



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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August 24-25, 2024 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, August 25

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Monday, - August 26 – No Mass

Tuesday, August 27 at *Sheyenne Crossings*

1:00 p.m. – +David Zoeller

Wednesday, August 28

9:00 a.m. – +Bob Plemel

Thursday, August 29

9:00 a.m. – +Bill Knoll

Friday, August 30

9:00 a.m. – +Albert "Buck" Nelson

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, August 31

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

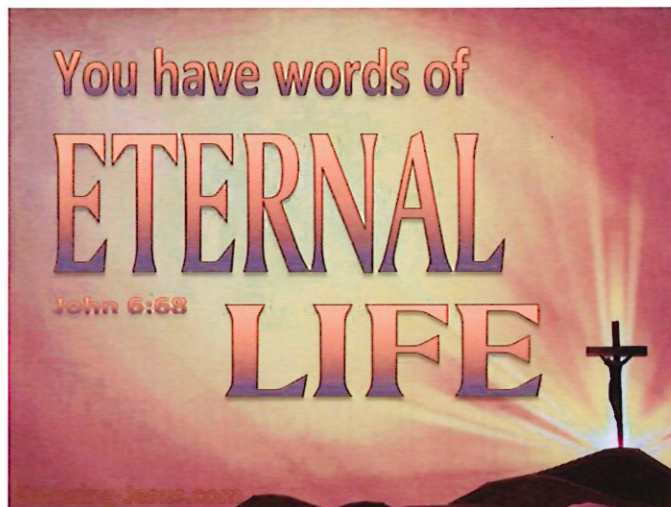
5:15 p.m. – +James Buettner

Sunday, September 1

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.



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This Week



Catechist Meeting, Wednesday, August 28, 6 p.m.

Parish Office Closed, Friday, August 30, and Monday September 2.

Weekly Offering



Assumption of Mary – August 15, 2024

Adults: \$669

August 17-18, 2024

Adult: 8,657.50

Children: \$13

Improvements: \$556

Poor Fund: \$312

Collected to Date

Goal

\$239,949.22	Adult	\$285,600.00
\$664.04	Children	\$1,020.00
\$14,912.84	Improvements	\$34,000.00
\$62,568.00	God's Gift	\$77,436.00

Faith Formation



Faith Formation This Week.

As we said last week, we are looking to get parents more involved with Faith Formation this year. It has been recommended that we have more adults in our facility during class time. Now that we have new neighbors to the West, there is more activity in the neighborhood in the evenings. We are looking to have parents help us with door and hall monitors, to sit in on classroom activity. The presence of more adults will calm the students and assure the teachers that help is there, if needed.

-Mary Beth & Julie

Faith Formation Beginning September 11. The first night of class is Wednesday, September 11. You still have time to sign your child up for classes. Also, parents of students please be willing and able to assist this year during class times. It does not mean you must commit to every 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.

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 or 701-282-3321.

Blessed Sacrament Catechists to Meet on August 28. All Catechists are asked to attend the meeting on Wednesday, August 28 at 6 p.m. in the Social Hall. We will review this year's curriculum and plan group activities. A light meal will be served.

OCIA 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

What is OCIA? The name has been changed from "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)" to *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)*.

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. Come and 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

Music Ministry



Substitute Accompanists Needed: We are looking for substitute pianists to play for weekend Masses. If you know a talented pianist, please give Ronda their name and phone number. She will give them a call. Ronda@bscwf.org

Parish Life



Calendar of Upcoming Events:

St. Jude Circle Meeting, Tues., Sept. 3, 3 p.m.

Parish Picnic; Saturday, September 7, 6 p.m.

All Grades Back to Class;

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

Soup 'N More, September 12, 5:30 p.m.

Blood Drive; Tuesday, September 24, 2-6 p.m.

Soup 'N More; September 26, 5:30 p.m.

Fall Clean-up; Wednesday, October 2

Fall Dinner/Bazaar; Sunday, October 6

Thanksgiving Dinner:

Thursday, November 28, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Daily Readings – August 25-31, 2024

August 25: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b, Eph 5:21-32,
Jn 6:60-69

August 26: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12, Mt 23:13-22

August 27: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17, Mt 23:23-26

August 28: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18, Mt 23:27-32

August 29: 1 Cor 1:1-9, Mk 6:17-29

August 30: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13

August 31: 1 Cor 1:26-31, Mt 25:14-30

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.
September 6.
- First Saturday Holy Hour: 3:30:4:30 p.m.
September 7.

Fall Clean-Up: CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE. Clean-up will be Wednesday, October 2. If you can come during the day after 9 a.m. Mass to clean inside, please let Julie or Mary Beth know. Outside cleaning will be done after 5:45 p.m.

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Faith in action. Catholic men living their faith at home, in their parish, and their community.



Next Meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 4, 7 p.m.

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Our Sympathy to Teri Anundson on the death of her Grandmother, Lois Hardy. May Lois live forever in eternal life with our Lord.

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:

Frank Lenzmeier, Delaine Hilzendeger (brother of Tina Tweeter), John Stautz, Mark Weninger, Pat Barnett, Wally Odegard, 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 September 8. The Mass schedule on Sunday will be 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

We Pray In Remembrance of...

August 25: Sarah Olmstead, Vernetta Engness

August 26: Louis Reiter, Edna Gross

August 27: Mark Wilken

August 29: Joe Barta

August 30: Glen Hanson

August 31: Jerry Liska, Hazel Marquart,
Susan Smith, Lois Kuklok

Volunteerism - Stewardship



BE ON THE LOOKOUT: Volunteer sheets will be displayed very soon for the Fall Dinner/Bazaar. Please pray about helping or donating to the event. Then sign up accordingly.

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.

SOUP 'N MORE continues to grow. We have now been serving right around 100 people. 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.

The Fall Dinner & Bazaar is SEVEN WEEKS Away! This is the most important fundraiser for the Church of Blessed Sacrament! This is a major undertaking with the expectations that our parishioners and surrounding community will support our fundraising efforts. We would like you to keep this in mind *"This is a major fundraiser for Blessed Sacrament."*

With that in mind, We are counting on you to do your part in helping us raise money. How could you do that?

- Pray about how you can contribute.
- Sell your assigned raffle tickets.
- Donate a basket for the Silent and/or Take A Chance tables.
- Donate items to the Country Market.
- Sign up to help with the set up prior to the Fall Dinner or to help the day of the Bazaar.
- Join in on the celebration that day! Come eat dinner, let the kids play games, shop in the Country Market, play bingo, etc.

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 25, 2024

Whether we realize it or not, you and I make lots of decisions in life over the course of the day. We decide on what time to get out of bed. We decide on which clothes to wear, what to eat for breakfast, and so on. Some decisions are harder to make than others. And some decisions are more important than others.

The readings today talk about people who had to make decisions regarding their faith. In the first reading, Joshua and his household had to make the decision to serve the Lord, even when worshipping God was not the "in" thing. And probably surprising to Joshua, the people whom he had gathered agreed to follow the Lord as well. It was a moment of truth. What would the people do? Would they follow the Lord, or would they turn and follow false gods?

In the gospel Jesus' followers had to make a decision. Some people chose not to believe what Jesus had said earlier about being the living bread come down from heaven. This again was a moment of truth. Some people refused to believe God, the truth, the one God who cannot deceive. Some thought, "You have got to be kidding Jesus. How can this be?" And they left.

Today, as in the time of Christ, there are moments of truth. There are times when, because of what the Church teaches, when because of the gospel message, people refuse to follow. Some people may be turned off because of the church's stand on social issues, on its concern for the poor or its pro-life stance. Our Catholic faith at times can be a challenge. Jesus did not say the road through life would be easy. But he did say that those who carry their crosses and die with Christ will share in eternal life!

We may think we all have lots of big decisions to make, and perhaps so. But when we go to meet the Lord, the only decision that is going to matter is whether or not we truly have decided to live out our faith. And this needs to be a conscious decision and must be renewed daily! Let us consciously give our lives over to the Lord each day, letting Him be the Lord of our lives, and may we continue to live out the promises of faith we made to God.

Community & Diocesan Events

Job Openings

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

Teaching Positions – Fall of 2024

- Elementary Music Teacher (Part-time) – Holy Spirit Elementary School
- Religion Teacher – Shanley High School

Other Positions – Fall 2024

- Administrative Assistant (school year position) – Sacred Heart Middle School
- Paraprofessional – Multiple locations
- Little Deacons Assistant – Holy Spirit
- School Lunch Head Cook – Nativity Elementary
- School Lunch Assistant Cook – Nativity
- Basketball Cheerleading Advisor
- After School Program Workers – Multiple locations
- Substitute Bus Drivers

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Faith Formation – Why is it Important?

Jesus formed his disciples by making known to them the various dimensions of the Kingdom of God... Christ's method of *faith formation* was accomplished by diverse yet inter-related tasks. His example is the most fruitful inspiration for effective faith formation today because it is integral to formation in the Catholic faith.

Faith must be known, celebrated, lived, and expressed in prayer.

*So, Faith Formation comprises six fundamental tasks,
each of which is related to an aspect of faith in Christ...*

Faith Formation...

- ❖ **Promotes Knowledge of our Catholic Faith.**
 - Giving us a knowledge of the content of God's self-revelation, which is found in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, and by introducing the faithful to the meaning of the Creed.
- ❖ **Promotes Knowledge of the Meaning of the Liturgy and the Sacraments.**
 - Since Christ is present in the sacraments, we come to know Christ in the liturgical celebrations of the Church and are drawn into communion (spiritual union) with Him.
- ❖ **Promotes Moral Formation in Jesus Christ.**
 - Communicating both the content of Christ's moral teachings as well as their implication for Christian living.
- ❖ **Teaches us How to Pray With Christ.**
 - We are invited to join Christ in praying the *Our Father*. Prayer should be the ordinary environment for all faith formation so that the knowledge and practice of Christian life may be understood and celebrated.
- ❖ **Prepares us to Live in Community (spiritual union) and to Participate Actively in the Life and Mission of the Church.**
 - We are encouraged to live a life that is based on Christ's teachings about community life. A spirit of simplicity and humility, a special concern for the poor, care for the alienated, a sense of fraternal correction, common prayer, mutual forgiveness, and a fraternal love that embraces all these attitudes.
- ❖ **Promotes a Missionary Spirit that Prepares us to be Present as Christians in Society.**
 - We, the disciples of Christ, are asked to be present in society as believing Christians who are able and willing to bear witness to their faith in words and deeds.



Faith Formation

August 31-September 1, 2024 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	9:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	S. Neva	M Hoff
EMHC	*S. & J. Neva; E. & E. Pablo ;B. Opoien	*M. Regner; K. Novak; J. Aberle; H. Madson; L. Wegner, **TBD
Gift Bearers	Christl Family	B. & K. Novak
Servers	H. Schiele; VOLUNTEER	E. Buettner; VOLUNTEER
Ushers	J.W. & J. Jones	C. Pratt; G. Yourczek
Greeters	Christl Family	B. & K. Novak
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	M. Kern
Sacristan	C. Pablo	M. Regner
Media Minister	R. Cwikla	
*Bread Minister **Takes communion to the shut-ins and sick		

Feast/Holy Day the Week of August 25, 2024

August 27: St. Monica August 28: St. Augustine

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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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