



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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March 16-17, 2024 – 5th Sunday of Lent

Daily Mass & Intentions



Sunday, March 17 - 5th Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Ed McDonald

Monday, March 18 - NO MASS

Tuesday, March 19 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – Travis & Samantha Salter Family

Wednesday, March 20

9:00 a.m. – Carol Nagel

Thursday, March 21

9:00 a.m. – Rogene Veil Nagel

Friday, March 22

9:00 a.m. - +Margaret Olson

Saturday, March 23

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

5:15 p.m. – Mary Lawrence

Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Bill Schweitzer

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:

Easter Basket Sales

Concessions, 11:30 am

Bingo, 12:00 p.m.

RCIA, Tuesday, March 19, 7 p.m.

Stations of the Cross, Fri., March 22, 7:00 p.m.

Weekly Offering



March 9-10, 2024

Adult: \$6,473.63

Children: \$13.04

Improvements: 190.49

Poor Fund: \$242

Collected to Date

		Goal
\$76,806.78	Adult	\$94,000.00
\$193.04	Children	\$300.00
\$5,730.60	Improvements	\$10,000.00
\$27,283.00	God's Gift	\$77,436.00

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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Lent | *Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving*

Stations of the Cross: March 22, 7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday: March 23-24

Holy Week – March 28, 29, 30, 31

Holy Thursday: March 28

Stew Supper – 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Mass – 7:00 p.m.

Adoration – until 11 p.m.

Good Friday: March 29

Service 12:10 p.m.

Easter Vigil: March 30

Mass – 8:30 p.m.

Reception following Mass.

Easter Sunday: March 31

Mass 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Holy Week is just one week away. If you would like to learn more about Holy Week, there is a pamphlet in the Gathering Area Media Rack called *Holy Week, Simple Ways to Walk with Jesus*.

HOLY WEEK REHEARSALS - PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE.

- **Holy Thursday:**
Oil Bearers and Altar Dressers
Practice at 12 noon on Sunday March 24
- **Good Friday:**
Cross Carriers
Practice at 11:15 a.m. on Friday, March 29
- **For Easter Vigil**
Altar Dressers
Practice at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday March 24

PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to attend at the appropriate practice time, please contact Julie in the Parish Office to schedule a one on one.
701.282.3321

Holy Thursday, Stew Supper, March 28, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited, free will offering. You are welcome to join us for Holy Thursday Mass, following supper, at 7:00 p.m. We will experience the Passion of our Lord.

Interactive Lent Projects. Please continue to visit the table by the cross before or after Mass and pull out a thorn (or several) from the crown of thorns and take prayer requests off the cross. Your fellow parishioners need prayers said and Jesus needs to be relieved of the pain of the crown of thorns.

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

Pack the Pew Ends THIS Weekend! We will be sending 2/3 of the food to The Emergency Food Pantry this week. Thank you EVERYONE!!! We will let you know the poundage donated next week.

Palm Sunday, March 24, is the last Sunday of Lent. It signifies Jesus's triumphant return to Jerusalem after spending 40 days and nights in the desert. During Mass, we celebrate his return and our desire to follow him.

At Blessed Sacrament we begin the Palm Sunday service in the Social Hall. After the readings, we process into the Church. We follow Fr. Luiten waving our palms in jubilation, reenacting the excitement of Jesus' time. Please listen to the instructions given by Fr. Luiten prior to the procession. Thank you.

Ring Those Bells! Bring your small hand bells to ring during the singing of the *Gloria* on Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil. We have not sung the *Gloria* through the duration of Lent. We ring the bells as we sing it once again and rejoice!

Stations of the Cross. Our last Lenten Stations of the Cross will be Friday, March 22, 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Use of Incense: We will be using incense during Mass on Holy Thursday (March 28) and the Easter Vigil (March 30).

Wear Liturgical Colors During Holy Week

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!

Chrism Mass: Tuesday, March 26, 11 a.m., St. Ann & Joachim. All are invited. Bishop Folda will bless the Holy Oils for the upcoming year.

What is the Chrism Mass? During the Chrism Mass, the Oil of the Sick (used during the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick), the Oil of Catechumens (used during the Sacrament of Baptism), and the Chrism oil are consecrated by the Bishop. Large vessels of oil are carried to the altar for the blessings and consecration of Chrism, which is a mixture of oil and balsam. After Mass, the oils are distributed to each parish. The oils are taken back to the parishes and used for the Sacraments.

Area Lenten Reconciliation Services:

All times are 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

March 19	Holy Cross
March 21	Nativity
March 22	St. Leo, Casselton
March 24	St. Mary's Cathedral - 4 p.m.
March 24	St. Benedict, Wild Rice - 4 p.m.
March 27	St. Paul Newman Center

Easter Flowers

Please use this form to make donations for the Easter environment.

Donations are due by Sunday March 24.

Please print clearly.

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(Name of deceased)

In honor of: _____
(Name of living person)

Requested by: _____
(Your name)

Suggested donations:
\$25, \$35, \$50 per name

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Please publish my gift in the bulletin:
___ Yes ___ No

Faith Formation



Class:

Grs 1-5	March 20	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	March 20	7:00 p.m.
NO CLASS	March 27	

RCIA Class, Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the library.
March 19 & 26 and April 2

FORMED – What to Watch. Formed offers opportunities for learning more about the Catholic faith.

- Under the category of Lent, the purple box at the top of the Formed platform page, look at *The Three Temptations of Jesus in the Desert*, by Dr. Brant Pitre. In his presentation, Dr. Pitre compares the three temptations of Adam and Eve in the garden with the three temptations of Jesus in the desert and provides a link to how the two are connected as related to the three remedies that Jesus gave in the Sermon on the Mount and how these remedies apply to our Lenten practice of Fasting, Almsgiving, and Prayer.
- The Feast Day of St. Joseph is celebrated on March 19. Search for St. Joseph in the search box and click on *St. Joseph*, a 4- part series that provides an understanding of his role as guardian of the Redeemer, the husband of Mary, and the Patron of both the universal and the domestic church.
- St. Patrick's feast day is also in March . Formed has a wonderful video for children about St. Patrick.

"Cabrini" in Theaters Now! A movie about Mother Francesca Cabrini. *"Arriving in New York City in 1889, Italian immigrant Francesca Cabrini is greeted by disease, crime and impoverished children. She sets off on a daring mission to convince the mayor to secure housing and health care for society's most vulnerable. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini uses her entrepreneurial mind to build an empire of hope unlike anything the world has ever seen."* She established 67 institutions, orphanages, schools, and hospitals throughout the United States. Mother Cabrini was canonized as America's first Saint.

Music Ministry



Contemporary Choir

Date	Practice/Sing
March 24	7:45/8:30am

Joyful Voices

Date	Practice/Sing
March 24	9:30/10:30am

Combined Choir

	Date	Practice/Sing
Holy Thursday	March 28	6:30/7:00pm
Good Friday	March 29	11:30a/12:10p
Holy Saturday	March 30	7:30/8:30pm

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

- Instrumentalists
- Song Leaders
- Substitute Accompanists

Parish Life



LAST BINGO for the Season! Please Join us!

March 17 following 10:30 a.m. Mass:

Concession sales begin at 11:30 a.m.

Bingo starts at 12:00 p.m.

Black out Bingo is \$225, and it Must Go!

What did the cheese say after winning a game of bingo? *That's gouda!*

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.

Daily Readings – March 17-23, 2024

March 17: Jer 31:31-34, Heb 5:7-9, Jn 12:20-33

March 18: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62, Jn 8:1-11

March 19: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12, 14a, 16,

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22, Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

March 20: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95, Jn 8:31-42

March 21: Gn 17:3-9, Jn 8:51-59

March 22: Jer 20:10-13, Jn 10:31-42

March 23: Ez 37:21-28, Jn 11:45-56

Divine Mercy Novena. Divine Mercy Novena pamphlets will be handed out on Palm Sunday. The Novena begins on Good Friday and ends the weekend after Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday). The Novena involves a short petition each of the nine days. A Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Consecration and

Chaplet, Sunday, April 7, 11:30 a.m. Fr. Luiten will consecrate the parish to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, followed by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet together as a Parish. This will take ½ an hour of your time; all are invited and encouraged to join us!

Family Room. We are blessed to have 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.

Fish Fry Report. Friday, March 8 was our Lenten Fish Fry. Again, Fr. Gary took the reigns and guided everyone in a precise way to batter and fry the fish! The meal was delicious! We served approximately 200 meals and raised \$1,500 for the Blessed Sacrament delegation that will be attending the 2024 National Eucharistic Conference in Indianapolis IN.

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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.

God's Gift Appeal 2024 Blessed Sacrament goal is \$77,436. As of March 11, Blessed Sacrament parishioners have *pledged* \$27,283 with 22% participation. We would like everyone to participate. If you are unable to give currently, fill out a card anyway, putting \$0 in the amount area.

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/

Our Sympathy to

- Sherry Anderson on the death of her husband, Arthur (Art) Anderson.
- Jackie Krei on the death of her mother, Joan Krei.

May Art and Joan fly with the angels into the arms of our Lord.

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

Nick Jalbert, Kerry Stroik, Larry Mickelson, Marie Pulkrabek, Casey Sheldon, Mary Hannah Tanata, Kolby Hunsicker, Gary Lammer

Soup 'N More. 5:30-6:60 p.m. Free Will Offering!

Future Dates:

Thursday, April 11- The Easter Season Continues

Thursday, April 25- TBD

Consider helping or attending. Contact Julie if interested in helping julie@bscwf.org or 701.282.3321.

Start Planning Your Outfits! The Blessed Sacrament New Parish Photo Directory production will be happening soon. Photo sessions will begin on May 28 and end on June 1. More detailed information will be coming soon. Remember all participants will receive a free 8x10 and a directory. Additional packages available for purchase at time of sitting.

THANK YOU...

Thank You to ALL that donated Fish, Goodies, Time, Talent, etc. for our Lent Fish Fry Featuring Fr. Gary's Famous Fish Batter Recipe! It was a quite a successful dinner. You are all amazing people and MUCH appreciated!

A Very Special Thank You to Roger and Beth Mammenga for the abundant donation of fish and other meat products. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

We Pray In Remembrance of...

March 18: Alfred Noe, Lawrence Gustin

March 19: William Thies, Clara Carroll

March 22: Robert Eggert, Edward Kapaun,
Dale Due, Francis Carroll, Pearl Hager,
James Seitz

March 23: Gabriel Scheett, Clemens Heinz

Welcome Chris Gibbons! We are happy to introduce you to our new daytime janitor, Chris Gibbons. Chris will be assisting Jim Mattson and work part-time on weekdays.

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



Easter is a couple of weeks away. We will be having the Stew Supper on Holy Thursday and a reception after the Easter Vigil mass. Signups to help with these are in the Social Hall. Please check these out and help where you can. Thank you in advance.

Ministry schedules and rehearsals times for Holy Week are available on the table in front of the Parish Office. Please remember to pick yours up.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Soup 'N More:** Thursdays April 11 and 25.
- **Spring Clean-up,** May 18.
- **Directory Photo Sessions** begin May 28.
- **June Blood Drive:** Tuesday, June 13, 3-6 p.m.
- **Annual Fall Dinner/Bazaar:** Sunday, Oct. 6.
- **2nd Annual Nativity Showcase:** Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8.



the Upcoming Holy Week - March 17, 2024

Though Holy Week doesn't begin until next week, this week is a good time to begin to focus our attention on the greatest week in the church year. This was the week that Jesus began the new covenant in his blood, prophesied by Jeremiah centuries before. In this new covenant, God promises to forgive sin and to restore the relationship between us and God. We know now that the new covenant is fulfilled in Jesus.

The scriptures tell us about the old covenant and how, thousands of years ago, God made a treaty with the Jewish people called a covenant. God made the old covenant first with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, renewed through Moses in Egypt. In Egypt, God promised to save all the first-born Jewish children through the sacrifice of a year-old male unblemished lamb. On that night of the Passover, all first-born children in Egypt would die, except for the children of those houses which had the blood of that unblemished male lamb sprinkled on their doorposts.

In the chaos which ensued, Pharaoh allowed Moses and his fellow slaves – the Israelites, to leave. That evening, all the first-born children died except for the Israeli children, and all the Israeli people were set free from slavery! The Jewish people still celebrate this great occasion as the most solemn feast of the year, called Passover. Now you understand why they call it Passover, because the angel of death passed over all houses which had the blood of the lamb sprinkled on their doorposts.

And, on a typical Passover meal that the Jews commemorate every year, about 2,000 years ago, Jesus celebrated the Last Supper when he gave his disciples His body and blood. We commemorate that great occasion of Our Lord's supper every Sunday, when he gave the world his life to free and save us, but especially on Holy Thursday. However, the mystery, called the paschal mystery, of what happened on that first Holy Thursday during the Last Supper cannot be seen apart from what happened on the following days, Friday, and Saturday night – called the Easter Vigil. For the Jews, Passover is the most solemn time of the year. For us Christians, The Easter Triduum ("3 days) which occurs during the same time as the Jewish Passover, is the most solemn time of the Church year.

And the highlight of the Church year, even more important than Christmas, is Easter, when we celebrate Jesus' glorious victory over sin and death. The only way for us to get the most out of the different gatherings is to be open and ready for Christ. So may each one of us truly be open to receiving God's strength and presence in the coming Holy Week of the year 2024 – the week after next week and die with Christ to sin so we may rise with him and have an Easter we will never forget!

National Eucharistic Congress

What should I expect during the event?

The National Eucharistic Congress programming includes general sessions, morning impact sessions, and breakouts, featuring the best of today's Catholic speakers and theologians. Most importantly, this Congress will provide a one-of-a-kind encounter with Jesus Christ and the Church through the Sacraments.

For more information go to eucharisticcongress.org

Community & Diocesan Events

March Dinner. Sunday, March 17, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Hawley MN. Turkey & all the trimmings, assorted salads, and desserts. Adults \$15, Ages 6-12 \$5, Preschool Free.

Catholic Daughters Meeting, March 19 (one week later) at St. Anthony's beginning with the 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. Any questions, please send an email to regentctstann@gmail.com.

Life-Giving Wounds Retreat, April 19-21, 2024, Maryvale. The Life-Giving Wounds retreat is a unique opportunity for young adults (18+) and adults with divorced or separated parents to reflect intentionally on the wounds caused by their family's breakdown, together with others who know this pain and knowledgeable, compassionate retreat leaders. With the help of God, retreat attendees learn to see how their life-draining wounds can become a life-giving mission of love for themselves, their relationships, and others. For more information go to fargodiocese.org/lgw.

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Worship Schedule for Holy Week



Palm Sunday - March 24

5:15 p.m. Mass Saturday ~ 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Mass Sunday

Holy Thursday - March 28

5:30-6:30 p.m. - Stew Supper

7:00 p.m. - Mass 'Liturgy of the Lord's Supper'

Eucharistic Adoration following Mass until 11 p.m.

Good Friday - March 29

12:10 p.m. - Veneration of the Cross and Communion Service

Holy Saturday - March 30

8:30 p.m. - Easter Vigil

Reception following Mass

Easter Sunday - March 31

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Mass

**March 23-24, 2024 – Palm Sunday
Ministries of Service**

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	J. Yourczek, M. Curfman	J. Yourczek, M. Curfman	J. Yourczek, M. Curfman
EMHC	*M. Pierce, J.W. & J. Jones, S. & J. Neva	*N. Peterson, F. McCann, D. Nechiporenko, L. Sample, F. Lenzmeier	*B. Opoien, M. Curfman, G. Larson, M. Jamieson, J. Yourczek
Gift Bearers	A. Kottsick Family	W. & J. Suchla	R. & C. Fischer
Servers	M. Pierce, Volunteer	E. Esposito, Volunteer	J. Norton, Volunteer
Ushers	A. Larson, D. Krogen	M. Esposito, J. Aberle	R. Haugen, S. Curfman
Greeters	A. Kottsick Family	W. & J. Suchla	R. & C. Fischer
Rosary Leader	---	---	---
Sacristan	J. Jones	D. Nechiporenko	M. Curfman
Media Minister	L. Martin	*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 March 17, 2024

March 18: St. Cyril of Jerusalem March 19: St. Joseph March 23: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo



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