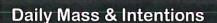
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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Sunday, February 18 1st Sunday in Lent

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

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

Monday, February 19 - NO MASS

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, February 20 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. - +Delores Durbin

Wednesday, February 21

9:00 a.m. - + Jerry Liska

Thursday, February 22

9:00 a.m. - +Phil Schafer

Friday, February 23

9:00 a.m. - +Olvido Villimar de Pablo

Saturday, February 24

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

5:15 p.m. – +Jim Hill

Sunday, February 25 2nd Sunday in Lent

8:30 a.m. – +Betty Allmaras 10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

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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



Parish Office Closed Monday February 19.

RCIA, Tuesday, February 20, 7 p.m.

First Eucharist Parent Meeting,

Wednesday, February 21, 5:30 p.m.

CUH, Thursday, February 22

Soup 'N More. Thursday, February 22 5:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross:

Friday, February 23, 7:00 p.m.

Family Movie – I Can Only Imagine Friday, February 23, 7:30 p.m.

Weekly Offering



February 10-11, 2024

Adult: \$8,578.17 Children: \$14

Improvements: \$305.49

Poor Fund: \$316 Collected to Dat

<u>Collected to Date</u> <u>Goal</u>

\$43,115.88 Adult \$48,000.00 \$110.00 Children \$180.00 \$2,284.05 Improvements \$6,000.00

A Time of Transformation











Lent | Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving

INTERACTIVE LENT ACTIVITIES in the Gathering Area A GREAT Thing to do as a Family!

Praying for Each Other. The wooden cross has prayer requests on it. These requests are from our parish family. Please take one or two requests off the cross and pray for that person or situation. Take one before Mass and pray for that intention during Mass. Take one after Mass and pray at home. This cross will remain in the Gathering Area throughout Lent and paper and pens will be available, if you would like to request prayer(s). Not only will more prayers be said for one another; we will also realize that we all need prayers for one struggle or another.

Relieve or Add to Jesus' Burden of Our Sins From the Crown of Thorns. The crown of thorns is now on a table in the Gathering Area. This crown will be packed with "thorns" (toothpicks) representing our sins. During the Lenten season we are encouraged to do a deep self-examination. To make inner changes to our hearts, minds, and souls. As you fast, pray, do almsgiving or any good deed we encourage you to pull a thorn out of the crown each week for each positive deed. 1 thorn = 1 good deed. Place the thorn(s) in the bowl on the table.

Take a moment to reflect to Jesus' time on earth and His Suffering. Remember it was placed on His head after He was already brutally scourged. This was not the "normal" execution. They placed the "crown of thorns" on His head to mock Him.

Say a prayer while removing the thorn(s). The intent is to lessen our sins which lessons Jesus' burden and helps us to realize what good people we truly are. This project is for the young, old and everyone in-between. Hopefully, as we concentrate on continuing to do good in our everyday lives it will become second nature and far outweigh any wrongdoing.

NOTE: As you remove the "thorn(s)" use caution so as not to poke yourself as they are sharp. And yet, He continued to do God's will all the way unto the cross.

Blessed Sacrament Lent Events

Stations of the Cross – 7:00 p.m.
All Friday's of Lent

<u>Family Movie Night</u> – 7:30 p.m. <u>Most Fridays</u> of Lent

First Friday Adoration

March 1 - 9:30a.m. - 12: p.m.

First Saturday Holy Hour, March 2, 3:30 p.m.

Fish Fry - Friday March 8, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Easter Basket Sales - March 8, 9/10 & 16/17

Reconciliation Service

Thursday, March 14, 7:00 p.m.

Pack the Pew - until March 17

Stew Supper – Thursday, March 28, 5:30 p.m.

Lenten Regulations

Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

FISH FRY Is Coming! Fr. Gary Luiten will once again be the Chef Extraordinaire on Friday, March 8, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Join us for a delicious meal, free will offering. Following supper will be Stations of the Cross in the church at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF FISH for the Fish Fry on March 8. Fr. Gary is wondering if anyone has fish to donate to our fish fry. If you do, call the Parish Office. 701-282-3321.

Pack the Pew is Here!! Our Parish Lent Project. Please bring non-perishable food items and place them in the designated pew in the church. Items will be collected through March 17. As the weeks pass, the pew will become full of groceries for those in need. We will keep 1/3 of the food for our Blessing Box and the other 2/3 will be donated to the Emergency Food Pantry.

Stations of the Cross, We host Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent at 7:00 p.m. in the church. All are welcome to attend.

Recipes Displayed in the Gathering Area. Do you sometimes struggle on what to prepare for dinner during Lent? Get in the habit of making the same thing and tired of that? Check out the recipes in the media case and make something new. Take a recipe and/or bring one of your favorite meatless recipes. Remember: bring them to the Parish Office so Julie can make copies for others to take.

Uplifting and Inspirations Family Movies. Join us most 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!

- 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: I CAN ONLY IMAGINE

Based on the song by MercyMe, this movie follows the life story of the song's composer, Bart Millard. It's the song that brings hope to so many. I Can Only Imagine, the movie, will encourage people in a whole new way. This is an inspiring, incredible, and true story. Showing Friday, Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Wear Liturgical Colors During Lent. We'd like to encourage everyone to attend Mass wearing the 'color' of the lituraical 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.

- 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays in Lent Purple
- 4th Sunday in Lent Rose
- 5th Sunday in Lent Purple
- Palm Sunday Red
- Holy Thursday White
- Good Friday Red
- Easter Vigil White
- Easter Sunday White

Let's fill the church with the colors of Lent!

An Interesting Fact about Lent:

Originally, Lent lasted for 36 days (excluding Sundays). Now, the 40 days of Lent are observed from Ash Wednesday to Easter, thought to remind Christians of the time Jesus spent in the wilderness. But you should know that Sundays aren't included in the 40 days, so technically, Lent lasts 46 days!



Class:

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.

First Eucharist Preparation Parent Meeting. Wednesday, 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 20 & 27.

Hearts From Our Youth. Have you found a heart with a message of love in the church during Mass? Students in B4WOW made these hearts to share the love of Jesus with others. If you find one, share it with someone who may need to hear a message of love from Jesus.



Joyful Voices

Date	Practice/Sing
February 25	9:30/10:30 am

Parish Life



Baptism Baby Baskets. We have two baptism 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.

Blessed Sacrament BLOOD DRIVE is coming up quickly: Tues., Feb. 27, 3-6 p.m. Please consider donating. Contact Julie to sign up or go to the link. https://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa/appointme nt/guest/phl/timeSlotsExtr?token=Xr%2FOH1igJlwj%2F hEERcVLvYNnh0%2By1W%2Fx4IFwCMHpDGc%3D

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.

BINGO There will be NO BINGO February 18.

Daily Readings - February 18-24, 2024

February 18: Gn 9:8-15, 1 Pt 3:18-22, Mk 1:12-15

February 19: Lv 19:1-2,11-18, Mt 25:31-46

February 20: Is 55:10-11, Mt 6:7-15
February 21: Jon 3:1-10, Lk 11:29-32
February 22: 1 Pt 5:4, Mt 16:13-19
February 23: Ez 18:21-28, Mt 5:20-26
February 24: Dt 26:16-19, Mt 5:43-48

Knights of Columbus News. Congratulations to Sir John Jones for being Knight of the Month this past January. The Knights of Columbus want to congratulate Sir Gaylas Pritchard and Phyllis Pritchard for being the Family of the Month during January. The Knights of Columbus honored Sir Gaylas during a Fourth-degree Exemplification on December 2, 2023.

We thank everyone who attended the Spaghetti Dinner and the first KC Bingo; both activities were part of the JPII Catholic Schools week. The Knights collected \$1,046 in these two activities, and these proceeds will help Blessed Sacrament collaborate financially with the network.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Killian Wells.

Saturday, February 24, 12:30 p.m., Blessed Sacrament Social Hall. Reception to follow – desserts and drinks served. All are welcome to help celebrate this momentous accomplishment.

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.

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- 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.

Hello Blessed Sacrament!

My name is Killian Wells, and I recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

It's said that only 2% of all scouts will become Eagle, and I couldn't have joined that 2% without all of you.

My Eagle Scout project was building and installing 2 wooden nesting boxes for the lynxes at the Red River Zoo.

A few months ago, with my time running out, I gave a speech asking for donations from all of you wonderful people here at Blessed Sacrament, hoping to raise at least a little bit towards funding my project.

As soon as Mass ended, however, I immediately was swarmed by so many of you, who selflessly offered to support me and my dreams.

In total, from a single morning, I was able to fund my entire project nearly completely. You donated \$466, which just blew me away!

Thank you all so much for your support and encouragement during the most important part of my journey to fulfill a decade long dream, I couldn't have done it without you!

God Bless you all!

Sincerely, Killian Wells, Eagle Scout

Girl Scout Cookie Sales: will be before and after 8:30 and 10:30 am Sunday masses starting this Sunday. Consider supporting our parish girl scouts

God's Gift Appeal 2024 is underway. Next weekend will be Commitment Weekend at our parish. There will be God's Gift pledge envelopes available in the Gathering Area. Or you can visit www.fargodiocece.org/godsgiftappeal.

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: bscwf.org/become-a-member/

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

Mary Ann Barclay (mother of JoEllen Rohrich), Quinn Laducer, Luella Ulmer, George Schmidt, Larry Mattson, Clarice Dancer, Kolby Hunsicker, Aaron Dahl, Gary Lammer

Soup 'N More – Please Join Us! 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., free-will offering is accepted but not expected!

- Thursday, February 22: Presidents' Day Recognized In Style. Hamburgers & fries!
- Thursday, March 14: Celebrate the Luck of the Irish. Shepards Pie, Irish Breads & Desserts.

Trinity Pizza Fundraiser. Thursday, February 22, Papa Murphy's Take N Bank Pizza. Buy a family size pizza and support Trinity Elementary! \$3 from each order goes to Trinity! No limit on quantity!

We Pray In Remembrance of...

February 18: John Thompson, Douglas Diffely

<u>February 20</u>: Joseph Volk February 21: Anna Dobush

February 22: Helen Stangler, Eleanor Lautt

February 23: Orvin Frovarp, John McLaughlin,

Katrina Kuss, James Montplaiser

February 24: Walter Wills, Lawrence Fradet

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.

<u>Marriage</u>:

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



SIGN UP FOR MASS MINISTRIES FOR HOLY WEEK, EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY in the social hall.

PLEASE COME FORWARD! We Need Media Ministers and Rosary Leaders. We Need YOU! Training and guidance are provided. Contact Julie if you have any questions.

Are You Interested in Helping at an Upcoming Soup 'N More? Contact Julie <u>julie@bscwf.org</u> or 701.282.3321.

HOLY THURSDAY Stew Supper Sign-up in the Social Hall to help with the stew supper on Thursday, March 29. Contact Julie if you have any questions.

SAVE THE DATES:

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

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten



the 1st Sunday in Lent - February 18, 2024

You might ask what the reading about Noah and the ark has to do with Lent. You might think, "I thought we were supposed to be thinking about the forty days in the desert where there is a lack of water, and here we have the image of a flood, which is an overabundance of water! Actually, it is good to think of water during Lent because Lent leads to Easter, and at Easter, we have the renewal of baptismal promises. Peter in the second reading reminds us of how Jesus uses baptism to save and cleanse us. In the flood, God made a covenant with humanity. He promised never to destroy the earth with a flood again.

God has since made a new covenant with us in Jesus, marked with His blood. The Lord promises through the waters not of a flood, but of baptism, to make us His children. He promises to give us eternal life if we are faithful to Jesus. He promises never to give up on his end of the deal, even if we seriously offend God. God is still there calling us back and ready to welcome us whenever we allow Jesus to bring us to Him. And this is where the gospel today comes into play. We are called to keep up our end of the covenant. And that involves repentance and confession.

We are told about Jesus' forgiveness often. But it strikes home much more when we experience God's mercy firsthand and make that personal discovery of Jesus. The late Pope St. John Paul II himself used the word "discovery" when referring to God's forgiveness. He stated, "Conversion to God always consists in discovering that love which is patient and kind... Conversion to God is always the fruit of the 'rediscovery' of this Father, who is rich in mercy."

May the sacraments, including reconciliation and the Eucharist, help to keep our hearts and minds focused on Jesus. The Sacraments and prayer can keep us from the sidetracks of temptation and help us to center this Lent on what really counts in the end: on Jesus and living out his word in our lives of service.

National Eucharistic Congress

Every Catholic Is Invited!

This is meant to be a gathering of the WHOLE Church, and you are an important member! Even if you cannot come for all five days, you are welcome to be a part of this historic moment in whatever way you are able-whether that's coming for the weekend or even just one day.

Community & Diocesan Events

Fish Frys at St. Benedicts!

Fridays February 16 & 23 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Pike perch, baked mac & cheese, coleslaw, roll, dessert, coffee & lemonade. Freewill offering. Hosted by the St. Benedict's Men's Group. Come for dinner and stay for Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

St. Anthony's – Lenten Fish Dinners. Fridays during Lent, 5 – 6:30 p.m. Menu: baked & fried Pollock, scalloped potatoes, fries, mac & cheese, vegetable & ice cream. Adults \$12, youth \$6 6 & under free.

Holy Cross - Fried Fish on Friday, during Lent, 5:30 – 7: p.m. A variety of fish, veggie lasagna, mac & cheese, baked potatoes and coleslaw. Adults \$15, Kids \$8, under 6 free.

Fish Fry – St. Paul's Newman Center. February 16, March 15 & 22. 5-7 p.m. Freewill offering.

Souper Supper, Saturday, <u>February 24</u>, 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

40 Hours Devotion at St. Anthony's. Join us February 27-29, and grow in a deeper devotion to our Lord! The 40 Hours Devotion will be a time of continuous prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and will include periods for Confession, intercessory prayer, praise, and worship music, as well as talks given by clergy. A complete schedule for the 40 hours is available at stanthonyfargo.org. We hope you can be a part of this holy time!

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.

Job Openings:

Counselor Position, Part-time or Full-time. Women's Care Center is looking for people who are personable with excellent communication skills. Degreed and non-degreed candidates are encouraged to apply. Will train. Degreed in counseling, social work, nursing, teaching, or other service-related background is preferred, but not necessary. Please forward your resume to Ashley at acapuyan.wccindy@gmail.com. For further details or questions, call Angela at 701-237-6530.

Maintenance Technician, St. Mary's in Grand Forks, ND is currently looking for a part time Maintenance Technician. This position is a 10-15 hour per week position. Responsibilities include minor repairs, minor plumbing and electrical, painting, and some outside maintenance. To apply, please send a resume to Ellen Rose, 216 Belmont Rd, Grand Forks, ND 58201, or email at: erose@stmarysgfnd.com. A full job description is available upon request.



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February 24-25, 2024 – 2nd Sunday of Lent Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	S. Neva	K. Wells	M. Hoff
ЕМНС	*S. & J. Neva, C. & E. Pablo, C. Diver	*N. Peterson, J. Aberle, M. A. Schuster, W. Suchla, F. McCann, **N. Peterson	*E. & K. Hanson, S. Richman, M. Curfman, M. B. Odegaard
Gift Bearers	D. Krogen Family	L. & L. Juve	E. & K. Hanson
Servers	M. Pierce, E. Rohrich	Wells Crew	Richman Girls
Ushers	J. & D. Rohrich	P. Boyles, J. Wells	C. & R. Fischer
Greeters	B. & D. Rohrich	J. Aberle Family	K. Volk Family
Rosary Leader	S. Bosch	S. Durbin	H. J. Puvogel
Sacristan	E. Pablo	F. McCann	K. Hanson
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 February 18, 2024

February 21: St. Peter Damian February 22: the Chair of Peter the Apostle February 23: St. Polycarp



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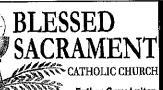
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