



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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January 11-12, 2025 – Baptism of the Lord

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.

Daily Mass & Intentions

Sunday, January 12 *Baptism of the Lord*

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – the Supler Family

Monday, January 13 - NO MASS

Tuesday, January 14 *at Sheyenne Crossings*

1:00 p.m. - +Mike Voigt

Wednesday, January 15

9:00 a.m. – Ragene Veil

Thursday, January 16

9:00 a.m. – Robin Salter

Friday, January 17

9:00 a.m. – Special Intentions

Saturday, January 18 *State of the Parish Address*

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

5:15 p.m. – +Gaylas Pritchard

Sunday, January 19 *State of the Parish Address*

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Bill Knoll

Weekly Offering

Your Support Keeps the Sidewalks Clear!

New Year's, Dec. 29, 2024- Jan. 1, 2025

Adult: \$1,373

January 4-5, 2025

Adult: \$6,153.56

Children: \$14

Improvements: \$1,061.49

Poor Fund: \$714

Collected to Date

Goal

\$7,526.56	Adult	\$8,400.00
\$14.00	Children	\$30.00
\$1,061.49	Improvements	\$1,000.00
\$67,348.00	God's Gift	\$77,436.00



This Week

Sunday, January 12, 2025:

Concessions, 11:30 a.m.

Bingo, 12:00 p.m.

Monday, January 13, 2025:

Catholic Man Night, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 16, 2025:

Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation This Week. January our youth will be concentrating on Unit 3 which is about Jesus Christ. How Jesus is the Son of God; loving and honoring God; the 10 Commandments; moral living; etc. Continue to view the Growing Our Faith wall for new projects done by our students as they learn about their faith. Pre-K/K learned about the 10 Commandments this past Sunday – they have new artwork on the wall.

Class Grades PK-12

PK	Jan. 12	No Class
Grs 1-5	Jan. 15	5:45 p.m.
B4WOW	Jan. 15	6:30 p.m.
WOW	Jan. 15	6:30 p.m.
PK	Jan. 19	No Class
Grs 1-5	Jan. 22	5:45 p.m.
B4WOW	Jan. 22	6:30 p.m.
WOW	Jan. 22	6:30 p.m.

B4WOW & WOW Students: Bingo started this past Sunday. There will be a sign-up binder in the Social Hall on Wednesday evenings for you students to volunteer. In January we are looking for volunteers to call bingo, sell bingo cards, bring desserts, and work the concessions. In February and March, we need volunteers to bring desserts and work concessions. The proceeds will go to the youth programs.

OCIA class is Tuesday's at 7 p.m. in the Library.

Dates: January 14, 28

February 4, 11, 25

Music Ministry



Joyful Voices

January 12	Practice	Sing
	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
January 26	Practice	Sing
	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
February 9	Practice	Sing
	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
February 23	Practice	Sing
	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.

No Contemporary Choir in January.

Parish Life

2024 Year-End Reports will be provided **BY REQUEST ONLY**. We will email or print you a hard copy to be picked up. Contact Mary Beth in the Parish Office, with your request. **Reports will be ready after January 15.** MaryBeth@bscwf.org or 701-282-3321

BINGO season is upon us. Mark your calendars and come join in the fun!! January Bingo is hosted by our Youth. Bingo and concession proceeds go to the Youth Activity Fund. February and March Bingo is hosted by our Knights of Columbus. Concession proceeds go to the Youth Activity Fund.

Sundays:

January 12 & 26

February 2, 9, 23

March 2, 9, 16, 23

Concessions sales begin at 11:30 a.m.

Bingo starts at 12:00 p.m.

Catholic Schools Week

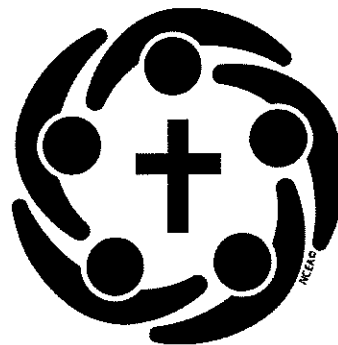
January 26 through February 1 marks the celebration of Catholic Education. This is the annual celebration of Catholic School Education throughout the United States.

This year's theme is:

"United in Faith and Community"

Trinity Elementary is supported by Blessed Sacrament, St. Benedict, and Holy Cross. Blessed Sacrament has several students that attend JPII Catholic Schools. We will celebrate Catholic Schools week by having a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, February 1, hosted by our Knights of Columbus. Proceeds will go toward our JPII stipend.

Catholic Schools week is a great time to show your support to the JPII school system. The Blessed Sacrament stipend is 45% of our envelope giving. To help us reach that percentage, you are invited to donate by using the JPII envelope in your pack of offering envelopes; the JPII envelope attached to the bulletin (also on the bookcases in the Gathering Area). There is also an option on our parish website to give to the JPII Schools.



Catholic Schools

United in Faith and Community

Blessing Box – Nonperishable Food Donations

Welcome: Please help us keep our blessing box stocked. Thank you for your kindness. *"Give what you can. Take what you need. Above all, be blessed."*

Catholic Man Night Held at Blessed Sacrament.

Monday, January 13. Guest speaker will be Bishop Folda. 6-7 p.m. Adoration & Confessions. 7-8 p.m. Talk and short discussion. A meal will be served. Helping men ages 18 and up, to better know Jesus and imitate Him in their daily lives.

Can't Attend Sunday Mass?

- **Would you like to receive communion?**

To receive in-home communion, call the Parish Office, 701-282-3321, give your name, address, and phone number.

- **Watch Blessed Sacrament Mass on TV!**

Our weekend Mass airs on West Fargo Public Access Cable channel, *Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.*

- **Watch our Mass on YouTube!**

Go to **YouTube** search for

Blessed Sacrament Church West Fargo.

Or copy and paste this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPIK7Ix77I6WtWtNNUQxt5rw>

Coffee Talk is back and has been given an identifying logo! When you see this logo reach out to Julie in the Parish Office and sign up to host 701-282-3321. Julie will be creating a binder for sign-ups. Watch for that in the bulletin or announcements.



Daily Readings – January 12-18, 2025

January 12: Is 42:1-4,6-7, Acts 10:34-38,
Lk 3:15-16,21-22

January 13: Heb 1:1-6, Mk 1:14-20

January 14: Heb 2:5-12, Mk 1:21-28

January 15: Heb 1:4-8, Mk 1:19-30

January 16: Heb 2:7-4, Mk 1:40-45

January 17: Heb 4:1-5,11, Mk 2:1-12

January 18: Heb 4:12-16, Mk 2:13-17

Finance Council Meeting, Tuesday, January 21,
7:00 p.m. in the Library.

Happy Birthday! We pray for those who are celebrating a birthday this week:

- JoAnn Moody, January 12
- George Schmidt, January 13

Knights of Columbus News. On December 5, 2024, the Knights of Columbus Council at Blessed Sacrament elected Steve Perreault as Knight of the Month and Darren and Joe Rohrich as Family of the Month. At the meeting on January 2, 2025, John Jones was named Knight of the Month and the John and Jody Jones Family of the Month. Thanks for all your work that has not gone unnoticed at Blessed Sacrament.

Mark Your Calendars - Next Blood Drive is Monday, March 17, 2:45 to 6 p.m.

Our Sympathy to Marilyn Hoff on the death of her sister, Geraldine Cariveau. May Geraldine rest in the arms of our Lord.

Pastoral Council Meeting, Thursday, January 16,
7:00 p.m. in the Library.

Pastoral Council Elections: Election for one new member of the Pastoral Council will be held the weekend of January 25-26. The people on the ballot are Mallory Schiele and Stephanie Grosz. Their biographies are attached to this bulletin.

The elected will serve a three-year term. This person will be replacing Gary Ripplinger. If you have the opportunity, please thank Gary for his service to our parish. Who can vote? All registered parishioners ages 18 and older.

Sick List: We pray for our ill parishioners and family members..

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

*Nelson Uy (brother of Lilibeth Stroik), Chad Nein,
Frank Lenzmeier, Joanne Urlacher, Veronica Zorn,
Bob Kuklok, Doreen Hilzendeger, Scott Tanata,
Kerry Stroik, Pauline Klinger,
John Anderson, Larry Kelly, Pat Barnett*

***Those who are healing:**

Joann Moody, Kolby Hunsicker, Gary Lammer

***Other prayer requests:**

Cindy Wulff, The Bosch Family

Soup 'N More: New Name - New Logo!! Since our Soup 'N More meals have become more themed type meals and not necessarily anything related to 'soup'; we set out to rename this community wide, 2X/month gathering. As we pondered the name change, we wanted people to understand it has to do with food/eating and connecting. The new name is...

KITCHEN KONNECTION

and the logo we will use looks like this:



State of the Parish Address. Fr. Gary will give his State of the Parish address the weekend of January 18-19, at all Masses.

We Pray In Remembrance of...

January 12: Florence Miller

January 13: Alice Sprecher, Raymond Schaan,
Verna Bashaw

January 14: James Zellars, Martha Ressler

January 15: Dorothy Laybourn, Arlene Lay,
James Jamieson, Betty Allmaras

January 16: Marvel Kapaun, Margaret Libbrecht

January 17: Anthony Walz

January 28: Daniel Hager, Gertrude Schuster

West Funeral Home – Thank You
for sponsoring our 2025 calendars!



Volunteerism - Stewardship

Thank You to all of my ministry volunteers that jumped online and began to use Ministry Scheduler Pro. I hope you find it easy to navigate and are pleased to have this capability. Please let Julie know if you need any type of assistance while using the program. Those who do not have internet access you can fill out the normal availability forms and return to Julie by January 18. The forms are on the table outside the parish office.

****For those with multiple family members Julie is checking to see if there is a way to include all members under one username and password****

Kitchen Konnection

Thursday, January 23 – Kitchen Konnection hosted by St. Jude Circle. Scalloped Potatoes and Ham!

Thursday, February 13 – TBD

Thursday, February 27 - TBD



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Your Council Representatives Are...

Finance Council

Lori DeKeyser, Karen Hanson*, Stacy Montgomery, Brad Novak*, Eduardo Pablo, and Steve Willson

Pastoral Council

Leland Buckmeier, Kathleen Jalbert, Steve Neva, Robert Norton, Gary Ripplinger, and Ally Wentz

*Blessed Sacrament Lay Director

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord - Jan. 12, 2025

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord that we celebrate this weekend is actually the fulfillment of the feast of the Epiphany we celebrated last Sunday. The Epiphany was the "manifestation" or the "showing" of Jesus to the world for the first time. And Jesus in his baptism is revealing to us something about himself. Actually, Jesus, in his baptism in the Jordan is revealing two main things: the importance of Baptism and that Jesus is God the Father's beloved Son.

The event of Jesus' baptism is obviously telling us that baptism is important. How do we know? We know because Jesus didn't need baptism. He doesn't need anything. He is perfect in Himself. So, Jesus was baptized as an example for us. Kind of like follow the leader! That is one reason why we or our parents had us baptized, in imitation of Jesus and following his command to be baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Baptism takes away sins and makes us children of God. The reason God adopted us as His children is the same reason a married couple adopts a child: out of love. And so, God's love for us is shown in adopting us as his Sons and daughters in the Sacrament of Baptism. Because of God's love for us, He expects a response of love in return: loving Him and loving neighbor.

And because of becoming a member of God's family: a child of God and a brother or sister of Jesus, we have a share in the family inheritance which is heaven (unless we forfeit that through breaking our relationship with God through serious sin. But then we can always get it back through reconciliation!) And so, you and I are called to imitate God in the sense of loving one another like there's no tomorrow, and to live as members of God's family today so we receive the inheritance of heaven someday!

Second, the gospel passage tells us that, even though Jesus is God, He is also God's Son. This is part of the mystery of Jesus. God the Father is an example for parents to love their children. He revealed to the world today that He loves His son, Jesus, when He said, "This is my beloved Son on whom I am well pleased."

May you and I live up to the promises we (or our parents) made at our baptisms, and may we look to God the Father/Son as our model of self-giving love.

Community & Diocesan Events

Life-Giving Wounds Support Group and Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce or Separation Support Group:

January 13 - March 3, 2025 – Online. The Life-Giving Wounds peer support group is a unique opportunity for healing for adults (18+) whose parents have divorced, separated, or left broken families. to reflect intentionally on the wounds caused by their family's breakdown and to heal from them, together with others who know this pain and knowledgeable, compassionate leaders, who are also predominantly adult children of divorce or separation themselves. Register at www.fargodiocese.org/lgw-sg.

Retreat: April 4-6, 2025, Maryvale Retreat Center

No matter the circumstances, divorce always represents broken dreams and broken hearts. While much of the attention goes to the men and women trying to navigate the tidal wave of loss and hurt, often left in the wake are the children whose sense of security and identity have also been shattered. This can be true even for those who were already adults when their parents' relationship ended. Life-Giving Wounds is a new ministry to help adults who have experienced the breakdown of their parents' relationship, no matter at what age it happened and to allow Christ to bring new life through those very wounds. Find out more information or register for the retreat by visiting www.fargodiocese.org/lgw.

Fr. Bert Miller Retirement Party, Sunday, January 19, 4-6 p.m., St. Mary's Catholic Church, Park River ND. Taco bar, cake & beverages, and a short program. ALL ARE INVITED!

Basketball Free Throw Championship Contest.

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (as of January 1, 2025) are invited to participate in the Knights of Columbus Holy Cross Free Throw Championship. **Sunday, February 2, 2025, Trinity Elementary School gym**, 2811 7th St East, West Fargo. Practice and registration: **12:30 - 1:00 p.m.** Competition starts at **1:00 p.m.** and typically is completed in about an hour. Basketballs will be furnished but you may bring your own. There is no charge to participate in this event. SEE THE POSTER FOR DETAILS. Questions can be e-mailed to Chad Engels at chad.engels@mooreengineeringinc.com.

REFORM Wellness is a Catholic apostolate focusing on human formation of health of body and soul together. Founded by a Jackie Mulligan, this has emerged out of a cooperative effort of Jackie with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFRs). The CFR novices all go through this program as part of their novitiate.

Jackie will be visiting Sts. Anne and Joachim on February 1, 2025¹ for a seminar that is free and open to the public. We are also hosting a group to walk through the REFORM Nine Pillars of Wellness at a significant discount. This is the third year we have led a 14-week small group.

To learn more, you may visit our website at <https://stsaaaj.org/reformhome/>.

January 18-19, 2025 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	C. Paintner	J. Klaers	C. Fischer
EMHC	D. & *B. Krogen, S. Neva, J. Neva, C. Paintner	*F. McCann, M. Doster, J. Aberle, A. Pritchard, J. Klaers	*M. Kern, B. Opoien, K. Novak, M. Jamieson, L. Grosz
Gift Bearers	B. & D. Christl	L. & L. Juve	R. & J. Norton
Servers	E. Rohrich, S. Neva, Volunteer	E. Esposito, G. Yourczek, Volunteer	J. Norton, Volunteer, Volunteer
Ushers	D. & J. Rohrich	H. Madson, P. Boyles	R. Fischer, B. Novak
Greeters	D. & B. Krogen	L. & L. Juve	R. & J. Norton
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	A. Pritchard	M. Kern
Sacristan	J. Neva	M. Doster	M. Kern
Media Minister	L. Martin	*Eucharist Minister **T. English (Takes to home bound)	

2025 Pastoral Council Candidates

Voting is January 25-26, 2025, at all Masses.

You will choose one of the below candidates to represent you on the Pastoral Council for 3 years.



Mallary Schiele

My name is Mallary Schiele. My family and I have been members of Blessed Sacrament for the past 9 years. I am currently the 2nd grade Catechist teacher and have been for the past 5 years. I have helped with the Fall and Thanksgiving Day meals and volunteer for Mass duties. My children participate in the Faith Formation class, are servers during Mass, and help with the Fall and Thanksgiving Day meal's.

I have a Finance degree from Moorhead State University Moorhead. I worked for a local car dealership in the accounting office for about 10 years. When my husband and I welcomed our second child I became a stay-at-home mom. And that has been my current role for the past 10 years. My husband and I have two children Hannah (age 12) and Will (age 10).

One of the things I love about Blessed Sacrament Church is the feeling that you belong to a huge extended family. I love walking into church and seeing the same familiar faces and greeting each other week after week.



Stephanie Grosz

My name is Stephanie Grosz. I've been a West Fargo resident for most of my life and a member of Blessed Sacrament for almost 15 years. My husband and his family have been lifelong members of the parish. We have two young daughters, six and eight, who participate in religious education and the associated activities at the parish. As a family, we love the hometown feel of Blessed Sacrament. At the

same time, we'd love to see the parish grow and thrive as West Fargo continues to grow. I'd also hope to see more young families attending the church and work with the council and parish team to encourage their involvement and keep the parish engaging for all ages.



Saturday, February 1, 2025

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Free-Will Offering



**The Blessed Sacrament
Knights of Columbus
invite you to a**



Spaghetti Dinner

to celebrate Catholic Schools Week!

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Catholic Schools
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Directory

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Position **Name** **Email Address**

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

Parish Life/Volunteerism/DRE:

Julie Yourczek - Julie@bscwf.org

Administrative Secretary/Youth Ministry:

Mary Beth Odegaard - MaryBeth@bscwf.org

Music Coordinator:

Ronda Voss - Ronda@bscwf.org

Media Information

Facebook:

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Web Site: www.bscwf.org

YouTube: Blessed Sacrament West Fargo

Feast/Holy Day the Week of January 12, 2025

January 12: the Baptism of the Lord

January 13: St. Hilary

January 17: St. Anthony

St. Hilary Prayer: Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us St. Hilary as an example of holiness. Help us to imitate the devotion to You that he showed in his life, from the time of his conversion to Christianity.

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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