:30 and 10:30am masses.

MASS MINISTERS: It's time again to begin sending Julie your availability for weekend ministries for *March and April*. Please review your schedules and let Julie know by **Friday, February 2**. Email, call, text or handwrite your availability or lack thereof. Thank you.

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten



the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 21, 2024

The readings today have to do with reforming our lives. Jonah in the first reading called for the people to reform their lives. To reform one's life doesn't begin by just saying, "*Well, I better quit swearing*", or "*I better start obeying my parents more.*" It is certainly expected that one would do these things. But to reform means to look at one's whole outlook on life, and to begin to live according to the spirit. There is a common statement that describes all of us members of the Body of Christ: *we are in the world but not of the world*. So, the challenge is how does one do that?

The Ninevites fasted. It is good for us, at times, to deny ourselves some material pleasure for the sake of the kingdom. We call this fasting. Even Jesus himself fasted and speaks about the importance of fasting in the gospels, which helps to build up our spiritual lives. This helps us to reclaim our free will. It helps us to realize that we do have the ability to choose or not to exercise self-control in our lives.

To reform our lives involves having an active faith life, and not losing sight of the spiritual. That's what Paul tells the Corinthians and us. It's so easy to forget God during the week, and to just think of God as our weekend friend. And this is too bad because God does not forget about us during the week, thank goodness!

Finally, the process of conversion, of reforming our lives, involves doing what Peter, Andrew, James, and John did in the gospel reading. Following their being chosen by Christ. Mark tells us they went off in His (Jesus') company. May Jesus always be welcome in our lives and in our conversations as we continue the process of reforming our lives into Christ's image.

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

Our National EMMAUS Moment!

An Unprecedented Outpouring of Grace:

4 Routes

60 Days on the Road

1,000 Hosts

6,500 Miles Traveled

100,000+ Total Participants

The Fire is Spreading. Throughout the National Eucharistic Revival, local communities are gathering tinder in response to God's invitation for renewal, calling on the Holy Spirit to bring the flame.

In keeping with this vision, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will accompany Jesus from city to city, lighting hearts on fire along the way. Then, at the National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024, all these flames will blaze together.

For more information go to
<https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>

Community & Diocesan Events

Sunday Breakfast. January 28, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., St. Benedict's Church (11743 38th St. S. Horace). Free will offering. Hosted by the St. Benedict's Men's Group. All are welcome!

Trinity Elementary Family Fun Fair! Sunday, January 28, 12 – 3 p.m. in the Trinity Elementary School Gym. Silent Auction, Face Painting, Games, Bake Sale, Pizza, Magic Show.

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.

Save the Date! Theology of the Body & the Culture of Life. May 9-11 at Maryvale, Valley City. This retreat will focus on St. John Paul II's teaching on the human person known as the Theology of the Body and its connection to the culture of life, marriage, and the Eucharist. The retreat will include Mass, adoration, and praise and worship. Facilitated by Tim Mosser, Respect Life Director for the Diocese of Fargo.

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.

Redeemed Eucharistic Congress, September 5-7, 2024, Jamestown Civic Center. Scott Hahn, Julianne Stanz, Bishop John Folda, Eucharistic procession and more! More information is coming!

Job Openings

Parish Administrative Assistant/ Receptionist/ Secretary. St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo is 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, 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

St. John's School in Wahpeton is looking for an elementary teacher to join our team. Candidates must have knowledge of curriculum development and be able to effectively communicate with students, staff, and parents. We want someone with a passion for Catholic education and strengths in literacy and math instruction. Candidates must hold or be able to obtain a current ND Educator's Professional License. Start: August 2024. Deadline for applying: Open Until Filled. To apply submit a cover letter, resume, three (3) letters of recommendation, and copies of college transcripts to Kaja Kaste, Principal at Kaja.Kaste@k12.nd.us

St. James Basilica in Jamestown is seeking a full-time Director of Advancement for the parish and St. John's Academy. The Director of Advancement should be enthusiastic, motivated and passionate about the Catholic faith and committed to the mission of the parish and school. Applicant is expected to organize, engage, and inspire individuals, businesses, and foundations to support the mission. Applicant will be responsible for the development and execution of a strategic fundraising plan to meet annual and long-range fundraising goals that includes but not limited to: Staff wages, Educational Resources, Youth and Adult Faith Formation programs and Capital projects. Please send a letter on interest and resume to jeff.trumbauer@k12.nd.us

January is National Soup Month

***Join us Thursday,
January 25, 2024
for...***

***Soup, Soup and More
SOUP!!!***

Serving from 5:30—6:30pm

Soups:

4 Bean

Chicken Noodle

Mushroom Wild Rice

Salad

Bread Sticks

Desserts

Coffee

Water



**Blessed Sacrament
Church Social Hall**

**FREE Will Offering
Accepted NOT Expected**



TRINITY ELEMENTARY PTO PRESENTS

FAMILY FUN FAIR

TRINITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- > SILENT AUCTION
- > FACE PAINTING
- > GAMES
- > BAKE SALE
- > PIZZA
- > MAGIC SHOW

SUNDAY
JANUARY 28TH
@NOON TO 3PM

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS
SUPPORT!**

January 27-28, 2024 – 4th 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. Neva	F. McCann	C. Fischer
EMHC	*J. & S. Neva, M. Pierce, C. & E. Pablo	L. Sample, N. Peterson, D. Nechiporenko, F. McCann, F. Lenzmeier, **N. Peterson	*L. Wegner, M. Jamieson, G. Larson, K. Novak, M. Kern
Gift Bearers	C. & E. Pablo	F. & D. Lenzmeier	B. & K. Novak
Servers	M. Pierce, Volunteer	Wells Crew	J. Norton, Volunteer
Ushers	G. & D. Krogen	J. Wells, C. Pratt	E. Hanson, R. Haugen
Greeters	M. Pierce Family	L. & L. Juve	K. Volk Family
Rosary Leader	S. Bosch	D. Nechiporenko	M. Kern
Sacristan	J. Neva	L. Sample	L. Wegner
Media Minister	N. Althoff	*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 21, 2024

January 23: Sts. Vincent & Marianne Cope January 24: St. Francis de Sales

January 25: The Conversion of St. Paul January 26: Sts. Timothy & Titus

January 27: St. Angela Meici

 <p>STAN'S HOME REPAIR & REMODELING</p> <p>Residential & Light Commercial Specializing in Kitchens, Bathrooms, & Handicap Bathroom Renovations.</p> <p>Owner: Stan Dreckman ~ standreckman@outlook.com</p> <p>701-799-1768 (Leave Message)</p>	 <p>DIVERSIFIED WEALTH MANAGEMENT</p> <p>Brad Novak, CFP® Vice President / Partner</p> <p>PH: 701.232.0702</p>	 <p>Knights of Columbus Council #6465</p> <p>Meet first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Classroom #4 Blessed Sacrament Church</p>	
 <p>Valley Maid SMOKED MEATS SINCE 1948</p> <p>Look for our products at your local grocery store.</p>	 <p>Sign Pro signprofargo.com</p> <p>2220 2nd Ave. E. • West Fargo, ND 58078</p> <p>701.461.7309</p>	 <p>CARPET WORLD COLORTILE</p> <p>We Put the World at Your Feet 4601 17th Ave. SW Fargo 235-7525 www.carpetworldfargo.com</p>	 <p>JDP ELECTRIC INCORPORATED</p> <p>Professional electrical services for residential, commercial and industrial establishments in the Fargo area.</p> <p>701-232-1991</p>
 <p>BOULGER FUNERAL HOME • CREMATION SERVICES</p> <p>123 South 10th St, Fargo 701-237-6441</p> <p>Jim Boulger Owner, Licensed Funeral Director</p>	<p>TAXES ADVISOR LLC</p> <p>Accounting and Tax Preparation Joe Schweitzer, EA 218-236-1546 joe.schweitzer@taxes-advisor.com Serving the F-M Area</p>	 <p>THE GROUNDSMAN</p> <p>For All Your Lawn Service Needs Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fertilizing • Spring Clean-Up • Power Raking • Over Seeding • Weed Control • Fall Clean-Up • Edging • Tree Trimming • Core Aeration • Mowing <p>TIM ALLMARAS Owner / Licensed Applicator 701-388-5072 thegroundsman@outlook.com</p>	 <p>The Lockshop 701-235-6645</p> <p>*Cars Opened* *Card Access* *Master Keying* 24 hour Emergency Service.</p>
 <p>BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH</p> <p>Father Gary Luiten 701-282-3321 ~ www.bscwf.org</p>	 <p>Darren Rohrich 701-367-8676 darrenrohrich@gmail.com</p> <p>DAKOTA PLAINS REALTY DakotaPlainsRealty.com</p>	<p>St. Francis Thrift Store 1425 1st Avenue South, Fargo Ph: 701-235-5944</p> <p>Needed: Saleable items, cash donations (tax deductible), and volunteers</p> <p>Purpose: To help the needy in our community</p>	 <p>The Lockshop 701-235-6645</p> <p>*Cars Opened* *Card Access* *Master Keying* 24 hour Emergency Service.</p>