



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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November 16-17, 2024 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Mass & Intentions



Sunday, November 17

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Larry Mickelson

Monday, November 18 - NO MASS

Tuesday, November 19 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – +Marvin & +Sheila Murphy

Wednesday, November 20

9:00 a.m. – +Wally Letain

Thursday, November 21

9:00 a.m. – +Don Kirchoffner

Friday, November 22

9:00 a.m. – +Al & +MaryAnn Vetter

Saturday, November 23

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

5:15 p.m. – +Tim Piatz

Sunday, November 24

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Clem Von Bank

Blessed Sacrament Directory

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

Julie Yourczek, Parish Life/ Volunteerism/ DRE
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Media Information

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Web Site: www.bscwf.org

YouTube: Blessed Sacrament West Fargo

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.

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



Sunday:

PK 10:30 a.m.

OCIA, Tuesday, November 19, 7 p.m.

1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting,
Wednesday, November 20, 5:45 p.m.

Book Study, Thursday November 21, 6:30 p.m.

Pastoral Council Meeting:
Thursday November 21, 7 p.m.

Blessed Sacrament 88th Anniversary, Friday,
November 22, Mass 9 a.m., social to follow.

Weekly Offering



November 9-10, 2024

Adult: \$4,098.79 Children: \$19

Improvements: \$259.49

Poor Fund: \$100

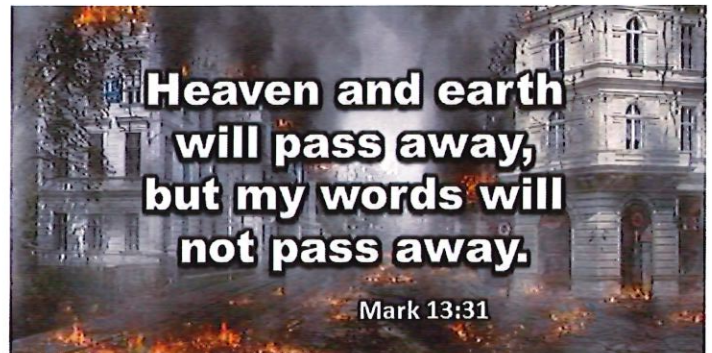
Collected to Date

Goal

\$324,706.17	Adult	\$378,400.00
\$959.04	Children	\$1,380.00
\$19,687.90	Improvements	\$46,000.00
\$65,078.00	God's Gift	\$77,436.00

**Heaven and earth
will pass away,
but my words will
not pass away.**

Mark 13:31



Faith Formation



Faith Formation This Week.

From Julie: I am disappointed that every week I struggle to find 1 youth parishioner to bring up the prayer basket for each Liturgy. These are intentions they took time to write on Wednesday nights. The idea was to give the kids understanding of prayer and to learn that all of our parish family can pray for their needs. To show that our youth want to be involved with their parish family too. Why can't I find 1 youth for each of the 3 weekend masses? Unfortunately, the answer is that there are very few kids in church.

ATTENTION: Thank you to those parents who are complying and coming into the building to pick up their child(ren) after Faith Formation. We are doing this to ensure the safety of our youth. It is so dark out now and we would not want our youth getting hit by a car in the parking lot or getting into a wrong vehicle. The safety concern is real as we do not know who may or may not be in the parking lot. We have the parish phone on so if you will be late or someone else will come to pick your child(ren) up please call us to let us know; 701.282.3321.

Class - PreK Through Grade 12

<u>November 17</u>	PK	10:30 a.m.
<u>November 20</u>	Grs 1-5	5:45 p.m.
	B4WOW	6:30 p.m.
	WOW	6:30 p.m.
<u>November 27</u>	Grs 1-5	NO CLASS
	B4WOW	6:30 p.m.
	WOW	6:30 p.m.

REMINDER FOR 2ND GRADE PARENTS:

Reconciliation Parent/Student prep class:

Wednesday, November 20, 5:30 p.m.

Parent/Student Retreat/Practice

Wednesday, December 11, 5:30 p.m.

1ST Reconciliation Thursday, December 12, in line with the Penance Service.

Sacrament Preparation Classes First Reconciliation Grade 2 Students and Parents

Please meet with Fr. Gary in the Church on the below dates.

November 20 – 5:45 p.m.

December 11 – 5:45 p.m. (Retreat & Practice)

First Reconciliation – December 12, 7:00 p.m.

Parent Assistance is Needed. We ask parents to make a commitment to stay and help-out on Wednesdays. It is not required that you help every week. You may occasionally assist as your schedule allows! Please contact Mary Beth or Julie to get signed up and have the paperwork completed.

Servers: Julie will conduct a server training on Sunday, December 1 at 12:00 p.m. This is for all current servers, AND youth that are confirmed AND adults that would like to participate. Please let Julie know if you or your child plan to attend.

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. Contact Father Gary or just show up. OCIA will meet most Tuesdays from now into April.

Class November 19, 26

December 3, 10, 17

Adult Formation – Book Study, Thursday, November 21, 6:30, classroom 4.

Music Ministry



Contemporary	Practice	Sing
<u>November 24</u>	7:45 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
Joyful Voices	Practice	Sing
<u>November 24</u>	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.

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

- Instrumentalists
- Song Leaders
- Substitute Accompanists

A Blessed Sacrament Thanksgiving

A Blessed Sacrament Thanksgiving Thursday, November 28, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Join us for the best Thanksgiving dinner that you've ever had! AND you don't have to do the dishes (unless you want to volunteer). We do not charge; it is a free will donation.

2 WEEKS AWAY!! Thanksgiving Dinner is just 2 weeks away!! We are Looking for more turkeys, pie sign ups and helpers. This is one of my favorite things we do as a parish family for the community. It is such a humbling experience.

Items Needed for our Thanksgiving Meal:

Frozen Turkeys, Pies (any variety)
Foil roaster liners,

You may bring items to the church during our office hours. Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; or on weekends before and after Mass. Place Turkeys on the cart by the office door. Place Canned goods and roaster liners on the cart in the Social Hall.

Turkeys must be here by Friday, November 22!
Please have all other food donations to the church by 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27. THANK YOU!

Volunteer Sign-up sheets are in the Social Hall!

Mass Time on Thanksgiving Day is 10:00 a.m.

Parish Life



Happy Anniversary Blessed Sacrament! Friday, November 22. We are celebrating with Mass and Fellowship in the Social Hall. Celebrate with us by going to 9:00 a.m. Mass and staying for coffee and goodies! *Cheers to 88 years!*

Blood Drive: Monday, December 16, 2:45 - 6 p.m.
Contact Julie in the Parish Office to get registered 701.282.3321. Let's finish off 2024 with another successful drive.

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.

Daily Readings November 17-23, 2024

Nov. 17: Dn 12:1-3, Heb 10:11-14,18, Mk 13:24-32

November 18: Rv 1:1-4,2:1-5, Lk 18:35-43

November 19: Rv 3:1-6,14-22, Lk 19:1-10

November 20: Rv 4:1-11, Lk 19:11-28

November 21: Rv 5:1-10, Lk 19:41-44

November 22: Rv 10:8-11, Lk 19:45-48

November 23: Rv 11:4-12, Lk 20:27-40

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.

Give+ 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, choose 'Get Involved' and 'Give+ Online.'
- **Mobile App:** Download "GivePlus Church" free.
- **Automatic Withdrawal:** www.bscwf.org, choose 'Get Involved', 'Donate', 'Automatic Withdrawal' or contact MaryBeth@bscwf.org to receive a form.

Thank you for your support.

Knights of Columbus News. On November 7, The Knights of Columbus Council at Blessed Sacrament elected Chris Diver as Knight of the Month and Rebecca and Rick Olstad as Family of the Month. Thanks for all your work that has not gone unnoticed at Blessed Sacrament.

Mark Your Calendars...BINGO, BINGO, BINGO!!

Yes, BINGO is on the horizon. Mark your calendars with the following dates:

January 2025 (Hosted by Faith Formation Youth)

Sundays January 5, 12, & 26

February 2025 (Hosted by Knights of Columbus)

Sundays February 2; 9 & 23

March 2025 (Hosted by Knights of Columbus)

Sundays March 2; 9; 23 & 30

Nativity Showcase is coming December 7 & 8.

Saturday, December 7, 2-7 p.m.

Sunday, December 8, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

We have had a good response for bringing displays and for helpers. We would love to see more Nativity sets coming. Encourage others to bring theirs too.

Nativity: In the Christian tradition, a nativity scene (also known as a manger scene, crib or creche) is the special exhibit, particularly during the Christmas season, representing the birth of Jesus.

The nativity scene is a powerful visual reminder of God's immense love for humanity. It depicts the moment when God, in His divine wisdom, chose to become part of human history by being born as a man. The simplicity and humility of the setting – a stable, underscores this message.

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/

October Combined Collection Report

World Missions	\$1,270.00
Retired Religious	\$666.00
Home Missions	\$293.00
Black & Indian	\$323.00
Peter's Pence	\$303.00
Total	\$2,855.00

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

***Those who are sick or have medical problems:**

*Cindy Horner, Joann Moody, Becky Jones,
Ann Zahradka, Dennis Kanwischer, Larry Mattson,
John Anderson, Pat Barnett, Larry Kelly*

***Those who are healing:**

Kolby Hunsicker, Gary Lammer, Wally Odegaard

***Other prayer requests:**

Cindy Wulff, The Bosch Family

Remembrance Display. There is a memorial in the Gathering Area honoring our parishioners that have passed away within the last year.

Server Training: Sunday, December 1 at 12pm. Meet in the church. Those asked to attend are current servers, youth and adults who are confirmed, who wish to receive the training and become servers. **ADULTS:** you will need to complete a background check and the Circle of Care and Code of Conduct (if we do not already have one on file). Questions, call Julie at 701.282.3321.

Soup 'N More ONCE in December. Thursday, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free Will Offering!

December 12: Las Pasadas

Consider helping or attending. Contact Julie if interested in helping julie@bscwf.org or 701-282-3321.

We Pray In Remembrance of...

November 17: Norbert Frank, Norbert Kosir

November 18: Greg Beauchamp, Joyce Bladow

November 19: John Sinner

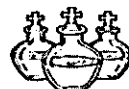
November 20: Sharon Wermedahl

November 21: Bob Yanish, Norman Ulmer

November 22: Ray Langer, Lawrence Bartel,
Jerome Herbranson

Winter Storm Policy. The Blessed Sacrament Parish Office follows the same winter storm policy as West Fargo Public Schools. If the WF Public Schools are closed because of bad weather, the Parish Office will be closed and there will be no evening activities. Fr. Gary WILL say daily Mass if it is scheduled.

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. 701-282-3321

Volunteerism - Stewardship



Coffee Talk: No volunteers have come forward. Please call Julie at 701.282.3321 if interested in hosting.

Soup 'N More: Thank you to all the volunteers that consistently come to help, you are very much appreciated. As of right now there are no new volunteers. If interested call Julie at 701.282.3321.

Environment/Liturgical Décor Committee: Julie has 1 parishioner that has agreed to be part of the committee. Looking for more to come forward.

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten



the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 17, 2024

The readings today speak about something that makes most people sit up and take note: the end of the world and the second coming of Jesus. The first reading today is quite different than the rest of the Old Testament. It was written not too long before the coming of Jesus, and it is different than the rest of the Old Testament when Daniel says, "Many of those who sleep in the dust of death shall awake." What does he mean by "sleeping in the dust of death?" The Church takes this verse to mean the resurrection of the dead.

Daniel tells us that it will be a very important event, but it is really a hopeful reading. The prophet gives us reason to hope when he says, "Some shall live forever: the wise shall shine brightly. At that time, your people will escape, everyone who is found written in the book." This is the book in which God has written the names of all the faithful. You can rest assured that our names have been written in that book. God has called us to be with Him forever in heaven. However, we can forfeit that calling because of unrepentant sin.

This idea of the resurrection of the dead from Daniel fits in well with the gospel today, because Jesus is talking about his second coming. He says that when He comes again, there will be a resurrection of the dead, which we all hope to be a part of.

We have a lot to gain from these readings. First, trusting in God's blessings is one lesson we can learn. Second, we must be spiritually prepared for Jesus' coming again. Economically and financially, this preparedness is not all that important, but spiritual preparedness is what Jesus calls from us. Jesus says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but by words will not pass away." And third, no one knows when Jesus will come again. "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

Personally, I'm glad that I do not know when my last day on earth will be. This way, it encourages us to follow Christ/be vigilant every day, not just the last day of our lives. May you and I remain close to Jesus so we may be prepared when He comes again.

Living Our Faith, Building Our Future

Commitment Weekend was last weekend. If you were not able to turn in your pledge card, don't worry – It's NOT too late! We will accept pledges at any time! However, the sooner the better since we'd like to reach our pledge goal.

Each parish family is asked to make their sacrificial gift towards the campaign. Please prayerfully consider what your pledge will be, to this Diocesan wide campaign. We understand everyone cannot make the same gift, but we can all make an equal sacrifice.

This is a Diocesan Campaign, and it includes funding for each parish.

Diocesan Projects: Maryvale Retreat Center Renovation and Endowment; Priest Retirement Home Construction and Endowment; Priest Pension Fund Infusion.

Blessed Sacrament Projects: Renovating the Baptismal Font; Fix the Bells in the bell tower; Repairs in the Kitchen; Replacing the oldest Furnace unit.

Blessed Sacrament will receive 30% of all funds raised up to our goal of \$400,807. Once we exceed our goal, we retain 70% of all monies raised with unlimited potential.

This is a FOUR-YEAR Campaign. Your pledge could be distributed within those 4 years. Turn in your completed pledge card to the offertory basket or make your gift online!

Blessed Sacrament's Status as of 11/7/24

Pledges: \$72,950 Dollars Received: \$13,900

For the Campaign Status Report go to:

https://www.fargodiocese.org/documents/2024/10/weekly%20summary_103124.pdf

Community & Diocesan Events

Concordia Christmas Concert, December 6-8, Memorial Auditorium, Concordia College.
Friday, December 6 – 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 7 – 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 8 - 2 p.m.
Purchase tickets at ConcordiaChristmas.com

Ladies Holiday Tea. December 8, 2-4 p.m. St. Paul's Newman Center, Fargo. Join us for a lovely lady's holiday tea! The afternoon event will include silent auction baskets, a music performance by Benton Schmidt, fellowship, all while sipping tea and eating tasty treats. Tickets \$35.00 per person. Registration and more information, <https://www.fargodiocese.org/ladies-tea> or call Mary Hanbury at 701-356-7909. Sponsored by the Diocese of Fargo.

Job Opening

Part Time Maintenance Position – Holy Cross. Part time maintenance at Holy Cross & sidewalk snow removal at Holy Cross/Trinity. Call Penne in the church office at 282-7217 if interested.



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potential!

For more information, please contact our campaign director,
Allyson Edgette at aedgette@guidanceliving.com

4th Annual MinisTREE Advent Project

The Blessed Sacrament

MinisTREE

will arrive

in the Gathering Area

November 30th.



Brighten the Holidays for families
in our local homeless shelters.

If you would like to help,
please take an ornament (or two)
from the MinisTREE.

Purchase the item listed on the
back of the ornament(s).

Return the UNWRAPPED gift(s)

by December 18.



Altar Server Training

Sunday, December 1

12:00 p.m.



For:

- ALL current servers.
- Youth that are confirmed.
- Adults that are confirmed.

RSVP to the Parish Office - 701-282-3321

**Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
Invites you to our**

2nd Annual Nativity Showcase

Saturday, December 7: 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 8: 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Admission Fee

\$1 per person
or a Nonperishable
Food Item per person.

*Listen to Holiday
Music as you browse.*



*Refreshments
will be available.*

**Come see the amazing variety and beauty of this
collection of Christmas Manger Scenes (Nativities).**

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November 23 – 24, 2024 - Christ the King

	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimer	B. Kirkeby	J. Allmaras	A. Buettner
EMHC	*M. Schiele, K. Jalbert, C. Paintner, J.W. Jones, J. Jones	*L. Sample, D. Chapek, M.A. Schuster, M. Doster, J. Klaers	*A. Buettner, K. Novak, B. Opoien, G. Larson, M. Kern
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Server	M. Pierce, W. Schiele, H. Schiele	G. Yourczek, G. Wells, A. Wells	J. Norton, VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER
Usher	A. Larson, C. Diver	T. Allmaras, J. Wells	R. Fischer, C. Fischer
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Rosary	P. Pritchard	A. Pritchard	VOLUNTEER
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