

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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February 10-11, 2024 - 6th Sunday of Ordinary

Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, February 11

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners 10:30 a.m. - +Elsie Sadowsky

Monday, February 12 - NO MASS

Tuesday, February 13 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – +Boyd Garman

Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday

9:00 a.m. – +Fran Gerszewski 7:00 p.m. – the Parishioners

Thursday, February 15

9:00 a.m. - +Gerald Peterson

Friday, February 16

9:00 a.m. – +Bob Durbin

Saturday, February 17

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

5:15 p.m. - +Frank Jeffrey Lenzmeier

Sunday, February 18 1st Sunday in Lent

8:30 a.m. - the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. - Shannon O'Leary

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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.





Sunday – Concessions / 11:30 a.m. Bingo / 12:00 p.m.

RCIA, Tuesday, February 13, 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday, February 14, Masses: 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Pastoral Council Meeting
Thursday, February 15, 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross,
Friday, February 16, 7:00 p.m.

Movie Night: Do You Believe?
Friday, February 16, 7:30 p.m.

Weekly Offering



February 3-4, 2024

Adult: \$9,334.56 Improvements: \$6734

Poor Fund: \$496
Collected to Date

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\$96.00

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Adult Children

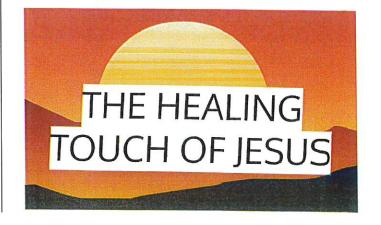
Improvements

Goal

Children: \$20

\$40,00**0**.00 \$15**0**.00

\$5,000.00



Lent 2024

Lent begins <u>THIS WEEK</u>
Ash Wednesday - February 14.
Mass Times: 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Regulations

- Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.
- Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted.

When health or ability to work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

What is Ash Wednesday? Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is a day of prayer, fasting, and repentance. The name "Ash Wednesday" is from the practice of placing ashes on our foreheads in the shape of a cross. The ashes are obtained by burning the dried palms blessed on the previous year's Palm Sunday.

THIS LENT at Blessed Sacrament:

- Ash Wednesday, February 14.
- Stations of the Cross, Fridays at 7:00 p.m.
- Family Movie Night, Most Fridays, 7:30 p.m.
- First Friday Adoration, March 1, 9:30 am-12 pm
- First Saturday Holy Hour, March 2, 3:30 p.m.
- Fish Fry, Friday, March 8, 5:30 p.m.
- Easter Basket Sales, March 8, 9-10 & 17-18
- Reconciliation Service, March 14, 7:00 p.m.
- Stew Supper, Thursday, March 28, 5:30 p.m.
- Pack the Pew, Fill the pew with groceries.

LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF FISH for the Fish Fry on March 3. Fr. Gary is wondering if anyone has fish to donate to our fish fry. If you do, call the Parish Office. 701-282-3321.

TWO Interactive Lent Activities in the Gathering Area!

- Praying for Each Other. In the Gathering Area there is a table with paper, pencils, and a box labeled 'Prayer Requests'. Please fill out papers with things you would like someone to pray for and place in the box. This can be completely anonymous. On Ash Wednesday, the wooden cross will be in the Gathering Area with all the prayer requests attached. Before or after masses during Lent we ask that you remove one or two requests and pray for those written requests. Also, feel free to add more as you take others off.
 - Continue adding prayer requests. The response has been amazing so far, we could benefit from prayer for one reason or another. Let's fill the large wooden cross with requests so we can all pray for one another.
- Relieve Jesus' Burden of our sins from the Crown of Thorns - The Lenten season encourages us all to do a self-examination. To make inner changes to our hearts, minds, and souls. Jesus was not only scourged at the pillar for our sins but also "crowned" with thorns. Similar to our Advent project filling the manger with straw from our good deeds for Jesus' coming; we would like everyone to help to lessen the burden of the crown of thorns. As you fast, pray, do almsgiving or any good deed we encourage you to pull a thorn out of the crown each week. 1 thorn = 1 good deed. Place the thorn(s) in the bowl. As you remove the "thorn(s)" use caution so as not to poke yourself as they are sharp. Take a moment to reflect on Jesus' time on earth and His suffering. Say a prayer while removing the thorn(s). The intent is to lessen our sins which reduces Jesus' burden and helps us to realize what good people we truly are. We hope by Easter our crown will be free of thorns. This project is for the young, old and everyone in between. Hopefully, as we concentrate on doing good in our everyday lives, it will become second nature and far outweigh any wrongdoing.

Pack the Pew is Coming! Blessed Sacrament's Parish Lenten Project is "Pack the Pew". NEXT weekend we will start to collect non-perishable food items in a pew of the church. Food will be collected through March 17. The items will be divided between our Blessing Box and The Emergency Food Pantry.

Inspiring Family Movies on Friday Evenings.

Join us each Friday in Lent at 7:30 p.m. for an inspirational, uplifting movie. We will provide popcorn. If you would like to bring a comfy cushion, beanbag chair, or blanket, you are welcome to do so! On February 16, everyone in attendance will receive a special gift from us.

- February 16, Do You Believe?
- February 23, I Can Only Imagine.
- March 1, The Cokeville Miracle
- NO MOVIE ON MARCH 8
- March 15, Miracles From Heaven
- NO MOVIE ON MARCH 22

This Weeks Family Movie: DO YOU BELIEVE?

A dozen different souls, whose lives unexpectedly intersect, leading them to all understand there is power in the Cross of Christ. Showing Friday, February 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross during Lent we will recite and reflect on the Stations of the Cross, every Friday at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us.

What are the Stations of the Cross? Stations of the Cross are representations of the path Jesus took on his way to be crucified. Jesus endured suffering, insults, and moments of support. 'Stations' relays the intense sacrifice that Jesus undertook for human salvation. Blessed Sacrament has 14-Station of the Cross plaques on the walls of the church.

- Jesus is condemned.
- Jesus takes up his cross.
- Jesus falls the first time.
- Jesus meets Mary.
- Simon helps carry the cross.
- Veronica consoles Jesus.
- Jesus falls a second time.
- Jesus consoles the women.
- Jesus falls a third time.
- Jesus is stripped of his garments.
- Jesus is nailed to the cross.
- Jesus dies.
- Jesus is taken down from the cross.
- Jesus is placed in a tomb.

Once a week, during Lent, Blessed Sacrament parishioners reflect and pray the Stations of the Cross. Fr. Gary, and others, travel from station to station as we contemplate each one. If you have never experienced the Stations of the Cross, please join us this year.

The Word Among Us, Daily meditations for February 14-March 31. Please help yourself to a daily meditation book. You will find them in the media rack in the Gathering Area.

Wear Liturgical Colors During Lent. We'd like to encourage everyone to attend Mass wearing the 'color' of the liturgical season. By doing this, we will enhance the environment and it will be a visual reminder for us that we are in a special season.

- Ash Wednesday Purple
- 1st Sunday in Lent Purple
- 2nd Sunday in Lent Purple
- 3rd Sunday in Lent Purple
- 4th Sunday in Lent Rose
- 5th Sunday in Lent Purple
- 6th Sunday in Lent Red
- Holy Thursday White
- · Good Friday Red
- Easter Vigil White
- Easter Sunday White

We will remind you in the bulletin what the color of the Mass will be. Let's see if we can fill the church with the color of the season!

The Three Pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

Three key pillars characterize the Lenten season: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (charity).

During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting.

While most Catholics are familiar with "no meat on Fridays" during Lent, fasting and abstinence are important components throughout Lent. This may look like giving up things like gossip, your favorite coffee order, or forgoing music in the car and replacing it with prayer.

Almsgiving reminds us of Jesus's call to serve and connects us in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need.

And lastly: prayer. Deepening our relationship with God during Lent gives meaning to our fasting and strengthens our call to almsgiving.



Class:

No Class	February 14	Attend Mass
Grs. 1-5	February 21	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	February 21	7:00 p.m.
Grs. 1-5	February 28	5:30 p.m.
WOW	February 28	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/

Ash Wednesday. All students and their families are expected to attend Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m.

First Eucharist Preparation for parents and students Wednesdays February 21, 28 and March 6 at 5:30 p.m. in the church.

RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. **Dates:** February 13, 20, 27



Joyful Voices

Date	Practice/Sing	
February 17	4:30 / 5:15 pm	
February 25	9:30/10:30 am	

There is no Contemporary Choir in February.

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

- Instrumentalists
- Song Leaders
- Substitute Accompanists

Parish Life



Baptism Baby Baskets. We have two baptism baby baskets in the Gathering Area, on the table by the Parish Office. They are for Ella and Emma Buettner. 1 month old twin daughters of Andrew and Amanda Buettner. Please help us fill the baskets with baby shower items. Some examples are diapers, wipes, bath items, books, toys, etc.

Bingo. Join us for BINGO on Sunday, February 11 & 25 at 12:00 p.m. January Bingo is hosted by Knights of Columbus. Concessions by our Youth.

Blessed Sacrament BLOOD DRIVE. Our next Blood Drive will be Tuesday, February 27 from 3-6 p.m. Please consider giving. Contact Julie to sign up or go to the link. The link is: https://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa/appointme nt/guest/phl/timeSlotsExtr?token=Xr%2FOH1igJlwj%2F hEERcVLvYNnh0%2By1W%2Fx4IFwCMHpDGc%3D

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 TVI 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 - February 11-17, 2024

February 11: Lv 13:1-2,44-46, 1 Cor 10:21-11:1.

Mk 1:40-45

February 12: Jas 1:1-11, Mk 8:11-13 February 13: Jas 1:12-18, Mk 8:14-21 February 14: Jl 2:12-18, 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 February 15: Dt 30:15-20, Lk 9:22-25 February 16: Is 58:1-9a, Mt 9:14-15 February 17: Is 58:9b-14, Lk 5:27-32

Easter Basket Items Needed: The ladies from St. Jude Circle will be assembling Easter Baskets on March 1. They need some help from you. They are looking for donations of small and medium easter baskets and individually wrapped candy. Please bring it to the Parish Office before March 1.

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.

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

Yvonne Toutant, February 13

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.

Pastoral Council Meeting, Thursday, February 15, 7 p.m. in the Library.

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

Luella Ulmer, George Schmidt, Larry Mattson, Clarice Dancer, Kolby Hunsicker, Aaron Dahl, Gary Lammer

Soup 'N More: Only 1 in March – Holy Thursday Stew Supper replaces 1!!

Thursday, February 22:

Presidents' Day Recognized In Style Thursday, March 14: St. Patrick's Day Dinner We serve from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us for these GREAT MEALS!! The cost is a Free-will offering.

Thank you to everyone for supporting JPII Catholic Schools during Catholic Schools Week! We have taken the donated school supplies to Trinity Elementary. They are very thankful and grateful! The JPII envelope donations totaled over \$400. The Spaghetti Dinner brought in over \$900!

We Pray In Remembrance of...

February 12: Agnes Nygaard, Agnes Coster, Andrew Wickenheiser, Evelyn Cole

February 13: Arthur Libbrecht

February 14: Margie Hummel

February 15: George Cavegn

February 17: Florence Trenkenshuh,

Theodore Cich, Kathleen Deutsch

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Your Council Representatives Are...

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Volunteerism - Stewardship



SIGN UP FOR MASS MINISTRIES FOR HOLY WEEK, EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY.

Signup sheets are in the Social Hall.

WE ARE IN NEED OF MEDIA MINISTERS AND ROSARY LEADERS. Use this Lenten season as a time to get involved and showcase your talents. Contact Julie for more information. Do you have a High School student that is interested in Media? This might be a great opportunity for them!

SAVE THE DATES:

- Fall Dinner 2024 is moving up slightly. The new date is Sunday, October 6, 2024
- 2nd Annual Nativity Showcase: Saturday,
 December 7 and Sunday, December 8, 2024

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten



the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Feb. 11, 2024

Notice, throughout the gospel, Jesus visits sinners, the sick, and the outcasts and ate with them. He, in a real sense, dwelt with them. That's what we are called to do, too – to dwell together as God's family. This at times can be a challenge because we may have our own distinct personalities, or maybe even different traits which can be bothersome at times. But Jesus has come to establish the church, and the church is the community of the faithful. God gives us the grace to live as a community. And so, are we seeking to deepen our relationship with the church, or to distance ourselves from the church?

The church also teaches us that the family is a "little church." And so, are individual families seeking to dwell as one family unit, or do individuals thrive on division and separation? Families are called to live as one, to overcome their obstacles as Jesus destroyed the polarization of the sickness of the leper in today's gospel.

With God's help, the strength of the holy spirit and the grace of the sacraments, families can dwell as one, and there can be peace, and families can dwell not as individuals as in the case of those with leprosy in the gospel, but as one, accepting one another for who they are, not liking the sin, but loving the sinner. May God give us the strength to reach out to those who need our help, and may God bless us for our faith, trust, as we become the presence of Christ for the outcast and the poor.

National Eucharistic Congress

What to Expect

Each day of the Congress is packed with opportunities for personal transformation and lifegiving Catholic community. Come for one day or come for all of it – just don't miss the *Church's moment*.

Impact Sessions: Each morning, you will attend a dynamic session tailored to your mission and state in life. Be formed by some of the most trusted voices in the Church with compelling topics for adult Catholics, youth, ministry leaders, and families.

For more information go to eucharistic congress.org.



Community & Diocesan Events

Choral Concert at Sts. Anne & Joachim Sunday February 11, 2:00 p.m. Tactus Vocal Ensemble from Concordia College will sing a concert titled, "A Sacred Midwinter Showcase" featuring music that highlights various moments from our liturgical calendar. This event is free and open to the public.

Search for Christian Maturity. Upcoming retreat date is March 1-3. Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City. Cost: \$90 (scholarships available). For more information go to fargodiocese.org/search4cm. Deadline to register is February 12.

Argusville Fish Fry, Friday, February 16, 4:30 – 7 p.m., Argusville Community Hall. The St. William's Men's Club invite everyone to join them for their 21st Annual Fish Fry!! Free will offering.

Catholic Daughters Meeting Tuesday, February 20, St. Anthony's beginning with 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. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Questions can be emailed to regentctstamm@gmail.com.

Souper Supper, Saturday, February 24, 4-7 p.m. at Cathedral of St. Mary, Fargo. Homemade soups, breads, and desserts will be served by the Catholic Daughters. Free Will Offering

Theology on Tap. These events will take place on Monday nights starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Crooked Pint Alehouse (3340 13th 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:

• February 19, March 18, April 22 For more information, visit fargodiocese.org/youngadults or email CorChristi@fargodiocese.org

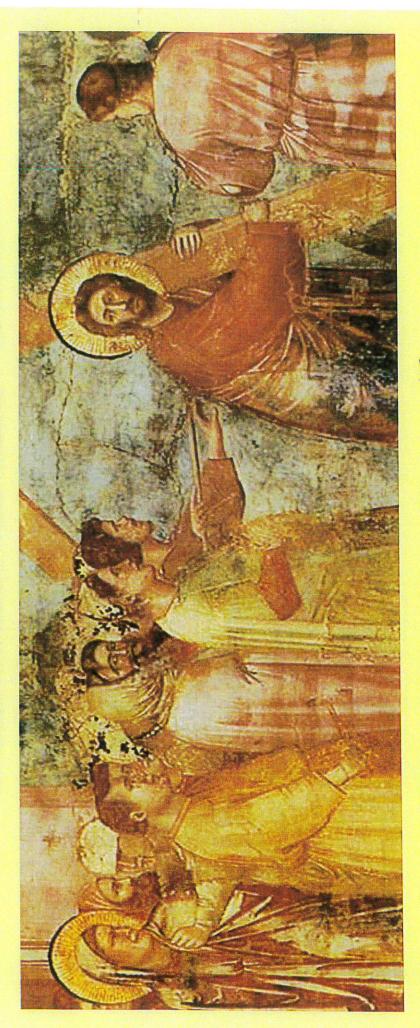
Soup & Pie Dinner: Thursday, February 29, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. in The Gathering Place at St. Joe's (door #7) in Moorhead. Homemade soup and pie served with fresh baked popovers lovingly made by members of the Catholic Daughters of America Court St. Mary. It's a fast and friendly dinner—perfect for a Thursday evening! Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for children 5-10, and can be purchased at the door during the event.

Retrouvaille: A Lifeline for married Couples March 1-3, 2024. Retrouvaille is an international Christian-based ministry that offers a three-stage program to help couples improve their marriages. To find a program near you: https://helpourmarriage.org/calendar/

Wild Game Feed, Thursday, March 7, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Holy Cross. Wide variety of wild game, beer garden and meat raffle. Tickets are \$30. Tickets are available at the Holy Cross Church Office at 701-282-7217.

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.

Stations of the Cross



Lent Fridays this 17:00 p.m.

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Family Movie Night

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All movies are Uplifting, Positive and have a Spiritual Message.



Popcorn & Pop Provided

Bring a cushion, beanbag chair or blanket

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Blessed Sacrament

Parish Lent Project



to fill the pew in the church

February 17 - March 17



"For I was Hungry and You gave me food..."

Help Alleviate Hunger for our Neighbors

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 210 5 Ave W, West Fargo 3/4 of your donations will go to the Emergency Food Pantry 1/4 will be put in the Blessed Sacrament Blessing Box.



February 17-18, 2024 - 1st Sunday of Lent Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	C. Paintner	J. Yourczek	M. Curfman
ЕМНС	*J. & J. W. Jones, K. Jalbert, C. Paintner, M. Schiele	*J. Yourczek, S. Perreault, A. Pritchard, M. Doster, D. Chapek, **M. Doster	*B. Opoien, M. Jamieson, L. Wegner, G. Larson, M. Regner
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Greeters	B. & D. Christl	A. Larson, J. Moody	B. & K. Novak
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	L. Metzger	M. Kern
Sacristan	K. Jalbert	A. Pritchard	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 February 11, 2024

February 14 Ash Wednesday

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