



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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701-282-3321

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May 17-18, 2025 – 5th Sunday of Easter

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, May 18

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – Shannon O’Leary

Monday, May 19 - NO MASS

Tuesday, May 20 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – +Gaylas Pritchard

Wednesday, May 21

9:00 a.m. - +Cecelia Kirchoffner

Thursday May 22

9:00 a.m. – Monica Green

Friday, May 23

9:00 a.m. – +Marlyn C. Lenzmeier

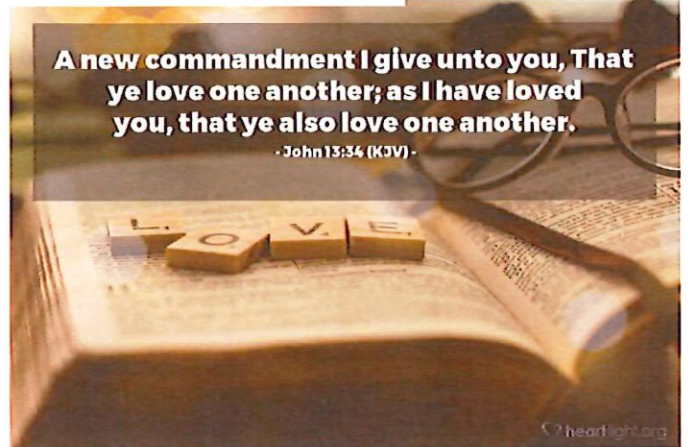
Saturday, May 24

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

5:15 p.m. – Kent Johnson

Sunday, May 25

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioners



This Week

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Youth Recognition at 10:30 a.m. Mass
Reception following Mass at 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Faith Formation Wrap-up, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 22, 2025

Kitchen Konnection, 5:30 p.m.

ONE SUNDAY MASS begins NEXT week!

Weekly Offering

Thank You for Your Support!

May 10-11, 2025

Adult: \$5,496.27

Children: \$11

Improvements: \$473

Poor Fund: \$731

Collected to Date

		<u>Goal</u>
\$164,986.42	Adult	\$168,000.00
\$610.00	Children	\$600.00
\$9,793.44	Improvements	\$20,000.00
\$144,772.44	Living our Faith	\$400,807.00
\$47,822.50	God's Gift	\$71,975.59

Faith Formation

PARENTS: Time to start thinking about next fall and get your child(ren) registered for Faith Formation classes. Registration forms will be available on the website, or in the office. Deadline is July 31, 2025.

Wrap-up Meeting: Wednesday, May 21, 6:30 p.m. Please come with your likes, dislikes and suggestions for classes beginning in September.

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. Register online
at www.bscwf.org/vbs or contact the
Parish Office 282-3321.
Juneau wants a treat!

Registrations for VBS are due Friday, May 23.
The sooner the better as we need to get materials
ordered. Thank you!!

**Helpers/Planners/Station & Crew Leaders for
VBS:** Age requirements to help are students in
grades 6 and up as well as adults. Please reach out
to Julie as soon as possible if you would like to help
in any way.

REMINDER FOR ADULTS: *Adults helping MUST
have a background check and complete the
Diocese Safe Environment requirements of the
Circle of Care and Code of Conduct. Please
contact Julie in the Parish Office for further
information.

Music Ministry

Joyful Voices	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Sing</u>
May 18	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Choir	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Sing</u>
May 18	7:45 a.m.	8:30 a.m.

Parish Life

Blessed Sacrament Jubilee Pilgrimage! Friday,
July 11, 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*

All are welcome! Bring your friends and family!
Youth under 18 yrs., must be accompanied by an
adult. 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. **REGISTER NOW
AND SECURE YOUR SEAT ON THE BUS!**

**Blessed Sacrament's
Graduating High School Seniors!**



Aubrey Finn

Janelle Kalvoda

Mason Kressin

Morgen Novak

Jonathon Sakrismo

Emily Spadafore

Grace Vetter

Elijah Volk



*You have learned much and grown greatly.
May God guide and direct you
to a Bright and Blessed Future.*

Congratulations!

Blessed Sacrament Directories are HERE!! Pick
yours up today in the Parish Office.

Daily Readings – May 18-24, 2025

May 18: Acts 14:21-27, Rv 21:1-5a,
Jn 13:31-33a,34-35

May 19: Acts 14:5-18, Jn 14:21-26

May 20: Acts 14:19-28, Jn 14:21-26

May 21: Acts 15:1-6, Jn 15:1-8

May 22: Acts 15:7-21, Jn 15:9-11

May 23: Acts 15:22-31, Jn 15:12-17

May 24: Acts 16:1-10, Jn 15:18-21

**Family Fun Night With Bishop Folda, at the
RedHawks Game!** Friday, June 13, 7 p.m. Tickets
\$13 each. Seats are behind home plate. Please let
us know NOW if you would like to go! We must
reserve our seats prior to June 1. **ATTENTION
Altar Servers...** Blessed Sacrament Knights of
Columbus will pay for your tickets!!! Contact the
Parish Office.

Fence Building Assistance Needed. Fr. Luiten
would like to have a fence built on the east side of
the property. Would you be able to help build this
fence? We will purchase the materials. Volunteers
Needed to put up the fence!!! Please contact the
Parish Office if you are able to assist!!

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 81.70% 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.



Kitchen Konnection
Upcoming dates, and themes:

May 22 – Hooray School is OUT! - Brunch.
June 12 – CANCELLED because of VBS
June 26 – Cold Salad Bar, bring a salad to share
July 10 – 4th of July Celebration, Hamburgers
July 24 - TBD

*Menus are subject to change.

Knights of Columbus Raffle - 15 cash prizes, BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!! \$100 each - Grand Prize is \$5,000! 4- \$1,000, 10- \$500 prizes! Your \$100 ticket might bring a significant return. Most importantly, the proceeds will go directly to our beloved Blessed Sacrament, to fund vital capital improvements. 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+)

One Sunday Mass Begins NEXT WEEK. Mass times will change for the summer. Sunday Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. This will be the Sunday schedule through Labor Day Weekend. We will go back to two Sunday Masses starting September 7.

Summer Office Hours Beginning May 30 the Parish Office will be closed on Fridays for the summer. Staff will be back to work on Fridays beginning September 5.

We Pray In Remembrance of...

May 19: Genevieve Pulkrabek, James Meehand, D. A. Koschney, Alice Brokofsky

May 20: Cecil Von Bank, Geraldine Krabbenhoft, Anne Anderson, GERAL Hagensen, Alma Doyle, Bernice Kirkhoff

May 21: Allen Ressler

May 23: LaVeryne Puhr, Adeline Denis

May 24: Loran Paczkowski

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

*Those who are sick or have medical problems:

*Sandra Nowacki, Thea Yourczek,
Sandra Zittleman, Eugene Krei, Cathy Olson,
John Anderson, Larry Kelly*

*Those who are healing:

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

*Other prayer requests:

*Drew Birrenkott, Jason Stone, Cindy Wulff,
The Bosch Family*

Knights of Columbus Council # 6465

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



Next Meeting: Thursday, September 4, 7 p.m.

2023-2024 Officers

Grand Knight: Eduardo Pablo
 Deputy Grand Knight: Rory Lee
 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

- **Baptism:** 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.
- **Reconciliation:** 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

5th Sunday of Easter - May 18, 2025

In this weekend's gospel, Jesus is speaking about distinguishing characteristics of a Christian. It is the Lord Jesus' desire that the distinguishing characteristic of a follower of His is that you "have love for one another."

If we look at the news today, we see a lack of love. Perhaps it is an understatement to say that we are in a world starved for love. And when we talk about love here, we're not talking about being attracted to each other (although at times it can involve this). We are talking about treating others as children of God. There are more broken homes now than there ever were. Acts of terrorism abound on our own soil from our own countrymen and women. The jails throughout the country are as full as they have ever been. There are far too many lapsed Catholics in the world today, who would not have lapsed had true charity been practiced by their relatives and neighbors.

It is against this sad backdrop that we have Jesus' remedy, the mandate we need now more than ever. And so, Jesus gives us our work to do: to love one another. It is not a suggestion. It is not a recommendation, but a commandment. There is no room here for being lukewarm. Jesus in Matthew chapter 5 calls us not just to love our family members and friends, but also our enemies. This was not practiced in the Old Testament. It was hinted at a little in the book of Exodus. Love of God cannot be separated from love of enemies.

May you and I have that distinguishing characteristic of love for our neighbor, so that others may notice that we really are a people set apart by God, because we love one another.

Volunteerism - Stewardship

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!! It was so enjoyable to see everyone having a nice time at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. The High School band, "Blowing Brass", was amazing; loud, but amazing. I guess that's what happens when the venue is smaller than a school auditorium!! J's Catering did such a wonderful job, and the food was delicious. Again, each and every one of you are truly appreciated!!

THANK YOU RONDA VOSS for the beautiful speech you gave at the dinner. Very well said and appreciated!

SPRING CLEAN UP: Thank you to those who were here to help clean up last Saturday, or came during the week to do some cleaning. Also, our 4th Grade students helped clean up during one of their Wednesday class times. *You are all wonderful and we are grateful to have the help!!*

PROCLAIMERS: All weekend readings are available on the MSP program. These readings are linked to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. If you wish to still receive the readings that we copy from our Liturgical book with all the pronunciations and explanations please contact Julie 701-282-3321 or julie@bscwf.org. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE: FALL DINNER/BAZAAR: Sunday, October 5, 2025. If you are interested in being on the planning committee, please let Julie know. You can call 701-282-3321 or email julie@bscwf.org. Will be meeting in June. The date and time will be announced soon. Get your thinking caps on and bring ideas.

BLOOD DRIVE IN JUNE: Monday, June 30, 3-6 p.m. Link to follow. If you would like to get scheduled now without the link, please reach out to Julie at 701-28-3321 or julie@bscwf.org.

Jubilee Year of 2025



International Pilgrimage Site. Assisi, Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, Assisi, Italy. Assisi, Italy is the little town that gave rise to St. Francis, the founder of the Franciscan Order. His commitment to the poor and his rich spiritual legacy continue to speak to the hearts of many. Each year, pilgrims flock to this peaceful place to visit its many sacred sites, including the Basilica of St., Francis, where the great saint's tomb is located.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

Prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

Community & Diocesan Events

Lakes and Prairies Community Action Partnership (CAPLP) Needs Volunteers to deliver food boxes in the Moorhead Area. CAPLP is a nonprofit organization in Moorhead. The agency's goal is to eliminate poverty, empower families, and engage communities. They work with low-income seniors to help them remain independent and healthy for as long as possible by providing different services (housing and tax assistance, health insurance help, med management, transportation, etc.). One program that many of our seniors utilize is called Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors (NAPS) which is a monthly food commodity box for Clay county seniors that is delivered to their residence. These boxes ensure that seniors can save their money for other necessities, eliminate transportation barriers, and help us address food insecurity in Clay County.

Currently, they are looking for volunteers for the months of July, August, October, November, and December 2025 to deliver NAPS boxes to the Moorhead/Dilworth area. Delivery is from 9-11 a.m. July 2 or 9, August 6, October 8, November 5, December 3.

If interested in volunteering please call Flint Devine, Aging Advocate, 218-512-1558.

JPII Student Benefit for Maria Boyle, 2nd Grade Student from Nativity Elementary. In December, 2024, Maria was diagnosed with a brain tumor. She had surgery to remove it, and subsequently spent nearly three months in the hospital. She has recovered amazingly, and continues to progress to a full recovery with various therapies and treatments. A benefit for Maria will be held May 18, 6-8 pm at Sts. Anne and Joachim Catholic Church in Fargo. Join us for a Taco in a Bag dinner and family Bingo night! All online gifts will be boosted by 20% through Lend A Hand Up/Dakota Medical Foundation.

<https://give.lendahandup.org/admin/manage/maria-boyle/events>.

Should Blessed Sacrament Mass be broadcast on W.F. Public Access Channel?

(Formerly Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.)

If you feel this is an important issue, CALL THE WEST FARGO MAYOR & CITY COMMISSIONERS!

Mayor: Bernie Dardis, 701-367-2784

Commissioners:

Brad Olson, 701-715-2177

Roben Anderson, 701-831-7489

Amy Zundel, 701-831-7272

Rory Jorgensen, 701-831-7273

To send an email, go to:

<https://www.westfargond.gov/365/City-Commission>

May 24-25, 2025 – 5th Sunday of Easter Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	9:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	K. Jalbert	M. Doster
EMHC	*B. Opoien, K. Jalbert, E. & C. Pablo, B. Krogen	*/**M. Doster, M. A. Schuster, A. Pritchard, M. Kern, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	R. Larson, G. Larson	P. Jorgensen, Volunteer
Servers	J. Walter, A. Walter, E. Rohrich	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
Ushers	A. Larson, D. Krogen	Volunteer, Volunteer
Greeters	A. Larson, G. Kirkeby	Volunteer, Volunteer
Rosary Leader	M. Barnes	S. Durbin
Sacristan	M. Pablo	M. Kern
Media Minister	M. Berntson	
*Eucharist Minister		**Takes to home bound

Congratulations 2025 Graduates!

Janelle Kalvoda

Parents: Stacie Montgomery & Mark Kalvoda

Graduating from: Sheyenne High School

High School Achievements:

Dean's list, NHS, Pay, Student Council, Honors

Involvement with Blessed Sacrament:

Vacation Bible School helper

After Graduation Plans:

Will be attending the University of Nebraska, Lincoln,
and will be majoring in Accounting.



Morgen Novak

Parents: Brad & Kari Novak

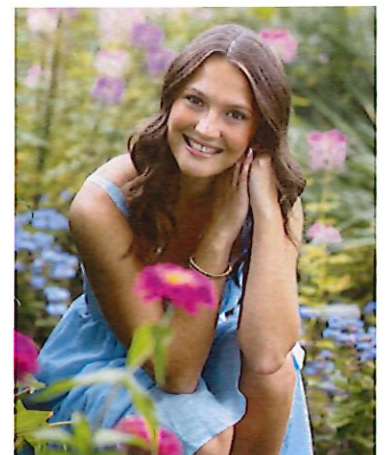
Graduating from: Shenenne High School

High School Achievements: National Honor Society

Involvement with Blessed Sacrament: Gift Bearer, Greeter

After Graduation Plans:

Will be attending the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks,
and will be majoring in Accounting.



Not Pictured:

Aubrey Finn, Mason Kressin, Jonathon Sakrismo, Emily Spadafore and, Grace Vetter

