



# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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## December 21-22, 2024 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

### Daily Mass & Intentions



#### Sunday, December 22

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Carter & +Easton Supler

Monday, December 23 – No Mass

Tuesday, December 24

at **Sheyenne Crossings** 1:00 p.m. – +Ed McDonald

Christmas Vigil:

3:30 p.m. – Carols

4:00 p.m. – +John Retterath

Wednesday, December 25 *Christmas Day*

10:00 a.m. – the Parishioners

*Parish Office Closed*

Thursday, December 26

9:00 a.m. – The Pritchard Family

*Parish Office Closed*

Friday, December 27

9:00 a.m. – +Irene Keller

*Parish Office Closed*

Saturday, December 28

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – Teddy Salter

Sunday, December 29 *Holy Family*

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Al & +Mary Ann Vetter

### Blessed Sacrament Directory

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### Media Information

Facebook:

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church West Fargo

Web Site: [www.bscwf.org](http://www.bscwf.org)

YouTube: Blessed Sacrament West Fargo

**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

Sun Mon Tue Wed

Thu Fri Sat

**Parish Office Closed**, Wednesday-Friday  
December 25, 26 & 27

**Churches United**, Thursday, December 26

### Weekly Offering



Thank you for your continued generosity!

**December 9, 2024 – Immaculate Conception**

Adult: 601.50

**December 14-15, 2024**

Adult: \$6,840.36

Children: \$59

Improvements: \$521

Poor Fund: \$1,241.50

### Collected to Date

### Goal

\$371,560.66	Adult	\$428,400.00
\$1,085.04	Children	\$1,530.00
\$22,458.46	Improvements	\$51,000.00
\$67,243.00	God's Gift	\$77,436.00

### Advent

#### The Fourth Week of Advent

The Fourth Week of Advent Represents: Love  
Candle Color: Purple

During this final week of Advent, we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son. We reflect on the good news of God's love brought to us from the angel Gabriel.

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*



**Acts of Kindness and Charity:** Advent is a time of giving and helping others. Many Christians engage in acts of kindness, charity, or volunteer work during this season.

**Christmas Hymns:** Singing hymns and carols that focus on the themes of Advent and Christmas is a common tradition. Many churches have special musical performances or choir presentations during Advent.

**Nativity Scenes:** Setting up a nativity scene at home or in church is a tradition that helps focus on the central story of Christmas—the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.

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**The Time is Drawing Near...** Please fill the manger with straw. Thank you

## Faith Formation



**Faith Formation This Week.** WOW what an amazing performance our youth gave on Sunday, December 15 called *Our Savior is Born*. Our youth did an outstanding job and it turned out great. See the pictures on the Growing Our Faith wall, Facebook and on the TVs in the Gathering Area.

**Class - PreK Through Grade 12**

December 25 NO CLASS

January 1 NO CLASS

January 5 PK 10:30 a.m.

January 8 Grs 1-5 5:45 p.m.

B4WOW 6:30 p.m.

WOW 6:30 p.m.

## OCIA (RCIA)

Class January 14, 28

February 4, 11, 25

**For all Faith Formation Class Dates and Times,** refer to the Faith Formation Calendar on the Blessed Sacrament Website at:

<https://www.bscwf.org/classes/>

**Feed My Starving Children Saturday, January 11, 2025, from 12-1:30 p.m.,** Atonement Lutheran Church, 4601 S University Dr, Fargo. Parents, PLEASE sign your family up for FMSC!! This is a HUGE Community Service project for our whole parish including our youth. Make a Difference in the life of a child!

## Music Ministry



### We Need Accompanists & Cantors!

**Accompanist** – The accompanist is responsible for providing accompaniment for the hymns and acclamations during the Mass. Knowledge of the Catholic Mass is preferred. *This is a paid position.*

**Cantor (Song Leader)** – The Cantor is both a singer and leader of the congregational songs. The Cantor has the responsibility for leading the assembly, and inviting them in hymns and acclamations used throughout Mass. You should have a strong singing voice. This ministry is open to high school/adult singers. *This is a volunteer opportunity.*

If you are interested in assisting at weekend Masses, please contact Ronda at [Ronda@bscwf.org](mailto:Ronda@bscwf.org) or call the Parish Office 701-282-3321.

## Parish Life



**2025 Wall Calendar** is NOT here yet! There has been a mechanical break-down in the production of our calendars. We hope they will be here soon.

**Bake Sale – Thank You!** The bake sale raised nearly \$900 for the Poor Fund! Thank you to all who donated baked goods and to those who purchased the goodies!

**Becoming Catholic:** If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Fr. Gary Luiten about OCIA classes, 701-282-3321 or [Gary@bscwf.org](mailto:Gary@bscwf.org).

**Coming in 2025 – BINGO!!** Blessed Sacrament will host Sunday afternoon Bingo the months of January, February, and March!

### Daily Readings – December 22-28, 2024

December 22: Mi 5:1-4a, Heb 10:5-10, Lk 1:39-45

December 23: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24, Lk 1:57-66

December 24 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Lk 1:67-79

December 25: Is 62:11-12, Ti 3:4-7, Lk 2:15-20

December 26: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59, Mt 10:17-22

December 27: 1 Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20:1a, 2-8

December 28: 1 Jn 1:5-22, Mt 2:13-18

**Directory pictures** are now complete, and production will begin. Once Julie knows the time schedule, she will update on when to expect the new directory.

**Eucharistic Adoration** is when the Eucharist is exposed for viewing. The exposed Eucharist must not be left alone. December Adoration is as follows:

- Friday: 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. January 3.
- Saturday Holy Hour: 3:30:4:30 p.m. January 4.

**FargoPack for Feed My Starving Children**

**Saturday, January 11, 2025, from 12-1:30 p.m.,** Join the Blessed Sacrament Team at Atonement Lutheran Church, 4601 S University Dr, Fargo. To sign up call the Parish Office or go to <http://222.fmssc.org/join-group?joincode=8LD5PK>

Every year, millions of children die from preventable causes including undernutrition. FMSC works with local volunteers to pack meals and distribute them worldwide.

**Our Sympathy**

- Rich Cwikla on the death of his brother, Jerry Cwikla.
- to the family of Jaclynn Davis-Wallette.
- Joan Hill on the death of her sister-in-law, Bev Askelson.

May Jerry, Jaclynn and Bev rest in peace in the arms of our Lord.

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

\*Those who are sick or have medical problems:

*Veronica Zorn (sister of Julie Yourczek),  
Bob Kuklok, Geraldine Cariveau,  
Doreen Hilzendeger, Scott Tanata, Kerry Stroik,  
Pauline Klinger, Ann Zahradka, John Anderson,  
Larry Kelly, Pat Barnett*

\*Those who are healing:

*Joann Moody, Kolby Hunsicker, Gary Lammer*

\*Other prayer requests:

*Cindy Wulff, The Bosch Family*

**Receive Notifications of our Masses on**

**YouTube.** Subscribe to the Blessed Sacrament YouTube channel!

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCPIK7lx77I6WWtNNUQxt5rw>. Subscribe and click the bell, you will get notified of our broadcasts and videos.

**New Year's Mass Schedule.**

*Vigil Mass, Tuesday, December 31, 5:30 p.m.*

*Morning Mass, Wednesday, January 1, 10:00 a.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.*

**Soup 'N More: New Name to Be Announced**

**January 1, 2025!** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month.

**January 9** – Welcome to Italy. This SNM proceeds will go to Killian Wells for his trip to Rome with the Diocese.

**January 23** – St. Jude Circle is hosting. We will be having ham and scalloped potatoes.

**Thank You** to all who gave blood on Monday, December 16. Watch for the 2025 schedule.

**Year End Contributions.** If you plan to make donations to Blessed Sacrament before the end of the year, please have your donations here no later than Tuesday, January 31 by Noon.

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

December 22: Ronald Webb, Daniel Cossette, John Gehrke

December 24: Mary Hlebech

December 27: Mark Kuhn, Gladys Scholz

**Knights of Columbus Council # 6465**

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



**Next Meeting: Thursday, December 5, 7 p.m.**

**2023-2024 Officers**

Grand Knight: Eduardo Pablo  
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**Volunteerism - Stewardship**



**MASS MINISTER VOLUNTEERS:** Julie is working on January ministries as well as getting information regarding the new online scheduling program. Hoping to be using the program by the middle of January.

**Soup 'N More:** Contact Julie if you would like to get involved. We can use helpers in the kitchen and dining area. Generally, we ask most volunteers to arrive by 4-5pm. Rather be a silent volunteer? Feel free to make baked goods.

**Coffee Talk Will be Starting in January.** On days we have bingo we will not have Coffee Talk after 10:30 a.m. liturgy. Here's the January schedule – let Julie know which works for you.

**Sunday, January 5:** After 8:30 liturgy

**Sunday, January 12:** After 8:30 liturgy

**Sunday, January 19:** After both 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. liturgies

**Sunday, January 26:** After 8:30 liturgy

**CATHOLIC CALISTHENICS:** Gestures, Postures and Symbolic Movements used in the Mass –  
Part 4

### Striking the Breast

- One strikes at one's breast three times during the Confiteor ("Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.")
- In reciting the *Agnus Dei* ("Lamb of God"), we should strike the breast at the words "Have mercy on us."

### Kneeling

- The word "kneeling" (Greek: *proskynein*) occurs 59 times in the New Testament — 24 in the Book of Revelation which represents the heavenly standard by which our earthly Mass is based.
- We kneel after the *Agnus Dei* ("Lamb of God"). Those who can't kneel should make a profound bow when the celebrant genuflects after the consecration.
- Kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer.
- Kneel in prayer when you return to your pew after Communion, until the priest sits down, or until he says, "Let us pray."

### Sitting

- We sit at the First and Second readings and the responsorial Psalm before the Gospel.
- We sit during the homily. We sit during the Preparation of the Gifts at the Offertory.

### Standing

We stand for the:

- Entrance procession
- Rite of Sprinkling (*Asperges*)
- Creed
- Alleluia chant before the Gospel.
- While the Gospel is proclaimed
- during the Prayer of the Faithful.
- We stand as the celebrant says, "Pray brethren that our sacrifice..." and remain standing to respond, "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands ..."

- The Lord's Prayer
- The congregation remains standing until the end of the Sanctus ("Holy, holy").
- Stand for the concluding prayers.
- Remain standing until all ministers have processed out.

## Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten



### the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent - December 22, 2024

The person of focus in the gospel today is Mary. Elizabeth realized what a special person Mary was and is when she proclaimed, "Who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" What profound respect we owe Mary, the Mother of God, the one who gave the world its savior. And, having experienced God's presence through the angel Gabriel, this experience called forth from Mary a response. Mary just didn't get on a camel or mosey over on a horse or walk over to see her cousin, she "went in haste" to visit her cousin Elizabeth. She couldn't wait to tell Elizabeth the good news!

Like Mary, Elizabeth, and John's encounter with the Lord in Elizabeth's womb, our encounter with Jesus in Word and Sacrament, in one another in creation is also meant to call forth a response. We, like Mary, Elizabeth, and John the Baptist, upon encountering the Lord, are called to do the Father's will. And what is God's will for us? To obey God by loving the Lord and others. Just think what life would be like if no one did the Father's will by not living with a spirit of charity! There would be even more chaos, fighting, and anger.

The world says that obedience to God will not get us anywhere. But the truth of the matter is that we benefit when we obey God despite the seeming outcome, no matter what the world says. Isaiah describes in his book what God wants for the world: a world where everything is in harmony, where the "lion will lie down with the lamb." So, God's will is for us to live in harmony and love with each other and with the whole of creation. And that will get us eternal life.

So, when the Lord comes again, may he find us obediently serving Him, not seeking so much our own ends, but may he see our unselfish acts of loving and serving Him in our lives as Mary our Mother did, by touching the world with the presence of Christ in her life.



## Living Our Faith, Building Our Future

**We are Soooo Close** to meeting our pledge goal! What does that mean? When we meet our pledge goal of 400,807.00; Blessed Sacrament will receive 30% of those dollars! That means we will receive more than \$120,000! That money will be used to Renovate the Baptismal Font; Fix the bells, Repair the kitchen ceiling, and replace the oldest unit of the Furnace system.

Make your pledge now and pay at a later date. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office 701-282-3321.

Blessed Sacrament's Status as of 12/16/24

Pledges: \$393,391.00

98% to our goal!

Dollars Received: \$99,727.17

30% participation by our parishioners.

For the Campaign Status Report go to:

[https://www.fargodiocese.org/documents/2024/10/weekly%20summary\\_103124.pdf](https://www.fargodiocese.org/documents/2024/10/weekly%20summary_103124.pdf)

## Community & Diocesan Events

**Jubilee Opening Mass**, Sunday, December 29, 10:00 a.m., Cathedral of St. Mary, Fargo. The theme of the Jubilee Year 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope." Pope Francis has asked that the local bishop of every cathedral around the world celebrate Mass on December 29 to mark the opening of the Jubilee Year.

## Job Openings

### FT Custodian and Maintenance

St. Catherine School and Parish in Valley City, ND is hiring a FT Custodian and Maintenance Professional. Key duties include cleaning and light maintenance of school, gym, and parish buildings, as well as overseeing deep cleaning and maintenance projects during the summer months. We are looking for a self-starter with excellent communication skills who aligns with our mission. 40 hours per week (year-round) with benefits. Apply now, anticipated start date is January 2, 2025. Submit cover letter, resume and three references to [Nicholas.lee1@k12.nd.us](mailto:Nicholas.lee1@k12.nd.us)

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

- Custodian – Trinity Elementary School
- After School Program Workers – Multiple locations
- Substitute Bus Drivers

### 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.

### Feast/Holy Day the Week of December 22, 2024

December 23: St. John Kanty

December 25: The Nativity of the Lord

December 26: St. Stephen

December 27: Apostle John

December 28: Holy Innocents

*Merry Christmas*

*From, Fr. Gary Luiten,*

*Mary Beth, Julie, Ronda and, Jim*



# Thank You!



*Mary Beth and Julie would like to thank all that participated in the Youth Christmas Program.*

## ***Our Youth...***

Sam Glandt, Cyrus Zaheri-Fox, Makenna Pierce, Abigail Wells, Garrett Wells, Julian Johnson, Logan Boland, Elliot Buettner, Brennan Wells, Morgan Pierce, Ainsley Grosz, Celia Black, Addilyn Grosz, Mira Pierce, Dela Zakeri, Mallorie Richman, Emma Esposito, Brooke Finn, Paisley Lauinger, Haddie Buettner, Annabelle Lenertz, Lillian Marvin, Hayden Knudsen, Anna Glandt, Lucie Epping, Grayson Lauinger, Tsebai Mowenn, Evan Kleinwachter, Lux Bruggeman, Gbayoko Mowenn, Nate Kottsick, Gbarjulu Mowenn, Hannah Schiele, Casper Zaheri-Fox, Dorra Anundson, Ever Bruggeman, Rue Bruggeman, Will Schiele, Ainsley Wells, Charlie Kottsick, Kristopher Kreis, Candor Quenette, Owen Knudsen, Mya Glandt, Alison Walter, Willa Anundson, Alex Jalbert, Kenlie & Ellie Richman

## ***Catechists & Parents...***

Abby Horner, Jamie Marvin, Teri Anundson, Mallary Schiele, Heather Madson, Randy Glandt, Kathleen Jalbert, Chris Diver, John & Jody Jones, Haley Bruggeman, Amanda Buettner

## ***Fr. Gary Luiten***

## ***The Audience***





FEED MY  
STARVING  
CHILDREN



**MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD.  
IT JUST TAKES TWO HOURS!**

## **VOLUNTEER AT FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**

Join Blessed Sacrament at Atonement Lutheran Church on  
Saturday, January 11, 2025 from 12 - 1:30 p.m.

To join, call the Parish Office 701-282-3321 or go to their website:  
<http://www.fmsc.org/join-group?joincode=8LD5PK>

*Turn hunger into hope with your own two hands*

**VOLUNTEER. DONATE. LEARN MORE. FMSC.ORG**



## December 24-25, 2024 ~ the Nativity of the Lord

	Tuesday, December 24 ~4:00 p.m.	Wednesday, December 25~10:00 a.m.
Proclaimer	K. Jalbert	M. Curfman
EMHC	*L. Wegner, G. Larson, K. Jalbert, J.W. & J. Jones	*F. McCann, M. Doster, N. Peterson, A. Pritchard, M.A. Schuster
Gift Bearer	R. & G Larson	L. & L. Juve
Server	G. Wells, E. Rohrich, A. Wells	G. Yourczek, <b>Volunteer, Volunteer</b>
Usher	D. & J. Rohrich	J. Yourczek, C. Pratt
Greeter	D. & J. Rohrich	L. & L. Juve
Sacristan	L. Wegner	Marvis Doster
Media	R. Cwikla	

## December 28-29, 2024 ~ the Holy Family

	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimer	J. Jones	M. Doster	D. Lenzmeier
EMHC	J. W. & J. Jones, C. Paintner, D & B. Krogen	M. Doster, H. Madson, J. Aberle, S. DeKeyser, L. Sample	*M. Kern, G. Larson, J. Neva, K. Novak, B. Opoien
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Server	K. Jalbert, A. Jalbert, <b>Volunteer</b>	E. Esposito, G. Yourczek, <b>Volunteer</b>	S. Neva, <b>Volunteer, Volunteer</b>
Usher	C. Diver, E. Krogen	S. Perreault, C. Pratt	B. Novak, R. Haugen
Greeter	E. Krogen, G. Kirkeby	L & L Juve	A. & K. Kottsick
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	A. Pritchard	K. Hanson
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Media	M. Berntson		
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