



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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March 22-23, 2025 ~ 3rd Sunday of Lent

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, March 23 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. – +Jack Fuller

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Monday, March 24 - NO MASS

Tuesday, March 25 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – +Mary Breker

Wednesday, March 26

9:00 a.m. – +Jake Kirchoffner

Thursday, March 27

9:00 a.m. – +Herman Novak

Friday, March 28

9:00 a.m. – +Merlen Nagel

Saturday, March 29

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – +Olivdo Villimar de Pablo

Sunday, March 30 4th Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. – +Don Lehman

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Weekly Offering

Thank you for your support!

March 15-16, 2025

Adult: \$8,713.77

Children: \$31

Improvements: \$488.

Poor Fund: \$549.

Collected to Date

\$98,610.48	Adult	\$100,800.00
\$408.00	Children	\$360.00
\$5,351.47	Improvements	\$12,000.00
\$130,307.68	Living our Faith	\$400,807.00
\$23,991.00	God's Gift	\$71,975.59

Goal to Date

THIRD
Sunday
OF
LENT

*Do not come near!
Remove your sandals from your feet,
for the place where you stand is
holy ground. Exodus 3:5*

This Week

Sunday, March 23, 2025

Concessions, 11:30 a.m.

Bingo, 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 27, 2025

Kitchen Konnection-Mardi Chili Cook-off,
5:30 p.m.

Friday, March 28, 2025

Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m.

Movie, *I Still Believe*, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Easter Basket Assembly, 9:00 a.m.

Easter Basket Sales, before and after Mass

Lent | Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving

Inspiring Family Movies most Friday Evenings.

Join us most Fridays in Lent at 7:30 p.m. for an inspirational, uplifting movie. We will provide popcorn and beverages. You are welcome to bring a comfortable cushion, beanbag chair, or blanket!

- March 28, *I Still Believe*
- April 4, *The Stray*
- NO MOVIE ON APRIL 11

This Weeks Movie: *I STILL BELIEVE*

The true-life story of Christian music star Jeremy Camp and his journey of love and loss that proves that there is always hope. (Rated PG). Showing Friday, March 28, 7:30 p.m. Bring your family and friends! Popcorn & Pop are Provided.

Not Sure What to Cook on Fridays During Lent?
Meatless Recipes are available in the Social Hall.
Take as many as you like. If you have a recipe to share, bring it to the Parish Office so we can make copies and add them to the table.

Blessed Sacrament Lent Events

Stations of the Cross – 7:00 p.m.
All Friday's of Lent

Family Movie Night – 7:30 p.m.
Most Fridays of Lent

Easter Basket Sales: March 29-30, April 5- 6

Friday Adoration:
April 4 - 9:30a.m. – 12: p.m.

Saturday Holy Hour: April 5, 3:30 p.m.

Pack the Pew – Through April 6

Reconciliation Service
Thursday, April 10, 7:00 p.m.

Stew Supper – Thursday, April 17, 5:30 p.m.

Pack the Pew. The pew is filling up! Please bring non-perishable food items and place them in the designated pew in the church. Items will be collected through April 6.

Prayer Cross Thank you to all who have participated in our Prayer Cross. It is filling up with prayer requests. Put as many prayer intentions as you would like. Names are not required.

*Please take some intentions off the cross each week and pray for those requests.
Let's keep praying for each other – it's so powerful!

Wear Liturgical Colors During Lent. We'd like to encourage everyone to attend Mass wearing the 'color' of the liturgical season. It will be a visual reminder for us that we are in a special season.

- 4th Sunday of Lent – Rose
- 5th Sunday of Lent – Purple
- Palm Sunday – Red
- Holy Thursday – White
- Good Friday – Red
- Easter Vigil – White
- Easter Sunday – White

Let's fill the church with the colors of Lent!

Stations of the Cross, We host Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent at 7:00 p.m. in the church. All are welcome to attend.

Enhance our Easter Environment by donating money for Easter Flowers. Use the form in this bulletin. You may donate in memory or in honor of a loved one or friend. On Easter morning our church will be bright and beautiful with all the spring flowers.

Easter Flowers

Please use this form to make donations for the Easter environment.

Donations are due by Sunday April 6.

Please print clearly.

In memory of: _____
(Name of deceased)

In honor of: _____
(Name of living person)

Requested by: _____
(Your name)

Suggested donations:

\$25, \$35, \$50 per name

Make check payable to Blessed Sacrament. Drop this form and donation in the collection basket, take to the parish office or mail it to
210 5th Ave W, West Fargo ND 58078

Please publish my gift in the bulletin:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Area Lenten Reconciliation Services:

All times are 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

March 30	Holy Spirit - 4 p.m.
April 1	St. Anthony
April 8	Sts. Anne & Joachim
April 10	Blessed Sacrament
April 10	Nativity
April 11	St. Leo, Casselton
April 13	St. Mary's Cathedral - 4 p.m.
April 13	St. Benedict, Horace - 4 p.m.
April 15	Holy Cross
April 16	St. Paul Newman Center

Faith Formation

Faith Formation This Week.

Five of our Faith Formation Students performed the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 14. Their silhouetted images projected onto a screen as each station was announced and read. At times their images sent shivers down the spines of the onlookers. Our students will be performing again on Fridays March 28 and April 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Class, Grades PK-12

Sunday, March 23

PK No Class

Wednesday, March 26

Grs 1-5 5:45 p.m.

B4WOW 6:30 p.m.

WOW 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 30

PK No Class

Wednesday, April 2

Grs 1-5 6:30 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: March 25

April 1, 8, 22

3rd Grade Students and Parents: The 3rd graders help with dressing the altar on Holy Thursday. Julie will be reaching out to get the families scheduled.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - VBS

TRUE NORTH Trusting Jesus in a Wild World will be Tuesday – Thursday; June 10, 11 & 12, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Mark your calendar and get your kids excited. We are looking for crew members beginning at the grade 6 level and up through adults. Please let Julie or Mary Beth know if you will be able to assist. We also need people to help plan the program and the props.

Music Ministry

Joyful Voices	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Sing</u>
March 23	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
March 30	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Choir

	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Sing</u>
March 23	7:45 a.m.	8:30 a.m.

Parish Life

BINGO! March – 23, 30. Concession sales start at 11:30 a.m. Bingo begins at 12:00 p.m. 10 games / \$10, each game has three cards. 2 Specialty Games / \$1 each. All prizes are CASH!

Blessed Sacrament Jubilee Pilgrimage.

Friday, July 11, 2025, 9 a.m. – 6:45 p.m. Join us as we visit four of the designated Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites in the diocese of Fargo.

St. Mary's Cathedral, Fargo

Our Lady of Guadalupe Adoration Chapel, Fargo

St. James Basilica, Jamestown

Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City

For a complete itinerary, see the attached poster.

All are welcome! Bring your friends and family!

Cost: \$25 per person for Blessed Sacrament

Parishioners. Non-Parishioners \$35. Reserve your seat on the Jubilee Charter Bus by calling the Parish Office 701-282-3321.

Children's Offering Envelopes: We encourage our youth to put their envelopes in the offertory basket during Mass. We ask for 20 cents each week from our youth. Parents, please help your child come up with 20 cents for the offertory. IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE A PACKET OF ENVELOPES, AND WOULD LIKE ONE, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

CHILI COOKOFF. Those participating in the cookoff should bring a crockpot of their chili on Wednesday, March 26 or Thursday, March 27 in the morning. Have your crockpot clearly marked. All chilis will get a number and will be voted on during Kitchen Konnection.

Daily Readings – March 23- 29, 2025

March 23: Ex 3:1-8a, 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12, Lk 13:1-9

March 24: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b, Lk 4:24-30

March 25: Is 7:10-14, 8-10, Heb 10:4-10, Lk 1:26-38

March 26: Dt 4:1, 5-9, Mt 5:17-29

March 27: Jer 7:23-28, Lk 11:14-23

March 28: Hos 14:2-10, Mk 12:28-34

March 29: Hos 6:1-6, Lk 18:9-14

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

❖ Mary Ann Tintes, March 29

St. Jude Circle Assemble Easter Baskets on Saturday, March 29 at 9:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. Everyone is welcome to help!

God's Gift Appeal 2025. Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2025 God's Gift Appeal. Blessed Sacrament is 45.57% toward our goal of \$71,975. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located on the bookcases in the Gathering Area.



Upcoming dates, and themes:

March 27— Chili Cook-Off. Sign up to make your own favorite chili.

April 10 – Baked Potato Bar

April 24 – *Polish Night*; Pierogis/Sausage...

May 8 – *Cinco de Mayo* – Taco Bar

May 22 – *Hooray School is OUT!*

Menu to be determined.

*Menus are subject to change.

Our Sympathy to

- Debbie Brand on the death of her nephew, Jason Lines.
- Jackie Krei on the death of her aunt, Elaine Anderson.

May Jason and Elaine rest in the arms of our Lord.

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

*Those who are sick or have medical problems:

*Emily Varholdt (daughter of Karen Beets),
Stephanie Murray (cousin of Mary Beth Odegaard),
Rod Loberg, Josh Onken, Phil Fitzgerald,
Emily McCartney, Tonya Halvorson,
Pauline Klinger, John Anderson, Larry Kelly*

*Those who are healing:

*Pauline Klinger, Larry Ellner, Veronica Zorn,
Jenie Aberle, Nate Althoff, Kerry Stroik,
Joann Moody, Kolby Hunsicker, Gary Lammer*

*Other prayer requests:

*Jason Stone (nephew of Jim Mattson),
Cindy Wulff, The Bosch Family*

**Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Coming,
Tuesday, May 6, 6:00 p.m.** More information to come.

We Pray In Remembrance of...

March 23: Gabriel Scheett, Clemens Heinz

March 24: Peter Wiederholt, Helen Klein

March 25: Myrtle Philips

March 26: Peter Gross, Caroline Vetter

March 27: Joseph Grieger, Peter Grieger

March 28: Blanche Noe, Lucille Kraft,
John Coleman

March 29: Carol Hamann

Volunteerism - Stewardship

LITURGY MINISTERS: Final schedules for April and May have been auto-filled and run. If you are in need of a printed schedule let Julie know.

**BAKERS, HELPERS & EATERS
(All Ages) WANTED FOR Kitchen
Konnection:** You do not need to help if you are just wanting to bake.



Holy Thursday Stew Supper: Looking for individuals to help with the stew supper on Holy Thursday. Sign-up sheets are in the gathering area.

Washing of the feet on Holy Thursday: We need 2 groups of 6 people. Looking for individuals young and old. If you have not had your feet washed before and are willing to do so, contact Julie in the parish office

Easter Vigil Reception: Sign-up sheets to help and bring goodies for the Easter Vigil Reception are in the social hall.

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten

the 3rd Sunday of Lent - March 23, 2025

Jesus in the gospel this weekend is talking about bearing spiritual fruit. Like the fig tree in the gospel, we are called to produce fruit – the spiritual fruit which come from following Jesus and keeping his commandments. In order to understand the full message of today's gospel about the fruit, we need to realize that there are two parts of Jesus' message.

The first part is that some people from Galilee had evidently been offering sacrifice in the temple, and because of some disturbance they caused, or some crime against the Roman authority, Pilate had them massacred where they stood. If we believe Josephus, the Jewish historian, Pilate was capable of such a rash act. Jesus talks about a type of death that is worse than that, which is spiritual death. He speaks directly to them about that type of death which does not lead to eternal life when he says, "If you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" So, the first part of the message in the gospel today is a call for all of us to repent so that we can live forever.

The second message in the gospel today is the Lord calling to bear fruit. What kind of fruit is being suggested in the gospel? Jesus doesn't explicitly say here, but elsewhere in scripture and in church teaching, we see that God expects from us the fruit that comes from giving. This is something that needs to be learned. It seems that the first words we humans tend to learn as children, unfortunately, is "mine." Children can usually say that quite well. A more difficult word for children to learn to say often is "yes," as parents probably can attest to. And it is something that we as adults need to work at in our lives every day, too.

And so, repentance and bearing fruit go hand in hand. Actually, one can't bear spiritual fruit until one repents and reforms one's life. The word Jesus uses in the gospel is to have a complete turning away from one's sins. And Lent is a good time for doing that: to look at how we can have a change of heart: to conquer our sins, but also to let Jesus be the motivation for the things we do. How good it is to meditate on the passion and death of Jesus. How sad it is in one way, but when we think that Jesus did all that for us, then the least we can do for him is to have a change of heart and follow Him.

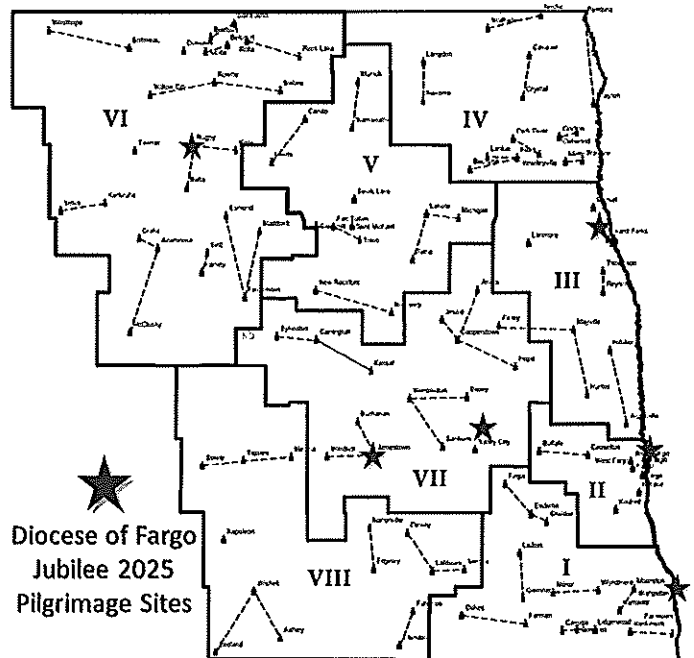
And so, may this Lent be for us like the "fourth year" like the fig tree. It did not bear fruit the first three years, but maybe it will on the fourth year, with the continued help and guidance of God and the Holy Spirit in the sacraments.

Jubilee Year of 2025

Jubilee Sites in the Diocese of Fargo

Bishop Folda has designated the following churches and sanctuaries as locations in the Diocese of Fargo where the Jubilee Year Indulgence can be received during the local observance of the Jubilee of 2025, that is, **December 29, 2024–December 28, 2025:**

- St. Mary's Cathedral, Fargo
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Adoration Chapel, Fargo
- Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City
- St. Therese the Little Flower Church, Rugby
- The Basilica of St. James, Jamestown
- Carmel of Mary, Wahpeton
- St. Michael's Church, Grand Forks



March 29-30, 2025 – 4th Sunday of Lent Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	J. Neva	M.A. Schuster	L. Elshaug
EMHC	*E. & C. Pablo, J. & J. Jones, C. Paintner	*H. Madson, W. Suchla, M. Doster, J. Klaers, D. Nechiporenko	*M. Regner, B. Opoien, M. Kern, G. Larson, LaVonne Grosz
Gift Bearers	B. & E. Krogen	E. Esposito, J. Aberle	J. & M. Regner
Servers	E. Rohrich, S. Neva, K. Jalbert	G. Yourczek, Volunteer, Volunteer	E. Buettner, J. Norton, Volunteer
Ushers	D. Krogen, C. Diver	T. Allmaras, C. Pratt	R. Norton, R. Haugen
Greeters	D. & J. Rohrich	E. Esposito, J. Aberle	R. & J. Norton
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	S. Durbin	M. Curfman
Sacristan	C. Pablo	D. Nechiporenko	A. Buettner
Media Minister	R. Cwikla	*Eucharist Minister **M. Doster Communion to home bound	



Presents...

Thursday, March 27

Chili Cook Off

Thursday, April 10

Baked Potato Bar

Thursday, April 24

Polish—Pierogis/Sausage

Thursday, May 8

Cinco de Mayo—Taco Bar

Thursday, May 22

Hooray Schools Out

****Serve from 5:30-6:30pm—FREE or Free Will Offering**

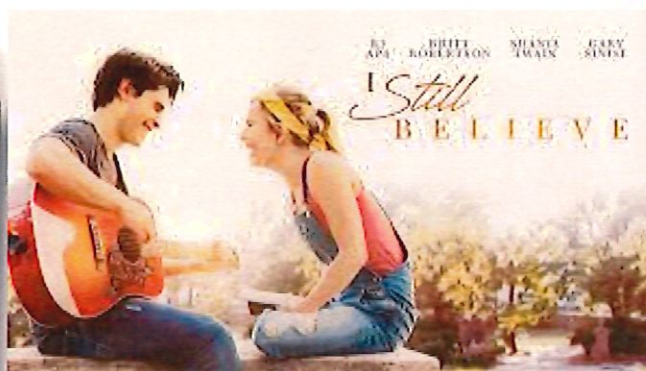
Night at the Movies

Friday - March 28, 2025
7:30 p.m.

I Still Believe

The true-life story of Christian music star Jeremy Camp and his journey of love and loss that proves that there is always hope.

Rated PG



Bring family and friends!

Popcorn & Pop Provided

Join us in the Social Hall

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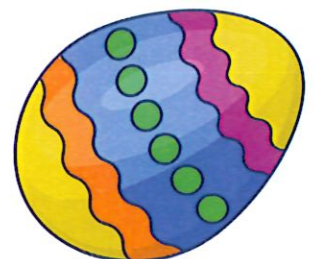
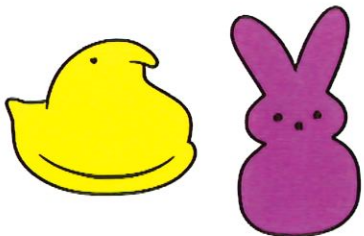
Easter Basket Sale



Before and After the weekend Masses

March 29-30
April 5-6

Delight your loved ones
with beautiful, one of a kind
Easter basket!



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Join our Faith Formation students as they bring the Stations of the Cross to life. The next dates they will lead are: Friday, March 28 and Friday, April 11, 2025



1st Station:

Jesus is condemned



2nd Station:

Jesus Accepts His Cross



3rd Station:

Jesus Falls for the 1st Time



4th Station

Jesus Meets His Mother



5th Station:

Simon Helps Carry the Cross



6th Station:

Veronica wipes face of Jesus



7th Station:

Jesus Falls for the 2nd Time



8th Station

Women Weep for Jesus



9th Station:

Jesus falls for the 3rd Time



10th Station:

Jesus is stripped of clothes



11th Station:

Jesus is nailed to the cross



12th Station

Jesus dies on the cross



13th Station:

Jesus is taken down from cross

14th Station (not pictured)

Jesus is laid in tomb. Not enacted as at this time darkness fell throughout the land



March 14th's Cast

Directory

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

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Mary Beth Odegaard - MaryBeth@bscwf.org

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Ronda Voss - Ronda@bscwf.org

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Feast/Holy Day

the Week of March 23, 2025

March 25: the Annunciation of the Lord

Lord, I release my children to Your care and protection, and I relinquish my will for them in favor of Your will. I know I can't go everywhere my child goes, but I know you do. Please protect them. Give us wisdom for how to parent well. Give us peace in Your goodness toward our children and your love for us. 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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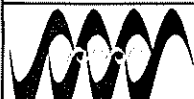
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