Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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August 10-11, 2024 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, August 11

9:30 a.m. - the Parishioners

Monday, August 12 - NO MASS

Tuesday, August 13 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. - +Irene Keller

Wednesday, August 14

9:00 a.m. - +Ed McDonald

Thursday, August 15 Assumption of Mary

9:00 a.m. - Anthony Elshaug

7:00 p.m. - the Parishioners

Friday, August 16

9:00 a.m. - Veronica Salter

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, August 17

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

5:15 p.m. - Dean Zoeller

Sunday, August 18

9:30 a.m. - the Parishioners

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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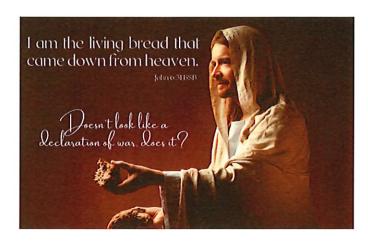
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Welcome! Fr. Gary Luiten and the faithful of Blessed Sacrament welcome you. We hope your time with us may be blessed. May it also be an opportunity to join in fellowship of our faith and joy in Jesus Christ.



This Week



Holy Day of Obligation – The Assumption of Mary. Thursday, August 15, Mass times are 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Parish Office Closed, Friday, August 16

Weekly Offering

August 3-4, 2024

Adult: \$9,243.47 Children: \$5

Improvements: \$634 Poor Fund: \$1,130

Collected to Dat	<u>Goal</u>	
\$224,709.79	Adult	\$268,800.00
\$644.04	Children	\$960.00
\$14,056.35	Improvements	\$32,000.00
\$62,563.00	God's Gift	\$77,436.00

Faith Formation



Faith Formation This Week

Mary Beth and Julie have about 1 day left to finish going through stuff and organizing the FF materials. We will be sitting down re-visiting the curriculum and schedule. After which we will be sending out a letter to parents regarding the upcoming year, the schedule, and expectations of both the student and their parents.

PARENTS...GRANDPARENTS...GODPARENTS ...FAMILY MEMBERS... DID YOU KNOW?...

- 1. Parents are the most significant influence on the religious and spiritual outcomes of young people.
- The primary way by which Catholic identity becomes rooted in a child's life are the day-today religious practices of the family and the ways parents model their faith and share it in conversation, collaboration, and exposure to outside religious opportunities.
- The family is the primary community where Catholic faith practices are nurtured and practiced.
- The quality of a parent's relationship with their children or teens and the parenting style they practice make a significant difference in faith transmission.

**Information obtained from Partnering with Parents to Nurture Family Faith – Insights from Research by John Roberto. To read the entire article please visit: https://www.usccb.org/news/2020/partnering-parent-nurture-family-faith-insights-research

Faith Formation Classes begin in September. If you have a child from the ages of 4-18, please register them now. The upcoming curriculum and calendar will be posted soon. The downloadable form and On-Line Form can be found on our website: https://www.bscwf.org/childrens-registration/ or stop in or call the Parish Office. 701-282-3321.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Classes will begin in the fall – RCIA is the process through which adults enter the Catholic Church. These classes are open to those interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith or those considering becoming Catholic. To register for the classes, please contact Fr. Gary Luiten at Gary@bscwf.org or 701-282-3321.

Browse and Take: Take a look at the cart in the Gathering Area and take what you would like. There is a free-will donations container if you wish to contribute. Any donations received will go to the faith formation budget.

Catechists Reminder. The deadline to sign up for the Catechist Dinner and Workshop is Friday, August 23. This will take place Wednesday, September 4 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church from 5-8:30 p.m. Please either email Julie and/or Mary Beth or call the parish office if wishing to attend.

Music Ministry

We Need Accompanists & Cantors!
If you are interested in assisting at weekend
Masses, please contact Ronda at
Ronda@bscwf.org or call the Parish Office 701282-3321.

Parish Life



Assumption of Mary - Holy Day of Obligation, Thursday, August 15. Mass Times are 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Holy Days of Obligation are the days other than Sundays on which we celebrate the great things God has done for us through Jesus and the saints. On Holy Days of Obligation, Catholics are expected to attend Mass.

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

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."

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Soup 'N More - Back to School

Thursday, August 22, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Blood Drive: Tuesday, September 24, 2 – 6 p.m. Fall Dinner/Bazaar: Sunday, October 6

Thanksgiving Dinner:

Thursday, November 28, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. 2nd Annual Nativity Showcase:

Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8 Blood Drive: Monday, December 16, 3 - 6:30 p.m.

Can't Attend Sunday Mass?

- Would you like to receive communion?
 To receive in-home communion, call the Parish Office. 701-282-3321
- 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.

Daily Readings - August 4-16, 2024

August 11: 1 Kgs 19:4-8, Eph 4:20-5:2, Jn 6:41-51

August 12: Ez 1:2-5,24-28c, Mt 17:22-27

August 13: Ez 2:8-3:4, Mt 18:1-5,12-14

August 14: Rz 9:1-7,1:18-22, Mt 18:15-20

August 15: Rv 11:19a,12-1-6a,10ab,

1 Cor 15:20-37, Lk 1:39-56

August 16: Ez 16:1-15,60,63, Mt 19:3-12

August 17: Ez 18:1-10,13b,30-32, Mt 19:13-15

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.

Fall Dinner / Bazaar Raffle Tickets – Coming Soon! It's your chance to WIN \$2,000! Our Fall Celebration is Sunday, October 6. Raffle tickets will be available soon. We ask every household to sell a minimum of 10 tickets for \$5 each. We'd appreciate it if you would sell more!

Follow Blessed Sacrament on FaceBook!! Go to: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church West Fargo and click FOLLOW.

Have YOU Ever Needed a Blood Transfusion or knew someone that did? The blood products collected at Blessed Sacrament blood drives go directly to our local hospitals. Don't delay saving a life – sign up today to give at our next blood drive, Tuesday, September 24, 2024, from 2 - 6 p.m.

Let Julie Know if you Would Like to Have Your Picture Taken for the New Directory! You may have received or be receiving a phone call from one of our fellow parishioner volunteers to see if you are interested in getting your photo taken. At this time with those calls we have exceeded the minimum number of interested families to be able to schedule additional photo session(s). I am anticipating a time in September since the majority of lake goers will be back in town on a more regular basis. If you received a message, please call back either way so we can make a note of your decision.

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.

Prayer Requets: We pray for our parishioners, family members, and friends.

Those who are sick or have medical problems:

John Stautz (brother of Chris Gibbons),

Mark Weninger, Pat Barnett, Larry Kelly,

Veronica Zorn, Wally Odegaard, Jack Fuller.

Those who are healing:

Kolby Hunsicker, Gary Lammer.

Other prayer requests:

The Bosch Family

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!! (Unless you want to). We serve from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

August 22: Back to School! Sloppy Joes, Mac 'N Cheese, and MORE!!

September 12: Baked Potato Bar

September 26: Pulled Pork

Traveling This Summer? Remember... We're still here while you're on vacation! Use online Giving from your computer or smart device. To schedule one-time or recurring donations! www.bscwf.org/donate/

We Pray In Remembrance of...

August 11: Rod Erdmann, John Smith, Susan Woytassek, Bertram Dame

August 13: Shirley Ackerman

August 14: John Kraus, Cecelia Willis,

Elaine Meehan

August 15: Nicolas Krebsbach

August 16: Richard Burckhard

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten



the Readings for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 11, 2024

For many of us, summertime is the season for travelling. In the first reading, the prophet Elijah traveled. And all of us, too, are travelers on a journey, even though some of us don't go very far from home. We are all on a journey and our goal is heaven.

The prophet Elijah traveled through the desert and was very weary. And so he lay down under a tree and thought he was going to die. Then the Lord gave him a hearth cake and a jug of water, which gave him enough energy to make it to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. The church fathers centuries ago have always taken this scene in scripture as a foreshadowing of the eucharist, the Bread of Life, which is our nourishment, our help for the journey through life, to heaven.

And like travelers then, we too, need to bring along food for the journey to heaven. And that is why we come to celebrate the Eucharist every weekend, and even every day for some of us. It is the greatest gift that we can receive, which unfortunately has been mocked in today's society.

Food for the spiritual journey is important, but we can't get to Mass without at least a little faith. And the gift of faith and the Eucharist as food for the journey go together. Receiving the Eucharist increases our faith, and a deeper faith increases our love for the Eucharist. And that is why in the gospel, during the time Jesus is talking about the Eucharist, He says "He who believes has eternal life."

So, in looking back at the gospel, faith is very important. Faith is something that the early disciples needed. Jesus didn't carry a passport around with Him that was stamped "Heaven." People just had to take it on faith. And we, too, must take it on faith that Jesus is from the Father, that He has gone back to the Father, and that He is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit. May we remember the two "f's" in our spiritual lives: "faith" and "food," that is, the Body and Blood of Christ to sustain us and carry us to Heaven.

Community & Diocesan Events

Catholic Apologetics Retreat: August 23-25 Dr. David Anders will be presenting a retreat for individuals, parents, and young adults at Maryvale Retreat Center on August 23-25. Check out the information about this great opportunity to grow in your ability to share Jesus Christ with others by visiting https://maryvalend.org/retreat1.

YWCA Chocolate for Change Thursday, September 5, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Delta by Marriott. New name, same sweet event... This sweet and spicy lunch features desserts and chili, a silent auction, games of chance, and so much more. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Togo dessert boxes and platters are available for preorder and pick-up through 6 p.m. on Sept. 5. For tickets and information visit wwcaessclay.org/chocolate or call 701-232-2547.

Redeemed Eucharistic Congress, Sept. 6-7,
Jamestown. This Congress will launch the Revival's
Year of Mission within the Diocese of Fargo. With
speakers such as Scott Hahn, Julianne Stanz, and
Msgr. Thomas Richter. People of our diocese will
encounter Our Eucharistic Lord and bring that
encounter out into the world. In addition, the
Congress will feature a Eucharistic procession,
Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, confession, and
Eucharistic healing. For more information or to
register go to www.fargodiocese.org/redeemed.

Down Home Hoedown. Sunday, September 15, 4-7 p.m., at The Pine, Davenport ND. Country casual atmosphere, tasty country cookin', saloonstyle spirits, entertainment, and an exciting line-up of silent and live auction items. This fundraiser supports Down Home's work of empowering lives and stabilizing those emerging from homelessness by furnishing homes, strengthening connections, and transforming communities. Go to https://www.down-home.org/events for ticket and sponsorship information.

Support Group for Adult Children of Divorce: September 14-November 16. An opportunity for young adults (18+) and adults whose parents have divorced, separated, or left broken families to reflect intentionally on the wounds caused by their family's breakdown and to heal from them. The group starts on September 14. Find out more information or register by visiting www.fargodiocese.org/lgw-sq.

FALL DINNER AND

BAZAAR NEWS

Here are a few updates regarding the Fall Dinner and Bazaar.

REMINDER this is Blessed Sacrament's largest fund-raiser. All monies earned will be placed in the general fund to pay for utility bills and more:

DATE: Sunday, October 6, 2024

HAPPENINGS:

Dinner: Boneless/Skinless Chicken Breasts and Thighs and more **Country Market:** gently used or new items as well as baked goods and homemade canned items for sale. **NOTE: Not accepting any jewelry donations

Raffle: \$5.00 each multiple cash prizes and more

Take-A-Chance Baskets* |Silent Auction Baskets*

*Items MUST be new. There will be no minimum or maximum value restrictions. Asking that baskets are themed. Any one donating a basket will need to complete a form indicating if the basket is to be on the TAC or SA

Meat Raffle: Details to follow

Games

BINGO: Self-explanatory

If you wish to be part of the planning and executing committee or would like to help please contact the parish office at 701.282.3321.

August 17-18, 2024 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Ministries of Service**

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	9:30 a.m. Sunday	
Proclaimers	J Neva	C Pratt	
ЕМНС	S. & *J. Neva; J.W. & J. Jones; K. Jalbert	*M. Kern; K Novak; S. Perreault; A. Pritchard; J. Aberle; **T. English	
Gift Bearers	Christl Family	L. & L. Juve	
Servers	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	
Ushers	E. & C. Pablo	R. Haugen; B. Novak	
Greeters	Christl Family	L. & L. Juve	
Rosary Leader	H.J. Puvogel	A. Pritchard	
Sacristan	J. Neva	M. Kern	
Media Minister	L. Martin		
*Bread Minister **Takes communion to the shut-ins and sick			

Feast/Holy Day the Week of August 11, 2024

August 13: Pope Pontian & St Hippolytos August 12: St. Jane Frances de Chantal August 15: the Assumption of Mary August 14: St. Maximillian Kolbe August 16: St. Stephen of Hungary

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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.



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