



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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February 15-16, 2025 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 16

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Frank J. Lenzmeier

Monday, February 17 - NO MASS

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, February 18 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – +Paul Wanzek

Wednesday, February 19 – NO MASS

Thursday, February 20 – NO MASS

Friday, February 21 – NO MASS

Saturday, February 22

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

5:15 p.m. – +Ted Nilles

Sunday, February 23

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Gary Speich

Weekly Offering

Your Support keeps the Candles Burning

February 8-9, 2025

Adult: \$7,862.21

Children: \$27

Improvements: \$197.49

Poor Fund: \$242

Collected to Date

		Goal
\$52,733.06	Adult	\$58,800.00
\$240.00	Children	\$210.00
\$3,188.98	Improvements	\$7,000.00
\$122,492.26	Living our Faith	\$400,807.00

Blessed
the poor in
spirit:
for they
shall inherit
the kingdom of
heaven
MATTHEW 5:3

Blessed
are they that
mourn:
for they shall be
comforted
MATTHEW 5:4

Blessed
the meek:
for they shall
inherit the
earth
MATTHEW 5:5

Blessed
are they who
hunger
& thirst
after
righteousness:
for they shall be
filled
MATTHEW 5:6

Blessed
the merciful:
for they shall obtain
mercy
MATTHEW 5:7

Blessed
the pure in
heart:
for they shall see
God
MATTHEW 5:8

Blessed
the peace
makers:
for they shall be called
children of
God
MATTHEW 5:9

Blessed
are they who
are persecuted
for righteousness
sake:
for theirs is the
kingdom of
heaven
MATTHEW 5:10

This Week

Monday, February 17, 2025

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, February, 19, 2025

No Daily Mass

Thursday, February 20, 2025

No Daily Mass

Friday, February 21, 2025

No Daily Mass

Faith Formation

Faith Formation This Week.

Our 3rd graders have begun their Confirmation journey. Fr. Gary and Miss Heather are teaching about the Holy Spirit and how Confirmation is sealing their baptism. In baptism, the Childs parent makes the baptismal promise for the child; in Confirmation, the child is now old enough to renew their baptismal promises for themselves. Let us all remember to pray for the youth, their parents, and sponsors as they make their Confirmation journey.

The **Growing Our Faith** wall has been growing. Our faith formation students have been excited to learn, do projects and hang them on the wall for their parish family to see. Please take time to look at all they are doing and how hard they work on their projects.

Class, Grades PK-12

Sunday, February 16

PK No Class

Wednesday, February 19

Grs 1-5 5:45 p.m.

B4WOW 6:30 p.m.

WOW 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 23

PK No Class

Wednesday, February 26

Grs 1-5 5:45 p.m.

B4WOW 6:30 p.m.

WOW 6:30 p.m.

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/>

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

Dates: February 25

March 4, 11, 18, 25

Adult Formation

33 Days to Eucharistic Glory.

You are invited to join in our book study.

6:30-8:00 p.m.

at Blessed Sacrament:

Thursdays: March 6, 20, 27, April 3

Tuesdays: April 8, 15

Register and pick up a book at the
Parish Office by February 28.

Music Ministry

Joyful Voices

February 23

Practice

Sing

9:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Parish Life

Baptism Basket! There is a baptism basket in the
Gathering Area for 3-month-old Hildy Lou Martin,
daughter of Clifton & Carly Martin. Please help us
fill the basket with baby shower items.

BINGO!! Is a Lot of Fun... You should Join us!

Sundays, following 10:30 a.m. Mass:

February 23. Concessions sales begin at
11:30 a.m. Bingo starts at 12:00 p.m.

Blood Drive: Monday, March 17, 2:45-6 p.m. Call
Julie in the Parish Office 701-282-3321 if
interesting in giving that day.

Daily Readings – February 16-22, 2025

February 16: Jer 17:5-8, 1 Cor 15:12,16-20,

Lk 6:17-20-26

February 17: Gn 4:1-15,25, Mk 8:11-13

February 18: Gn 6:5-8,7:1-5,10, Mk 8:14-21

February 19: Gn 8:6-13,20-22, Mk 8:22-26

February 20: Gn 9:1-13, Mk 8:27-33

February 21: Gn 11:1-9, Mk 8:34-9:1

February 22: 1 Pt 5:1-4, Mt 16:13-19

DIRECTORY UPDATE: Julie is currently building a
few inside pages with parish life pictures. Content
and all the parts will be sent to UCD hopefully by
end of this week. A projected date for receiving the
directories will be around Easter. Thank you for
your patience with this process.

Donations of Fish Welcome! If you happen to be
an angler and have some fish in the freezer that
you would like to donate to our upcoming Fish Fry,
contact the Parish Office and arrange to drop it off.

God's Gift Appeal 2025 Coming Soon. Watch for
information in upcoming bulletins.

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

- Merle DeBuhr, February 20.

Kitchen Konnection, We serve two Thursdays per
month. Please note that menus are subject to
change (except for the chili cook-off).

February 27– Mardi Gras

Jambalaya or gumbo, muffuletta pasta
salad and more!

March 13– The Luck of the Irish

Shepards pie or corned beef, cabbage,
potatoes, and more!

March 27– Chili Cook-Off

Sign up to make your own
favorite chili.



Kitchen Konnection Chili Cookoff: Thursday, March 27. If you are interested in bringing a crock pot of chili let Julie know in the Parish Office. There will also be slips to complete at upcoming Kitchen Konnections, as well as on the table in front of Parish Office.

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

*Those who are sick or have medical problems:

*Marlys Mattson, Ella & Emma Buettner,
Larry Ellner, Marvin Short, Mary Pierce,
Joanne Urlacher, Veronica Zorn, Pauline Klinger,
John Anderson, Larry Kelly*

*Those who are healing:

*Kerry Stroik, Joann Moody,
Kolby Hunsicker, Gary Lammer*

*Other prayer requests:

Cindy Wulff, The Bosch Family

We Pray In Remembrance of...

February 17: Florence Trenkensuh,

Theodore Cich, Kathleen Deutsch

February 18: John Thompson, Douglas Diffely

February 20: William Schweitzer, Joseph Volk

February 21: Anna Dobush

February 22: Helen Stangler

Sacraments

Contact Fr. Gary Luiten regarding any of the following sacraments. 701-282-3321 or Gary@bscwf.org

- **Baptism:** Parents must attend a preparatory class before the baptism can take place.
- **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.

Volunteerism - Stewardship

**HAVE A GREEN THUMB: PLEASE
TAKE A POINTSETTIA OR MORE
HOME. THERE ARE SOME BOXES
AND BAGS FOR PACKING.**

Kitchen Konnection Come see us and eat with us every 2nd and 4th Thursday. Jump in and be a disciple of Jesus by volunteering those nights.



Coffee Talk 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 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16th, 2025**

The readings run the gamut – not quite from A to Z, but from B to W, from “blessed” to “woe.” Jeremiah the prophet says, “Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings.” That’s interesting. I thought we are supposed to trust others, although maybe not everyone. So, what does Jeremiah mean when he says, “Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings?” Well, we must see this in context. He says, after that, “...who seeks his strength in the flesh, whose heart turns away from the Lord.” In other words, he is speaking about those who see the body and material things as ends or even gods in themselves, and not a means to eternal life. If we trust in merely the things we see and not in God, we will have a rude awakening someday.

But trusting in God is good, because the soul can last forever! That’s the beauty of the human person. That’s the beauty of a new human life. It is the creation of a being that can last forever! The body will decay, but the spirit will last forever. In heaven, we can live with resurrected, glorified bodies.

Jesus gives us four woes in the gospel today as well. He says woe to the rich. Jesus is referring to those who refuse to share their wealth with those not as fortunate. He also says woe to those who are filled now, presuming, of course, that they are selfish and refuse to share. Jesus also says woe to those who laugh now. Jesus just doesn’t want us to forget about those who have no reason or cause to laugh because they have not been as blest as you or I. Jesus also says woe to you when all speak well of you. This reminds me of the words of a wise man: “Pride comes before the fall.”

In contrast to living with a view to just the things of this world, Jeremiah the prophet calls us to trust in the Lord. Paul says we have good reason to hope in the Lord too, because of the resurrection of Christ from the dead.

And in the gospel, Jesus is speaking of a great reversal that will take place someday. Those who could care less about God will wish they did. And so, it is in our best interest to do our best to live as faithful members of the church, the flock of the Lord, and seek to keep Jesus' commandment of love and trust in Him so that we may enter into eternal life. That way, Jesus may say to us someday, "The kingdom of heaven is yours!"

Preparing for Lent 2025

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday – March 5.

Are you ready for Lent? Has it crossed your mind? Begin Ash Wednesday by participating in our Prayer cross display. Slips for prayers and a box to place them in will be displayed beginning on Saturday, February 22. Prayer intentions will be attached to the cross and ready to be taken down and prayed for beginning **on Ash Wednesday**.

ENVIRONMENT HELP: There are many opportunities during Lent and Easter to change the environment. If you would like to be a part of that, please reach out to Julie at 701-282-3321 or email julie@bscwf.org.

Collecting Palms: Place your old palms in the basket by the Parish Office. Please remove any plastic, ribbon, string, etc. before placing in basket. Thank you.

Pack the Pew is Coming! Blessed Sacrament's Parish Lenten Project is "Pack the Pew." The weekend of March 8 we will start to collect non-perishable food items in a designated pew of the church. Food will be collected March 8 through April 6. The items will be divided between our Blessing Box and West Fargo Eats.

Fasting. Lent is more than just "giving something up" and fasting from meat on Fridays.

Pope Francis challenges us to think about fasting as something more powerful, describing it as *"learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to 'devour' everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts."*

At the start of Lent, ask yourself – what pulls me away from loving God, loving others, and loving myself well? How can I incorporate acts of sacrifice, acts of giving, and acts of prayer that will help me love as God loves?

Spend time to thoughtfully consider how to make the most of your experience this year. Because observing Lent is so much bigger than what you "give up."

When we sacrifice things that this world tells us we need, it can remind us that only God can truly satisfy our spiritual hunger.

Lent's three pillars are **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**—meaning that we're called to do more than just abstain from a particular food or activity. It involves not only what we're willing to give up, but what we're willing to take on.

When we think about what to give up for Lent, we ought to also think about what sort of commitment to prayer and ability to be charitable that we can hold ourselves.

Excerpts taken from "Practical Fasting Ideas for Lent" Stephen Spiewak

Jubilee Year of 2025

Prayer

There are many reasons and ways to pray, but at the root of prayer is always the desire to be open to God's presence and His offer of love. It is the Spirit of the Son that calls the Christian community to prayer and allows each person to return to the Father. It was Jesus who entrusted His disciples with the Lord's Prayer, which is commented on by the Catechism of the Catholic Church (cf. CCC 2759-2865).

The Christian tradition also offers other texts, such as the Hail Mary, that can help to find words to address God: "By a living transmission—Tradition—the Holy Spirit in the Church teaches the children of God to pray" (CCC 2661).

The prayer opportunities on the journey show that the pilgrim holds the path to God "in his heart" (Psalm 83:6). Refreshment is also provided by the various stops and opportunities for rest along the way, which are often organized around shrines, sanctuaries, and other places filled with spiritual significance, where one realizes that — before us and alongside us — other pilgrims have also passed along and traveled those same roads. Indeed, the paths leading to Rome have often been trod by many saints.



Community & Diocesan Events

Come & See. Do you sometimes wonder: *What is it like in Convent? Am I called to Religious Life? What is the Franciscan charism?* Come & See with the Franciscan Sisters of Dillingen in Hankinson, ND. This year's theme is "Come, Follow Me," and our first weekend experience will be March 28-30. Visit ndfranciscans.org/vocation-events or contact Sr. Mary Ruth at srmmaryruth@sfcetreats.org / (701) 242-7195.

At the Feet of St. John Paul II. April 10-12, Maryvale, Valley City. You are invited to a retreat that opens up St. John Paul II's life changing teaching called the "Theology of the Body." This teaching on the total vision of the human person will then be applied to life and love issues as well as the Eucharist. In addition, there will be Mass, Adoration, Confessions, music and time for personal prayer and reflection. You can register by going to Maryvalend.org or by scanning this QR code.



Summer Mother Daughter Days. Mothers and their daughters are invited to join the Franciscan Sisters of Dillingen in Hankinson, ND this summer for a time of fun and faith while also having a glimpse into life as a Sister. Our theme this year is "Come, Follow Me." We offer two sessions of "Mother Daughter Days," each beginning Thursday evening at 7 p.m. and concluding around noon on Saturday. The dates are June 12-14 and July 10-12. To register, visit ndfranciscans.org/vocation-events or contact Sr. Mary Ruth for more information at (701) 242-7195 / srmmaryruth@sfcetreats.org

Stewardship Moment

"Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man."-Luke 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

February 22-23, 2025 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	K. Jalbert	N. Peterson	K. Hanson
EMHC	*K. Jalbert, C. Diver, D. & B. Krogen, M. Pierce	*N. Peterson, M. Doster, S. Perreault, F. McCann, J. Aberle	*K. Hanson, B. Opoien, L. Wegner, K. Novak, M. Kern
Gift Bearers	B. & D. Christl	L. & L. Juve	K. & K. Volk
Servers	M. Pierce, M. Pierce, E. Rohrich	E. Esposito, G. Yourczek, Volunteer	J. Norton, Volunteer, Volunteer
Ushers	D. & J. Rohrich	C. Pratt, J. Yourczek	R. Norton, E. Hanson
Greeters	B. & D. Christl	L. & L. Juve	K. & K. Volk
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	A. Pritchard	K. Hanson
Sacristan	M. Pierce	M. Doster	M. Curfman
Media Minister	L. Martin	*Eucharist Minister	**N. Peterson Communion to home bound

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Chili

COOK-OFF



THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025

SERVING FROM 5:30—6:30 PM

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Social Hall

210 5th Ave W—West Fargo, ND

Sign up to participate by Thursday, March 13th. You can cut this off, fill out a slip at Kitchen Konnection or sign up in parish office

Chili Cookoff Participation Form—submit by March 13th

Name _____ Phone _____

Type of Chili (indicate if mild or spicy) _____

Plan on preparing 1 crock pot to share. Bring in by noon March 27th or earlier, will keep in cooler and cook that day

Directory

Address: 210 5th Ave W, West Fargo ND 58078

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

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

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Julie Yourczek - Julie@bscwf.org

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Mary Beth Odegaard - MaryBeth@bscwf.org

Music Coordinator:

Ronda Voss - Ronda@bscwf.org

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Feast/Holy Day

the Week of February 16, 2025

February 17: President's Day

February 21: St. Peter Damian

February 22: Chair of Peter the Apostle

*God, grant me strength as I go through this day.
When I am tempted to give up, help me to keep
going. Grant me a cheerful spirit when things don't
go my way. Guide me, mold me and make me into
the person You want me to be. And give me courage
to do whatever needs to be done. In Jesus' name
Amen.*

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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