Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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www.bscwf.org email: info@bscwf.org

April 26-27, 2025 ~ Divine Mercy 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 27 Divine Mercy Sunday
8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners
10:30 a.m. – +Gaylas Pritchard
Divine Mercy Chaplet, 4:00 p.m.
Monday, April 28 - NO MASS
Tuesday, April 29 at Sheyenne Crossings
1:00 p.m. – Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, April 30 9:00 a.m. – +Rogene Veil

<u>Thursday, May 1</u>

9:00 a.m. – +Al Huber

Friday, May 2

9:00 a.m. – +Olivido Villimar de Pablo Saturday, May 3 Anointing of the Sick

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

**5:15** p.m. – +Ted Nilles

Sunday, May 4 Anointing of the Sick

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners 10:30 a.m. – Larry Mickelson

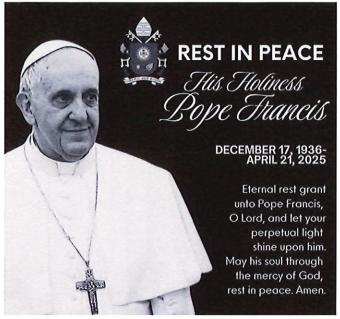
#### **Weekly Offering**

Thank YOU for Supporting Blessed Sacrament!

April 18, 2025 – Good Friday (Holy Land) Adults: \$821

#### April 19-20, 2025 - Easter

Adult: \$9,179.28		Children: \$56
Improvements: \$574		Poor Fund: \$232
<b>Collected to Date</b>		<b>Goal to Date</b>
\$145,187.27	Adult	\$142,800.00
\$592.00	Children	\$510.00
\$7,713.95	Improvements	\$17,000.00
\$143,181.52	Living our Fait	h \$400,807.00
\$44.950.00	God's Gift	\$71.975.59



#### **This Week**

Sunday, April 27, 2025 PK, 10:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet, 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29, 2025
Finance Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 1, 2025
Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 2, 2025 Adoration, 9:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 3, 2025 Holy Hour with Adoration, 3:30 p.m.



#### **Faith Formation**

Confirmation and First Eucharist Candidates. We congratulate our young people who will be receiving their Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist Sunday, April 27 at the Cathedral of St. Mary. Please pray for them.

#### Congratulations

Lux Bruggeman
Lucie Epping
Oushtaw Laducer
Hayden Knudsen
Tseigbai Mowenn
Roenick
Haddie Buettner
Liam Ferber
Evan Kleinwachter
Charles Kottsick
Theodore Salter

God made you the unique person you are for His purpose and glory.
Through His grace and the Holy Spirit, you have everything you need to live for Him.
Congratulations on your
Confirmation and First Eucharist, and best wishes as you continue to grow in God's ways.

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!

#### Class, Grades PK-12

Sunday, April 27	
PK	10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, April 30	
Grs 1-5	5:45 p.m.
B4WOW	6:30 p.m.
WOW	6:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 4	
PK	10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 7	
Grs 1-5	5:45 p.m.
B4WOW	6:30 p.m.
WOW	6:30 p.m.

Permission Slip MUST be Signed by Parents. If your student is in grade 1-5 and he/she wants to walk or ride bike to Faith Formation class without parental supervision, we need you to sign a form giving your child(ren) permission to do so. Please reach out to Mary Beth or Julie to 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. \$40 for visiting youth. To register contact the Parish Office. Bruce wants to play!

**VBS Registration is open.** The deadline for registration is Friday,

May 23. Age requirements: youth entering kindergarten through grade 5, 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 Needs:**

- Parents and Other Fellow Parishioners: If you have time and enjoy planning events, please reach out to Mary Beth or Julie in the Parish Office. Want to begin organizing what we have to work with and come up with an action plan. Help us make this a memorable VBS for our youth.
- Youth and Adult Helpers: Need to know as soon as possible if you are able to help the week of VBS. We are recruiting youth grades 6 & older.
  - Adults helping 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.

#### **FORMED - Join Today!**

- Visit formed.org.
- Click Sign Up (as a parishioner)
- Enter your parish zip code (58078)
- Enter your name and email address You're In!

#### **Music Ministry**

Joyful Voices	Practice	Sing
May 4	9 30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
May 18	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Choir Practice Sing 7:45 a.m. 8:30 a.m.

#### We Need Accompanists & Cantors!

Accompanist – The accompanist is responsible for providing accompaniment for the hymns and acclamations during the Mass. Knowledge of the Catholic Mass is preferred. *This is a paid position.* 

<u>Cantor (Song Leader)</u> – The Cantor is both a singer and leader of the congregational songs. The Cantor has the responsibility for leading the assembly, and inviting them in hymns and acclamations used throughout Mass. You should have a strong singing voice. This ministry is open to high school/adult singers. *This is a volunteer opportunity.* 

If you are interested in assisting at weekend Masses, please contact Ronda at Ronda@bscwf.org or call the Parish Office 701-282-3321.

#### Parish Life



## Volunteer Appreciation Dinner You're Worth Your Weight in Gold!

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



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 Blessed Sacrament Family.

#### Attention 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 should have received an invitation, if not, please contact the Parish Office.

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

Happy Anniversary! We pray for those who are celebrating a wedding anniversary this week.

Gerald & Jean Kern, May 3, 50 years!

Daily Readings - April 27-May 3, 2025

April 27: Acts 5:12-16, Rv 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19, Jn 20:19-31

April 28: Acts 4:23-31, Jn 3:1-8

April 29: Acts 4:32-37, Jn 3:7b-15

April 30: Acts 5:17-26, Jn 3:16-21

May 1: Acts 5:27-33, Jn 3:31-35

May 2: Acts 5:34-42, Jn 6:2-25

May 3: 1 Cor 15:1-8, Jn 14:6-14

**Eucharistic Adoration** is when the Eucharist is exposed for viewing. The exposed Eucharist must not be left alone, Blessed Sacrament parish has two Adoration opportunities each month:

- First Friday: 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. May 2.
- First Saturday Holy Hour: 3:30:4:3 0 p.m. May 3



Kitchen Konnection Upcoming dates, and themes:

Polish Night will be rescheduled

May 8 – Cinco de Mayo – Taco Bar

May 22 – Hooray School is OUT! - Brunch.

\*Menus are subject to change.

Lent & Holy Week. What an amazing journey beginning on Ash Wednesday all the way through to Easter Sunday. Our parish family – that means YOU really made this year special. Thank you, thank you, thank you. (Hopefully no one is overlooked)

- Stations of the Cross: Our youth doing the enactments, those that attended and enjoyed the movies after.
- Prayer Cross: For all that placed prayers on the cross and those that took intentions home and prayed for one another.
- **Fish Supper:** Our bakers, fish fryers, cleaners, dining room helpers, contributors, etc.
- Environment Ideas and Changes: For those
  who made the time to jump in and help. It gets
  crazy having to change the environment every
  day during Holy Week.
- Liturgies: Servers, Cross Bearers, Greeters, Gift Bearers, Lectors, Ushers, Altar Dressers, Choir Participants, Foot Washees, Rosary Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers, attendees
- Stew Supper (Holy Thursday): Cooks, bakers, set-up, servers, dishwashers, clean-up crew, attendees
- Easter Vigil Social: Bakers, set up help, servers, clean-up peeps

-Julie

#### Our Sympathy to

- · Clare Schmidt on the death of her husband, George Schmidt.
- Joan Anderson on the death of her nephew, Roger Short.
- Jody Jones on the death of her brother-inlaw Sam Gingerich.

May George, Roger and Sam rise with the angels into the arms of our Lord.

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

\*Those who are sick or have medical problems: Thea Yourczek (cousin of Greg Yourczek), Sandra Zittleman (cousin of Wally Odegaard), Eugene Krei, Cathy Olson, Kasie Lee, 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

Sign-up for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner! Tuesday, May 6, 2025 - If you have volunteered in any way, shape, or form in Blessed Sacrament's liturgies, at events, cleaning, delivering, baking, etc. Sign up to attend by contacting the Parish Office at 701-282-3321. Deadline to RSVP: April 29!

Spring Clean Up is coming, Saturday, May 10. This is a perfect opportunity for families to get involved and help. We start at 9:00 a.m. and are usually done before noon.

Stew Supper and Holy Thursday donations brought in \$1,192 to the BSC Poor Fund. Good Friday donations totaled \$821 for the Holy Land, to help maintain holy sites, support pastoral, charitable, and educational activities, and assist Christians living in the Holy Land.

**Upcoming Blessed Sacrament 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 27: Irma Hernandez, Clarence Hayek

April 28: Ernestine Bartel April 29: John Meyers

May 1: Merrilee Klemisch, Gabriel Hager,

Conrad Meisch

May 2: Larry Lafountaine, Ronald Greenwell May 3: Verda Mangin, Char Pauls-Laufman

#### \*\*Support Blessed Sacrament & Win Big!\*\*

Don't miss out on your chance to win big while supporting our parish! The Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus Council is holding a raffle with fantastic odds. Only 250 tickets will be sold, giving you a great chance to win one of the 15 cash prizes, including the \$5,000 Grand Prize! With a total prize pool of \$14,000 and a 1 in 16.67 chance of winning any prize for each ticket purchased, your \$100 ticket could bring a significant return. Most importantly, all proceeds will directly fund vital capital improvements for our beloved Blessed Sacrament Church. Get your tickets soon before they sell out and help us invest in the future of our parish while getting a shot at winning thousands! To purchase your ticket, contact Mary Beth at the Parish Office or Eduardo Pablo at eduardo.pablo@outlook.com.

Drawing: Sunday, July 20, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

Location: Blessed Sacrament Church Tickets: \$100 each (Must be 18+)



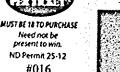
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#### **KC Blessed Sacrament** Council 6465 RAFFLE

Drawing Sunday, July 20th, 2025 11:00 AM **BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH** 210 5th Ave W • West Fargo, ND 58078



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#### Volunteerism - Stewardship

LITURGY MINISTERS: Please go onto the MSP to schedule for May and June. There are also schedules available online through the end of the year. If you know when you are not available, make sure to update that under your profile. You can also choose specific liturgies that you know you can assist with. Questions?? Reach out to Julie

**NEEDED - Praver Warriors.** The Blessed Sacrament Prayer Warriors are a group of individuals who pray, in the privacy of their own home, for those who have requested prayer. If you are interested in joining our Warriors of Prayer or if you have questions, contact MaryBeth@bscwf.org or call 701-282-3321.

NEEDED – Media Ministers. The Blessed Sacrament Media Ministers are the ones that get our Mass on West Fargo Public Access cable channel AND on our YouTube channel! They manage the cameras and equipment to make this happen. They record the Saturday 5:15 p.m. Mass. If you are interested in learning more about being a Media Minister, please contact Julie@bscwf.org or call 701-282-3321.

#### Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Second Sunday of Easter - April 27, 2025

This weekend we hear in the gospel the importance of faith. Jesus to Thomas: "Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe!" It seems there is a little bit of Thomas in each of us. We like to "persist in our unbelief" at times. Oh, it's true, we go to church weekly, but do we trust in Jesus? Do we trust that Jesus can help us through times of doubt, despair, loneliness, or sin? We persist in our unbelief when we fail to turn to God in times of trouble. We fail to believe in the saving power of Jesus when we rush through the day without once turning to God in prayer, as if God did not even exist!

Many times, these may not be big problems. But the real problem is when we persist in our unbelief! We feel that it is easier not to believe than to believe. Sometimes it is hard to trust in God, especially when God allows bad things to happen like terrorist acts, natural disasters, and the horrors of war. We must remember that such acts are not a part of God's will but a result of our fallen human nature, human nature's free will, and the fallen world in which we live.

Sometimes we may doubt that Jesus can help us. We may wrongly think that we are so terrible that we are beyond the point of being helped. If that is one's thought, remember that Jesus is all-powerful! If he can change twelve ordinary sinful men into apostles, God can do much with the likes of us. Sometimes we may doubt that God will help us. We may wrongly think, "Why would Jesus waste His time on helping me?" If that is our thought, ponder this: He "wasted" his time on you and me when he died for us! Jesus thinks we are worth His time. We should never think that Jesus doesn't have time for us.

Our faith is summed up in the dying and rising of Christ, the victory that He won for us. So let us not forget that there was a victory that was won for us, that Jesus conquered the power of sin and opened for us gates of heaven. It is a season of celebrating the victory! Now that we are in Easter, there is always the temptation to look back on Lent and see all the little resolutions, plans, and goals that we did not get to fulfill. I think you'll be surprised at the many good things you did. There are, no doubt, many little victories that we accomplished with the help of God, during the season of Lent.

May we continue to celebrate the victory of the Lord's triumph over sin and death and ask the Lord to remove all doubts so that we may not persist in unbelief, but believe!

#### Living Our Faith, Building Our Future

Blessed Sacrament Goal: \$400,807.00

Collected to Date: \$143,181.52 (as of 4/17/25)

146 Households out of 423 have pledged.

That = 34.52% household participation

Fr. Gary would like to see 100% participation.

Please make your pledge today.

Every donation helps. Contact the Parish Office if you have questions 701-282-3321

#### **Community & Diocesan Events**

New Monday Study/Discussion Group
Lent isn't the end to our striving for holiness,
conversion, and growth! Are you looking for a way
to grow in your faith during the Easter season and
beyond? Join Sr. Mary Ruth Monday mornings
(6-7:15 a.m., April 28 – June 23, or evenings.
(7-8:30 p.m.) May 5 - June 23, for study and
discussion. The video series used will be "Lectio:
God" and "Lectio: Mary," respectively [a.m. and
p.m.]. These groups may be attended in person (St.
Francis Retreat Center, Hankinson, ND) or online.
Contact Sr. Mary Ruth at (701) 242-7195 or
srmaryruth@sfcretreats.org for more information.
There is no charge to attend, but purchasing a
workbook would be helpful.

Men of the Cross Meeting, Thursday, May 1, 6:30 p.m., Nativity Church. This meeting is for all current members and anyone who is interested in becoming a Man of the Cross.

Why do the Men of the Cross wear a Saint Benedict Crucifix?

- 1. To remind us to pray more.
- 2. To remind us to act like Christian disciples.
- 3. To bring Christ into our secular culture.

If you would like to receive a Saint Benedict Crucifix, contact any of the men you see wearing one and they will get you one or you can stop by the Nativity Church office and get as many as you would like. Men of the Cross is sponsored by Nativity Church.

Great Plains Harmony Presents – There's a Meet'n Here Tonight with Fallcreek and Night Cap. Friday, May 2, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 3, 2:30 p.m. Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4000 28th St S, Moorhead. Admission, \$20 Adults, \$10 Students. Tickets available at www.GreatPlainsHarmony.org.

Do Whatever He Tells You. All are invited to join us for a *Eucharistic Rosary Congress* with seven days of Adoration and Hourly Rosaries taking place at Sts Anne and Joachim Magnificat Chapel from Saturday, May 3, 8:30 a.m. at the opening Mass through the closing Mass on Friday, May 9, 7 a.m. Please call Cindy Petrich at 701-552-1675 to sign up or for more information. Our Mission is to bring every soul to believe in and to love deeply Jesus Christ in the Eucharist through Mary and the Rosary.

**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 Ave E, West Fargo. Speakers & Vendors, Information Booths, Coffee & Noon Lunch. Pre-registration is required. No charge. To register call 701-433-5360.

#### **Job Openings**

JPII Catholic Schools Open Positions: To apply visit <a href="https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/">https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/</a> or call 701-893-3231 for more information.

#### Teaching Positions - Fall of 2025

- English Language Arts Teacher Sacred Heart
- Physical Education Teacher Sacred Heart
- Religion Teacher Sacred Heart Middle School
- Theology Teacher Shanley High School
- Long-Term Substitute Teacher Trinity Elem.
- Long-Term Substitute Science Teacher Sacred Heart Middle School

#### Other Positions

- Evening Custodian Shanley High School/Sacred Heart (Immediate Opening)
- Little Deacons Childcare Teacher Holy Spirit Elementary (July 2025)
- Little Deacons Childcare Worker Holy Spirit Elementary School (Fall 2025)
- Paraprofessional Holy Spirit Elementary School (Fall 2025)

Elementary School Principal – Trinity
Elementary for the 2025-26 school year. The school serves children in grade Pre-K through grade 5. For more information go to <a href="https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/">https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/</a> or call 701-893-3231

## May 3-4, 2025 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	S. Neva	N. Peterson	M. Kern
EMHC	*M. Pierce, C. Paintner, S. & J. Neva, K. Jalbert	*F. McCann, M.A. Schuster, N. Peterson, J. Yourczek, L. Sample	*B. Opoien, L. Grosz, G. Larson, D. Krogen, M. Kern
Gift Bearers	A. Larson, T. Tweeter	J. & B. Wells	K. & L. Grosz
Servers	J. Walter, M. Pierce, A. Walter	G. Wells, A. Wells, G. Yourczek	J. Norton, S., Volunteer, Volunteer
Ushers	E. & C. Pablo	W. Suchla, P. Boyles	R. Haugen, T. Gross
Greeters	A. Larson, T. Tweeter	J. & B. Wells	K. & L. Grosz
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	S. Durbin	M. Kern
Sacristan	J. Jones	L. Sample	M. Kern
Media Minister	M. Berntson	*Eucharist Minister **S. DeKeyser – to the home bound	

# YOU ARE WORTH YOUR WEIGHT IN GOLD

ALL Blessed Sacrament Volunteers are invited to the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025 6:00 P.M.



RSVP by Tuesday, April 29 to the Parish Office 701-282-3321

#### **Directory**

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

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Position Name **Email Address** Pastor: Fr. Gary Luiten - Gary@bscwf.org

Parish Life/Volunteerism/Director of Religious Ed.

Julie Yourczek - Julie@bscwf.org

Administrative Secretary/Youth Ministry:

Mary Beth Odegaard - MaryBeth@bscwf.org

Music Coordinator:

Ronda Voss - Ronda@bscwf.org

#### Media Information

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Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church West Fargo

Web Site: www.bscwf.org

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#### Feast/Holy Day

the Week of April 27, 2025

April 27: Divine Mercy Sunday

April 8: Sts. Peter Chanel & Louis Gignion

April 29: St. Catherine of Siena

April 30: St. Pius V.

May: 1: St. Joseph the Worker

May 2: St. Athanasis

May 3: Apostles Philip & James

#### **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.

#### Sleep Wellness Center



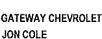
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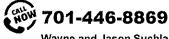
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