



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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701-282-3321

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January 6-7, 2024 - Epiphany

Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, January 7 Epiphany

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Melanie Eileen Oberg

Monday, January 8 - NO MASS

Tuesday, January 9 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – +Robert Eugene Grahm

Wednesday, January 10

9:00 a.m. – +George Vogel

Thursday, January 11

9:00 a.m. – +Debbie McCann

Friday, January 12

9:00 a.m. – +Boyd Garman

Saturday, January 13

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – +Martin Ferber

Sunday, January 14

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Fran Gerszewski



Welcome! Fr. Gary Luiten and the faithful of Blessed Sacrament welcome you. We hope your time at Blessed Sacrament may 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:

Concessions, 11:30 a.m.

Bingo, 12:00 p.m.

RCIA: Tuesday, January 9, 7 p.m.

Soup 'N More: Thursday, January 11, 5:30 p.m.

Safety Team Meeting,

Thursday, January 11, 7 p.m.

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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Media Information

Facebook:

Blessed Sacrament Church – West Fargo

Web Site: www.bscwf.org

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Weekly Offering



Your Support Keeps the Furnace Running!

December 30-31, 2023

Adult: \$8,562.81

Children: \$21

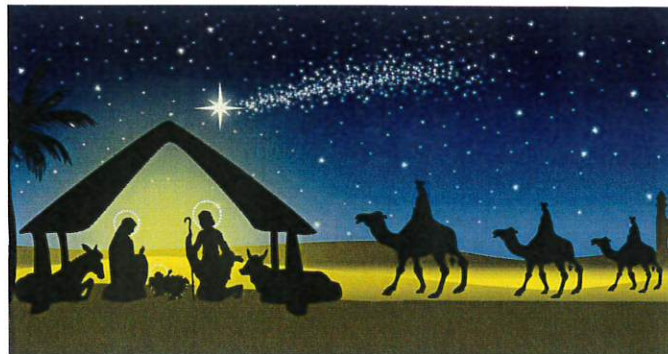
Improvements: \$541

Poor Fund: \$434

YEAR END COLLECTED

GOAL

\$393,362.01	Adult	\$416,000.00
\$1,331.00	Children	\$1,560.00
\$52,442.16	Improvements	\$52,000.00
\$70,111.50	God's Gift	\$71,561.00



Faith Formation



Class:

Grs. 1-5	January 10	5:30 p.m.
WOW	January 10	7:00 p.m.
Grs 1-5	January 17	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	January 17	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/>

Confirmation Preparation: Wednesdays, January 17 & 24, 5:30 p.m.

RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation of Adults).

RCIA class is on Tuesday.

Dates: January 9, 16, 23, 30

Music Ministry



Joyful Voices

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

Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary). This song is sung prior to Communion:

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried, and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

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 or 701-282-3321.

Be Aware - Park With Care! When parking near the building, in the parking lot, please **DO NOT PARK ON THE SIDEWALK!** Please be aware of where you are parking. Thank you.

Becoming Catholic: If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Fr. Gary Luiten, 701-282-3321 or Gary@bscwf.org.

BINGO starts This Sunday! Concession sales begin at 11:30 a.m. and Bingo starts at 12:00 p.m.

Bulletin Advertisers - THANK YOU! By placing an ad in our bulletin, you help defray the cost of printing and distribution of our weekly bulletin. We appreciate all businesses that advertise with us, and we ask our parishioners to support these businesses as much as you are able.

Catholic Schools Week

January 28 through February 3 marks the celebration of Catholic education. The week is celebrated with Mass, assemblies and other activities for students, families, parishioners, and community members. The 2024 theme is:

"Catholic Schools:

United in Faith and Community."

Trinity Elementary is supported by Blessed Sacrament, St. Benedict, and Holy Cross. Blessed Sacrament has several students that attend JP II Catholic Schools. Our Knights of Columbus men will help us celebrate Catholic Schools week by hosting a supper. The date will be announced in a later bulletin. The proceeds, from the supper, will go toward our JP II stipend.

Catholic Schools week is a great time to show your support. The Blessed Sacrament stipend is 40% of our envelope giving. This is given to the JP II network. This amount is increased by 5% each year and will cap at 45%. To help us reach that percentage, you are invited to donate by using the JP II envelope in your pack of offering envelopes; the JP II envelope attached to the bulletin; or on the bookcase in the Gathering Area. There is also an option on our parish website to give to the JP II Schools.

Catholic Man Night Hosted by Blessed Sacrament Monday, January 22, 6 - 8 p.m. The Main Speaker is Bishop John Folda! More information coming in later bulletins.

Children's 'Busy-Bag'. Do you need something to occupy your child(ren) during Mass? You are welcome to take a Busy-Bag from the red 'tree' near the coat rack. Please take home the activity and coloring pages. The crayons and books remain in the bag. **Please return the Busy-Bag to the 'tree' when Mass is over.**

Daily Readings – January 7-13, 2024

January 7: Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3a,5-6, Mt 2:1-12

January 8: Is 42:1-4,6-7 Mt 1:7-11

January 9: 1 Sm 1:9-20, Mk 1:21-28

January 10: 1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20, Mk 1:29-30

January 11: 1 Sm 4:1-11, Mk 1:40-45

January 12: 1 Sm 8:2-7,10-22a, Mk 2:1-12

January 13: 1 Sm 9:4,17-19,10:1a, Mk 2:13-17

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

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

- Olga Reiter, January 9
- Janet Dobberstein, January 10
- George Schmidt, January 13

Knights of Columbus Council #6465,

The Knights of Columbus meet once a month at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting is February 1. For more information contact the Parish Office or speak with Eduardo Pablo.

Let us Pray for You! Contact the Parish Office with your prayer needs 701-282-3321. Your request will be forwarded on to our Prayer Warriors and/or placed in the bulletin. **You may also request prayers on our website:**

<https://www.bscwf.org/prayer-wall/>

Liturgical Readings & Responses. For those who want to follow the prayers, readings, and psalm response... Did you know that you can access those readings on your smart phone from the Blessed Sacrament website? bscwf.org and from the homepage scroll down to "Daily Readings".

Low-Gluten Hosts Available. For those suffering from sensitivity to gluten, low-gluten hosts are available. To request a low-gluten host, please see Fr. Gary in the sacristy at least 15 minutes prior to mass beginning. We ask that you sit in the first section closest to the Family Room. Fr. will see that you get the low-gluten host at communion time.

Mass at Sheyenne Crossings and Trinity

Elementary School: Fr. Gary celebrates Mass at Sheyenne Crossings and Trinity Elementary during the month. Sheyenne Crossings: every Tuesday at 1 p.m. Trinity Elementary: once a month. Please watch the bulletin for the date. **THERE IS NO DAILY MASS AT BLESSED SACRAMENT ON THESE DAYS.**

Monthly Calendar Every month we publish a Blessed Sacrament Calendar.

- Side 1 has our Mass times, daily readings, the saint of the day or feast day, and any activities/events Blessed Sacrament is having.
- Side 2 has the anniversary of a parishioners death (marked with an +), the wedding anniversary date of parishioners celebrating 25, 40, 50, 55, 60, 65 and 70 plus years of marriage, and the birthdate of parishioners celebrating year 75, 80, 85 and 90 plus years.

The Monthly Calendar can be found on our website bscwf.org/latest-bulletins/. Bulletins are on the left; Calendars are on the right.

NEEDED - Prayer Warriors.

The Blessed Sacrament Prayer Warriors are a group of individuals who pray for those who have requested prayer. If you are interested in joining our Warriors of Prayer or if you have questions, contact Mary Beth in the Parish Office. 701-282-3321.

Pastoral Council Elections: Elections for two new members of the Pastoral Council will be held the weekend of January 27-28. Those elected will serve a three-year term. They will be replacing Leland Buckmeier & Steve Neva. If you have the opportunity, please thank them for their service to our parish. Who can vote? All registered parishioners ages 18 and older. Candidate names and biographies will be available next weekend.

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

Please Check Lost and Found. Items not picked up by January 31 will be donated. We collect items that have been left behind and place them in the tote above the coat rack.

Safety Team Meeting. Thursday, January 11, 7 p.m., in the Library. The Safety Team was formed 1 year ago following a Safe Church/Active Shooter session held with the West Fargo Police Department. The goal of the team is to **Keep Everyone Safe!** The team has implemented some changes to our facility in the past year. Many, you might not have noticed:

- Locks have been changed and/or improved upon in the classrooms, social hall, and some exterior doors.
- New and better signage has gone up.
- The Fire Alarm system has been updated.
- Installation of one-way window film to all entrance doors, indoor office windows, and others.
- All Social Hall doors remain locked unless the hall is in use.
- All Classrooms are locked unless the classroom(s) are in use.

The team has plans for more first aid kits, more fire extinguishers, additional signs, window breakers, and more. If you would like to be a part of this team, come to the meeting on January 11!

Sick List: We pray for our ill parishioners and family members. If you would like your Blessed Sacrament family to pray for you or a loved one, please call the Parish Office. Names will be listed, in the bulletin, for 1 month unless the office is contacted for an extension.

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

We Pray in Remembrance of...

January 7: Theresa Stangler, Alma Wolf

January 12: Florence Miller

January 13: Alice Sprecher, Raymond Schaan,
Verna Bashaw

Winter Storm Policy The Blessed Sacrament Parish Office follows the same winter storm policy as West Fargo Public Schools. If the WF Public Schools are closed because of bad weather, the Parish Office will be closed and there will be no evening activities. Fr. Gary WILL say daily Mass if it is scheduled.

Volunteerism - Stewardship



A special thank you to all who contributed towards the Poinsettias for Christmas. The sanctuary, baptismal font and nativity scene have all brightened up by your generosity!!

Get ready for Bingo starting Sunday and support our youth. Concessions open at 11:30 a.m. with Bingo beginning at 12 p.m.

Mark your calendars for Soup 'N More:

January 11: Celebrate Sloppy Snow with Sloppy Joe's.

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

***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.**

BEGIN PREPARING FOR THE LENTEN

SEASON!!! Yes, Ash Wednesday is February 14, 2024! Now is as good of a time as any to begin reflecting on what you can do differently during Lent. Piggy-back with your New Year's resolutions. Remember it is not just about giving things up but also, about being a better person. What can you do to be a better person?

- Pray More.
- Be a positive example for your children, family, friends.
- Go to church weekly.
- Get involved.
- Forgive.
- Smile.
- Meet someone new at church.
- Reach out to someone you haven't talked to in a long time.
- Visit the elderly in the nursing homes.
- Be genuine to yourself and others.

Churches United for the Homeless (CUH):

Blessed Sacrament takes supper to CUH the 4th & 5th Thursdays of the month. We cook the meal here and deliver it to CUH. If you'd like to volunteer, contact Julie in the Parish Office 701-282-3321.



The Solemnity of the Epiphany – Jan. 7, 2024

Our thoughts on this solemnity are drawn to the three wise men and the star. This makes the nativity scene complete. They brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Jesus. Gold represents the kingship of Jesus. Frankincense shows that Jesus was and is sacred and, in fact, God. Myrrh was a nard, or a perfume reserved for burial. It was to reveal to the world that he is human, and it would foreshadow his death. So, these wise men were indeed wise, wiser than one may realize, and probably wiser than many people today.

Their minds and hearts were open just enough to notice that “something was up,” that a certain star in the sky was the instrument of God. We don’t know if they believed in Jesus before this encounter with Jesus, but we do know one thing: they believed in Jesus after this encounter! May you and I believe in Jesus in an even deeper way after encountering Him in the Eucharist.

Someday, we will come before the Lord, like the three wise men did on this solemnity, giving us a chance to see Jesus not in a manger, but in all his glory. What will we have to offer him? What kind of a life? That’s a question only you and I can answer. It’s a question only I can answer. That gift is constantly being made, like a large quilt or afghan. And each day something new is being added. Hopefully it will be a beautiful gift that we can give to God at the end of our lives. We know that the gift we give God at the end won’t be any material thing. It won’t be anything we can touch. What it could be is a life of good deeds, a life of regular reception of Jesus and his sacraments, a life of faith. Those are the things we can take with us.

May the three wise men be our inspiration of giving to God the best of our lives and may the Star of Bethlehem be our example of lighting the way to Jesus for others.

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

National Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage, July 16-22, 2024, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Join the Diocese of Fargo and 80,000 Catholics across the United States for the first National Eucharistic Congress in 83 years! The Diocese of Fargo offers you a bus pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress. The price for the pilgrimage includes: the conference hotel, discounted Congress ticket, bus travel, pilgrimage overnight stays, two suppers and two lunches in route.

For more information regarding the Fargo Diocese bus pilgrimage, visit:
fargodiocese.org/congress-pilgrimage

For more information regarding the Congress, visit:
eucharisticcongress.org

Community & Diocesan Events

Office Space Available.

Redeeming Grace Counseling is looking to partner with other Christian individuals and businesses in the Fargo area! We are offering office space for rent at a great location inside the University of Mary building on 1351 Page Drive. This includes internet and IT staff, a full-time receptionist to assist in scheduling and answering calls, cleaning and more! For further information or to schedule a tour contact us at info@redeeminggracecounseling.com or 701-353-9979.

Nativity’s Sweet Serenade – Epiphany of Christmas Joy! Sunday, January 7, 2 p.m.,

Nativity Cafeteria. Come and enjoy! It may be better than football ~ who knows? Desserts will be served.

Pinochle Party. All are invited to play pinochle at 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.

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.

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. Our lectors proclaim the readings from Sacred Scripture. When you see these people be sure to thank them for their commitment.

A Special Thank You
to all of our **Lectors**

Jeanine Allmaras	Kathleen Jalbert	Connie Paintner
Amanda Buettner	Jody Jones	Nancy Peterson
Marilyn Curfman	Margo Kern	Colter Pratt
Shawn DeKeyser	Bob Kirkeby	Brad Schmidt
Marvis Doster	Judy Klaers	Mary Anne Schuster
Sue Durbin	Rory Martin	Loretta Wall
Lucy Elshaug	Francis McCann	Chuck Wanzek
Cindy Fischer	LaRae Metzger	Josh Wells
Karen Hanson	Jody Neva	Killian Wells
Marilyn Hoff	Steve Neva	Julie Yourczek

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

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January 13-14, 2024 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	B. Kirkeby	S. DeKeyser	C. Fischer
EMHC	*M. Pierce, J. & S. Neva, J. & J.W. Jones	*J. Aberle, H. Madson, A. Pritchard, S. & L. DeKeyser, **S. DeKeyser	*L. Wegner, M. Jamieson, K. Novak, M. Kern, G. Larson
Gift Bearers	M. Pierce Family	L. & L. Juve	K. Volk Family
Servers	M. Pierce, Volunteer	E. Esposito, W. Lenertz	E. Buettner, J. Norton
Ushers	A. Larson, E. Krogen	J. & G. Yourczek	R. Fischer, B. Novak
Greeters	G. Kirkeby, T. Tweeter	L. & L. Juve	K. Volk Family
Rosary Leader	S. Bosch	S. & L. DeKeyser	H.J. Puvogel
Sacristan	M. Pierce	J. Aberle	L. Wegner
Media Minister	M. Berntson	*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 7, 2024

January 7: Epiphany January 8: the Baptism of the Lord January 13: St. Hilary

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