

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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March 8-9, 2025 - 1st 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 9 1st Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. – +Betty Allmaras

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners Monday, March 10 - NO MASS

Tuesday, March 11 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. - +Fr. Jerry Finnestad

Wednesday, March 12

9:00 a.m. - +Cecelia Kirchoffner

Thursday, March 13

9:00 a.m. - Justin Salter

Friday, March 14

9:00 a.m. - +Marion Kostelecky

Saturday, March 15

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

5:15 p.m. – +Elaine H. Frison

Sunday, March 16 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. – +Louis DeKeyser

10:30 a.m. - the Parishioners

Weekly Offering

\$122,492.26

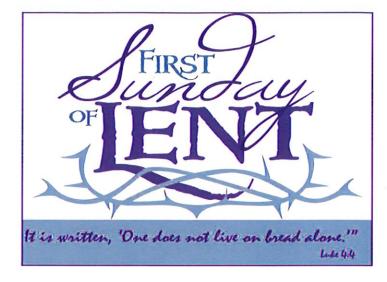
Your Support Helps us pay the Water Bill!

March 2-8, 2025

Adult: \$11,642.77	*	Children: \$12
Improvements: \$7	799	
Poor Fund: \$652		
Collected to Date	Goal	
\$81,121.50	Adult	\$84,000.00
\$287.00	Children	\$300.00
\$4,565.98	Improvements	\$10,000.00

Living our Faith

\$400,807.00



This Week

Sunday, March 9, 2025:

Concessions, 11:30 a.m.

Bingo, 12:00 p.m.

Proceeds go to Killian Wells' trip to Rome

Thursday, March 13, 2025:

Kitchen Konnection, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Safety Team, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 14, 2025

Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m. Movie, *The Lost Medalion*, 7:30 p.m.

Lent | Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving

The Prayer Cross is in the Gathering Area with slips of paper to write and attach your prayer request to it. As you add one take someone else's down and pray for that request throughout Lent. Each week add more requests and take more home. We all can use prayers in our everyday lives.

Meatless recipes are on a table in the social hall. Feel free to take and make. You may also share some of your favorites. Just bring the recipe to the parish office and we will make copies to share.

Lenten Regulations

Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

Blessed Sacrament Lent Events

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

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

Friday Adoration

March 7 - 9:30a.m. - 12: p.m.

Fish Fry: Friday March 21, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

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.

FISH FRY Is Coming! Fr. Gary Luiten will be the Chef on Friday, March 21, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Join us for a delicious meal, free will offering. Following supper will be Stations of the Cross in the church at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Inspiring Family Movies on Friday Evenings. Join us each Friday in Lent at 7:30 p.m. for an inspirational, uplifting movie. We will provide popcorn. You are welcome to bring a comfortable cushion, beanbag chair, or blanket!

- March 14. The Lost Medallion
- NO MOVIE ON MARCH 21
- March 28, I Still Believe
- April 4, The Stray
- NO MOVIE ON APRIL 11

This Weeks Family Movie: THE LOST MEDALLION

A man who stops into a foster home to drop off some donations soon tells the kids a story about two teenage friends who uncover a long-lost medallion. (Rated PG). Showing Friday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. Bring your family and friends! Popcorn & Pop are Provided.

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.

Pack the Pew is Here!! Our Parish Lent Project. Please bring non-perishable food items and place them in the designated pew in the church. Items will be collected through April 6. As the weeks pass, the pew will become full of groceries for those in need. We will keep 1/3 of the food for our Blessing Box and the other 2/3 will be donated to West Fargo Eats, our local food pantry.

Wear Liturgical Colors During Lent. We'd like to encourage everyone to attend Mass wearing the 'color' of the liturgical season. By doing this, we will enhance the environment and it will be a visual reminder for us that we are in a special season.

- 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays in Lent Purple
- 4th Sunday in Lent Rose
- 5th Sunday in 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!

Area Lenten Reconciliation Services:

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

March 18	St. Maruice, Kindred
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.

We are looking for students, parents, and catechists to help lead the Stations of the Cross on the following Fridays: March 14, 28 and April 11. These will be the Fridays that the Middle School and High School students will enact the stations as a silhouette behind a screen. Father Gary will announce the station.

We would like volunteers to read the Leader part. Please let Julie or Mary Beth know if you can help.

Class Grades PK-12

Sunday, March 9

PK No Class

Wednesday, March 12

Grs 1-5 5:45 p.m. B4WOW 6:30 p.m. WOW 6:30 p.m.

Sunday March 16

PK No Class

Wednesday, March 19

Grs 1-5 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: March 4, 11, 18, 2

April 22

SEARCH Retreat Coming in April!

ATTENTION PARENTS WITH YOUTH AGES 16 & 17! SEARCH is a way to help youth on their journey to discover God, themselves, and a Christian community. April 25-27, Maryvale Retreat Center. Cost \$95. Registration deadline is April 7. Please contact the Parish Office for more information. 701-282-3321, or fargodiocese.org/search4cm

Camp Summit – Middle School Camp, June 15-19 and July 13-17, Red Willow Bible Camp, Binford ND. Register as soon as possible, camps fill fast! Registration fee \$400. For mor information contact the Parish Office or go to fargodiosese.org/campsummit.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - VBS

Mark your calendars for Blessed Sacrament VBS, "True North" June 10, 11, 12, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

For children grades PK-5

More information will be coming soon!

VBS Volunteers Are Needed!! Grades 6-12+ and adults are needed for set-up and during VBS. Please contact the Parish Office to sign up or if you have any questions.

Music Ministry

Joyful Voices	Practice	Sing
March 9	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
March 23	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
March 30	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Choir

	Practice	Sing
March 23	7:45 a.m.	8:30 a.m.

Parish Life

BINGO February and March Bingo is hosted by our Knights of Columbus and concession proceeds go to the Youth Activity Fund.

Sundays: March: 9*, 23, 30

Concessions sales begin at 11:30 a.m.

Bingo starts at 12:00 p.m.

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Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Your Council Representatives Are...

Finance Council

Lori DeKeyser, Karen Hanson*, Cindy Fischer, Brad Novak*, Eduardo Pablo, and Steve Willson

Pastoral Council

Kathleen Jalbert, Steve Neva, Robert Norton, Mallory Schiele and Ally Wentz

*Blessed Sacrament Lay Director

What is Less Than 2 Weeks Away and Still Has 18 Open Donor Spots? ANSWER: The first quarterly Blood Drive of 2025. Please sign up to save a life on Monday, March 17 between 3 – 6 p.m.!!

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/UCPIK7Ix77I6W WtNNUQxt5rw

Chili Cookoff – Top 3 Get a Prize: Deadline to sign up for bringing your famous chili is Thursday, March 13th. See the table outside the office or at Kitchen Konnection on March 13 to sign-up.

Easter Basket Items Needed: St. Jude Circle ladies are looking for donations of easter baskets, small toys and individually wrapped candy. Bring donations to the Parish Office before March 29.

Daily Readings - March 9-15, 2025

March 9: Dt 26:4-10, rom 10:8-13, Lk 4:1-13

March 10: Lv 19:1-2,11-18, Mt 25:31-46

March 11: Is 55:10-11, Mt 6:7-15 March 12: Jon 3:1-10, Lk 11:29-32

March 13: Ext C:12,14-16,23-25, Mt 7:7-12

March 14: Ez 18:21-28, Mt 5:20-26 March 15: Dt 26:16-19, Mt 5:43-48

God's Gift Appeal 2025. Last weekend was our parish Commitment Weekend for the 2025 God's Gift Appeal. If you have not yet completed your card, please prayerfully make your pledge, and return it to the Parish Office.

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

· Betty Von Bank, March 11



Upcoming dates, and Themes:

March 13- *The Luck of the Irish. Shepherds pie or corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, and more!

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

<u> April 10</u> – TBD

April 24 - TBD

*Menus are subject to change.

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

*Those who are sick or have medical problems:

Tonya Halvorson (daughter of Karol Munson),
Marvin Short, Joanne Urlacher, Pauline Klinger,
John Anderson, Larry Kelly

*Those who are healing:

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

*Other prayer requests:

Cindy Wulff, The Bosch Family

Safety Team will be meeting Thursday, March 13, 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

We Pray In Remembrance of...

<u>March 9</u>: Michael Gaulrapp, Robert Bommersbach, Laverne Montplaisir

March 10: Robert Murray

March 11: Mary Otos

March 13: Rose Edin, Alfred Petermann

March 14: Carole Bitterman, Thomas Faltersack,

Rose Ostlund, Beverly Rausch

March 15: Phyllis Cavegn, Donald Beach

Our Sympathy to Kathleen Creighton on the death of her husband, Robert (Bob) Creighton. May Bob sing with the angels in the presence of our Lord.

Volunteerism - Stewardship

LITURGY MINISTERS: Something goofy is happening on the scheduling program. When viewing open positions based on liturgy times and dates; extra positions are showing up for proclaimers and others. The only liturgies that will require multiple proclaimers will be Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil. Julie is working to find out how to fix this. Don't forget to include dates you ARE NOT AVAILABLE under your profile to avoid being automatically scheduled. Availability forms are on the table by the parish office if you are not able to access the MSP program. Please fill these out and return to Julie

BAKERS, HELPERS & EATERS (All Ages) WANTED FOR Kitchen Konnection



BAKERS: Want to volunteer to

bake? We could use baked goods for our Kitchen

Konnection meals 2 times a month.

HELPERS: Looking to get to know your fellow parishioners and guests? This is the perfect opprutunity.

EATERS: Come see us and eat with us every 2nd and 4th Thursday for a deliciously, home-cooked, themed meal!!

Please let Julie know if you can bake or help.



Coffee Talk is on hold due to lack of interest in attending and socializing.

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

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

LENT ENVIRONMENT HELP: Looking for individuals to help with the environment (i.e.: putting up appropriate Lent colors and Lent based "décor"). If you would like to be a part of that, please reach out to Julie at 701.282.3321 or email julie@bscwf.org.

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten

The 1st Sunday of Lent - March 9, 2025

The gospel today is about temptation. Jesus, in the gospel today, is tempted by the devil. It is an element of our faith that, just as there is a God who created us and redeemed us, there is a devil who has turned away from God. This has implications for us because we are the devil's target. Notice, that's what happened in the gospel today, the devil tried to get back at God by tempting Jesus.

Note the three different types of temptation Jesus had: that of power, wealth, and prestige! One might say, "Jesus should have known better. How could he have let himself be tempted like that?" But, if we must be honest with ourselves, we, too, can allow ourselves to be tempted with power, wealth, and prestige!

We, too, at times are tempted and, at times, it may be by the devil. During this season of Lent, we may be tempted to give in to what we gave up, or to stop doing the things we promised to do, like pray more, help others more, or to attend Church Lenten devotions. But, with the grace of God, we can stay away from times of temptation, most of the time, and we can say no to evil and yes to God.

Notice the one big thing Satan wanted Jesus to do, was to bow down and worship him. It really annoys Satan to see us worshipping not him, but Jesus when we bow down or make a genuflection in Christ's presence. But Jesus withstood the temptations to bow down and worship the devil. How? Notice it says at the beginning of the gospel, prior to his temptation: and Jesus was "full of the Holy Spirit."

We can resist the power of the evil one when we, too, have the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. In our prayers, it is good to ask the Holy Spirit to help us. We can resist the power of evil, too, if we have the "spiritual ammunition," if we have the grace of God, given so generously to us in the sacraments. Let us remember that in all of this, God is more powerful, more awesome, greater than any angel, whether it be a good angel, or a fallen angel, such as Satan. We pray that more people would say no to the power of evil in their lives and yes to God.

Jubilee Year of 2025

Indulgences

The Jubilee Indulgence is a concrete manifestation of God's mercy, which goes beyond and transforms the boundaries of human justice. This treasury of



grace entered human history in the witness of Jesus and the saints, and by living in communion with them our hope for our own forgiveness is strengthened and becomes a certainty. The Jubilee indulgence allows us to free our hearts from the weight of sin because the reparation due for our sins is given freely and abundantly.

In practical terms, the experience of God's mercy involves some spiritual acts indicated by the Pope. Those who cannot make the Jubilee pilgrimage due to illness or other circumstances are nonetheless invited to take part in the spiritual movement that accompanies the Jubilee year, offering up the sufferings of their daily lives, and participating in the Eucharistic celebration.

Community & Diocesan Events

Catholic Man Night. Tuesday, March 11, 6-8 p.m., St. Benedicts, Horace. Featured speaker will be Ricky Paulson from FOCUS. Come and bring a friend!

Catholic Daughters to Meet. Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, March 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.

The Seven Last Words: A Lenten Retreat for Women. March 21-23, St. Francis Retreat Center, Hankinson. A weekend of prayer & reflection, ponder Christ's love, shown to us in His passion. Questions: Contact Sr. Mary Ruth at 701-242-7195 or smaryruth@sfcretreats.org. Register at sfcretreats.org/register-online.

The Presence Monday evenings, March 24-April 14, 7-8:30 p.m. Online or in person at St. Francis Retreat Center, Hankinson. Sr. Mary Ruth will lead a study and discussion on the video series The Presence. For more information call 701-242-7195.

Spaghetti Dinner, Sunday April 27, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth, Dilworth. Adults \$18, Children \$10 (6-12), Preschool Free. Take Out Available for \$18.

Praying with the Shroud: A Message of Hope. August 22-24, 2025, Maryvale Retreat Center. Come and seek to enhance your prayer life by learning how the Holy Shroud of Turin can provide you with additional options for contemplation and meditation. Retreatants will receive a comprehensive array of Shroud information from speaker Jim Bertrand, M. Ed, who has 10 years of experience of sharing the message across more than 45 dioceses. He will be offering five conference sessions and will be available to answer individual questions. Mass, adoration, and Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Check it out at https://maryvalend.org/8-24-25-shroud.

On Retreat with St. Therese of Lisieux:
Women's Silent Retreat. September 12-14, 2025,
Maryvale Retreat Center. In this retreat, Ashley
Njaa (wife, mother, DRE, and spiritual disciple of
St. Therese of Lisieux) will help women unpack
some of key pieces of this French spiritual giant's
wisdom on living a life of complete trust, confidence
in God, and cultivating a spiritual childhood. The
retreat will include conferences, Mass, adoration,
confession, and spiritual direction, as well as time
to pray, rest, and enjoy the beautiful grounds of
Maryvale. All details available at
https://maryvalend.org/9-12-25-st-therese-of-lisieux.

Stewardship Moment

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." – Deuteronomy 26:10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" – the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything, we are merely a steward of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

March 15-16, 2025 – 2nd Sunday in Lent Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	S. Neva	J. Allmaras	M. Curfman
ЕМНС	*M. Schiele, C. Paintner, C. Diver, D. & B. Krogen	*D. Nechiporenko, J. Aberle, J. Klaers, M.A. Schuster, S. Perreault	*K. Novak, M. Kern B. Opoien, L. Wegner, N. Peterson
Gift Bearers	J. Walter, K. Walter	L. & L. Juve	B. & K. Novak
Servers	H. Schiele, A. Walter, W. Schiele	E. Esposito, G. Yourczek, Volunteer	J. Norton, E. Buettner, Volunteer
Ushers	D. & J. Rohrich	T. Allmaras, S. Hartze	R. & C. Fischer
Greeters	D. & J. Rohrich	L. & L. Juve	R. & C. Fischer
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	A. Pritchard	M. Curfman
Sacristan	M. Schiele	J. Yourczek	M. Kern
Media Minister	L. Martin *Eucharist Minister **T. English (Communion to home bound)		

Blessed Sacrament

Parish Lent Project

Food Bank Campaign

PACK THE PEW

Bring Non-Perishable Food Items
Place in designated pew in the church

March 8 through April 6

Most commonly requested items are:

Cereal (hot or cold), Pasta (not spaghetti), Pasta Sauce, Soup, Tuna, Peanut Butter Hygene items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.



3/4 of your donations will go to **West Fargo EATS**.

1/4 will be put in the Blessed Sacrament **Blessing Box**.





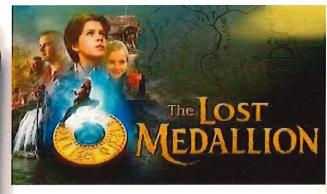
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Bring family and friends!

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Friday, March 21 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Free Will Offering

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Executive Chef, Fr. Gary Luiten

Following the Fish Fry, you are invited to Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

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Feast/Holy Day

the Week of March 9, 2025

Holy Lord, Thank You for grace. Please help me move beyond the hurdles that trip me up and give me the strength and wisdom to look up and see the hope I run toward in Christ. 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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