



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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May 11-12, 2024 – Ascension of the Lord

Daily Mass & Intentions



Sunday, May 12 *Mother's Day*

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Al & +Mary Ann Vetter

Monday, May 13 - NO MASS

Tuesday, May 14 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. - +Pete Von Bank

Wednesday, May 15

9:00 a.m. – +Lyll & +Adeline Wegner

Thursday, May 16

NO MASS

Friday, May 17

9:00 a.m. – Jarrid Elshaug

Saturday, May 18

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

5:15 p.m. – +Debbie McCann

Sunday, May 19

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Edwin Olson

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



Catechist Meeting Wednesday, May 15, 6:30 p.m.

Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday, May 16, 7:00 p.m.

Staff Meeting, Friday, May 17, 1 p.m.

Spring Cleaning, Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m.

Weekly Offering



May 4-5, 2024

Adult: \$8,225.26

Improvements: \$697.49

Poor Fund: \$1,644.50

Children: \$19

Collected to Date

\$141,589.15

\$439.04

\$9,681.23

\$57,638.00

Adult

Children

Improvements

God's Gift

\$151,200.00

\$540.00

\$18,000.00

\$77,436.00

Goal

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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Fr. Gary Luiten, Pastor – Gary@bscwf.org

Julie Yourczek, Parish Life / Volunteerism
Julie@bscwf.org

Lucy Elshaug, DRE/Youth Ministry
Lucy @ bscwf.org

Mary Beth Odegaard, Administrative Secretary
MaryBeth@bscwf.org

Ronda Voss, Music Coordinator
Ronda@bscwf.org

Media Information

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Faith Formation



Faith Formation Class Finished Until Fall. Thank you, Catechists! Thank you, parents! Thank you, students! Have a safe and blessed summer everyone!

End of Year Catechist Meeting,
Wednesday, May 15, 6:30 p.m.

Brainstorming Meeting,
Wednesday, May 22, 6:00 p.m.

2024-2025 Registration Forms If you have not received the 2024-25 Registration Form, contact the Parish Office! Please get your youth signed up as soon as possible. Early registration allows us to plan for the purchase of books, recruit teachers and volunteer helpers, as well as arrange for guest speakers and field trips!

Faith Formation Brainstorming Session,
Wednesday, May 22, 6:00 p.m. As Lucy prepares to retire on May 31. Julie Yourczek and Mary Beth Odegaard will be jumping in full force to fill the duties of the Director of Religious Education (DRE) and Youth Ministry. We are looking for input for the upcoming year and beyond. Ideas from our past and current catechists, parents, and fellow parishioners. Join Mary Beth and Julie. If you can't attend but would like to share ideas, send an email to Julie at Julie@bscwf.org.

'24-'25 Preschool and Kindergarten Roundup!
Will your child be 4 yrs. old by July 31? We'd love to have them attend the Preschool class. If your child is registered for Public or JPII Kindergarten, in the fall, we will welcome them with loving arms, to our Kindergarten class. If you have any questions, contact Julie or Mary Beth in the Parish Office Julie@bscwf.org, MaryBeth@bscwf.org.

Music Ministry



Joyful Voices

Date	Practice/Sing
May 18	4:30/5:15 p.m.

Combined Choir

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

Parish Life



Bake Sale Report! The St. Jude Bake Sale raised \$889.50 for the Poor Fund. Thank you to those who baked goodies and a big thank you to those who purchased them!

Baptism Basket – There is a NEW Baptism Baby Basket in the Gathering Area! The basket is for Finley Edwin Johnston, 9-month-old son of Dane and Alexis Johnston. Please help us fill the basket with baby shower items.

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.”*

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Your Council Representatives Are...

Finance Council

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

Pastoral Council

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

*Blessed Sacrament Lay Director

Daily Readings – May 12-18, 2024

May 12: Acts 1:1-11, Eph1:17-23, Mk 16:15-20

May 13: Acts 19:1-8, Jn 16:29-33

May 14: Acts 1:15-17,20-26, Jn 15:9-17

May 15: Acts 20:28-39, Jn 15:9-17

May 16: Acts 22:30,23:6-11, Jn 17:20-26

May 17: Acts 25:13b-21, Jn 21:15-19

May 18: Acts 28:16-20,30-31, Jn 21:20-25

DEADLINE for High School Seniors!! Submit your information, photo, and if attending the Mass and social, to the Parish Office by Monday, May 13.

Feast Day Celebration – Mark Your Calendars!!
Sunday, June 2 is Corpus Christi, our Parish Feast Day! We will celebrate the day with a Eucharistic Procession following 9:30 a.m. Mass and a Potluck Brunch. Sign up sheets are on the table by the Parish Office.

Family Fun Night With Bishop Folda, at the RedHawks Game! Friday, June 28, 7 p.m. Tickets \$13 each. Seats are behind home plate. Please let us know NOW if you would like to go! We must reserve our seats prior to June 1. **ATTENTION Altar Servers...** Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus will pay for your tickets!!! Contact Julie or Mary Beth in the Parish Office.

Happy Anniversary! We pray for those couples celebrating a wedding anniversary this week.

- Gerald & Fran Hagen. May 18, 50 years,

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

- Connie Ripplinger. May 12.

Have you Dropped your Land Line? Does the Parish Office have the correct number on file? Phone number, Email Address, Contact Information... this is important information for us to have on file. Please update the Parish Office today!

High School Graduate Recognition,
Sunday, May 19, 10:30 a.m. Mass.

A reception will follow Mass in the Social Hall. All Graduates, their families and parishioners are welcome to attend the reception to congratulate and wish the Graduates well on their new journey!

Landscaping and Prayer Garden: We will be purchasing flowers for the Prayer Garden soon. There are a few other projects that we'd like to address (privacy fence, and EAB treatment for Ash trees). Details are in the May 5, 2024, bulletin. If you have questions, call the Parish Office. If you are interested in donating toward the landscaping and Prayer Garden efforts, please send your donation to us with the note "Prayer Garden" and we will credit you for that donation.

Landscape and Prayer Garden Donations

Return this form with your donation.

Name: _____

Donation \$: _____

Envelope Number: _____

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.

Next Saturday - SPRING CLEAN-UP: May 18 beginning at 9:00 a.m. We've got inside and outside work to do. Many hands make light work... bring your family! Lunch will be provided.

One Sunday Mass Begins May 26, Mass times will change for the summer. Sunday Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. This will be the Sunday schedule through Labor Day Weekend. We will go back to two Sunday Masses starting September 8.

Our Sympathy to

- Joy Zeltinger on the death of her mother, Elaine Schaack.
- Phyllis Pritchard on the death of her niece, Tracy Potter.
- Jackie Krei on the death of her uncle, James Schultz.

May Elaine, Tracy, and James have eternal life through Jesus, and may their families and friends be comforted by God's kindness.

Parish Directory. There are still openings for scheduling your photo. Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1. Please call the Parish Office to schedule 701-282-3321. We are looking to see if we can take pictures of those who cannot make it during that scheduled week here at church. More details on the will follow.

Pastoral Council Meeting, Thursday, May 16, 7:00 p.m. in the library.

Prayer Requests: We pray for our parishioners and family members.

Those who are sick:

John Retterath, Gary Speich, Dinah Stephens, Janice Kanwischer, Ted Nilles, Wes Weeding

Those who are healing:

Kolby Hunsicker, Gary Lammer.

Other prayer requests:

Jonette Wanner, Jeremy Bosch

Summer Office Hours Beginning May 31, the Parish Office will be closed on Fridays for the summer. Staff will be back to work on Fridays beginning September 6.

Soup 'N More. Join us on the SECOND and FOURTH Thursday of the month for a great meal, Free Of Charge!! Enjoy the atmosphere and relax because YOU DON'T HAVE TO COOK OR CLEAN!! We serve from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
 Thursday, May 23 – Memorial Day BBQ
 BBQ's, chips, fruit, ice cream, and MORE!
 Thursday, June 13 – TBD
 Thursday, June 27 - TBD

We Pray In Remembrance of...

May 12: Susan Ranzenberger
May 13: James Kemp
May 15: Florence Hagensen, James Clark
May 16: Conrad Schuster, Marie Kapaun

Volunteerism - Stewardship



June Blood Drive Scheduling in Now Open!

Taking appointments from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11. Please login to schedule, call Julie in the Parish Office at 701-282-3321 or use the link below to access:

<https://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa/appointment/guest/phl/timeSlotsExtr?token=Xr%2FOH1igJlwj%2FhEERcVLvVIYcdPSOX7GgAAzOMTCSel%3D>

Needs for Mass Ministries – please consider and call Julie 701-282-3321 or email julie@bscwf.org:

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| Servers | Ushers |
| Rosary Leaders | Media Ministers |

SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- Spring Clean Up: Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m.
- Graduation Celebration Mass & Social: Sunday, May 19, 10:30 a.m.
- Fath Formation Brainstorming, Wednesday, May 22, 6 p.m.
- Feast Day Celebration, Corpus Christi, Eucharistic Procession following 9:30 a.m. Mass and a Parish Potluck! June 2.
- June Blood Drive: Tuesday, June 11, 3:30 to 6 p.m.
- September 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
- December Blood Drive: Monday, Dec. 16, 3 to 6:30 .p.m.

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten



the Solemnity of the Ascension - May 12, 2024

This weekend the Church celebrates the Ascension of Jesus, the ascension of the second person of the Trinity to the Father in heaven. The time finally came when he no longer walked and talked and ate with the apostles, at least not in his visible human form. Some people think that, upon reflecting on the Ascension, that Jesus is now done with us, especially when we reflect on world events including the different wars and plagues, sicknesses, and disasters that come with seemingly more and more regularity. Yet Jesus is still with us.

How do we know God is still with us? Because Jesus told us He would remain with us. Because, contrary to the evil in the world, there is too much good happening in the world to explain these things happening without a good God behind it all. Our God has got to be among us when we see a smiling baby, when we see a beautiful sunrise, when we see acts of kindness and charity such as the rich giving to the poor and people giving of their lives to better humanity. There is too much good happening to explain it without the presence of a good God behind it all. And so, our response to God's presence with us is to trust that Jesus will help us. Trust is a gift, but it is not always used.

The ascension of the Lord causes us to think not just about God, but about ourselves and that there is something more to come. Our concept of heaven needs to be clear and enticing! Although heaven rises above time and space, it must be a place, because Jesus' body is there. May we never lose hope in that reward, that final goal that awaits those who are faithful. God has given us free will. May we continue to use our free will rightly and one day all be included in that great feast of eternal life.

Community & Diocesan Events

Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, May 14, 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.

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 Grand & 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

Largest Baby Shower the Month of May! Drop off at Hornbachers, Life 97.9 and Women's Care Center. For more information contact Lisa Eggert, 701-799-5545. lisa@wccnd.com

Spring Concert, Wednesday, May 15, 7:00 p.m., Sts. Ann & Joachim. "*Hail, True Body: An Evening of Eucharistic Music*". All Sts. A&J music ensembles will join together with a full orchestra to sing music with a Eucharistic theme.

Catholic Man Night, Thursday, May 16, St. Joseph's in Moorhead (218 10th St S, Moorhead). 6:00 p.m. is Adoration and Confessions. 7:00 p.m. is Meal and talk with short discussion. Featured speaker is Brad Gray, Fargo Diocese Office of Catholic Education and Formation. Free will offering. Come and bring a friend!

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 10th Ave E, West Fargo.

Come Away With Me – Women's Retreat. June 13-15, Maryvale. Talks led by Stella Jeffrey on the Holy Spirit and introducing the five keys to allow the Lord to love us. The weekend will include Mass, adoration, confession, silent reflection, and more. Registration is \$50. A suggested donation of \$300 includes room and board.

3-Day Men's Silent Retreat, June 20-22, Maryvale. A quiet getaway from the busyness of life to focus on the voice of the Lord hidden in the silence of our hearts. Led by Msgr. Joseph Goering. Cost \$250.

Join Bishop Folda for a pilgrimage to Italy for the Jubilee Year! Dates: Oct 28-Nov 6, 2025, Pre-Registration now open!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I would like to invite you, your family, and your friends to join us on this Jubilee pilgrimage to Italy's greatest cities and special places dear to Christian hearts! A pilgrimage is an important part of a Jubilee year because it is a symbol of the Christian life. Jesus called the disciples to leave their ordinary world and follow him on an extraordinary adventure. Our pilgrimage will begin in Milan, and we'll travel to Turin to see the special Jubilee exposition of the Shroud of Turin. We'll also visit Florence, Assisi, and Rome where we will go through the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica and the other Papal Basilicas of Rome. At this point only the land package is a set price. An estimate with flights out of Fargo is \$4,900-\$5,000. For more information and registration: fargodiocese.org/pilgrimages for questions call Mary Hanbury 356-7909 or email mary.hanbury@fargodiocese.org

Job Openings

JPII Catholic Schools Open Positions: To apply visit <https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/> or call 701-893-3231 for more information.

Other Positions

- School Nurse
- Evening Custodian – Shanley High School/Sacred Heart Middle School
- After School Program Workers – Multiple locations
- Substitute Bus Drivers

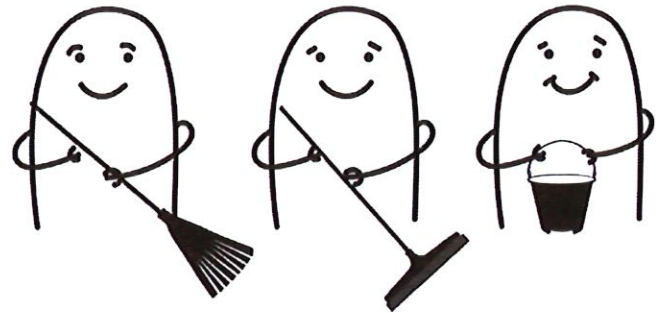
Teaching Positions – Fall of 2024

- Art Teacher (Part-time) – Holy Spirit Elementary
- English Teacher – Sacred Heart Middle School
- Physical Education Teacher (Part-time) – Holy Spirit Elementary School
- Physical Education Teacher – Nativity Elementary School
- Pre-Kindergarten Teacher – Nativity Elementary School
- Religion Teacher – Sacred Heart Middle School
- Social Studies Teacher – Sacred Heart Middle Schools
- Student Services – Nativity Elementary School/Holy Spirit Elementary Schools

Spring Cleaning & Yard Work

Saturday, May 18 ~ 9 a.m.

Calling
All Parishioners!

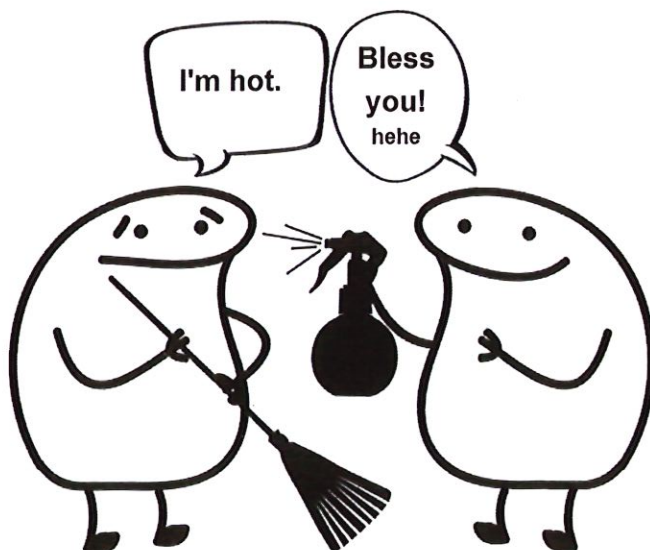


Outdoors:

Grab your garden gloves and round up those garden tools! It's time to get the church grounds ready for summer.

Indoors:

Dusting, window cleaning, sweeping, washing & wiping throughout the building. Let's make it shine!



A light lunch will be provided to all volunteers

Please sign up by
calling the parish office
282-3321

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Our weekly Masses are on YouTube

www.bscwf.org



Our old-fashioned phone number is 701-282-3321

May 18-19, 2024 – Pentecost Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	C. Paintner	N. Peterson	L. Elshaug
EMHC	*B. Opoien, C. Paintner, J. & J.W. Jones, K. Jalbert	*N. Peterson, M. Doster, S. Perreault, J. Alberte, F. Lenzmeier, **N. Peterson	*G. Larson, M. Curfman, M. Kern, J. Yourczek, M.B. Odegaard
Gift Bearers	Christl Family	T. & S. Durbin	S. & M. Curfman
Servers	M. Pierce, VOLUNTEER	E. Esposito, VOLUNTEER	E. Buettner, VOLUNTEER
Ushers	J. & J.W. Jones	C. Pratt, J. Yourczek	M.B. Odegaard, J. Yourczek
Greeters	Christl Family	L. & L. Juve	M.B. Odegaard, J. Yourczek
Rosary Leader	VOLUNTEER	S. Durbin	H.J. Puvogel
Sacristan	J. Jones	M. Doster	M. Kern
Media Minister	L. Martin	*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 May 12, 2024

May 12: The Ascension of the Lord, *Mother's Day* May 13: Our Lady of Fatima
May 14: Apostle Matthais May 15: St. Isidore May 18: Pope John I

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