

### Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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### April 19-20, 2025 – Easter 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 20 Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners 10:30 a.m. – +Gary Speich Monday, April 21 - NO MASS

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, April 22 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – +Alma Grosz

Wednesday, April 23 9:00 a.m. - +Gaylas Pritchard

Thursday April 24

9:00 a.m. - Special Intentions

Friday, April 25

9:00 a.m. - Braden DeKeyser

Saturday, April 26

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

5:15 p.m. - +Jim Hill

Sunday, April 27 Divine Mercy Sunday

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. - +Gaylas Pritchard

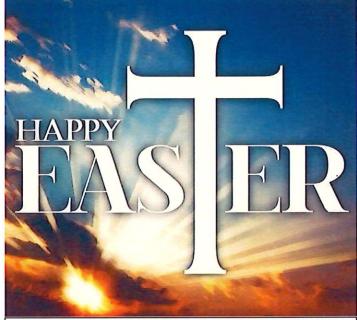
Divine Mercy Chaplet - 4:00 p.m.

### **Weekly Offering**

Thank You for Your Support!

### April 12-13, 2025

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Adult: \$6,981.27		Children: \$26		
Improvements: \$				
Poor Fund: \$468				
Collected to Da	<u>te</u>	<u>Goal</u>		
\$136,007.99	Adult	\$134,400.00		
\$536.00	Children	\$480.00		
\$7,139.96	Improvements	\$16,000.00		
\$138,432.77	Living our Faith	\$400,807.00		
\$42,454.75	God's Gift	\$71,975.59		



From Fr. Gary Luiten, Ronda, Julie, Jim & Mary Beth

### This Week

Monday, April 21, 2025: Parish Office is Closed

Thursday, April 24, 2025
Kitchen Konnection, 5:30 p.m.
Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

### Easter Season

Easter is the most important liturgical time for Catholics. It celebrates Jesus's victory over sin and death and salvation for humankind. It is God's greatest act of love to redeem humanity.

The second longest season, the Easter season is a 50-day period, beginning on Easter Sunday and ending on Pentecost. Marking the celebration of Christ's resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Only Ordinary Time is longer.

This season is a time of joyful celebration, focusing on the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The 50-day period is derived from the 50 days between Passover and Pentecost in Judaism.

### **Key Events of the Easter Season:**

<u>Easter Sunday</u>: Marks the beginning of the season, celebrating the resurrections of Jesus.

Ascension of the Lord: Celebrated 40 days after Easter, commemorating Jesus' ascension into heaven.

<u>Pentecost</u>: Celebrated 50 days after Easter, marking the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles.

Liturgical Significance of the Easter Season:
During the Easter season, lessons from the Acts of
the Apostles replace readings from the Old
Testament, emphasizing the early church's role as
witnesses to the Resurrection.

### Easter Season Highlights

- The Paschal Candle is kept in the sanctuary until Pentecost Sunday.
- Easter liturgies include white or gold vestments, singing the Gloria and Alleluia, and sprinkling holy water.
- The Easter Season is celebrated as a single joyful feast, called the "great Lord's Day."

### A Prayer for Easter

Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate. Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen. Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing. Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty. Christ is Risen indeed from the dead,

the first of the sleepers,

Glory and power are His forever and ever.

### **Faith Formation**

### Faith Formation This Week.

Last Sunday our Confirmation and First Eucharist Students had their Sacramental Retreat. It was an afternoon filled with the Holy Spirit! Fr. Gary Luiten, Heather Madson, Julie Yourczek and Mary Beth Odegaard presented the sessions and were extremely impressed with the students' knowledge of their faith! This group of young people are ready to say I DO when they renew their baptismal promises and are excited to receive the Holy Spirit and the Body and Blood of Christ!

Confirmation and 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Students will be receiving 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 students in your prayers.

### Class, Grades PK-12

Sunday, April 20	
PK	No Class
Wednesday, April 23	
Grs 1-5	5:45 p.m.
B4WOW	6:30 p.m.
WOW	6:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 27	
PK	No Class
Wednesday, April 30	
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/

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 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.



### True North - VBS

June 10-11-12, 2025 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. \$35 for Blessed Sacrament youth. \$45 for visiting youth. To register contact the Parish Office.

Clawida can't wait to meet you!

**VBS Registration is open.** The deadline for registration is Friday, May 23. Age requirements: youth entering kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade for the upcoming school year. Information and the registration form is available on our website: <a href="https://www.bscwf.org/vbs/">https://www.bscwf.org/vbs/</a>. 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.

Recognition for Confirmation & 1st Eucharist Students 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.

### **Music Ministry**

Joyful Voices April 27

Practice Sing 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

### **Parish Life**

Anointing of the Sick, May 3-4 at all Masses. If you are ill; will soon be having surgery; are elderly; if you need healing in mind, body, or spirit. Please stand for the anointing and receive the prayers of your faith community.

### Daily Readings - April 20-26, 2025

April 20: Acts 10:34a,27-43, Col 3:1-4, Jn 20:1-9

April 21: Acts 2:14,22-33, Mt 28:8-15

April 22: Acts 2:36-41, Jn 20:11-18

April 23: Acts 3:1-10, Lk 24-35

April 24: Acts 3:11-26, Lk 24:35-48

April 25: Acts 4:1-12, Jn 21:1-14

April 26: Acts 4:13-21, Mk 16:9-15

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. This will take ½ an hour of your time; all are invited and encouraged to join us!

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 76.12% 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. Please participate in the support of our diocesan church.

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

Mel Zacher, April 20

High School Seniors: The Graduation Recognition 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 mail soon.



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.

New Member Registration. If you are interested in becoming a registered member of Blessed Sacrament, please see Fr. Gary Luiten, call the Parish Office 701-282-3321 or register on our website <a href="https://www.bscwf.org/become-a-">https://www.bscwf.org/become-a-</a>.
member/

### Our Sympathy to.

- LeRoy Juve on the death of his mother, Osie Juve.
- The family of <u>Dorothy Zdeb</u>.
- Evan Spanier on the death of his father, <u>Michael Spanier</u>.

May Osie, Dorothy and, Michael rest in peace in the arms of our Lord.

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

\*Those who are sick or have medical problems:
Cathy Olson (friend of Greg & Julie Yourczek),
Sam Gingerich (brother-in-law of Jody Jones),
Kasie Lee (sister of Kaitlyn Dobmeier),
George Schmidt, Dwight Keller, Stan Dreckman,,
Darlene Kirchoffner, John Anderson, Larry Kelly

### \*Those who are healing:

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

### \*Other prayer requests:

Jason Stone, Cindy Wulff, The Bosch Family

### Pack the Pew Results.

875 pounds donated to West Fargo Eats
290 pounds to the B.S.C. Blessing Box
1,165 pounds TOTAL

1,165 total pounds of non-perishable food and personal care items donated by the Blessed Sacrament Faith Family! THANK YOU! You are amazing!

# That Pew Was PACKED!! Dear Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Congregation,

On behalf of all of us at West Fargo Eats., we extend our deepest thanks for your incredible generosity during your Lenten food drive. The 875 pounds of food you donated is not just a number—it represents countless meals, comfort, and hope for individuals and families in need within our community.

Your selfless giving during this season of reflection and sacrifice is a true embodiment of compassion and faith in action. Every item collected speaks volumes of your kindness, and we are profoundly grateful for the love and care you have poured into this effort.

Thank you for being a shining example of what it means to serve others. Your support makes a real difference, and we are truly blessed to partner with such a devoted and generous congregation.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Chelsie Bormann Director West Fargo Eats

**St. Jude Bake Sale**, Saturday and Sunday May 3 & 4, before and after all Masses. The proceeds will go to the poor fund.

YOU ARE WORTH YOUR WEIGHT IN GOLD!! Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, May 6, 2025 – All Volunteers are cordially invited to attend! If you have volunteered in any way, any shape, any form at Blessed Sacrament liturgies, events, cleaning, delivering, baking, office help, teaching, etc. Call the Parish Office to sign up 701-282-3321.

### **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**

Tuesday, May 6, 6:00 p.m.
ALL Volunteers are welcome!
RSVP by April 29
to the Parish Office.

### **UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVES:**

Monday, June 30, 3 - 6 p.m. Tuesday, September 24, 3 - 6 p.m. Monday, December 16, 3 - 6 p.m.

### We Pray In Remembrance of...

April 21: Marie Lipp

April 22: Willie Goldade, Ione Frank

April 23: Gaylas Pritchard April 24: Wilfred Robillard

April 25: Jeanette Boyer, Arnold Veit

Welcome to the Family Room! We are blessed to have such a wonderful room for our families with young children. The Family Room is on the north side of the church (The room with the blue chairs). This room is reserved for infants and toddlers with their parents and people with special needs.

### **Knights of Columbus Council # 6465**

Faith in action. Catholic men living their faith at home, in their parish, and their community.



Next Meeting: Thursday, May 1, 7 p.m.

### 2023-2024 Officers

Grand Knight: Eduardo Pablo Deputy Grand Knight: Rory Lee Chanlain: Er Gary Luiten

Chaplain: Fr. Gary Luiten

Financial Secretary: Darrell Dimmer

Treasurer: Darren Rohrich Recorder: John Jones Chancellor: Steve Curfman Advocate: Colter Pratt Warden: Darrell Dimmer Inside Guard: Bob Kuklok Outside Guard: Rick Olstad

Trustees: Bill Rohrich, Shawn DeKeyser,

Steve Perreault

### **Sacraments**

Contact Fr. Gary Luiten regarding any of the following sacraments.

701-282-3321 or Gary@bscwf.org

- <u>Baptism</u>: 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.
- <u>Reconciliation</u>: 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.

### Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten

### Easter Sunday April 20, 2025

The message of Easter, though the same year after year, is an awesome one: Jesus rising from the dead and how He conquered the power of sin and darkness. What a great day we celebrate, the beginning of a new season in the church year, that of Easter. It is truly a season of joy. The empty tomb along with the scripture writers, Mary Magdalene, Peter, John, the disciples, and Mary, our mother, do indeed give testimony to Jesus' resurrection. It is through Jesus' resurrection that we receive the Light of Christ.

In trying to explain what Easter is all about, we can use the difference between light and darkness which is so evident in the Easter Vigil liturgy. When darkness is spoken about in scripture it usually represents the chaos, the disorder, the evil, and the sin which our world has come under since the fall of our first parents. And now, Easter reminds us that the light has arisen. Jesus rose body and soul for us! Now Christ has come and has given us the reason for to live! His death has brought us life!

The light of Christ brings joy! This begins the season of Joy that has come from God. One of the early fathers of the Church, St. John Chrysostom, really captures the thought of the great joy of Easter when he says, "It is not only earth, but heaven as well which has a part in today's paschal feast. The angels exult, the Archangels rejoice, the Cherubim and the Seraphim join us in the celebration of today's feast... What room is there for sadness?"

We pray that this Easter, God would give us an ever-fresh zeal for defending and proclaiming our faith in our risen Lord now, throughout the Easter season, and for the rest of our lives. I wish you all a blessed and joyful Easter. May our crucified and risen Lord inspire us all to not lose sight of the prize of new life in Christ.

### Volunteerism - Stewardship

Blessed Sacrament Website Has Been Updated. Ministry Scheduler Pro can now be accessed from the Blessed Sacrament Website. <a href="www.bscwf.org">www.bscwf.org</a> Go to MINISTRIES – Ministry Schedule. Links from April 1, 2025 to January 31, 2026 are also posted on that same page.

### **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.

Rummage Sale, Friday April 25, 2-7 p.m.; Saturday, April 26, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Holy Cross Bus Barn, 2820 Bluestem Dr, West Fargo.

### Speich - Breker Estate Sale

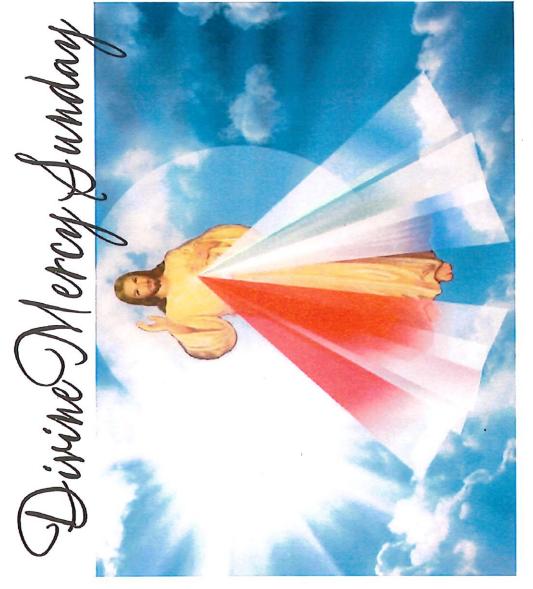
May 1, 2, 3 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. 813 6<sup>th</sup> St E, West Fargo, ND

**60+ Senior Extravaganza.** A day of fun and education. Thursday, May 8, 2025, 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Rustad Recreation Center, 601 26<sup>th</sup> Ave E, West Fargo. Speakers & Vendors, Information Booths, Coffee & Noon Lunch. Preregistration is required. No charge. To register call 701-433-5360.

How to Help a Grieving Friend. Tuesday, May 13, 11: a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Boulger Funeral Home, Fargo. Learn about how to show up when a friend or loved one is grieving. Coffee and cookies will be served.

### Job Openings

**Elementary School Principal, Trinity Elementary** St. John Paul II Catholic Schools is searching for a dynamic, faith-filled educational leader to serve as Principal at Trinity Elementary School for the 2025-26 school year. The school serves children in grade Pre-K through grade 5. The Principal is the administrative and instructional leader of the total school program who supervises, observes, and evaluates staff and the instructional program, establishes a positive school climate, promotes positive communications between the school and community, and manages school resources and budget. Successful candidate must be a practicing Catholic with knowledge of Catholic teachings. Candidates also must hold and be able to obtain current ND Teaching Certificate and ND Principal's Credential.



# Please Join us in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet Sunday, April 27, 4:00 p.m.

# April 26-27, 2025 – Divine Mercy Sunday Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	J. Neva	T. Baumer	M. Curfman
ЕМНС	*J. & J. Jones, S. & J. Neva, K. Jalbert	*/**M. Doster, P. Jorgensen, J. Aberle, W. Suchla, D. Nechiporenko	*M. Curfman, L. Wegner, M. Regner, K. Novak, M. Kern
Gift Bearers	K. & A. Jalbert	L. & L. Juve	B. & K. Novak
Servers	E. Rohrich, H. Schiele, W. Schiele	E. Esposito, G. Yourczek, S. DeKeyser	J. Norton, Volunteer, Volunteer
Ushers	J. Jones, B. Krogen	W. Suchla, T. Allmaras	J. Regner, R. Norton
Greeters	D. & J. Rohrich	W. & J. Suchla	T. Tweeter, J. Norton
Rosary Leader	M. Barnes	T. Baumer	M. Kern
Sacristan	J. Neva	J. Aberle	L. Wegner
Media Minister	L. Martin	*Eucharist Minister **	Takes to home bound



### In Memory of

**Betty Allmaras** 

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Robert & Angela Cossette
Grace Coville
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Thomas Feist
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Dennis Kanwischer
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Tim & Linda Feist

# Anointing of the Sick May 3-4, 2025 at all Masses



## When should you receive this anointing?

When dangerously ill, no matter your age Before surgery If you are elderly and especially weak When you need healing in mind, body or spirit

### Why should you receive this anointing?

For strength & courage to accept illness For help in recovery To help prepare for death For peace if anxious

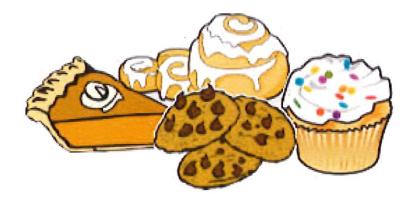
Unite with your Faith Community who are praying for you.

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# May 3 - 4, 2025

before and after all Masses



proceeds will be donated to the Poor Fund

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### Directory

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Julie Yourczek - Julie@bscwf.org

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Mary Beth Odegaard - MaryBeth@bscwf.org

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### Media Information

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### Feast/Holy Day

April 20: Easter Sunday

the Week of April 20, 2025

Father, I am tempted to worry about so many things. Our world is a mess! Forgive me for focusing on anything or anyone but You. Thank You for the Bible that equips and empowers me to live each day. Right now, I declare that You are my only Hope. Please help me remember that You really are in control. 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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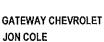
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### **Blessed Sacrament** Knights of Columbus



Meet the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Faith in action. Catholic men living their faith at home, in their parish, and their community.

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