



# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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**August 17-18, 2024 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Daily Mass & Intentions



### Sunday, August 18

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

### Monday, August 19 - NO MASS

### Tuesday, August 20 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – +Conrad & Mary Ann Schuster

### Wednesday, August 21

9:00 a.m. – +Gary Speich

Parish Office Closed

### Thursday, August 22

9:00 a.m. – Todd Salter

### Friday, August 23

9:00 a.m. – +Jody Wanzek

Parish Office Closed

### Saturday, August 24

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

5:15 p.m. – +Debbie McCann

### Sunday, August 25

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

**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.

**I am  
the living  
bread  
that came  
down from  
heaven.**

John 6:51



## Blessed Sacrament Directory

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## This Week



**Parish Office Closed**

Wednesday, August 21. Staff Retreat

Friday, August 23.

**Churches United, Thursday, August 22**

**Soup 'N More, Thursday, August 22, 5:30 p.m.**

## Weekly Offering



**August 10-11, 2024**

Adult: \$5,912.96

Children: \$7

Improvements: \$300.49

Poor Fund: \$497

### Collected to Date

### Goal

\$230,622.75

Adult

\$277,200.00

\$651.04

Children

\$990.00

\$14,356.84

Improvements

\$33,000.00

\$62,563.00

God's Gift

\$77,436.00

## Faith Formation



### Faith Formation This Week.

Julie and Mary Beth are busy finalizing the calendar for Faith Formation. We are looking at activities for all grades; some to include the whole family! We are looking forward to having parents be included in our Faith Formation Program. This week the carpets are being cleaned, and the floors are being waxed. All in preparation of welcoming our Blessed Sacrament youth into our classrooms!

**Current Registration Numbers:** Here at Blessed Sacrament, we have approximately 150 youth ranging in age from 4 - 18, that could be involved in our Faith Formation program. As of Monday, August 12, we had 52 youth registered.

**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR YOUTH  
FOR RELIGION CLASSES THIS WEEK!**

**Faith Formation Registration Forms** can be found in the Parish Office and, on our website, <https://www.bscwf.org/childrens-registration/>. If you have questions, contact the Parish Office 701-282-3321.

**Faith Formation - A Parent's Role:** At Baptism, parents agree to teach children to love and practice the Catholic Faith. Blessed Sacrament Faith Formation is designed to support and assist in that goal. You can increase the child's faith formation by praying often as a family, teaching the prayers given in class, attending Mass weekly, being actively involved in the life of the parish, and encouraging your children to do the same. The best way you can encourage your child to cultivate a faithful life is to lead by example. We encourage you to get involved in your child's Catechesis by volunteering to assist on an occasional formation night. For more information, questions etc., please contact the Parish Office 701-282-3321.

**B4WOW and WOW Students:** We are looking for students to take over the committee for the Fall Bazaar games. Please reach out to Julie in the Parish Office if you are interested. [Julie@bscwf.org](mailto:Julie@bscwf.org) or 701-282-3321.

**Catechists Reminders:** 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 5-8:30pm. Please either email Julie and/or Mary Beth or call the Parish Office if wishing to attend.

**RCIA Classes** will begin Tuesday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Library. If you are not Catholic and would like to be or would like to learn more about the Catholic church, you are invited to attend. Please contact Father Gary at 701-282-3321 or [gary@bscwf.org](mailto:gary@bscwf.org)

## Music Ministry



**Contact Ronda** ([Ronda@bscwf.org](mailto:Ronda@bscwf.org)) if you are interested in assisting at Weekend Masses:

- Instrumentalists
- Song Leaders
- Substitute Accompanists

## Parish Life



**Bulletin Deadline:** Articles are due to Mary Beth in the Parish Office, Tuesdays by Noon, for the following Sunday. Drop them off in the office or email [MaryBeth@bscwf.org](mailto:MaryBeth@bscwf.org).

**Cake Pans and Storage Containers:** Please check the right side of the shelf above the coat rack for your pans and containers. Anything left after September 30 will be considered a donation to Blessed Sacrament.

### 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Nativity Showcase:

Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8

Blood Drive: Monday, December 16, 3 - 6:30 p.m.

### Daily Readings August 18-24, 2024

August 18: Prv 9:1-6, Eph 5:15-20, Jn 6:51-58

August 19: Ez 24:15-23, Mt 10:16-11

August 20: Ez 28:1-10, Mt 19:23-30

August 21: Ez 34:1-11, Mt 20:1-16

August 22: Ez 36:23-28, Mt 22:1-14

August 23: Ez 37:1-14, Mt 22:34-40

August 24: Rv 21:9b-14, Jn 1:45-51

**Family Room – For Infants, Toddlers and Parents!** We are blessed to have such a wonderful room for our families with young children. This room is reserved for infants and toddlers with their parents and people with special needs during Mass. The Family Room has comfortable chairs including a rocking chair. If you need help finding the Family Room, please ask a greeter or usher.

**Happy Anniversary!** We pray for those celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.

- Stan & Donna Dreckman, August 24, 50 yrs.

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

- John Sheveck, August 23
- Kathy McDonald, August 23

**New Member Registration.** If you are interested in becoming a registered member of Blessed Sacrament, please see Fr. Gary Luiten, call the Parish Office 701-282-3321 or **register on our website** [bscwf.org/become-a-member/](http://bscwf.org/become-a-member/)

**Online, Mobile, or Automatic Withdrawal Giving:** Give+ Online, Mobile, or Automatic Withdrawal Giving allows you to contribute to Blessed Sacrament and not worry about donation envelopes. Use online giving from your computer or smart device to schedule one-time or recurring donations! Or Automatic-Withdrawal (forms online or in the Parish Office.)

- **Online Giving:** [www.bscwf.org](http://www.bscwf.org), choose 'Get Involved' and 'Give+ Online.'
- **Mobile App:** Download "GivePlus Church" free.
- **Automatic Withdrawal:** [www.bscwf.org](http://www.bscwf.org), choose 'Get Involved', 'Donate', 'Automatic Withdrawal' or Contact [MaryBeth@bscwf.org](mailto:MaryBeth@bscwf.org) to receive a form.

Thank you for your support.

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

Those who are sick or have medical problems:

*John Stautz, 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*

**Preparation of Gifts** You may wonder why children go up to the altar during Mass offertory. The children are taking their 'gifts' to the basket on the altar. The gifts could be non-perishable food items, a youth donation envelope or loose cash. We encourage all youth to participate. They are setting an example for us adults!

**Raffle Tickets Are Coming!** Our Raffle is 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 would appreciate it if you would sell more!

**Soup 'N More.** 5:30-6:60 p.m. Free Will Offering!  
Future Dates:

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

September 12: Baked Potato Bar

September 26: Pulled Pork

**TWO SUNDAY MASSES begin September 8.**

The Mass schedule on Sunday will be 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**We Pray In Remembrance of...**

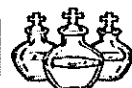
August 18: John Voeller

August 19: Allan Fandrick

August 21: Violet Kemp

August 23: Inez Wilhelmi, William Kraft,  
Gregoria Vargas

## Sacraments



**Baptism:** Parents must attend a preparatory class before the baptism can take place. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule the class with Fr. Gary Luiten.

**Marriage:** To be married at Blessed Sacrament, one or both persons of the engaged couple must be practicing Catholics. Contact Fr. Gary Luiten at least six months prior to the wedding.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and upon appointment.

**For the Sick:** You are encouraged to seek the Sacrament of the Sick if you are suffering from a serious illness or are going to be admitted to the hospital for surgery. Please contact Fr. Gary Luiten if you would like to be anointed,

Fr. Gary Luiten - [Gary@bscwf.org](mailto:Gary@bscwf.org). 701-282-3321



**the Gospel for the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
- August 18, 2024**

This week, we have yet another gospel passage on Jesus as the bread of life. That is one topic that I never get tired of: Jesus as our food for the journey. All living things need some sort of nourishment, some sort of food. We, as God's creatures, need food. And we need it pretty much every day. We need water in some form every day. We need daily care, either from ourselves, or from others if we cannot take care of ourselves. You might say we are "high maintenance."

God has made a commitment to us. He has committed himself to us, to feed us. The food He gives us, both bodily and spiritually, will sustain us. God has made a real commitment to take care of us, because we are not just bodies like cats and dogs, but we have immortal souls that need care as well.

And so, when Jesus says in the gospel, "Whoever eats this bread will live forever," He is talking about our spirits that will live forever when we worthily receive Jesus' Body and blood. When it comes down to it, our bodily deaths are a small consequence in the whole scheme of things. Why? Because it is the health of our spirits that causes us to live forever. If our spirits are healthy when we die a physical death, eventually our bodies will catch up to our spirits and we will have glorified bodies! And so, I would not even consider not attending Sunday or Saturday evening Mass, even if I were not a priest, unless my health did not allow me to. I want to live forever, not spiritually starve to death! That constant inflow of God as well as physical food and drink will keep my body and my soul doing just fine.

**Volunteerism - Stewardship**



**LOOKING FOR MORE FUNERAL VOLUNTEERS!**

If you have time during the weekdays and are looking to volunteer, please consider helping at funerals. Areas of need are dining setup, kitchen help, dishwashers, dining room assistance (filling coffee pots and water pitchers), clean-up, baking desserts. It is a heartfelt opportunity to extend a caring hand to our fellow parishioner's families during their difficult time. Let Julie know if you would be willing to be added to the volunteer list. [Julie@bscwf.org](mailto:Julie@bscwf.org) or 701-282-3321

**SOUP 'N MORE** continues to grow! We have been serving about 100 people each time. We are always hoping to see more people come to eat and visit. If you are interested in helping on those Thursdays or would like to contribute to the desserts, please reach out to Julie in parish office 701.282.3321 or [Julie@bscwf.org](mailto:Julie@bscwf.org).

**THANK YOU to all that expressed interest in still having your directory photo taken!**

As soon as the additional dates are confirmed Julie will be reaching out to those who stated they are interested. If you are interested, but have not been contacted, please call the Parish Office 701-282-3321.

**Community & Diocesan Events**

**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. To-go dessert boxes and platters are available for pre-order and pick-up through 6 p.m. on Sept. 5. For tickets and information visit [ywcacassclay.org/chocolate](http://ywcacassclay.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](http://www.fargodiocese.org/redeemed).

**St. Benedict's Catholic Church (at our new location! 8547 Front St, Horace) will hold its Annual Fall Dinner** on Sunday, September 15, 2024, from Noon to 2:00 p.m. We will be serving our famous baked ham dinner, including special cherry sauce, mashed potatoes, gravy, coleslaw, corn, rolls, and homemade desserts. There will be a silent auction, country store, games and more! Costs for the dinner are Adults - \$15.00, Children (ages 5-10) - \$6.00, and Children (4 & under) - Free. Takeout meals begin at 12:30. All are welcome!



# **- Faith Formation -**

## **Why Should You Send Your Child?**

### **Why Send Your Child to Faith Formation?**

Faith Formation helps youth understand the Sacraments, especially the Mass, and offers an opportunity to develop a deeper appreciation of the Catholic life. Through formation, our young disciples learn to appreciate the most important rituals of our faith.

As children learn about the Mass, the responses, and why we do what we do, they develop an active desire to pay attention, explore scripture, cultivate a relationship with the Lord, and share the beauty of the Gospel with their peers. Through Catechesis, children learn that the Sacraments have the power to transform us when we meet Christ there.

Catechesis (faith formation) shows how the Gospel fully satisfies the desires of our heart. Happiness lies in living the Catholic Faith as Christ has modeled it. The more that we learn about Jesus and His plan for our lives, the more we live with meaning and purpose in our lives. We are all called to make a difference in the world around us. Children will learn that we have a co-responsibility to be involved in the missionary activity of the church and to reach out to others in need. We are called to be Disciples of Christ by virtue of our baptism. This means bringing Christ into every aspect of our lives.



**Faith Formation**

**August 24-25, 2024 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Ministries of Service**

| Masses  | 5:15 p.m. Saturday                                  | 9:30 a.m. Sunday  |
|---|---|---|
| Proclaimers   | F. McCann   | C. Fischer  |
| EMHC  | *F. McCann; M. Schiele;<br>D. & B. Krogen; C. Diver | */**M. Doster; D. Nechiporenko;<br>J. Yourczek; F. Lenzmeier; J. Aberle |
| Gift Bearers  | D. & B. Krogen                                      | F. & D. Lenzmeier   |
| Servers   | H. Schiele; <b>VOLUNTEER</b>                        | Wells Crew;   |
| Ushers  | E. Krogen; A. Larson                                | J. Wells; R. Fischer  |
| Greeters  | W. & J. Suchla                                      | Wells Family  |
| Rosary Leader   | S. Bosch  | L. Metzger  |
| Sacristan   | M. Schiele  | D. Nechiporenko   |
| Media Minister  | M. Berntson   |   |
| *Bread Minister    **Takes communion to the shut-ins and sick |   |   |

**Feast/Holy Day the Week of August 18, 2024**

August 19: St. John Eudes    August 20: St. Bernard    August 21: Pope Pius X  
August 23: St. Rose of Lima    August 24: St. Bartholomew

**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.



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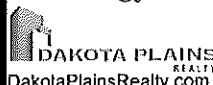
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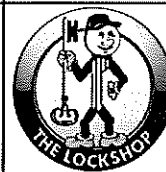
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