



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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April 6-7, 2024 – Divine Mercy Sunday

Daily Mass & Intentions



Sunday, April 7 *Divine Mercy Sunday*

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Joshua P. Allen & Family

Monday, April 8 - NO MASS

Tuesday, April 9 at *Sheyenne Crossings*

1:00 p.m. – Alexander Matos

Wednesday, April 10

9:00 a.m. – +Boyd Garman

Thursday, April 11 – NO MASS

Friday, April 12 – NO MASS

Saturday, April 13

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – Merrick Pierce

Sunday, April 14

8:30 a.m. – +Tony & +Mary Fitterer

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Welcome! Fr. Gary Luiten and the faithful of Blessed Sacrament welcome you. We hope your time at Blessed Sacrament may be an opportunity to join in fellowship of our faith and joy in Jesus Christ.

This Week



Sunday:

Divine Mercy Chaplet - 11:30 a.m.

Confirmation / 1st Eucharist Retreat – 1 pm

No Daily Mass on

Thursday & Friday, April 11. & 12

Soup 'N More: Thursday, April 11, 5:30 p.m.

Weekly Offering



Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024

Poor Fund: \$1,171

Good Friday, March 29

Holy Land: \$1,153

March 30-31, 2024

Adult: \$7,696.69

Children: \$55

Improvements: \$1,196

Poor Fund: \$220.17

Collected to Date

GOAL

\$102,288.75	Adult	\$109,200.00
\$323.04	Children	\$390.00
\$7,683.60	Improvements	\$13,000.00
\$48,612.00	God's Gift	\$77,436.00

Faith Formation



Class:

Grs. 1-5	April 10	5:30 p.m.
B4WOW	April 10	7:00 p.m.
Grs 1-5	April 17	5:30 p.m.
WOW	April 17	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/

Rehearsal for Confirmation / 1st Eucharist, Wednesday, April 10, 5:30 p.m.

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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Confirmation / 1st Eucharist. Please pray for our 3rd grade students. They will be receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and 1st Eucharist on Sunday April 14 during the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

FORMED - Join Today!

- Visit formed.org.
- Click Sign Up (as a parishioner)
- Enter your parish zip code (58078)
- Enter your name and email address – You're In!

Music Ministry



Joyful Voices

- April 20

Practice/Sing

4:30/5:15 p.m.

Combined Choir

- April 14

Practice/Sing

9:30/10:30 a.m.

Confirmation Mass

Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary). This song is sung prior to Communion:

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried, and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Parish Life



Bishop Folda will be at Blessed Sacrament for Confirmation / 1st Eucharist Mass. Our third-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.

CPR/AED & First Aid Training, Postcard reminders have gone out to several parishioners. **PLEASE RSVP by April 15!** Training is Sunday, April 21, 1-3:30 p.m. 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 – April 7-13, 2024

April 7: Acts 4:32-35, 1 Jn 5:1-6, Jn 20:19-31

April 8: Is 7:10-14, 8-10, Heb 10:4-10, Lk 1:26-38

April 9: Acts 4:32-37, Jn 3:7b-15

April 10: Acts 5:17-26, Jn 3:16-21

April 11: Acts 5:27-33, Jn 3:31-36

April 12: Acts 5:34-42, Jn 6:1-15

April 13: Acts 6:1-7, Jn 6:16-21

Finance Council Meeting,

Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

God's Gift Appeal. Parish Goal is \$77,436. As of April 2, our parishioners have pledged \$48,612 with 32% participation. PLEASE submit a pledge.

Good Friday Donations for the Holy Land totaled \$1,153.

Holy Thursday Donations to the Poor Fund raised \$1,171! \$600 from the Stew Supper and \$571 from the Mass offertory.

Low-Gluten Hosts Available. For those suffering from sensitivity to gluten, low-gluten hosts are available. To request a low-gluten host, please see Fr. Luiten in the sacristy at least 15 minutes prior to mass beginning.

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.

New Parish Directory In The Works! What can you do? You can **get your picture taken!** Schedule via online, through Julie in the Parish Office or before and after weekend Mass. Dates for photo sessions are Tuesday, May 28 through Saturday, June 1, from 2:00 p.m. until 8:36 p.m.

Our Sympathy to the family of Ron Stiner. May Ron be comforted in the arms of our Lord.

Pastoral Council Meeting,

Thursday, April 18, 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

Safety Team Meeting,

Thursday, April 25, 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

Sick List: We pray for our ill parishioners and family members. If you would like your Blessed Sacrament family to pray for you or a loved one, please call the Parish Office. Names will be listed, in the bulletin, for 1 month unless the office is contacted for an extension.

*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 will continue through the summer months. A schedule for those months, days and themes will be coming soon. Until then please join us at the following April meals:

April 11 - The Easter Season Continues

April 25 - From Italy With Love

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

Vital Statistics from March 2024.

Baptized: Emma Jo Buettner, Ella James Buettner

Deaths: Arthur (Art) Anderson, Joan Krei,
Irene Keller

Newcomers: Ann Paulsen, Tony & Anna Breth,
Matthew & Kaitlyn Dobmeier

We Pray in Remembrance of...

April 8: Daniel Cauegn

April 9: Leonard Kirkhoff, Michael Hansen

April 10: Doris Howard

April 11: Richard Carlson, Pat O'Connor,
Joan Laber

April 12: Dennis Richard, Lyle Bashaw

April 13: James Gorski, Lottie Dirkes,
Dennis Schmidt

Volunteerism - Stewardship



ATTENTION Mass Ministers: Julie is looking to schedule May and June months. PLEASE visit the table in front of the Parish Office to sign up for times throughout this month. There will also be availability forms for you to fill in for any month. Please pick that up, fill it in and return it to Julie in the Parish Office.

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.

NEEDED – Media Ministers. The Blessed Sacrament Media Ministers are the ones that get our Mass on West Fargo Public Access cable channel AND on our YouTube channel! They manage the cameras and equipment to make this happen. They record the Saturday 5:15 p.m. Mass. If you are interested in learning more about being a Media Minister, please contact Julie@bscwf.org or call 701-282-3321.

Mark Your Calendar!

- Confirmation Mass, Sunday April 14, 10:30 a.m.
- 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, Tues, June 11, 3:30-6 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, 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Monday, December 16, 3:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten



the 2nd Sunday of Easter - April 7, 2024

In the gospel today, Jesus tells the disciples, "If you forgive men's sins, they are forgiven them. If you hold them bound, they are held bound." What great words to reflect and ponder on this Divine Mercy Sunday and how Jesus here gave the church the Sacrament of Forgiveness: Confession! And, indeed, one way to go along and die with Christ is dying to our sinfulness, which is what we focused on during Lent.

The one person besides Jesus, which the gospel revolves around today, is Thomas. If we take a deeper look at Thomas, perhaps we all find that we are a little like Thomas. Although Thomas is known as the doubter, in this weekend's gospel, Thomas and the other apostles would soon be good examples of courage and loyalty for us. It takes courage to stand up for our faith and for Christ, to defend Jesus and His word, which is what Thomas eventually did.

Notice, one other aspect of Thomas' life: He became a believer because He Saw Christ. Now, we may not be able to put our hands into His side, and we may not be able to touch the wounds in His hands, at least not in this life, but we can do one thing that Thomas did, and that is to "see Christ." We can experience Him and recognize Him as He is present in the world today. And when we visit those people who are sick, those people who are suffering, those people who are emotionally distraught, those people who need a helping hand, it is really the Lord whom we are serving. That's where Jesus is present.

May we have the courage, like Thomas did, and be willing to go and to die with Christ, dying to selfishness and all those things that are not of the Lord. And may we, too, have the courage to say to Jesus, as Thomas did, "My Lord and my God."

Since this is the first bulletin of the month of April, I have two other items for you.

- The National Eucharistic Congress. This will be held in Indianapolis from July 17- 21. We have four people so far representing Blessed Sacrament who have registered and plan on attending. I will be among the four. We have raised a significant amount for the trip, but still need to raise an additional \$2,300. If you are able and feel called to help, there will be an envelope attached to the bulletin within the next couple of weeks asking for your help. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.
- Confirmation and First Eucharist. Next Sunday, April 14, Bishop Folda will be here to confirm our 3rd graders and give them their first Eucharist. There will be 16 youth receiving sacraments that day. Also, please note that this will be at our usual 10:30 a.m. Mass. **This will be a longer service and the church will be full. You may want to plan accordingly.** Please keep the youth in your prayers as they receive these awesome sacraments.

Community & Diocesan Events

The 2024 Shanley High School Players will be performing their Spring musical *42nd Street*. Performances will be April 12 & 13 at 7:30 p.m. and April 14 at 2:00 p.m. at Shanley GROW Auditorium. Tickets are available for additional performances online at showtix4u.com.

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>

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 meals are available for \$18.00.

New Ministry for Adult Children of Divorce:

April 19-21, 2024. No matter the circumstances, divorce always represents broken dreams and broken hearts. While much of the attention goes to the men and women trying to navigate the tidal wave of loss and hurt, often left in the wake are the children whose sense of security and identity have also been shattered. This can be true even for those who were already adults when their parents' relationship ended. 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.

SEARCH for Christian Maturity is a peer-to-peer ministry, allowing youth (ages 16 and 17) along with young adults (ages 18 and older) to minister to youth and young adults. SEARCH is a way to help you on your journey to discover God, yourself, and a Christian community. We have a retreat **coming up April 26-28** at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City. More details and the application are at fargodiocese.org/search4cm or call Dori at 952-210-2219 with questions. Applications are due than Monday, April 8th.

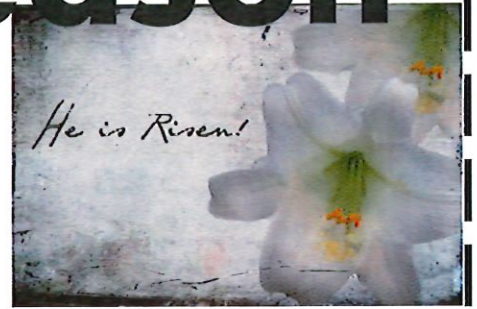
Job Openings:

Youth Discipleship Holy Spirit Catholic Parish in north Fargo is seeking a mission-minded disciple of Jesus Christ to coordinate our Youth Discipleship program. Our program follows the YDisciple small group model and would involve assisting mentors and parents of our 6th-12th graders with the goal for our youth to know, love, and serve the Lord. This position is part time or full time with additional responsibilities. Please send a cover letter and resume to pastor@holyspiritfargo.com.

Office Manager for Redeeming Grace Counseling. The Office Manager will function in a leadership position that will manage the overall operations of the office as well as assist in developing and implementing the vision and strategy for future growth. The Office Manager will also provide expertise to ensure all clients receive high-quality, efficient care. See RedeemingGraceCounseling.com for more information or email us at info@redeeminggracecounseling.com.

The Easter Season Continues...

(until May 19th/Pentecost)



Join Us Thursday, April 11, 2024

Serving 5:30—6:30 pm

✝ Scalloped Potatoes and Ham

✝ Green Beans

✝ Salad—tbd

✝ Desserts

✝ Coffee & Water



FREE

**Free Will Offering
Accepted NOT
Expected**

Blessed Sacrament
Church Social Hall

Menu subject to change based on
availability and ideas



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

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	B. Kirkeby	J. Allmaras	K. Wells
EMHC	*E. & C. Pablo, K. Jalbert, G. Walz, C. Diver	*J. Yourczek, S. DeKeyser, M. Doster, L. Sample, F. Lenzmeier, **S. DeKeyser	*M. Regner, M. Schiele, M. Curfman, G. Larson, K. Hanson
Gift Bearers	K. & W. Jalbert	F. & D. Lenzmeier	TBD
Servers	VILUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	Wells Family
Ushers	J.W. & J. Jones	T. Allmaras, S. Hartze	J. & R. Regner
Greeters	G. Kirkeby, J. Jones	A. Kottsick Family	TBD
Rosary Leader	VOLUNTEER	S. & L. DeKeyser	K. Hanson
Sacristan	C. Pablo	J. Yourczek	M. Regner
Media Minister	N. Althoff	* Bread Minister **Takes communion to the 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 April 7, 2024

April 7: Divine Mercy Sunday April 8: Annunciation of the Lord April 11: St. Stanislaus
April 13: St. Martin I



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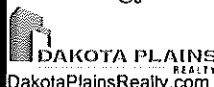


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