



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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April 13-14, 2024 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Daily Mass & Intentions



Sunday, April 14

8:30 a.m. – +Tony & +Mary Fitterer

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Monday, April 15 - NO MASS

Tuesday, April 16 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. - +Debbie McCann

Wednesday, April 17

9:00 a.m. – +Irene Keller

Thursday, April 18

9:00 a.m. – +Rogene Nagel

Friday, April 19

9:00 a.m. – Collette Hanson

Saturday, April 20

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

5:15 p.m. – +Jerry Liska

Sunday, April 21

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – Travis & Samantha Salter & Family

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

Confirmation Mass - 10:30 a.m.

Finance Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 p.m.

Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday, April 18, 7:00 p.m.

Staff Meeting, Friday, April 19, 1 p.m.

Weekly Offering



April 6-7, 2024

Adult: \$8,850.50

Children: \$32

Improvements: \$1,076.56

Poor Fund: \$654.17

Collected to Date

Goal

\$111,139.25

Adult

\$117,600.00

\$355.04

Children

\$420.00

\$8,760.16

Improvements

\$14,000.00

\$50,212.00

God's Gift

\$77,436.00

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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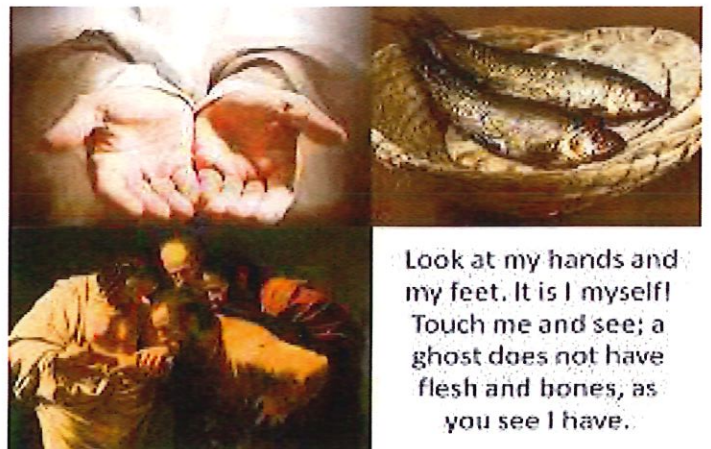
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Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.

Faith Formation



Class:

Grs. 1-5	April 17	5:30 p.m.
WOW	April 17	7:00 p.m.
Grs. 1-5	April 24	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	April 24	7:00 p.m.

Congratulations to our students who are receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and 1st Eucharist THIS weekend! May God bless you as you have fully received the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and may you continue to grow in faith and love each time you receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

Confirmation / 1st Eucharist Youth to be Recognized, April 27-28, at all Masses.

Faith Formation Lenten Banks brings in \$61.07 for the Poor Fund. Thank you to the families that gave alms to the poor through the Lenten Season!

FORMED What to Watch. As the Easter Season is upon us, take the opportunity to celebrate our Risen Lord and learn more about the ways in which you can increase your knowledge of the faith by clicking on the Easter tab at the top of the platform page. There you will find many wonderful options to view. Some recommendations include the following: Divine Mercy: The Second Greatest Story Ever Told with Fr. Michael Gaitley; Via Lucis, Stations of the Resurrection; and for kids, He is Risen with Brother Francis.

Music Ministry



Joyful Voices

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| • April 20 | <u>Practice/Sing</u>
4:30/5:15 p.m. |
| • April 28 | 9:45/10:30 a.m. |

Contemporary Choir

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| • April 28 | <u>Practice/Sing</u>
7:45/8:30 a.m. |
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Substitute Accompanists Needed: We are looking for substitute pianists to play for weekend Masses. If you know a talented pianist, please give Ronda their name and phone number. She'll give them a call. Ronda@bscwf.org

Parish Life



Blessing Box – Nonperishable Food Donations
Welcome: Please help us keep our blessing box stocked. Thank you for your kindness. *"Give what you can. Take what you need. Above all, be blessed."*

CPR/AED & First Aid Training NEXT SUNDAY, April 21, 1-3:30 p.m. 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 MONDAY April 15** 701-282-3321. Training is presented by the West Fargo Fire Department.

Cake Pans and Storage Containers: Please check the shelf above the coat rack for your pans and containers.

Can't Attend Sunday Mass?

- **Would you like to receive communion?**
To receive in-home communion, call the Parish Office, 701-282-3321, give your name, address, and phone number.
- **Watch Blessed Sacrament Mass on TV!**
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/UCPIK7Ixt77I6WWINNUQxt5rw>

Daily Readings – April 14-20, 2024

April 14: Acts 3:13-15, 1 Jn 2:1-5a, Lk 24:35-48
April 15: Acts 6:8-15, Jn 6:22-29
April 16: Acts 7:51-8:1a, Jn 6:30-35
April 17: Acts 8:1b-8, Jn 6:35-40
April 18: Acts 8:26-40, Jn 6:44-51
April 19: Acts 9:1-20, Jn 6:52-59
April 20: Acts 9:31-42, Jn 6:60-69

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.

Finance Council Meeting, Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 p.m. in the library.

**Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
Your Council Representatives Are...**

Finance Council

Lori DeKeyser, Cindy Fischer, Karen Hanson*,
Stacy Montgomery, Brad Novak*,
Eduardo Pablo, and Steve Willson

Pastoral Council

Kathleen Jalbert, Steve Neva, Robert Norton,
Colter Pratt, Gary Ripplinger, and Ally Wentz

*Blessed Sacrament Lay Director

Mass Prayer Intentions Are Needed: We are in need of prayer intentions (names), for all Masses. The suggested fee for a Mass is \$10. Have a Mass said in memory of a deceased loved one or friend; or in honor of someone living. Contact the Parish Office or place your request and donation in the weekend collection.

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.

New Parish Directory In The Works! What can you do? You can **get your picture taken!** Dates for photo sessions are Tuesday, May 28 through Saturday, June 1, from 2:00 p.m. until 8:36 p.m. A member of our staff will be available before and after weekend masses to schedule your photo session. Otherwise, you may schedule yourself online. Let us know in the Parish Office if you need assistance.

Pastoral Council Meeting, Thursday, April 18, 7:00 p.m. in the library.

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

*Bryan Kuntz (cousin of Mary Beth Odegaard),
Jeremy Bosch (son of Bob & Sharon Bosch),
Joan Hill, Gaylas Pritchard, Larry Kelly,
Lisa Putney, John Stautz, Wayne Stautz,
Nick Jalbert, Kerry Stroik, Mary Hannah Tanata,
Kolby Hunsicker, Gary Lammer*

Soup 'N More

April 25 - From Italy With Love
Consider helping or attending. Contact Julie if interested in helping julie@bscwf.org or call 701.282.3321.

THANK YOU!

I just want to thank all who helped me when I got ill in church last weekend. I appreciate that people came to help me however they could.
-Joan Hill

We Pray In Remembrance of...

April 15: Robert Jendro

April 16: Wendelin Burckhard

April 17: Les Pritchard, Paula Friedt, John Veit

April 18: Agnes Kapaun

April 19: Mabel Verlinden, Allan Fandrick

Volunteerism - Stewardship



Congratulations to all our Confirmation/Holy Eucharist "Graduates"! May the Holy Spirit enlighten you and remain with you all the days of your lives.

Newly Confirmed Students: You are being summoned to become a server. Please parents talk with your child(ren) about serving. Once Julie receives a list we will be scheduling server training for new and existing servers.

Parents/Adults: You, too, can become mass servers. Let Julie know in the office if you are interested. You would need to have a background check; read some materials from the Diocese and watch the Safe Environment video.

ALL Mass Ministers: Please go to the table by the Parish Office and review the contents. All volunteering needs and dates and Mass times are on sign-up sheets. These are for May and June. If you are not sure of your availability, please take a May and June availability form from the yellow and green folders. Return the form to Julie as soon as possible. If you will not be available at all, please put your name on the forms and mark none or text or email Julie. Deadline to receive your information is Wednesday, April 17. Thank you all in advance.

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 MaryBeth@bscwf.org or call 701-282-3321.

Social Hall Rental. Did you know that parishioners can use the social hall for different events. A few examples are wedding receptions, event receptions, engagement parties, birthday parties, baptism receptions, etc. There is a small fee and a contract to sign. Interested in knowing more contact Julie at 701.282.3321 or julie@bscwf.org.

Mark Your Calendar!

- Soup 'N More, April 25 – From Italy with Love.
- Spring Clean-up, May 18.
- Grad Celebration Mass & Social, May 19
- Directory Photo Sessions begin May 28.
- June Blood Drive, Tues, June 11, 3:30-6 p.m.
- September Blood Drive, Tues, Sept 24, 2-6 pm
- Annual Fall Dinner/Bazaar, Sunday, Oct. 6.
- 2nd Annual Nativity Showcase: Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8.
- December Blood Drive, Mon., Dec. 16, 3-6pm

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten



3rd Sunday of Easter - April 14, 2024 (12, 09)

As we hear in this weekend's gospel, the accounts of the Lord's resurrection appearances continue. It is interesting as we hear of the resurrection appearances, almost every time Jesus' name is mentioned, he appears. It was almost as if all they had to do was think about Jesus, and he would appear! And it is also interesting to note that following Jesus' resurrection, the apostles focused on Jesus' rising, and their own rising with Christ. And they were overjoyed! Even in the midst of being persecuted for the sake of Jesus, they rejoiced.

The apostles and the disciples on the road to Emmaus are good examples for us to imitate. They were joyful! When we look back on our forty days of Lent, like the apostles, in our own ways we may have had failings. Maybe we didn't fast or pray as much as we intended. But think of the victories we accomplished! For those who made Lenten resolutions, perhaps we were able to keep those, maybe not for the whole season of Lent, but for a time. These were victories! And when there is a victory, such as a win in sports, there is a celebration. Also, too, in our spiritual lives, we have a celebration, which the Eucharist itself is. Here we have great spiritual food and drink. We can't get any better than God himself!

The apostles also looked ahead for victories to come, in particular the victory of one day rising to new life in the kingdom of heaven. That was the motivating force, encouraging them to carry the cross. And so, may we, too, look ahead at more victories to come in our own lives, including the victories of reconciliation and forgiveness, and the victories of having carried our crosses, of having died, and risen with the Lord.

National Eucharistic Congress

WHEN? July 17-21

WHERE? Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Indiana

WHO? Laypeople, Clergy, & Religious

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

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

Community & Diocesan Events

BIKEZILLA! NDSU vs UND bike race and ride.

Saturday, April 27. To register go to:

<https://bisoncatholic.org/events/ndsu-vs-und-bike-race-bikezilla>

47th Annual Red River Valley Int'l Wood Arts Festival. April 27 & 28, Fargo Air Museum.

Saturday 10 a.m.- 5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Admission, \$5-person, \$10-family. 12 & under-free. Museum admission waived!

New Ministry for Adult Children of Divorce:

April 19-21, 2024. Life-Giving Wounds is a new ministry within the Diocese of Fargo to help adults who have experienced the breakdown of their parents' relationship, no matter at what age it happened and to allow Christ to bring new life through those very wounds. The Life-Giving Wounds Retreat will take place on April 19-21 at Maryvale Retreat Center. There is still a handful of spots available for this retreat. Find out more information or register by visiting www.fargodiocese.org/lgw.

Teams of our Lady for Your Marriage

Are you interested in enriching your couple / marriage spirituality on a journey with other Catholic like-minded couples? The F-M Sector of Teams of Our Lady now has 12 TEAMS comprised of 72 area couples, 11 chaplains, and has been going strong for 19 years! Join us to learn more at our Spring Information Sessions!

- Info Session #1 – Sunday, April 21 at 2 p.m. at Holy Cross in West Fargo
- Info Session #2 – Tuesday, April 30 at 7 p.m. at Sts. Anne & Joachim Fargo

All couples (BOTH husband and wife) wishing to join TEAMS are *required to attend one* of these two sessions. Mark your calendar as these will be the only Information Sessions this year! For more information,

e-mail fargosectorinformation@gmail.com.

More information can also be found on the TEAMS website at www.teamsofourlady.org.

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.

7th Annual Rural Life Celebration, June 23, Mass at 2:30 p.m. at the Larry & Jane Anderson Farm, 10 miles Southwest of Oakes.

Job Opening:

Sacred Heart Catholic School in East Grand Forks, MN is accepting applications for Elementary Classroom Teachers, Elementary Music Teacher, High School Social Studies teacher, and High School Business teacher for the 24-25 school year. Applicants should have a strong desire to educate youth body, mind, and soul. Interested applicants should email a letter of interest, resume, three letters of reference, college transcripts and a teaching license copy to Stacey Hanson-Human Resources at shanson@sacredheartegf.net. Telephone: 218-773-0877. Positions opened until filled.

Maryvale Happenings

April 19-21	Life-Giving Wounds Retreat
April 22-24	Prayer Retreat for Priests
April 25-28	SEARCH Youth/Young Adult Retreat
May 2-4	Women's Retreat by Fr. Lefor
May 9-11	Theology of the Body & Culture of Life
August 8-10	Women's Retreat by Fr. Lefor
October 3-5	Women's Retreat by Fr. Lefor

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3150 116a Ave SE, Suite A, Valley City ND 58072  
Contact: [CarrieNice@MaryvaleND.org](mailto:CarrieNice@MaryvaleND.org)  
701-845-2864

For more information or to register go to  
<https://maryvalend.org/attend-a-retreat>

### **Stewardship Moment - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'  
But they were startled and frightened..."*

– Luke 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "Self-centered" life.

**April 20-21, 2024 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Ministries of Service**

| Masses         | 5:15 p.m. Saturday                                | 8:30 a.m. Sunday                                                                         | 10:30 a.m. Sunday                                           |
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| Proclaimers    | J. Jones                                          | J. Yourczek                                                                              | M. Kern                                                     |
| EMHC           | J.W. & *J. Jones,<br>M. Pierce,<br>D. & B. Krogen | *M.A. Schuster, H. Madson,<br>D. Nechiporenko, N. Peterson,<br>J. Yourczek, **T. English | *M. Kern, M. Jamieson,<br>G. Larson, B. Opoien,<br>K. Novak |
| Gift Bearers   | J. Walter Family                                  | L. & L. Juve                                                                             | K. & K. Volk                                                |
| Servers        | E. Rohrich, M. Pierce                             | VOLUNTEERS                                                                               | E. Buettner, VOLUNTEER                                      |
| Ushers         | D. & J. Rohrich                                   | f. McCann, W. Suchla                                                                     | R. Haugen, B. Novak                                         |
| Greeters       | J. Walter Family                                  | L. & L. Juve                                                                             | K. & K. Volk                                                |
| Rosary Leader  | VOLUNTEER                                         | D. Nechiporenko                                                                          | M. Curfman                                                  |
| Sacristan      | J. Jones                                          | H. Madson                                                                                | M. Kern                                                     |
| Media Minister | L. Martin                                         | * Bread Minister **Takes communion to the home bound.                                    |                                                             |

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