



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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February 1-2, 2025 – Presentation 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, February 2 *Presentation of the Lord*

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Jack Fuller

Monday, February 3- NO MASS

Tuesday, February 4 *at Sheyenne Crossings*

1:00 p.m. – +Pauline Siebert

Wednesday, February 5

9:00 a.m. – +Betty Allmaras

Thursday, February 6

9:00 a.m. – Larry M.

Friday, February 7

9:00 a.m. – +Cecelia Kirchoffner

Adoration 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 8

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – Delaine Hilzendeger

Sunday, February 9

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Marion Kostelecky

Weekly Offering

Your Support pays the Electric Bill!

January 25-26, 2025

Adult: \$4,347.19

Children: \$54

Improvements: \$408

Poor Fund: \$1,636

Collected

GOAL

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|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| \$36,876.08 | Adult | \$42,000.00 |
| \$97.00 | Children | \$150.00 |
| \$2,446.49 | Improvements | \$5,000.00 |
| \$120,065.55 | Living our Faith | \$400,807.00 |
| \$68,023.00 | God's Gift | \$77,436.00 |



This Week

Sunday, February 2, 2025:

Blessing of Throats after all Masses

PK, 10:30 a.m.

Concessions, 11:30 a.m.

Bingo, 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Confirmation Parent Meeting, 5:45 p.m.

Thursday, February 6, 2025:

Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7 p.m.

Friday, February 7, 2025:

Adoration, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Staff Meeting, 1 p.m.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation This Week. Have you looked at the Faith Formation *Growing Our Faith* wall in the Gathering Area? It has been updated with many student projects and "My Mass Notes". This is a very inspirational wall of faith!

Congratulations!! A big congratulations to the top 4 My Mass Notes winners this round: Lexi ; Candor; Haddie and BreLee! Take time to review the mass notes on the *Growing Our Faith* wall. Our youth are paying attention during the Liturgies! Keep up the great work kids!!

Parents: We ask that after each class you talk with your child(ren) about what they learned. Find out what interested them the most in their learning.

Class Grades PK-12

Sunday, February 2

PK 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 5

Grs 1-5 5:45 p.m.

B4WOW 6:30 p.m.

WOW 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 9

PK No Class

Wednesday, February 12

Grs 1-5 :45 p.m.

B4WOW 6:30 p.m.

WOW 6:30 p.m.

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

Dates: February 4, 11, 25

March 4, 11, 18, 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/>

NEEDED – Hall Monitors, Classroom helpers,
picture taker, project helper, etc. Contact the Parish
Office if you want to join us on Wednesday
evenings during Faith Formation class!

REMINDER 3rd Grade Students and Parents:

Confirmation prep classes will be held Wednesday,
February 5 & 12 beginning at 5:45 p.m. Please
meet in the Social Hall. There must be at least 1
parent or sponsor to attend with the student.
Regular lessons will be sent home to be worked on
as well as information pertaining to Confirmation.

BINGO Concession Sales are hosted by our
B4WOW and WOW students. Bingo is scheduled
for most Sundays in February and All Sundays in
March. Students: please sign up to help – see your
Catechist for the binder. Parents: please sign up
with your child and support them.

Ski Trip for Students in Grades 6-12, Monday,
February 17. In case of inclement weather, the
backup date is Saturday, March 1. This is a one-
day trip. Blessed Sacrament youth will join youth
from other churches in the area. The fee will
depend on if you have your own equipment or need
to rent, ranges from \$70-\$90. Fee includes
transportation, lift ticket and helmet. **YOU MUST**
REGISTER, with the Parish Office, BY
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5!

ATTENTION ***YOUTH AGES 16-18 AND** ***YOUNG ADULTS**

SEARCH Retreat, March 7-9, Maryvale Retreat
Center, Valley City. Experience the vibrancy of
the young Catholic community. This weekend
retreat for youth and young adults, 16 and older,
offers an opportunity to mature and grow in their
faith. For more information:
fargodiocese.org/search4cm

Youth Ages 16-18: Speak with your parents if
you are interested in attending SEARCH.
Parents...contact the Parish Office for a
possible discount on the registration fee.

Young Adults: If you are registered and active at
Blessed Sacrament, contact the Parish Office if
you are interested in attending SEARCH. You
may receive a discount on the registration fee.

Children's Offering Envelopes: Our Faith
Formation students have received offering
envelopes to be used during offertory at Mass.
During Offertory:

- Younger children are asked to place their
offering envelope, in the basket to the right of
the altar.
- Older students are asked to place their
envelope in the collection basket.
- Parents are asked to encourage their child(ren)
and help come up with 20 cents, each week, for
their envelope(s)!

Please encourage your child to use these
envelopes! We are all part of the Blessed
Sacrament Parish Family. We are asked to give to
our church!

The Finance Council has budgeted an income of
\$30 per week from the Children's Collection

- We have 156 youth aged 6-18 here at Blessed
Sacrament.
 - That is .20 cents per child per week.

*If your child is not in Faith Formation but would like
to have offering envelopes, contact the Parish
Office.*

Music Ministry

Joyful Voices

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| 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 February.

Parish Life

1st Quarterly Blood Drive in 2025: Monday, March 17, 2:45 - 6 p.m. Information to come for signing up; however, if you know you plan to please call Julie in the Parish Office, and she will mark you down to register you.

Bingo Hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

February 2, 9, 23

March 2, 9, 16, 23

Concession Sales begin at 11:30 a.m.

Bingo starts at 12:00 p.m.

February / March Bingo hosts are the Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus.

Concessions are sold by our Youth. Proceeds from concessions go to our Youth Program.

Busy-Bag for Busy Children. If you need something to occupy your child(ren) during Mass, please take a Busy-Bag from the red 'tree' near the coat rack. **Please return the Busy-Bag to the 'tree' when Mass is over.** Take home the activity and coloring pages. The crayons and books remain in the bag.

Daily Readings – February 2-8, 2025

February 2: Mal 3:1-4, Heb 2:14-18, Lk 2:22-40

February 3: Heb 11:32-40, Mk 5:1-20

February 4: Heb 12:1-4, Mk 5:21-43

February 5: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15, Mk 6:1-6

February 6: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24, Mk 6:7-13

February 7: Heb 13:1-8, Mk 6:14-29

February 8: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21, Mk 6:30-34

Donations of Fish Welcome! Blessed Sacrament will be hosting a fish fry this Lent. Fr. Gary is our chef, and he says, *"We need more fish!"* If you happen to be a fisherman/woman and have some fish in the freezer that you would like to donate to our Fish Fry, contact the Parish Office and arrange to drop it off.

Friday Eucharistic Adoration. February 7, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Jesus waits for us in the Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic Adoration is the opportunity to spend time with His true presence in the Eucharist and grow in our relationship with Christ.

Happy Birthday! We pray for those celebrating a birthday this week.

- Alice Cumber, February 8

Kitchen Konnection (Soup 'N More) two Thursdays in February and March!

February 13– Valentine's Celebration

February 27– Mardi Gras

March 13– The Luck of the Irish

March 27– Chili Cook-Off

(details and sign-up information to come.)

Low-Gluten Hosts Available. For those suffering from sensitivity to gluten, low-gluten hosts are available. To request a low-gluten host, please see Fr. Gary in the sacristy at least 15 minutes prior to mass beginning. We ask that you sit in the first section closest to the Family Room. Fr. will see that you get the low-gluten host at communion time.

Our Sympathy to Debbie Brand on the death of her sister-in-law, Mary Lou Frovarp. May Mary Lou rest in the arms of our Lord.

Parking Lot and Sidewalks. BE SAFE: Winter has been interesting to say the least this year. It's warm, it's cold, it's freezing, it's melting and making everything mushy. Then there's ICE or even SLICK SLUSH (try saying that 3 times fast!!). We are doing our best to ensure the sidewalks and entryways are shoveled and salt is put down. PLEASE still use caution and take your time going in and out of church.

The west light pole in the parking lot will be repaired soon, with 2 new light fixtures and LED bulbs.

Pastoral Council Election Results. The results are in... your new representative on the Pastoral Council is Mallary Schiele. She will be replacing Gary Ripplinger. Congratulations Mallary! Thank you, Gary, for your time on the Council.

Please Check Lost and Found. Items not picked up by February 28 will be donated. We collect items that have been left behind and place them in the tote above the coat rack.

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

*Those who are sick or have medical problems:

Larry Ellner (brother-in-law of Julie Yourczek), Marvin Short, Mary Pierce, Cal Frovarp, Chad Nein, Joanne Urlacher, Veronica Zorn, Pauline Klinger, John Anderson, Larry Kelly, Pat Barnett

*Those who are healing:

Kerry Stroik, Joann Moody, Kolby Hunsicker, Gary Lammer

*Other prayer requests:

Cindy Wulff, The Bosch Family

Vital Statistics – January 2025

Deaths: Jeanette Gust, Frank R. Lenzmeier

Newcomers: Courtney Hunsicker, Todd Baumer,
Robert and Kathleen Bennett,
Glenn & Diane Hoffmann
Kirk & Vicki Ham

We Pray in Remembrance of...

February 2: Jack Hlebechuk, Roger Klocke,
Fred Weiss

February 4: Haven Johnson, Herman Subart

February 6: Edward Rohrich

February 7: Dolores Porter, Jeanine Steckler,
Charles McDermott

Year-End Reports We were experiencing technical troubles when we processed year-end reports. The errors have been corrected. If you received a contribution report between January 15 and 23, please look at it and make sure it is correct. To request your 2024 report, contact Mary Beth in the Parish Office, with your request. 701-282-3321 or MaryBeth@bscwf.org

Volunteerism - Stewardship

Ministry Scheduler Pro: If you are experiencing issues, please let Julie know and we can sit down and get you set up. It is best if you have a cell phone to download the app and go from there.

YOU KNOW WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU!!...

Yes, YOU!! Our parish is a family. All families need others to be successful. Well; Our Blessed Sacrament parish family is no different. PLEASE AGAIN AND AGAIN...prayerfully consider being at mass and volunteering. The relationships you build with fellow parishioners is amazing. Not only that, imagine how proud you will make Jesus when he sees you want to help. Interested? Call Julie in the parish office 701.282.3321

Did you know we serve between 85-110 people in 1 hour on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month?

Did you know we come up with the themes, menu and cook all the food right here? Did you know we need kitchen helpers, line servers, dishwashers, dining room assistants and clean-up helpers? **YOU DO NOW!?** Can you hear Jesus calling you to serve? What a great way to do something as a family. Get yourself and your kids involved in serving. Everyone and anyone are welcome. Again, a perfect opportunity to meet fellow parishioners. Believe it or not – we have fun, and you could too!!



We will have coffee and treats after 8:30 masses in February and March providing we have someone to host. We will not

have after 10:30 masses until after Bingo is done. That's ok; you are more than welcome to come have some food from the youth concessions right after mass. Even if you opt out of staying for Bingo. If interested in hosting, please call, or see Julie in the parish office or after liturgies to sign up.

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten

the Solemnity of the Presentation Sunday, February 2, 2025

The lesson in the Presentation is found in the deeds and words of two obscure people that we really know nothing about: the prophet Simeon and the prophetess Anna. They are both examples of hope and patience for the Lord's coming. Hopefully they, too, will inspire us to be patient and faithful in our longing to see the Lord face to face someday.

Simeon tells us something of who Jesus is, when we hear his words: "My eyes have seen your salvation, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." It is a great image for Jesus: the light, because light scatters darkness. And spiritual darkness what sin is. Sin leaves one in the dark. The church teaches that we cannot get to heaven if we leave this life attached to the darkness of sin. So, attachment to sin results in missing out on Jesus here on earth, and in heaven. The flip side of the coin is that, when our sins are forgiven, we are freed from sin and are guaranteed seeing Jesus, the light of life, in heaven! Jesus, at his Presentation, gave Simeon and Anna hope. And their hope gives us reason to hope!

And, in hearing the gospel along with the first reading from Malachi, we realize that we can even have hope in our trials! Malachi reminds us why sometimes we endure physical, emotional, or spiritual trials. Malachi tells us that God is refining and purifying us. Besides, I know for me, when I am in pain, it is really easy to pray. That's about all I can do.

On this day, when we see so much evil and disaster: division and unrest throughout the world, and even within our own borders, may you and I bring the hope of Christ to others, encouraging them to remain strong in their Catholic faith, so that one day they and we may see the light, Jesus himself, face to face, like Simeon and Anna did. Only unlike the view of Jesus that they had in today's gospel account, we will see Jesus as glorified, shining brightly in eternal life.

Since today is the first bulletin of the month, I have a few more items for you.

Pastoral Council. I want to thank, Mallary Schiele and Stephanie Grosz, who ran for the Pastoral Council in January. Thank you to Gary Ripplinger our outgoing member. Congratulations to our incoming member, Mallary Schiele.

Thank you for all the cards, gifts, and good wishes during the Christmas season. God bless you for your kindness!

Bingo. Thank you for all who supported our youth bingo during the month of January. Now beginning this weekend, the KCs will be sponsoring bingo most Sunday in February and March. All are invited and encouraged to support our Knights, who support Blessed Sacrament.

May God keep us all safe in his care during these cold winter months as the days begin to grow longer and we look forward to Spring.

Preparing for Lent 2025

**Lent begins on
Ash Wednesday – March 5.**

Collecting Palms: : If you have old palms you wish to get rid of; please bring them back to church. The palms are blessed and need to be burned. The ashes are then stored in clean containers and used for future Ash Wednesdays. The palms can be placed in the marked box by the parish office. Please remove plastic bags, paper clips, ribbon, etc., before placing palms in the box.

Do you need prayers? We all need prayers. Maybe for healing, acceptance, patience, understanding, forgiveness, and on and on. Let's take the opportunity to pray for one another during Lent. You can fill out a piece of paper weekly to be placed on the cross in the gathering area. Then each weekend take a prayer or two or more from the cross and pray for the need written. Don't just pray for that one week, pray all through Lent. But don't stop there, keep taking new prayer requests and add them to your prayers. And don't forget to add your own prayers for others to pray.

Additional Interactive Lent projects to be announced soon!!

LENT: The weather begins to change, calendars continue to turn, Christmas and New Year's celebrations drift further into the rearview mirror. All are signs that Lent is drawing near.

Lent is one of the five seasons of the Catholic liturgical calendar, along with Advent, Christmas, Easter, and Ordinary Time.

It precedes Easter and is a solemn period centered on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

There is no better time to reconnect with or deepen one's faith than Lent. During this time, we can draw closer to God as we prepare for the joyous celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter.

Lent can be an incredibly rewarding time for our faith lives. Let Blessed Sacrament guide you through the most meaningful Lent you've ever experienced.

Excerpts taken from "How to Prepare for Lent – Before It Arrives" by Genevieve Netherton

Jubilee Year of 2025

Holy Door

From a symbolic viewpoint, the Holy Door takes on a special significance: it is the most powerful sign of the

Jubilee since the ultimate aim of the pilgrim is to pass through it. The opening of the door by the Pope constitutes the official beginning of the Holy Year. Originally, there was only one door, at the Basilica of St. John Lateran, which is the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome. Later, to allow as many pilgrims as possible to take part in the Jubilee experience, the other Roman Basilicas also opened their own holy doors.

In crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, the pilgrim is reminded of the passage from chapter 10 of St John's gospel: "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture." Passing through the Holy Door expresses the decision to follow and be guided by Jesus, who is the Good Shepherd. The door is a passageway that ushers the pilgrim into the interior of a church. For the Christian community, a church is not only a sacred space, to be approached with respect, with appropriate behavior and dress code, but it is a symbol of the communion that binds every believer to Christ: it is a place of encounter and dialogue, of reconciliation and peace which awaits every pilgrim, the Church is essentially the place of the community of the faithful.



In Rome, this experience takes on a special significance because of the special links between the Eternal City and Saints Peter and Paul, the apostles who founded the Christian community in Rome and whose teachings and example are models for the universal Church. The tombs of Saints Peter and Paul are in Rome, they were martyred here; and together with the catacombs, these sacred sites are places of continuous spiritual inspiration.

Community & Diocesan Events

Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, February 11, St. Anthony's beginning with the 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

Norsk Musikk A Celebration of Norwegian Music, Tuesday, February 11, 7:30 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church, Fargo. Presented by MSUM Choirs & Edvard Grieg, Society of The Dakotas. Free and open to the public. Donations gratefully accepted at the door.

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Job Openings

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

- Assistant Softball Coach, Shanley, Spring 2025
- JV Girls Tennis Coach, Shanley, Spring 2025
- 9th Grade Volleyball Coach, Shanley, Fall 2025
- Administrative Assistant – Shanley High School
- Custodian – Trinity Elementary School
- After School Program Workers – Multiple locations
- Substitute Bus Drivers

Stewardship Moment

"Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested." – Hebrews 2:18

When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us, He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole you feel in your heart.

February 8-9, 2025 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ministries of Service

| Masses | 5:15 p.m. Saturday | 8:30 a.m. Sunday | 10:30 a.m. Sunday |
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| Proclaimers | J. Jones | J. Wells | A. Buettner |
| EMHC | *J. Jones, K. Jalbert, M. Pierce, G. Larson, C. Paintner | *W. Suchla, H. Madson, **S. & L. DeKeyser, J. Yourczek, | *B. Opoien, K. Novak, B. Krogen, M. Regner, E. Hanson |
| Gift Bearers | M. & M. Pierce | T. & S. Durbin | T. Tweeter, E. Krogen |
| Servers | S. Neva, M. & M. Pierce | G. Wells, Volunteer, Volunteer | E. Buettner, Volunteer, Volunteer. |
| Ushers | E. & C. Pablo | T. Allmaras, G. Yourczek | B. Novak, J. Regner |
| Greeters | E. & C. Pablo | R. & D. Chapek | T. Tweeter, E. Krogen |
| Rosary Leader | P. Pritchard | S. Durbin | M. Kern |
| Sacristan | J. Jones | W. Suchla | L. Wegner |
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Feast/Holy Day

the Week of February 2, 2025

February 2: the Presentation of the Lord

February 3: Sts. Blaise & Ansgar

February 5: St. Agatha

February 6: St. Paul Miki & Companions

February 8: Sts. Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita

St. Agatha Prayer: Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us Your martyr, St. Agatha, as an example of holiness. Help us to imitate the love of You she showed in choosing to pursue the vocation of consecrated virginity from a young age.

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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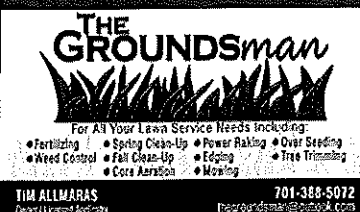
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2023-24

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\$ TUITION

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K-5 \$4,475

6-8 \$5,565

9-12 \$7,810

14:1



STUDENT TEACHER RATIO

10% increase
in 2 years!

1,151
(2022)

1,267
2024-25 ENROLLMENT

ENROLLMENT TREND



DAILY PRAYER &
ADORATION
WEEKLY MASS

VISION

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." - St. Catherine of Sienna

St. John Paul II Catholic Schools send forth students who will set the world ablaze by: their reverence for the **truth**, their commitment to **virtue**, their zeal to **serve**, their devotion to **Jesus Christ**.



VOTED TOP 5
BEST OF THE RED RIVER VALLEY
IN 3 CATEGORIES



95% STUDENT
PARTICIPATION IN
15 VARSITY SPORTS
22 CLUBS



4 SMART
LABS
K-8

1:1
STUDENT
iPADS
(GRADES 3-12)

8 SPONSORING
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AND SERVICE**



5 SCHOOLS

3 ELEMENTARY
1 MIDDLE SCHOOL
1 HIGH SCHOOL



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