



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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March 23-24, 2024 – Palm Sunday

Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Bill Schweitzer

Monday, - March 25 NO MASS

Tuesday, March 26 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – +Al & +Mary Ann Vetter

Wednesday, March 27

9:00 a.m. – June Nagel

Thursday, March 28 – Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. – +Betty Allmaras

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday

12:10 p.m. Service

Saturday, March 30 Holy Saturday

No Reconciliation

8:30 p.m. – +Ray Hoffman

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

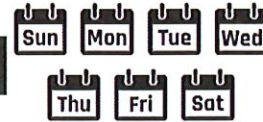
8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Fran Gerszewski



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

Rehearsal for Holy Week

RCIA, Tuesday, March 26, 7 p.m.

Churches United (CUH), Thursday, March 28

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

Parish Office

Closes at 12: p.m. on Friday, March 29

Weekly Offering



March 16-17, 2024

Adult: \$9,002.19.

Children: \$30

Improvements: \$536

Poor Fund: \$2,219

Collected to Date

		Goal
\$85,808.97	Adult	\$92,400.00
\$223.04	Children	\$330.00
\$6,266.60	Improvements	\$11,000.00
\$35,788.00	God's Gift	\$77,436.00

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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Lent | Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving

Holy Week

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.

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

Holy Week Rehearsals

For HOLY THURSDAY:

- Practice for Oil Bearers and Altar Dressers
Sunday, March 24 at 12 noon.

For GOOD FRIDAY:

- Practice for Cross Carriers
Friday, March 29, 11:15 a.m.

For EASTER VIGIL:

- Practice for Altar Dressers
Sunday, March 24 at 12:30 p.m.

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:

Thursday, March 28, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to eat dinner with us on Holy Thursday. Free Will Offering, proceeds go to our Poor Fund. 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.

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. Thank you!! All your donations are appreciated. The Blessing Box is Full! We are waiting to hear from the Emergency Food Pantry about the weight of our donation.

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!

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

Holy Thursday Mass will be broadcast on YouTube. Holy Thursday Mass will be live streamed to our YouTube channel. It will also be on our Facebook page. Holy Thursday Mass is at 7:00 p.m. Our YouTube channel is *Blessed Sacrament West Fargo*. Our Facebook page is *Blessed Sacrament Church – West Fargo*.

Good Friday Service will be broadcast on YouTube. Good Friday Service will be live streamed to our YouTube channel. It will also be on our Facebook page. Good Friday Service is at 12:10 p.m. Our YouTube channel is *Blessed Sacrament West Fargo*. Our Facebook page is *Blessed Sacrament Church – West Fargo*.

Saturday Easter Vigil Mass will NOT be broadcast on YouTube or on Facebook.

Easter Morning Mass will be broadcast on YouTube. Easter morning, 8:30 a.m. Mass will be live streamed on our YouTube channel. It will also be on our Facebook page. That Mass will be on West Fargo cable TV channel at 10:30 a.m. Our YouTube channel is *Blessed Sacrament West Fargo*. Our Facebook page is *Blessed Sacrament Church – West Fargo*.

Area Lenten Reconciliation Services:

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

March 24	St. Benedict, Wild Rice - 4 p.m.
March 27	St. Paul Newman Center

When does Lent end?

Lent ends with the start of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. This year, Lent ends on March 28, 2024.

When is Good Friday?

Good Friday takes place between Palm Sunday and Easter. This year, Good Friday is on March 29, one day after Holy Thursday,

Good Friday recognizes the day of Christ's crucifixion — the most solemn day of the year for Christians. It is a day for us to turn our gaze to the cross and recognize Christ's most loving sacrifice for us.

When is Holy Saturday?

Holy Saturday, also known as the Easter Vigil, is the day between Good Friday — Jesus' crucifixion — and Easter Sunday — the resurrection of Jesus. This year, Holy Saturday is on March 30.

Faith Formation



Class:

NO CLASS	March 27	
Grs 1-5	April 3	5:30 p.m.
WOW	April 3	7:00 p.m.

For all Faith Formation Class Dates and Times, refer to the Faith Formation Calendar on the Blessed Sacrament Website at: bscwf.org/classes/

RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

Dates: March 26 & April 2

Lenten Alms Containers: Faith Formation youth and families are reminded to continue filling your Lenten Alms Containers. Bring the container to Mass on Holy Thursday. Place it on the altar steps prior to Mass.

Confirmation / 1st Eucharist Students and Families will be part of Holy Thursday Mass.

Greeting, Dressing the altar, Bringing up the gifts, Carrying flowers, Having their feet washed. Please watch for these bright and shining faces as they participate in the Holy Thursday Mass.

Music Ministry



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

Parish Life



2024 Church Directory Photo Session

Scheduling Has Begun. Schedule online or through Julie in the Parish Office. Dates for the photo session will be Tuesday, May 28 through Saturday, June 1. Let's get this schedule filled up and the directory updated.

- For online instructions see the attached poster or contact the Parish Office.

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

Bingo Thank you!! To our Faith Formation Youth for hosting Bingo in January AND for providing concessions throughout the bingo season. To our Knights of Columbus for hosting bingo in February and March. THANK YOU, we appreciate all of you!

Thank you to all the participants and CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners!

Confirmation / 1st Eucharist Announcement

Our 3rd grade students will be receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and 1st Eucharist on Sunday April 14 during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. If you are a regular 10:30 Mass goer, please note that there will be several visitors joining us for the joyous occasion. Also, the Mass will last a little longer than an ordinary service. Bishop John Folda will be presiding.

CPR/AED & First Aid Training, Sunday, April 21, 1-3:30 p.m. Get your Heart Saver certification here at Blessed Sacrament. This year we have added First Aid training as well. No fee for registered parishioners. If you are not registered at Blessed Sacrament, your fee is \$60. RSVP to the Parish Office by April 15, 701-282-3321. Training is presented by the West Fargo Fire Department.

Daily Readings – March 24-30, 2024

March 24: Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11, Mk 14:1-15,47

March 25: Is 42:1-7, Jn 12:1-11

March 26: Is 49:1-6, Jn 13:21-33,36-38

March 27: Is 50:4-9a, Mt 26:14-25

March 28: Ex 12:1-8,11-14, 1 Cor 11:23-26,
Jn 13:1-15

March 29: Is 52:13-53,12, Heb 4:14-16,5:7-9,
Jn 18:1-19,42

March 30: Gn 1:1-2,2, Ex 14:15-15:1, Is 55:1-11,
Ex 36:16-17a,18-28, Rm 6:3-11, Mk 16:1-7

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 a half hour of your time; all are invited and encouraged to join us!

Easter Basket Sales. Thank you to everyone who purchased an Easter Basket. The baskets were made and sold by the St. Jude Circle. \$979 was raised and given to the Poor Fund.

From the Diocese of Fargo: Third Synod of the Diocese of Fargo to take place April 11-13, 2024, in Fargo. The faithful of the Diocese of Fargo are invited to attend the opening Mass for the Third Synod on Thursday, April 11, at 5 p.m. as well as the closing Mass on Saturday, April 13, at 12:30 p.m. at Sts. Anne & Joachim Church, 5202 25th St. So, Fargo. A plenary indulgence is granted a single time to the faithful who devoutly visit Sts. Anne & Joachim during the diocesan synod and there recite an Our Father and the Creed. The usual conditions of detachment from sin, sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father are required to receive this indulgence. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire our prayer, preparation, discussions, and bless the Church in our diocese with the outpouring of His grace.

God's Gift Appeal 2024 PLEASE FILL OUT A PLEDGE CARD! We would like 100% of our households to participate. If you are currently unable to give, put \$0 in the amount field.

Happy Anniversary! We pray for those who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.

- Charles & Debra Beutler, March 30, 50 yrs.

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

- Ann Zahradka, March 25
- Alfonse Allmaras, March 25

High School Seniors: The Graduation Celebration Mass and social is scheduled for Sunday, May 19. Please mark your calendars for you and your family to attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass. You will receive an invitation in the near future.

Our Sympathy to August Keller on the death of his wife, Irene Keller. May Irene rise with the angels to the arms of our Lord.

St. Jude Circle Meeting, Tuesday April 2, 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting and to join the Circle if interested. If you have any questions, please call Alice Pritchard or Elsie Keller

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

*John Stautz (brother of Chris Gibbons),
Wayne Stautz (father of Chris Gibbons),
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.

We Pray In Remembrance of...

March 24: Peter Wiederholt, Helen Klein

March 25: Myrtle Philips

March 26: Peter Gross, Caroline Vetter

March 27: Joseph Grieger, Peter Grieger

March 28: Blanche Noe, Lucille Kraft,

John Coleman

March 29: Carol Hamann

March 30: Frank Beaton, Scott Burley

Volunteerism - Stewardship



If you have not picked up your schedules for Holy Week and Easter Vigil, please do so. Also: take note that the rehearsals are this Sunday beginning at 12 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar!

- Soup 'N More, Thursdays April 11 and 25.
- Spring Clean-up, May 18.
- Grad Recognition, May 19
- 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.

Upcoming Blood Drives at Blessed Sacrament:
(Times may change slightly)

Tuesday, June 11, 2:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 24, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Monday, December 16, 3:00 – 6:30 p.m.



Palm Sunday – March 24, 2024

As we drive along highways, we see billboards advertising many things. Some billboards simply advertise advertising. The signs will say, "Rent This Space." But what if there had been highway billboards on the weekend of that first Palm Sunday? Maybe the apostles would have rented space, placing a message, something like: "Welcome, Jesus the Messiah! Live long and prosper!" or "Jesus our king tonight: Romans take flight!" Certainly, Jesus wouldn't have approved of such advertising. Nor would he have needed it. Today, the cross becomes the billboard for Jesus' message. As we die to self with Christ and come to life again in Him, the "King of the Jews" becomes our king.

This day was a rather easy one for Christ, at least physically speaking. He was treated royally. But we know that Jesus, in a few short days from then, would go through his terrible agony and torturous death for us.

We, too, are called to go with Christ to Calvary – to carry our crosses and follow Him, not only in the church events of this coming week (which you can note in the bulletin), but also in our daily lives by dying to our own self-centeredness and saying "Yes" to Jesus. Then, we become the spiritual billboards proclaiming Jesus as the King by what we say and do. May God work in each one of us through the events this coming week to grow even closer to Jesus, His mother, His church, and to one another in charity.

Community & Diocesan Events

St. Benedict Catholic Church Moves to their New Location for Easter. 8501 Front St., Horace.
Easter Vigil, March 30, 9:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday, March 31, 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Life-Giving Wounds Retreat, April 19-21, 2024, Maryvale. This retreat is an 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. Retreat attendees will 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.

Men's Retreat-Saint Joseph: Man of no Return, April 19-21, St. Francis Retreat & Conference Center, Hankinson. Following his example of strength, devotion, courage, and chastity, we can become men of no return. By cultivating a deeply personal relationship with Jesus Christ, dying to self, and offering our lives for our families we can discover what true manhood looks like. Come grow in your faith and learn what it means to be a good father, husband, and man of God. For more information go to:

<https://www.ecclesiadomestica.net/registration>
or call 605-929-2551 Deacon Thane Barnier.

St. Elizabeth's Original Spaghetti Dinner, Sunday April 28, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., 207 Main St. N, Dilworth MN. Adults \$18, Children, \$10, Preschool free. Take-out available for \$18.

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.

39th Annual NDSU vs. UND Bike Race and Ride. Saturday, April 27. The theme this year for NDSU is Bikezilla! Riders join together from both Newman Centers to support the vital work of campus ministry and to be a part of a friendly competition. Prayerfully consider joining the race by sponsoring a student rider or riding in the event! When you support the Bike Race and Ride, you provide students with the tools they need to live out their faith with the support of a Christ-centered community and have the opportunity to let Christ transform their lives in a deeper way. To sponsor a rider or register to ride please visit our website at: bisoncatholic.org

Job Opening:

Events and Hospitality Coordinator (FT), St. Paul's Newman Center in Fargo. Primary responsibilities will include coordinating and managing all outside events hosted by St. Paul's Newman Center, including all wedding and wedding-related clients, supporting internal ministry event needs, and further developing general hospitality ministry capabilities. This is a dynamic position that serves the diverse needs of St. Paul's Newman Center as it continues to expand its event-hosting services. Applicants must submit a resume and names/contacts for three references to Nathan Carr at nathan@bisoncatholic.org. For more information, please visit our website at: <https://www.bisoncatholic.org/events-coordinator-job-discription>



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Holy Thursday Stew Supper

Thursday, March 28

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

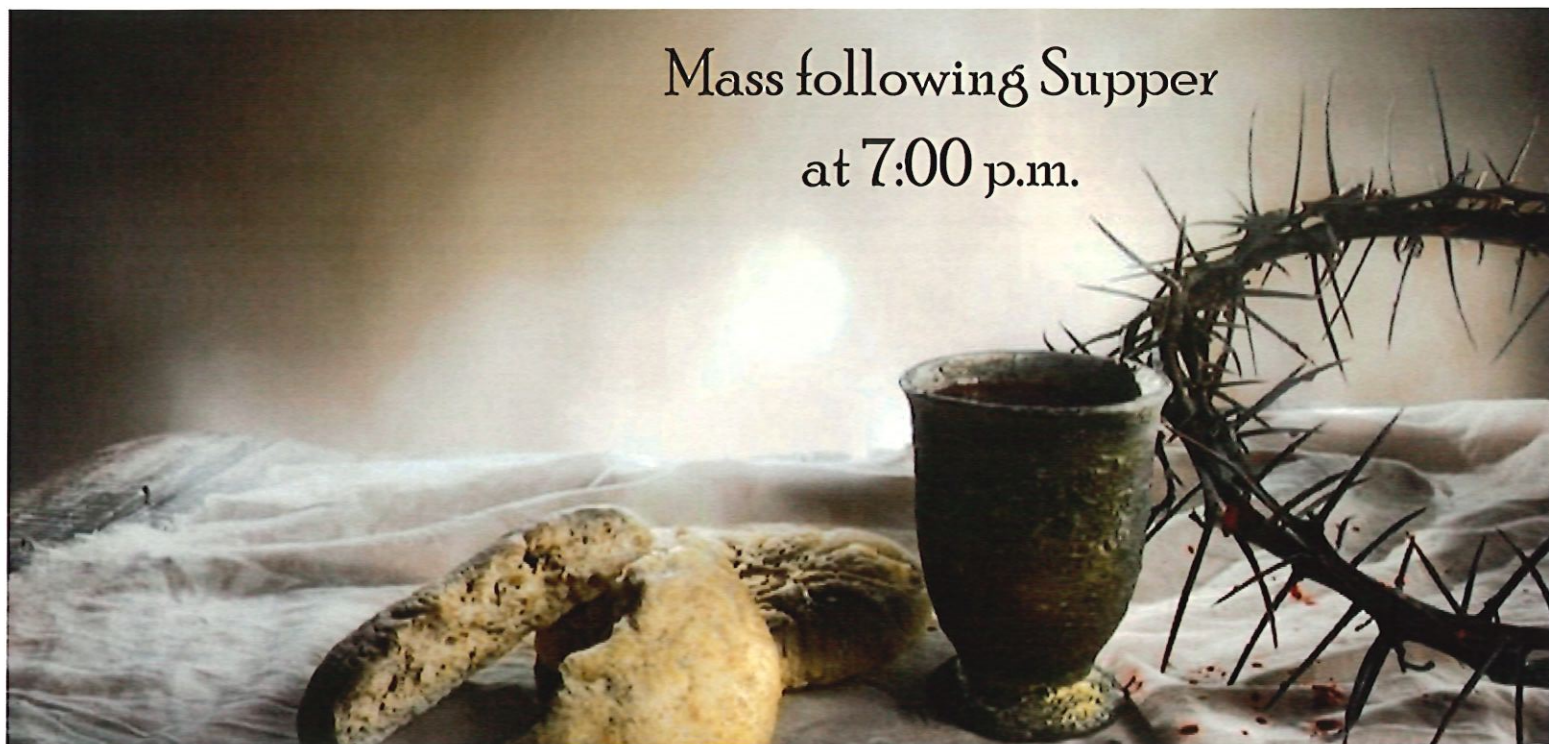
Free Will Offering

We share a meal with you as a symbol of the last supper.

The last meal Jesus shared with his disciples.

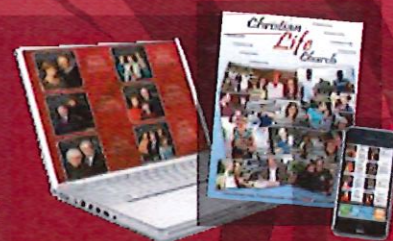
All Are Welcome!

Mass following Supper
at 7:00 p.m.



Dear Church *family,*

It's time for a New Directory!



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When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
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To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **nd138** in the Church Code field and enter photos in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. **Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.**

Ministries of Service -- Holy Week - March 28-30, 2024

Masses	7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday	12:10 p.m. Good Friday	8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil (Saturday)
Proclaimers	J. Allmaras, R. Martin	N. Peterson, M. Curfman	L. Elshaug, B. Kirkeby, M. Kern, J. Jones, M. Doster
EMHC	J.W. & *J. Jones, L. Sample, A. Pritchard, D. Nechiporenko	*B. Opoien, M. Doster	J.W. & *J. Jones, M. Doster, M. Kern, B. Opoien
Gift Bearers	B. & B. Norton and Family		B. & A. Wells
Servers	M. Allmaras, E. Buettner, E. Rohrich, B. Richman		Wells Crew (4)
Ushers	G. Yourczek, T. Allmaras	D. Rohrich, T. Allmaras	G. Yourczek, J.W. Jones
Greeters	B. Brand and Family, A. Larson, J. Moody	A. Larson, J. Moody	G. Kirkeby, T. Tweeter
Pascal Candle			J. Wells
Cross Bearers		E. Buettner, I. Rohrich	
Sacristan	J. Yourczek		M. Kern

Ministries of Service -- Easter Sunday -- March 31, 2024

Masses	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Proclaimers	N. Peterson	R. Martin
EMHC	*N. Peterson, S. & J. Neva, F. McCann, W. Suchla	*M. Kern, G. Larson, K. Jalbert, S. Perreault, J. Yourczek
Gift Bearers	L. & L. Juve	R. & G. Larson
Servers	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
Ushers	G. & J. Yourczek	R. & C. Fischer
Greeters	L. & L. Juve	R. & C. Fischer
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