



# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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**April 27-28, 2024 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

## Daily Mass & Intentions



### Sunday, April 28

8:30 a.m. – +Betty Allmaras

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

### Monday, - April 29 NO MASS

### Tuesday, April 30 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – +Richard Plummer

### Wednesday, May 1

9:00 a.m. – +Palmer Madson

### Thursday, May 2

9:00 a.m. – +Joshua Jonason

### Friday, May 3

9:00 a.m. – +Reuben & Rosella Elshaug

Adoration 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### Saturday, May 4

Holy Hour with Adoration 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – +Mike & +Donna Wanschaffe

### Sunday, May 5

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Joshua P. Allen & 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:** Breakfast 9:30 a.m. – noon

**May Crowning,** Wednesday, May 1, 5:30 p.m.

**Knights of Columbus,** Thursday May 2, 7: p.m.

**First Friday Adoration,**  
May 3, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**First Saturday Holy Hour with Adoration**  
May 4, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

## Next Weekend:

Bake Sale before and after Masses.

## Blessed Sacrament Directory

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**Fr. Gary Luiten, Pastor – [Gary@bscwf.org](mailto:Gary@bscwf.org)**

**Julie Yourczek, Parish Life / Volunteerism**  
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**Lucy Elshaug, DRE / Youth Ministry**  
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**Mary Beth Odegard, Administrative Secretary**  
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**Ronda Voss, Music Coordinator**  
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## Media Information

**Facebook:**  
Blessed Sacrament Church – West Fargo

**Web Site:** [www.bscwf.org](http://www.bscwf.org)

**YouTube:** Blessed Sacrament West Fargo

## Weekly Offering



**April 20-21, 2024**

Adult: \$9,724.12

Children: \$16

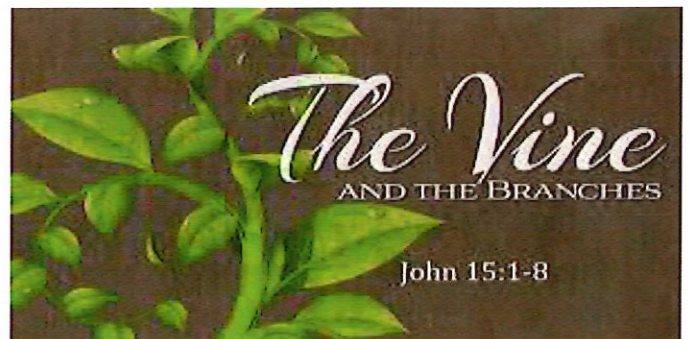
Improvements: 661.07

Poor Fund: \$373.10

## Collected to Date

## Goal

\$125,702.77	Adult	\$134,400.00
\$381.04	Children	\$480.00
\$9,562.23	Improvements	\$16,000.00
\$56,658.00	God's Gift	\$77,436.00



## Faith Formation



### May Crowning

Grs 1-5      May 1      5:30 p.m.

### Class:

WOW      May 1      7:00 p.m.

### End of Year Mass

ALL GRADES      May 8      5:30 p.m.

### Lucy Elshaug – Retirement Party

ALL FAMILIES      May 8      6:00 p.m.

**Faith Formation Registration Forms** for next year were emailed last week. Please complete and bring back with payment as soon as possible. Early registration allows us to order student textbooks and sacrament preparation materials; and make plans for the upcoming year. If we order our materials early enough, we receive a discounted rate, so please help us by returning your registration early. You may register on our website <https://www.bscwf.org/childrens-registration/>, or pick up a form in the Parish Office. Please contact Julie or Mary Beth with any questions, 701-282-3321, [Julie@bscwf.org](mailto:Julie@bscwf.org) or [MaryBeth@bscwf.org](mailto:MaryBeth@bscwf.org).

## Music Ministry



### Contemporary Choir

Date	Practice/Sing
May 12	7:45/8:30 a.m.

### Joyful Voices

Date	Practice/Sing
May 5	9:45/10:30 a.m.
May 12	9:45/10:30 a.m.
May 18	4:30/5:15 p.m.

### Combined Choir

Date	Practice/Sing
June 2	8:45/9:30 a.m.

### We Need Accompanists & Cantors!

**Accompanist** – The accompanist is responsible for providing accompaniment for the hymns and acclamations during the Mass. Knowledge of the Catholic Mass is preferred. *This is a paid position.*

**Cantor (Song Leader)** – The Cantor is both a singer and leader of the congregational songs. The Cantor has the responsibility for leading the assembly, and inviting them in hymns and acclamations used throughout Mass. You should have a strong singing voice. This ministry is open to high school/adult singers. *This is a volunteer opportunity.*

If you are interested in assisting at weekend Masses, please contact Ronda at [Ronda@bscwf.org](mailto:Ronda@bscwf.org) or call the Parish Office 701-282-3321.

## Parish Life



### Youth Mass and Retirement Party

Wednesday, May 8.

**Youth-led Mass at 5:30 p.m.**

Followed by

**Retirement Social for Lucy Elshaug at 6:00 p.m.**

All parishioners are welcome!

**Lucy is Retiring** as our DRE and Youth Minister. Please join us on Wednesday, May 8 at 5:30 to begin the evening with a Youth Mass. Immediately following the mass we will celebrate and thank Lucy for her many years of commitment to serving our youth. It will be a finger food/hors d'oeuvres potluck. Remember to sign up if you are interested in coming and contributing.

**Bake Sale.** The St. Jude Circle will be sponsoring a bake sale next weekend, May 4 & 5, before and after all Masses.

**Baptism Baskets!** There are two baptism baby baskets in the Gathering Area for:

- Rosa Fox, 3-month-old daughter of Jay & Amanda Fox.
- Penelope Gartner, 9-month-old daughter of Jason & Elena Gartner

Please help us fill the baskets with baby shower items.

**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](mailto:Gary@bscwf.org).

### Daily Readings – April 28-May 4, 2024

April 28: Acts 9:26-31, 1 Jn 3:18-24, Jn 15:1-8

April 29: Acts 14:5-18, Jn 14:21-26

April 30: Acts 14:19-28, Jn 14:27-31a

May 1: Acts 15:1-6, Jn 15:1-8

May 2: Acts 15:7-21, Jn 15:9-11

May 3: 1 Cor 15:1-8, Jn 14:6-14

May 4: Acts 16:1-10, Jn 15:18-21

**Eucharistic Adoration** is when the Eucharist is exposed for viewing. The exposed Eucharist must not be left alone, Blessed Sacrament parish has two Adoration opportunities each month:

- First Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. May 3.
- First Saturday Holy Hour: 3:30:4:30 p.m. May 4

**Happy Birthday!** We pray for those parishioners that are celebrating a birthday this week.

- Gary Speich, April 30
- Dinah Stephens, May 1

**Have you signed up to have your picture taken yet?** If not, please do so. So far only 25% of our amazing parish families have signed up. We really want to have an accurate up-to-date directory.

**High School Seniors & Parents:** Please watch your mail; a letter has been sent announcing Sunday, May 19th as the Graduation Recognition. This will take place during the 10:30am mass. A brunch will follow in the social hall. We will need a picture and the upcoming graduate to fill out the form.

**Parishioners:** Consider attending this mass and the brunch. If you wish to contribute time or goods for brunch, please let Julie or Mary Beth know. Thank you!

### Knights of Columbus Council # 6465

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**Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 2, 7:00 p.m.**

#### 2023-2024 Officers

Grand Knight: Eduardo Pablo  
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**Sick List & Prayer Requests:** We pray for our ill parishioners and family members and for requested prayer intentions.

*Ted Nilles, Wes Weeding, Bryan Kuntz,  
Jeremy Bosch, Joan Hill, Gaylas Pritchard,  
Larry Kelly, Lisa Putney, John Stautz,  
Wayne Stautz, Kerry Stroik,  
Kolby Hunsicker, Gary Lammer.*

**Soup 'N More.** 5:30-6:60 p.m. Free Will Offering!  
Thursday, May 9 – Happy Mothers Day  
Thursday, May 23 – Memorial Day BBQ

### We Pray In Remembrance of...

April 28: Ernestine Bartel

April 29: Jon Meyers

May 1: Merrilee Klemisch, Gabriel Hager,  
Conrad Meisch

May 2: Larry Lafontaine, Ronald Greenwelt

May 3: Verda Mangin, Char Pauls-Laufman

May 4: Palmer Madson, Victoria Cich

### Volunteerism - Stewardship



**NEEDS FOR MASS MINISTRIES** – please consider and reach out to Julie in the office or email at [julie@bscwf.org](mailto:julie@bscwf.org):

Servers	Ushers
Rosary Leaders	Media Ministers

**Spring Clean Up time is coming.** Saturday, May 18. This is a perfect opportunity for families to get involved and help. We start at 9:00 and are usually done before noon just in time to have a small lunch! Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Area. Please note they are based on area (ex: Outside grounds, inside church, kitchen, etc.). Sign up according to the area you wish to assist.

### SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- Youth Mass & Lucy's Retirement Party: Wednesday, May 8 5:30 .
- Spring Clean Up: Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m.
- Graduation Celebration Mass & Social: Sunday, May 19, 10:30 a.m.
- Feast Day Celebration, Corpus Christi, Eucharistic Procession following 9:30 a.m. Mass and a Parish Potluck! June 2.
- Blood Drive: Tuesday, June 11, 3:30 to 6 p.m.
- Blood Drive: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2 to 6 p.m.
- Annual Fall Dinner/Bazaar: Sunday, October 6.
- 2nd Annual Nativity Showcase: Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8, 2024
- Blood Drive: Monday, Dec. 16, 3 to 6:30 .p.m.

## Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten



for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - April 28, 2024

The first reading today speaks about the effects of Paul's life-changing decision he made. Just to refresh our memories, Paul had a miraculous conversion on a journey to Damascus. He was knocked to the ground, so strong was his calling. And on this journey, Paul wasn't just travelling down the road to see friends, or to visit family. He was on his way to Damascus to persecute members of the church, to persecute our ancestors in the faith! Little did he realize that one day he would be one of those persecuted Christians. Then Paul made an "about face," in the sense that he turned from being one of the biggest persecutors of the Christians to one of the biggest defenders of the faith. Paul then knew what to do. He knew what his vocation in life would be. Paul realized this because Jesus, in effect, brought Paul to his knees!

Usually, God does not call us that way. God usually speaks softly as to what He wants us to do with the rest of our lives. We come to know what Jesus wants of us for the rest of our lives through prayer. We must "ask Him." And we can ask Him anywhere. We can talk to God in the privacy of our own homes, and even at work or in the silence of our hearts. This is what Jesus meant when he told us in the gospel of John to "remain in Jesus, ... who is the vine, and we are the branches." We also come to know what Jesus wants us to do with the rest of our lives through receiving the sacraments such as reconciliation and the Eucharist.

In answering the question, "What does God want me to do today?" This is usually a little easier to answer. Again, it takes prayer and a closer relationship with Jesus. To know what to do each day takes a call to holiness. Some things that God may want you and me to do today are to visit a friend or to talk to someone who is lonely. He may want us to pray, to take a little time out of our busy day for a "me and God" walk. God may be calling us to spend some time with the family, not working, but just having fun. God may want us just to rest.

The bottom line is that when we are in touch with the Lord, then we will do the things that most benefit God, others, and ourselves.

## Community & Diocesan Events

### JPII Scholarships and Tuition Assistance.

Requests for the 2024-2025 school year are available through *FACTS Grant and Aid*. Please submit your application for scholarships or need-based tuition assistance as soon as possible.

Follow the FACTS Grant & Aid Link <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. When asked which school you are applying, enter 58104 zip code; select JPII Catholic Schools; and choose the school year 2024-2025 for tuition assistance.

If you have questions, call or email Sherri Simon in the Accounting Office 701-893-3232 [sherri.simon@jp2schools.org](mailto:sherri.simon@jp2schools.org)

### Fargo Cass Public Health Spring Social,

Tuesday, April 30, 5 – 6:30 p.m. Visit with team members to learn more about their local programming, resources, and initiatives. Dr. Tracie Newman will deliver a short presentation at 5:30 p.m. Features will include Free gardening kits, Free Narcan and demonstrations, Free mental health resources, and more...

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas** will meet Tuesday, May 15, 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 item donations. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Any questions, please send an email to [regentctstann@gmail.com](mailto:regentctstann@gmail.com).

**West Fargo Arbor Day Celebration to Honor First Responders.** Friday, May 17, 1:00 p.m. at the new West Fargo Fire Department Headquarters, 1201 10<sup>th</sup> Ave E, West Fargo.

### Job Opening:

**Full-Time Accountant** - St. Joseph's Church and School Moorhead. This individual will be responsible for the accountability of all financial operations for multiple accounts within the Parish & School. They will prepare monthly financial statements, reconcile bank statements, ledger entries, accounts payable and payroll. Additionally, they will serve as an advisor to the Pastor, Finance Councils, and Staff. 2- or 4-year degree is desirable or commensurate field experience. Current knowledge of accounting principles and practice. Comfortable with diverse accounting software systems. Please send a cover letter and resume to [rthom@stjoeshmhschool.com](mailto:rthom@stjoeshmhschool.com).





# Bake Sale

*Saturday and Sunday*

*May 4 & 5*

*Before and After Masses*

Sponsored by  
**St. Jude Circle**



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**Proceeds will go toward the Poor Fund**

# May 4-5, 2024 – 6<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
Proclaimers	J. Jones	J. Allmaras	M. Curfman
EMHC	*M. Schiele; K. Jalbert, J. & J.W. Jones; B. Opoien	*S. & L. DeKeyser; A. Pritchard; L. Sample; J. Yourczek; M. A. Schuster, **S. DeKeyser	*M. Curfman; G. Larson; K. Novak; M. Regner; M. Kern
Gift Bearers	Walter Family	S. & L. DeKeyser	G. & R. Larson
Servers	H. Schiele; VOLUNTEER	M. Allmaras; VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEERS
Ushers	C. & E. Pablo	T. Allmaras; C. Pratt	J. Regner; B. Novak
Greeters	Walter Family	L. Sample; J. Yourczek	K. & B. Novak
Rosary Leader	VOLUNTEER	A. Pritchard	M. Curfman
Sacristan	J. Jones	L. Sample	M. Regner
Media Minister	M. Berntson	*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 28, 2024

April 29: St. Catherine of Siena    April 30: St. Pius V    May 1: St. Joseph the Worker  
May 2: St. Athanasius    May 3: Apostles Philip & James



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