



# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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## August 31-September 1, 2024 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Daily Mass & Intentions

#### Sunday, September 1

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

#### Monday, September 2 - NO MASS

Parish Office Closed

#### Tuesday, September 3 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – +Pat and +Gladydes Mach

#### Wednesday, September 4

9:00 a.m. – +Lorraine Reeves

#### Thursday, September 5

9:00 a.m. – +Joshua Jonason

#### Friday, September 6

9:00 a.m. – Paula Davidovich

#### Saturday, September 7

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

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – +Bill Schweitzer

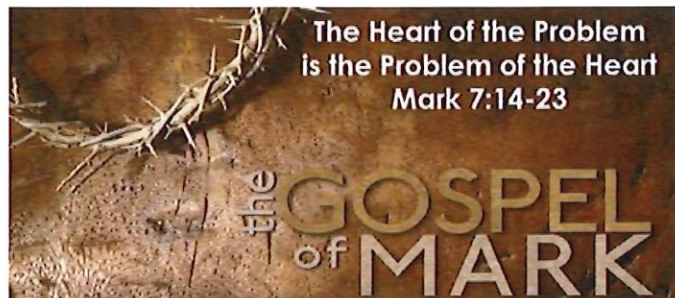
#### Sunday, September 8

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Shirley Murphy



**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

Sun Mon Tue Wed

Thu Fri Sat

Parish Office Closed, Monday, September 2

#### St. Jude Circle Meeting,

Tuesday, September 3, 3 p.m.

#### Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, September 4, 7 p.m.

#### Saturday Holy Hour with Adoration

Saturday, September 7, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

#### Parish Picnic Hosted by the KC's

Saturday, September 7, 6 p.m.

**TWO SUNDAY Masses begin NEXT weekend.**

### Weekly Offering



August 24-25, 2024

Adult: \$9,004.74

Children: \$28

Improvements: \$255.07

Poor Fund: \$339.10

#### Collected to Date

#### GOAL

\$248,953.96	Adult	\$294,000.00
\$692.04	Children	\$1,050.00
\$15,167.91	Improvements	\$35,000.00
\$64,568.00	God's Gift	\$77,436.00

### Blessed Sacrament Directory

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## Faith Formation



### Faith Formation This Week:

We are getting excited about the upcoming Faith Formation school year! We met with the catechists and there was a lot of energy and enthusiasm coming from all the teachers. Fr. Gary, Julie, Mary Beth and all the catechists are looking forward to the opening Mass and welcome session which will be Wednesday, September 11.

**Faith Formation Opening Night, September 11 for ALL STUDENTS and Parents.** This will be for all grades. Fr. Gary will hold Mass at 5:45 p.m. After Mass we will have a welcoming session, share a light meal and then students can see their classroom and meet with their teacher. Students and parents are expected to attend.

**Preschool / Kindergarten Class (PK):** Will meet on MOST Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in Classroom #1, beginning September 8.

**Grades 1-5:** Will meet most Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. beginning September 18. *A snack will be served from 5:30-5:45 p.m. for students and parents that come early.*

**B4WOW Students (grades 6-8):** will meet **MOST Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.** beginning September 18. *A light supper will be served at 6:15 p.m. for students and parents that come early.*

**WOW Students (grades 9-12):** will meet **MOST Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.** beginning September 18. *A light supper will be served at 6:15 p.m. if you student wants to come early.*

### Class Start Dates & Times

Preschool / Kindergarten (PK)

Sunday, September 8, 10:30 a.m.

Grades 1-5

Wednesday, September 18, 5:45 p.m.

Grades 6-8 (B4WOW)

Wednesday, September 18, 6:30 p.m.

Grades 9-12 (WOW)

Wednesday, September 18, 6:30 p.m.

**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.

**Catechist Reminder:** The Annual Catechist Dinner and Workshop is Wednesday, September 4, 5-8:30, Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

**Fr. Gary Welcomes you to OCIA (RCIA) Class:** Tuesday, September 17, 7 p.m., in Library. OCIA (formerly known as RCIA) is for adults thinking about becoming Catholic, and for Catholic adults who would like a refresher course on what the church believes and teaches. If you know of someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or who would like to become Catholic, contact Father Gary, or show up. OCIA will meet most Tuesdays from now into April.

### OCIA Class Dates:

September: 17, 24

October: 8, 22, 29

### Adult Formation – Rediscover Catholicism

You are invited to join in rediscovering our Catholic faith! Catholicism is not a lifeless set of rules and regulations, but a way of life designed by God to help each person reach his/her full potential. Learn to live an authentic life through God's plan for you! All Are Welcome!! Please RSVP to Lindsay, call or text 701-331-1965. BONUS: Soup 'N More is hosting the same evenings, if you would like to have supper before the book study.

What: Book Study

*Rediscover Catholicism* by Matthew Kelly

Where: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

Dates: Thursdays; September 12, 26;

October 10, 24; November 14, 21

Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Hosts: Lori DeKeyser, Lucy Elshaug and, Lindsay Spanier

### FORMED - Join Today!

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

**Save the Date!**  
**Blessed Sacrament**  
**Annual Fall Dinner/Bazaar**  
**Sunday, October 6, 2024**

## Fall Dinner & Bazaar News Sunday October 6, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Fall Dinner and Bazaar:** We are getting ready for that **Biggest Day of ALL Days!** Our Fall Dinner and Bazaar!! Please help us get the poster out to the public and pick up and sell your raffle tickets. This is the main fundraiser for our church!

**Baskets Are Available** in the Social Hall for the Take-A-Chance and Silent Auction

- All Baskets will need a form filled out to indicate what is included in the basket and if you want it for the Silent Auction or the Take A Chance.
  - Any forms not indicating which area, the basket will be placed with Take A Chance.
- Silent Auction Baskets will be limited to 30 with no required minimum dollar amount. The value needs to be included on the form.
- All filled baskets will need to be at the church **NO LATER** than Tuesday, September 24 – this ensures our volunteers time to organize and get set up.
- Please note we are looking for baskets to contain new items.
- If you have gently used items, please prepare them for the Country Market.

**Fall Bazaar** If you are interested in helping with the Fall Bazaar in any capacity, please contact Julie at 701.282.3321 or [julie@bscwf.org](mailto:julie@bscwf.org).

**\*\*NEW This Year – A Meat Board!!** Everyone is a winner!! For XXX amount you can pick a peg and receive the type of meat on that peg. Meats will be items such as ham steaks, smoked sausage, brats, deli type meats, summer sausage, etc. If you wish to donate monetary funds for the purchase of the meat, please contact Julie in the Parish Office at 701.282.3321.

**POSTER** – Please take the time to share our fall dinner poster with your friends and family, your co-workers, and teammates!

**Raffle Tickets are Ready to be Picked Up!** You will find your raffle tickets for the Fall Dinner in the Gathering Area. Please pick them up as soon as possible.

**Sign-up Sheets** for helping at the dinner, carnival, bingo, country/jewelry store, food donations, floaters, etc. are in the Social Hall on the south wall.

**Take-A-Chance** tickets will again be \$1/each. Tickets will be sold the weekend before and the weekend of the Bazaar. All tickets must have a first and last name and a phone number.

**If You Have Questions** or just want to know more about the Fall Dinner / Bazaar, please reach out to Julie in the Parish Office. You can catch her at church, call 701.282.3321 or email [julie@bscwf.org](mailto:julie@bscwf.org).

### Area Fall Dinners

<u>September 15</u>	St. Benedicts, Horace
	St. Andrew's, Hawley MN
	St. Francis, Lake Park MN
<u>October 6</u>	Blessed Sacrament, W.Fargo
<u>October 27</u>	St. Elizabeth's, Dilworth MN

*The posters are on the bulletin board.*

### Music Ministry



**Choirs Begin September 22.** If you or anyone you know loves to sing and would like to join the choir, please join us on Sunday, September 22 in the Music Room, to warm up for Mass. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ronda at [Ronda@bscwf.org](mailto:Ronda@bscwf.org).

<u>September 22</u>	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Sing</u>
Contemporary	7:45 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
Joyful Voices	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.

### Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary).

*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



**The Anointing of the Sick** will be the weekend of September 21-22.

**Busy-Bags for Busy Children.** Busy-Bags are hanging on the red 'tree' by the coat rack. The bags have items for young children to quietly busy themselves during Mass. Please take home the activity and/or coloring pages. The crayons and books remain in the bag. **Please return the Busy-Bag to the tree when Mass is over.**

**Fall Clean-Up:** *CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE.* The clean-up will be Wednesday, October 2. Those who can assist during the day can work on interior windows and inside the church. Faith Formation students and parents will be working outside.

### Daily Readings – September 1-7, 2024

September 1: Dt 4:1-2,6-8 Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27

Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

September 2: 1 Cor 2:1-5, Lk 4:16-30

September 3: 1 Cor 2:10b-16, Lk 4:31-37

September 4: 1 Cor 3:1-9, Lk 4:38=44

September 5: 1 Cor 3:19=23, Lk 5:1-11

September 6: 1 Cor 4:1-5, Lk 5:33-39

September 7: 1 Cor 4:6b-15, Lk 6:1-5

**First Friday Adoration, September 6, 2024 - CANCELED!**

**Mass at Trinity Elementary School:** Fr. Gary celebrates Mass at Trinity Elementary the second Thursday of each month at 2:15 p.m. There will be no daily Mass at Blessed Sacrament on those days. Trinity Mass Dates are September 12, October 10, November 14.

**Parish Picnic, Hosted by the Knights of Columbus.** Saturday, September 7, 6:00 p.m. Hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill (weather permitting), Tater tots and coleslaw. Freewill offering. **EVERYONE is invited!!**

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

Those who are sick or have medical problems:

*Larry Kelly, Scott Kaufman (brother-in-law of Julie Yourczek), Kevin Frovarp (brother of Debbie Brand), Nick Jalbert (husband of Kathleen Jalbert), Frank Lenzmeier, Delaine Hilzendeger, John Stautz, Mark Weninger, Wally Odegaard, Jack Fuller.*

Those who are healing:

*Kolby Hunsicker, Gary Lammer.*

Other prayer requests:

*The Bosch Family*

**Sock Drive for Homeless Children.** During September, Blessed Sacrament will be collecting socks for homeless children. There will be a drop box in the Gathering Area. Thank you for participating.

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

September 12: Baked Potato Bar

September 26: Pulled Pork

**St. Jude Circle** will be meeting Tuesday, September 3, 3 p.m. in the Social Hall. New members are welcome. If you have questions, call Alice 701-282-6572.

### TWO SUNDAY MASSES begin NEXT WEEKEND.

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

**UPDATED SEPTEMBER CALENDAR.** Please disregard the September calendar that was distributed last weekend. The Correct calendar is marked "Updated August 26, 2024". We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. The correct calendar is now on our Website.

### We Pray in Remembrance of...

September 1: Marie Lerch

September 2: Paul Matthys

September 3: Larry Paczkowski

September 4: Diane Cich

September 7: Wilhelm Lerch, Mary Thompson

### Volunteerism - Stewardship



**September 24<sup>TH</sup> BLOOD DRIVE: 2:45 – 6 p.m.**

**Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. That is not just a fact; it is a call to action.** Please help ensure patients are supported in their time of need. Schedule your next donation for the Blessed Sacrament Blood Drive Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 2:45-6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. To schedule an appointment, please contact Julie Yourczek at 701.282.3321.

For eligibility questions, call 1-800-289-4923 or email [eligible2donate@vitalant.org](mailto:eligible2donate@vitalant.org)

**Middle School and High School 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 701.282.3321.

**SOUP 'N MORE:** We are looking for families, individuals, couples, etc. to volunteer on a Thursday evening at Soup 'N More (SNM). This is a TERRIFIC way for youth to get community service hours. Remember the meal is FREE and for anyone who likes to eat. Contact Julie in the Parish Office.

### HAVE YOU PUT THESE IN YOUR CALENDAR?

**Faith Formation Opening Mass (all grades):**

Wednesday, September 11, 5:45 p.m. mass

**Blood Drive:** Tuesday, September 24, 2:45-6 p.m.

**Annual Fall Dinner/Bazaar:** Sunday, October 6,

**Thanksgiving Dinner:** Thursday, November 28,

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Nativity Showcase:** Saturday,

December 7 and Sunday, December 8

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





**the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time–Sept. 1, 2024**

In this weekend's second reading, James calls us to "act on the word" that has taken root in us. If we only listen to it, we are deceiving ourselves. And so, our actions are very important in our journey to eternal life. There is a saying which goes: "Who we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God." And we become more like God through what we do, through acting on the Word.

The church teaches that there are good acts, there are morally neutral acts, and there are bad acts. All three are spoken of in the gospel. In the gospel, Jesus is unhappy with the Pharisees because they put so much emphasis on the neutral acts and did not choose the good act of following God with their hearts. Bad acts are all those self-centered choices we make in which refuse God's love.

Today, there is a loss of a sense of these bad actions, called sin, perhaps somewhat out of ignorance. Many people do not think these are wrong anymore. But they are. Not only do the sins offend God, but they are detrimental and harmful to our spirits.

We must also remember there are the good acts which we are called to carry out through regarding God's commandment. And we are called to carry out those good acts through prayer and in the kindness and love we show to others. So, hopefully having listened to the word of God with open hearts, there is something that spoke to us personally. May we act on that word. In this way we are Christians not just in name, but in what we do.

**Community & Diocesan Events**

**Job Opening:**

**PT Receptionist** - Diocese of Fargo. Answering the main phone line, directing calls, and hospitality are the primary duties. Assists with conference room schedules and performs assigned clerical duties. Hours will be Monday through Friday 1p-5p. Successful candidate will be professional, friendly with a servant heart, have a commitment to confidentiality, good organizational skills, and fluency with Microsoft Office and various social media platforms. Send cover letter and resume with three references to:

[Barbara.augdahl@fargodiocese.org](mailto:Barbara.augdahl@fargodiocese.org)

**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.

**Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas** will meet Tuesday, September 10, St. Anthony's. 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).

**Rachel Vineyard Retreat: Hope and Healing** September 13-15. Have you, or someone you know, suffered from the physical, emotional, or spiritual effects of a past abortion? **Rachel's Vineyard** offers a safe, non-judgmental, and confidential weekend retreat for anyone who struggles with the feelings of loss or guilt that can accompany an abortion experience. For more information, contact Ruth at 701-219-3941, [rruch68@gmail.com](mailto:rruch68@gmail.com) or Sherry at 701-520-1229. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**St. Francis Chicken Dinner**, Sunday, September 15, 11 a.m.-1:30p.m. Lake Park MN. Adults \$15, Children \$10, Preschool Free. Crafts and baked goods are available.

**Catholic Man Night** Tuesday, September 17, 6-8 p.m., Holy Cross Catholic Church. 6-7 Adoration & Confession. 7-8 meal and talk. The guest speaker is Coach David Richman. Meal is a free will offering. Come and bring a friend.

**St. Elizabeth's Original Spaghetti Dinner**, Sunday, October 27, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Adults \$18, Children \$10, Preschool Free. Take out meals \$18. Raffle Prizes 4 drawings for ¼ beef.

**Fatima Day of Reflection**, Saturday, October 12, St. Boniface, Lidgerwood ND. RSVP by October 1 to 701-388-6362 or [bluearmyfargodiocesedivision@gmail.com](mailto:bluearmyfargodiocesedivision@gmail.com)



# Parish Picnic



Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus  
are sponsoring a Parish Picnic on

**Saturday**  
**September 7**  
**at 6 p.m.**

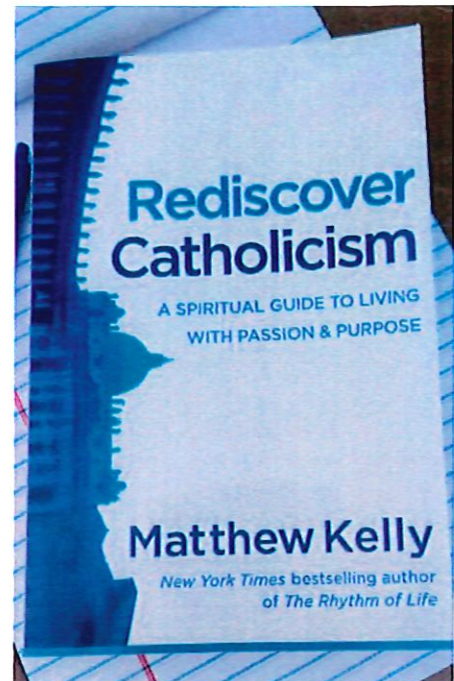


Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Tater Tots, and Coleslaw.

Freewill Offering

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# JOIN US IN REDISCOVERING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH!



## Book Study

Rediscover Catholicism by Matthew Kelly

### WHERE:

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

### DATES:

Sept. 12, 26, Oct. 10, 24, Nov 14, 21

### TIME:

6:30-8:00pm

**HOSTS:** Lori DeKeyser, Lucy Elshaug, Lindsay Spanier

**RSVP:** 701-331-1965 to Lindsay (call or text)

**All are welcome!**

CATHOLICISM IS NOT A LIFELESS SET OF RULES  
AND REGULATIONS, BUT A WAY OF LIFE DESIGNED  
BY GOD TO HELP EACH PERSON REACH HIS/HER  
FULL POTENTIAL.



# September 7-8, 2024 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	K. Jalbert	L. Wall	C. Fischer
EMHC	*K. Jalbert; B. Krogen; M. Schiele; J.W. & J. Jones	*/**N. Peterson; A. Pritchard; F. McCann; W. Suchla; D. Nechiporenko	*G. Larson; S. Richman; B. Opoien; L. Wegner; M. Kern
Gift Bearers	A. Larson; J. Moody	T. & S. Durbin	A. Kottsick Family
Servers	H. & W. Schiele	G. Yourczek; <b>VOLUNTEER</b>	Richman Girls
Ushers	D. Krogen; E. Krogen	P. Boyles; S. Perreault	D. Richman; R. Fischer
Greeters	A. Larson; J. Moody	W. & J. Suchla	A. Kottsick Family
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	S. Durbin	M. Kern
Sacristan	K. Jalbert	D. Nechiporenko	L. Wegner
Media Minister	R. Cwikla		
*Bread Minister      **Takes communion to the shut-ins and sick			

### Feast/Holy Day the Week of September 1, 2024

August 9: St. Peter Claver      September 12: the Most Holy Name of Mary  
September 13: St. John Chrysostom      September 14: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

### *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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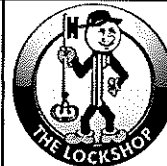
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