



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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April 12-13, 2025 – Palm Sunday

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, April 13 *Palm Sunday*

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – Merrick Pierce

Monday, April 14 - NO MASS

Tuesday, April 15 *at Sheyenne Crossings*

1:00 p.m. – +Fr. George Krile

Wednesday, April 16

9:00 a.m. – +Cecelia Kirchoffner

Thursday, April 17 *Holy Thursday*

7:00 p.m. - +Mesud Heco

Adoration following Mass until 11:00 p.m.

Friday, April 18 *Good Friday*

12:10 p.m.

Saturday, April 19 *Holy Saturday*

8:30 p.m. - +Gaylas Pritchard

Sunday, April 20 *Easter Sunday*

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Gary Speich

Weekly Offering

Thank you for your Support!

May 3-4, 2025

Adult: \$6,526.11

Children: \$43

Improvements: \$164.49

Poor Fund: \$161

Collected to Date

Goal

\$129,026.72 Adult \$126,000.00

\$510.00 Children \$450.00

\$6,721.96 Improvements \$15,000.00

\$138,432.77 Living our Faith \$400,807.00

\$40,017.25 God's Gift \$71,975.59



This Is Holy Week

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Confirmation/1st Eucharist Retreat/12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Chrism Mass, St. Mary's Cathedral, 11 a.m.

Thursday, April 17, 2025 – Holy Thursday

Stew Supper, 5:30 p.m.

Mass, 7:00 p.m.

Adoration following Mass until 11:00 p.m.

Friday, April 18, 2025 – Good Friday

Parish Office Closes at 12:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service, 12:10 p.m.

Saturday, April 19, 2025 - Holy Saturday

Mass, 8:30 p.m.

Reception following Mass.

Sunday, April 20, 2025 – Easter Sunday

Mass at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



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

Holy Thursday, Stew Supper:

Thursday, April 17, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to eat dinner with us on Holy Thursday. Free Will Offering, proceeds go to our Poor Fund. You are welcome to join us for Holy Thursday Mass, following supper, at 7:00 p.m. We will experience the Passion of our Lord.

Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday Service and Easter Sunday Mass will be broadcast on YouTube. They will also be on our Facebook page. YouTube: *Blessed Sacrament West Fargo.* Facebook: *Blessed Sacrament Church - West Fargo.*

Holy Thursday Mass, April 17, 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday Service, April 18, 12:10 p.m.
Easter Sunday Mass, April 20, 10:30 a.m.

Pack the Pew. Thank you!! All your donations are appreciated. The Blessing Box is Full! We are waiting to hear from West Fargo Eats about the weight of our donation.

Prayer Cross: Thank you to all who participated in praying for each other's intentions. Let us continue to pray for one another.

Ring Those Bells! Bring your small hand bells to ring during the singing of the *Gloria* on Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil. We have not sung the *Gloria* through the duration of Lent. We ring the bells as we sing it once again and rejoice!

Use of Incense: We will be using incense during Mass on Holy Thursday (April 17) and the Easter Vigil (April 19).

**** Holy Week Rehearsals ****

- Holy Thursday - April 17:
Altar Dressers, Altar Servers and, Oil Bearers Rehearsal is **6:15 p.m.** Holy Thursday.
- Good Friday April 18: *Cross Carriers* Rehearsal is **at 11:30 a.m.** on Good Friday.
- Easter Vigil/Holy Saturday April 29:
Altar Servers: Rehearsal is **7:45 p.m.** the evening of the Easter Vigil.
Altar Dressers: Julie will contact you for individual instructions.

PLEASE Do NOT be Late!

Area Lenten Reconciliation Services:

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

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| 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

Confirmation and 1st Eucharist Students will receive their sacraments on Sunday, April 27, 12:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Mary's in Fargo. Bishop John Folda will be presiding. Please keep our 3rd Graders in your prayers.

Class Grades PK-12

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| <u>Sunday, April 13</u> | |
| PK | No Class |
| <u>Wednesday, April 16</u> | |
| All Grades | No Class |
| <u>Sunday April 20</u> | |
| PK | No Class |
| <u>Wednesday, April 23</u> | |
| Grs 1-5 | 5:45 p.m. |
| B4WOW | 6:30 p.m. |
| WOW | 6:30 p.m. |

Parents Must Sign Permission Slip. If you have a student that is in grades 1-5 that want to walk or ride bike to class without parent supervision, then we will need you to sign a form weekly giving your child(ren) permission to do so. Please reach out to Mary Beth or Julie prior to Wednesday class times so we can keep track and get you the form.

OCIA Wrap-up Tuesday, April 22, 7 p.m. in the Library.

Confirmation & 1st Eucharist Student Recognition is scheduled for Sunday, May 18, 10:30 a.m. Mass with a social following. Parents, please mark your calendars! An invitation will be sent soon.

**True North
Vacation Bible School**

June 10-11-12, 2025

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

\$35 for Blessed

Sacrament youth.

\$40 for visiting youth. To

register contact the

Parish Office.

You Otter be there!



VBS Registration is open. The deadline for registration is Friday, May 23. Age requirements: youth entering kindergarten through 5th grade for the upcoming school year. Information and the registration form is available on our website: <https://www.bscwf.org/vbs/>. Registration Forms are also available in the Parish Office.

VBS Volunteers are NEEDED! Youth grades 6 on up and Adults! We need Station Leaders, Crew Leaders, and General Helpers. Please Contact Mary Beth or Julie in the Parish Office if you are willing to get involved.

*Adults helping during VBS MUST have a background check and completed the Diocese Safe Environment requirements of the Circle of Care and Code of Conduct. Please contact Julie in Parish Office for further information.

Music Ministry

| Joyful Voices | Practice | Sing |
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| April 13 | 9:30 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. |
| April 27 | 9:30 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. |

| COMBINED CHOIR | Practice | Sing |
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| April 17 | 6:15 p.m. | 7:00 p.m. |
| April 18 | 11:30 a.m. | 12:10 p.m. |
| April 19 | 7:45 p.m. | 8:30 p.m. |

Combined choir is a combination of Joyful Voices, Contemporary Choir and any other parishioners that might want to join them during Holy Week.

Parish Life

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 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/UCPIK71x77I6WtNNUQxt5rw>

Easter Basket Sales. Thank you to all who purchased Easter Baskets from the St. Jude Circle. Sales generated \$850 and it was given to the General Fund. To all of you that donated candy, toys and helped to assemble baskets. Thank you!

Daily Readings – April 13-19, 2025

April 13: Lk 19:28-40, Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11,
Lk 22:14-23:56

April 14: Is 43:1-7, Jn 12:1-11

April 15: Is 49:1-6, Jn 13:21-33,36-38

April 16: Is 50:4-9a, Mt 26:14-25

April 17: Ex 12:1-8,11-14, 1 Cor 11:23-26,
Jn 13:1-15

April 18: Is 52:13-53:12, Heb 4:14-16,5:7-9,
Jn 18:1-19:42

April 19: Gn 1:1-2:2, Ex 14:15-15:1, Is 55:1-11,
Ez 36:16-17a,18-28, Rm 6:3-11, Mt 28:1-10

Divine Mercy Sunday: Consecration and

Chaplet, Sunday, April 27, 4:00 p.m. Fr. Luiten will consecrate the parish to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, followed by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet together as a parish. This will take a half hour of your time; all are invited and encouraged to join us!

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

- Stephen Fink, April 17

High School Seniors: The Graduation Celebration Mass and social is scheduled for Sunday, May 18. Please mark your calendars for you and your family to attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass. You will receive an invitation in the near future.



Kitchen Konnection
Upcoming dates, and themes:

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

May 8 – *Cinco de Mayo – Taco Bar*

May 22 – *Hooray School is OUT! - Brunch.*

*Menus are subject to change.

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

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

*George Schmidt, Dwight Keller, Stan Dreckman,
Nate Althoff, Darlene Kirchoffner,*

*Theresa Citterman, Phyllis Pritchard,
Emily Varholdt, Stephanie Murray, Rod Loberg,
Josh Onken, Phil Fitzgerald, Emily McCartney,
Tonya Halvorson, John Anderson, Larry Kelly*

***Those who are healing:**

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

***Other prayer requests:**

Jason Stone, Cindy Wulff, The Bosch Family

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVES:

Monday, June 30, 3 - 6 p.m.

Tuesday, September 24, 3 - 6 p.m.

Monday, December 16, 3 - 6 p.m.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Tuesday, May 6, 6:00 p.m.

ALL Volunteers are welcome!

RSVP by April 29 to the Parish Office.

YOU ARE WORTH YOUR WEIGHT IN GOLD!!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER – May 6, 2025 – You are cordially invited to attend if you have volunteered in any way, shape or form in Blessed Sacrament's liturgies, events, cleaning, delivering, baking, etc. Sign up to attend by contacting the Parish Office at 701-282-3321 or add your name to the list on the table by the office door.

We Pray In Remembrance of...

April 13: Larry Mickelson, James Gorski,

Lottie Dirkes, Dennis Schmidt

April 15: Robert Jendro

April 16: Wendelin Burckhard

April 17: Les Pritchard, Paula Friedt, John Veit

April 18: Agnes Kapaun

April 19: Mabel Verlinden, Allan Fandrick

Volunteerism - Stewardship

LITURGY MINISTERS: Please contact Julie if you are experiencing any issues with the scheduling program or if you feel we should set up a couple of training sessions. If you **HAVE NOT** logged in yet and created a profile, **PLEASE** do so.

Holy Thursday Stew Supper: We need 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 with the Easter Vigil Reception are in the Social Hall.

Environment During Holy Week and Easter: We need people to help change the environment for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Holy Thursday environment change will happen on Wednesday, April 16. Good Friday, we will need people Friday morning at 9 a.m. Easter environment change will be at 2 p.m. on Good Friday, April 18. Please contact Julie if you can assist, julie@bscwf.org or 701-282-3321 or you can text if you have Julie's cell number.

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten

Holy Week - April 13, 2025

This week, as we enter into the most solemn season of the Church year: Holy Week, our thoughts are drawn to how horribly the people treated Jesus. We hear this weekend of the fickleness of the crowd. One minute they were shouting "Hosanna to the Son of David," praising Jesus on Palm Sunday. And yet how shallow their words. Then, a few days later, with the same voices, they called for Jesus' execution. And isn't it that way with us, too. We say one thing, praising Christ, then we turn around and tear other people down, and crucifying Christ in one another.

Our thoughts are also drawn to what Jesus did for us fallen human beings, how he changed the world forever, giving us hope for eternal life. He did this by dying for us on the cross, out of love for us, and out of obedience to the Father. Although we couldn't be there physically in Jerusalem two thousand years ago, the reading of the passion helps us mentally to put ourselves in the place of those who witnessed that great trial and called for the Lord's death. The king - Jesus, who deserved the greatest praise for being the Son of God, received the most cruel and humiliating treatment. And he did it all for us!

So may we accept our Lord's offer of reconciliation each day, continuing the process of conversion to Christ. I invite those of you who can, to become a part of the days this week that recall our redemption from sin, giving us the promise of new life! The Mass on Holy Thursday recalls our Lord's Last Supper, when Jesus began the eucharistic sacrifice, in which He offers His body and blood to us every time we celebrate the Mass. It also recalls the new covenant of loving one another as Jesus has loved us when he washed the feet of his disciples. The Good Friday service, besides being a day of fasting and abstaining from meat, recalls Jesus' passion and death. Hopefully it will be a day of prayer for all of us. The Easter Vigil on Saturday evening is the night of nights! It recalls our Lord's glorious resurrection.

If you can't be a part of this special event (it really is one event, even though it covers three days), I ask you to be with us in prayer, keeping in mind what we are remembering on each of those days. And let us pray that more people will turn to Jesus, and accept His offer of love peace, and hope.

**Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
Your Council Representatives Are...**

Finance Council

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

Pastoral Council

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

*Blessed Sacrament Lay Director

International Pilgrimage Site

Our Lady of Fatima Basilica of Our Lady of Fatima, Estremadura, Portugal. The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima is a Catholic pilgrimage site located in Portugal, where apparitions of the Virgin Mary occurred among three young shepherds, in 1917. It remains a popular destination for millions of pilgrims from all over the world.



Blessed Virgin of Fatima, our refuge and our way to God! In the depths of your being, you keep the joys of men and women as they journey to the Heavenly Homeland. And the sorrows of the human family, as they mourn and weep in this valley of tears.

Pope Francis, prayer at the shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, May 13, 2017

Community & Diocesan Events

Blessed Sacrament Parishioner Looking for Housekeeping Assistance. Would you or someone you know be willing to help an elderly couple with light housekeeping duties? Vacuum, dusting, and a few other light duties. Wage is negotiable. Please call the Blessed Sacrament Parish Office with contact information, 701-282-3321.

Spring Cleaning? YWCA Cass Clay Hosting Spring Clothing Drive. Support women and children at YWCA when you clean out your closets. Monday, April 14 - Friday, April 18, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., YWCA Emergency Shelter, 3000 S University Dr. Fargo. New and gently-used women's and children's clothing items. Most needed are leggings, sweatpants, sweatshirts, cotton t-shirts, athletic wear, sports bras, and pre-teen and teen clothing in all sizes and styles.

Speich - Breker Estate Sale

May 1, 2, 3

8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

813 6th St E, West Fargo, ND

St. Mary's Cathedral Spring Celebration & Country Fair Saturday & Sunday, May 3 & 4

- Saturday, May 3,
6-8 p.m. Burger Baskets, Auctions and more!
8-10 p.m. Live Band Dance, 8-10 p.m.
- Sunday, May 4
11:00 a.m. -1:30 p.m. Swedish Meatballs, Carnival.
1:30 p.m. Auction completion and drawings.

Do Whatever He Tells You: Eucharistic Rosary Congress. All are invited to join in a special seven days of Adoration and prayer at the Sts. Anne and Joachim Magnificat Chapel (5202 25th St S, Fargo) from Saturday, May 3 through Friday, May 9. Adoration and hourly Rosaries will take place throughout the seven days. Adorers are especially needed Saturday, May 3 (opening Mass at 8:30 a.m.) through Monday, May 5 (until 8 a.m.). Please contact Cindy Petrich 701-552-1675 or tcpetrich@hotmail.com to sign up for an hour or for more information or scan the QR code.



Stewardship Moment

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

"...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me."
Luke 22:34

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet so not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful conversation when the opportunity to talk about our faith arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.

Holy Week - Ministries of Service
Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday
April 17, April 18, April 19, 2025

| Masses | <u>Holy Thursday</u> April 17, 7:00 p.m. | <u>Good Friday</u> April 18, 12:10 p.m. | <u>Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil</u> April 19, 8:30 p.m. |
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| Proclaimers | M. Doster, J. Allmaras | M. Curfman, N. Peterson | K. Wells, B. Kirkeby, J. Jones, L. Elshaug, M. Kern |
| EMHC | *J. & J. Jones, M.A. Schuster, B. Opoien, M. Kern | *N. Peterson, *B. Opoien, *A. Buettner, J. Neva, *P. Pritchard | *J. & J. Jones, L. Wegner, M. Doster, M.A. Schuster |
| Gift Bearers | D. Moore, A. Pritchard | --- | T. Tweeter, Volunteer |
| Servers | J. & A. Walter, S. Neva, E. Rohrich | S. Neva, E. Buettner | Wells Crew |
| Ushers | A. Larson, T. Gross | J. Yourczek, M.B. Odegaard, D. & J. Rohrich | J. Aberle, Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer |
| Greeters | K. Grosz, D. Moore | D. Moore, Volunteer | Volunteer, Volunteer |
| Rosary Leader | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| Sacristan | M. Kern | M. Kern | M. Kern |
| Media Minister | R. Cwikla | R. Cwikla | |

April 20, 2025 – Easter Sunday
Ministries of Service

| Masses | 8:30 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. |
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| Proclaimers | P. Jorgensen | A. Buettner |
| EMHC | *J. Yourczek, M.A. Schuster, K. Jalbert, N. Peterson, Volunteer | *B. Opoien, G. Larson, A. Buettner, M. Kern, K. Novak |
| Gift Bearers | T. & S. Durbin | R. & J. Norton |
| Servers | G. Yourczek, Volunteer, Volunteer | J. Norton, Volunteer, Volunteer |
| Ushers | Volunteer, Volunteer | Volunteer, Volunteer |
| Greeters | L. & L. Juve | K. & K. Volk |
| Rosary Leader | S. Durbin | M. Kern |
| Sacristan | J. Yourczek | M. Kern |
| Media Minister | ----- | L. Martin |
| | *Bread Minister | |



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Holy Thursday Stew Supper

Thursday, April 17, 2025

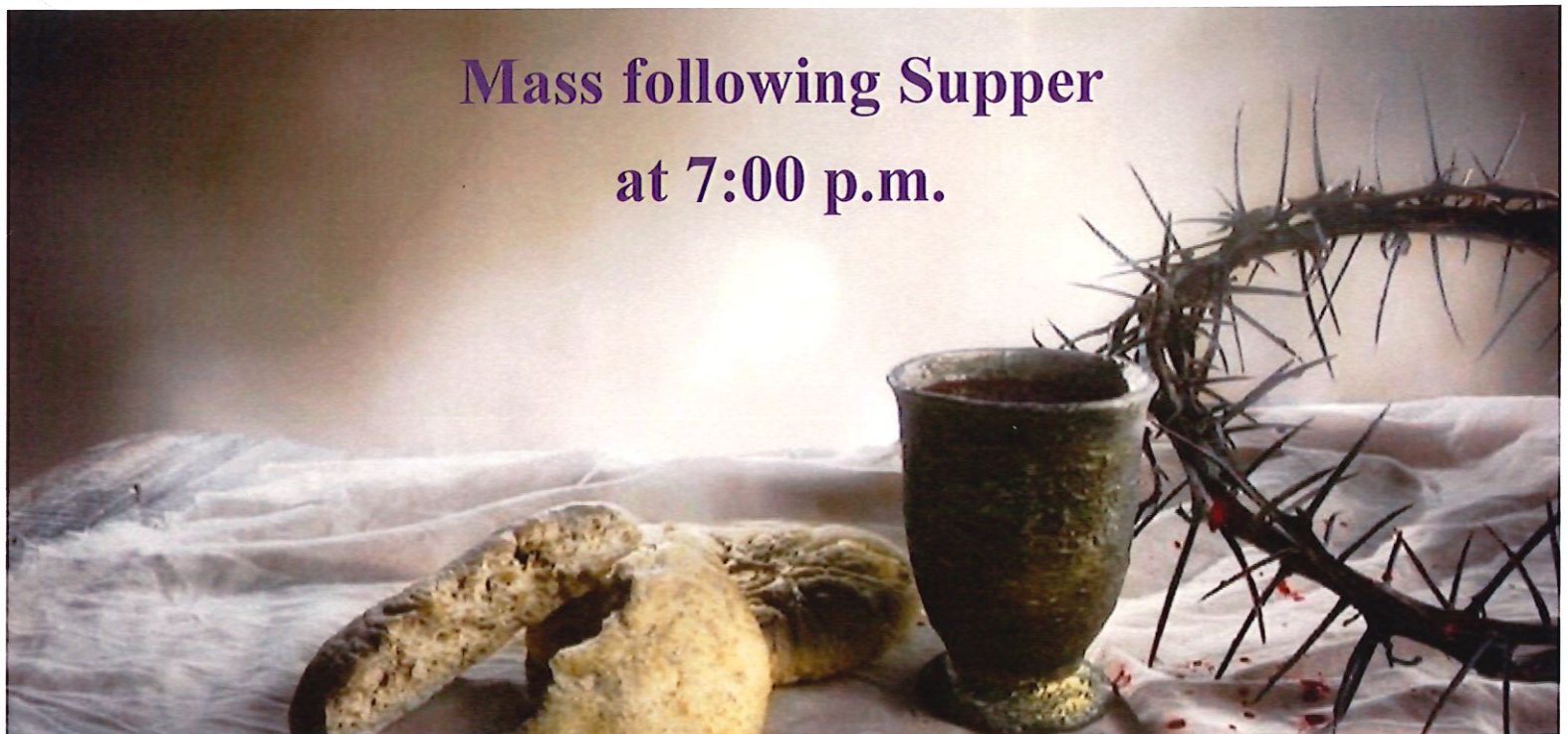
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Free Will Offering

We share a meal with you as a symbol of the last supper. The last meal Jesus shared with his disciples.

All Are Welcome!

Mass following Supper
at 7:00 p.m.



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