



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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August 2-3, 2025 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, August 3

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Monday, August 4 - NO MASS

Tuesday, August 5 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, August 6

9:00 a.m. - +Ann Zahradka

Thursday, August 7

9:00 a.m. - +Betty Allmaras

Friday, August 8

9:00 a.m. - +Cecelia Kirchoffner

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, August 9

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – +James L. Jones

Sunday, August 10

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Weekly Offering

Your Support Keeps Us Going!

July 26-27, 2025

Adult: \$3,967.39

Children: \$15

Improvements: \$113.

Poor Fund: \$420

Collected

GOAL

\$242,846.40

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\$260,400.00

\$824.00

Children

\$930.00

\$14,281.42

Improvements

\$31,000.00

\$162,630.82

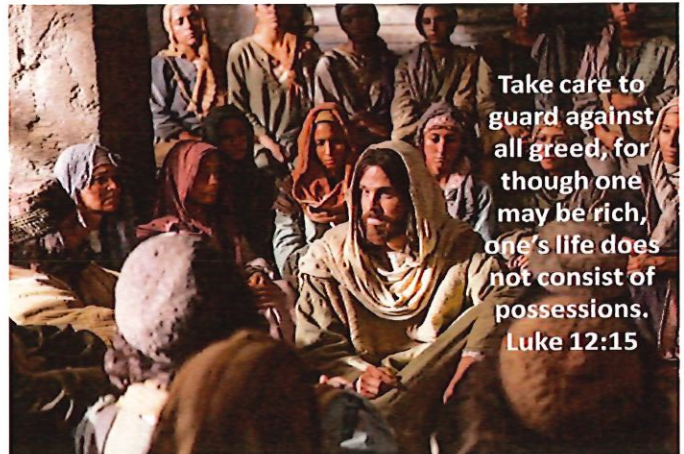
Living our Faith

\$400,807.00

\$60,945.25

God's Gift

\$71,975.59



Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions.
Luke 12:15

This Week

Friday, August 8, 2025:

Parish Office Closed

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Registration. If you have not registered your child(ren) yet, please do so as soon as possible. Forms are in Parish Office or online.

Mark These Dates:

Catechist Meeting: Wednesday, August 27, 6 p.m.

Parent meeting: Wednesday, September 3

1st night of classes: Wednesday, September 1

'26 Vacation Bible School (VBS): August 4-6, 2026

I Can't Stress Enough – OUR 3RD & 5TH GRADE YOUTH NEED YOU!! How will they continue their journey learning about their faith if no one from our parish will teach them? We need 2 adult individuals or 2 married couples, or 2 friends to make a commitment to serve our Lord, Jesus Christ and teach His children. Please, please prayerfully consider making that minimal sacrifice. Pick up the phone and call Julie at 701-282-3321 or email her at julie@bscwf.org.

Parents and Youth, 6th to 12th Grade - MARK YOUR CALENDARS. MISSION TRIP June of 2026! This will be to Lincoln, Nebraska. We are partnering with St. Benedict's. Minimum age must have completed 6th grade by May 2026 and up through graduating seniors. The trip will be 5 days.

Music Ministry

Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary). This song is sung prior to Communion:

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy,
tried, and true. With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for You.*

Parish Life

Becoming Catholic: If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Fr. Gary Luiten, 701-282-3321 or Gary@bscwf.org.

Busy-Bag for Busy Children. If you need something to occupy your child(ren) during Mass, please take a Busy-Bag from the red 'tree' near the coat rack. **Please return the Busy-Bag to the 'tree' when Mass is over.** Take home the activity and coloring pages. The crayons and books remain in the bag.

Daily Readings – August 3-9, 2025

August 3: Eccl 1:2;2:21-23, Col 3:1-5,9-11,
Lk 12:13-21

August 4: Nm 11:4b-15, Mt 14:13-21

August 5: Nm 12:1-13, Mt 14:22-36

August 6: Dn 7:9-10,13-14, 2 Pt 1:16-19,
Lk 9:28b-36

August 7: Nm 20:1-13, Mt 16:13-23

August 8: Dt 4:32-40, Mt 16:24-28

August 9: Dt 6:4-13, Mt 17:14-20



Upcoming dates, and themes:

Thursday, August 14 – Italian Night

Thursday, August 28 – Back to school already

**Menus are subject to change*

Let us Pray for You! Contact the Parish Office with your prayer needs 701-282-3321. Your request will be forwarded on to our Prayer Warriors and/or placed in the bulletin. **You may also request prayers on our website:**

<https://www.bscwf.org/prayer-wall/>

Liturgical Readings & Responses. For those who want to follow the prayers, readings, and psalm response... You can access those readings on your smart phone from the Blessed Sacrament website. bscwf.org. From the homepage scroll down to "Daily Readings."

Low-Gluten Hosts Available. For those suffering from sensitivity to gluten, low-gluten hosts are available. To request a low-gluten host, please see Fr. Gary in the sacristy at least 15 minutes prior to mass beginning. We ask that you sit in the first section closest to the Family Room. Fr. will see that you get the low-gluten host at communion time.

Please Check Lost and Found. Items not picked up by August 31 will be donated. We collect items that have been left behind and place them in the tote above the coat rack.

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

*Those who are sick or have medical problems:

*Allen Pritchard (son of Phyllis Pritchard),
Amanda Doster, Louis Hartle, Anthony Suppa,
Shirley Olson, Kathy Camp,
Helen-Jeanne Puvogel, Rodney Loberg,
John Anderson*

*Those who are healing:

*Michelle Polries, Pauline Klinger, Kerry Stroik,
Joann Moody, Kolby Hunsicker, Gary Lammer*

*Other prayer requests:

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

We Pray in Remembrance of...

August 4: Patsy Meier, John Murphy, Dell Sprecher

August 6: Margaret Gaughan

August 7: Fred Franke

August 8: William Dahlen, Douglas Burkett Sr.,
Daisy Leist

August 9: Reberta Krauth

Vital Statistics – July 2025

Baptisms: Jericha Olson, Tobias Diver

Newcomers: Levi & Rachel Bachmeier,
Justin & Monica Miller

Volunteerism - Stewardship

Calling all Disciples: Your parish, Blessed Sacrament Church, has many opportunities for you to be a disciple. We are looking for more ushers, servers, greeters, gift bearers, sacristans, and Eucharistic Ministers. Contact Julie if you want to get involved in our weekend liturgies 701-282-3321

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SAVE THE DATE!! October 5, 2025 is the Fall Dinner/Bazaar.

Cash Raffle The top 2 prizes have increased to \$3,000 & \$1,500.

The Fall Dinner Meal We will be serving a full *Baked Potato Bar*. There will be many toppings including meat/cheese/veggies. You choose your toppings. Salad, rolls, and desserts will also be served. You will get plenty to eat!!

Take A Chance Baskets: There will be \$1 chances and for those "bigger baskets" - \$5 chances.

BINGO Blessed Sacrament Knights will host Bingo again in the afternoon. All cash prizes!

Bazaar Market: Gently used items, baked & canned goods, fresh veggies. NO ADDITIONAL JEWELRY.

Kids/Adult games: games are still pending but we will definitely have the 'guess the amount jars' and some family competitions.

Prayer Cards: Will be back.

Silent Auction & Meat Raffle: Cancelled.

If you would like to help organize, set up or help the day of the festivities in specific areas, please let Julie know. Normal sign-ups for donations and time commitments will be posted soon in the Social Hall.

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten

the18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Aug. 3, 2025

The readings this weekend speak about avoiding those things which are self-seeking, such as greed. These things are, as Qoheleth states, "vanity." What is Qoheleth saying here? Is he saying that one shouldn't make sure one looks neat and clean – that sitting in front of the mirror making yourself look presentable is vanity? It depends. If it is done for a self-centered reason, then yes, it is vain.

And that's the problem with greed. Greed is a self-seeking vice. It does not seek a higher purpose or meaning in life, other than itself. Greed is not just mentioned once in the readings today, but twice. Paul also mentions greed in his letter to the Colossians. He says, "Put to death the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry."

Jesus, too, speaks about greed in the gospel. He says, "Take care to guard against all greed." He is not saying that it is a sin to have possessions. In fact, it can be a good thing to have an abundance. Then we have more to share with those who are less fortunate. But if one has more than one needs, and at the same time stores up treasure for oneself and never shares, that would be greed – something that Jesus warns against.

One way a person can avoid slipping into greed is to regularly plan on giving to charities such as to the church and other charities. We can give in other ways also. We are called not to be greedy with our time, but to give of it unselfishly for the good of others, to lend a helping hand or to spend time praying for others.

And so, may we not seek to be greedy, but, by the grace of God, may we be people who share what we have with those around us. Jesus says, "Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. May our hearts be set on God and others.

Since this is the first bulletin article of the month, I have a few other items to mention.

Mass on Local Access. Some of you may have noticed that the Mass recorded here every Saturday evening at Blessed Sacrament, though on You Tube, is no longer on the local access cable channel. The City of West Fargo needs upgrades to their broadcasting equipment and have decided, at least for the time being, not to make the upgrades. I spoke at the West Fargo city commission meeting at the beginning of July concerning the importance of the Mass on local access, especially for the homebound and the elderly who cannot get to Mass. These people enjoy seeing the Mass broadcast from their local parish. Pastor Sue Koesterman from Faith Journey Lutheran was also in attendance, since her parish also broadcasted their services Sunday mornings. The city commission has not yet made a statement or decision since I spoke to them.

Holy Day of Obligation. Just a reminder that the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary is on Friday, August 15. It is our privilege and duty to attend Mass on that day, if at all possible. Masses will be at 9 am and 7 pm.

Annual Staff Day. Our parish staff day will be Thursday, August 14. The office will be closed that day.

Community & Diocesan Events

Job Openings

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August 9-10, 2025 ~ 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	9:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	F. McCann	L. Wall
EMHC	D. & *B. Krogen, L. Grosz, K. Jalbert, Volunteer	*A. Buettner, L. Wegner, A. Pritchard, **S. & L. DeKeyser
Gift Bearers	A. Larson, Volunteer	G. Plummer, Volunteer
Servers	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
Ushers	E. Krogen, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Greeters	G. Kirkeby, Volunteer	S. & L. DeKeyser
Rosary Leader	Volunteer	A. Pritchard
Sacristan	Volunteer	L. Wegner
Media Minister	Volunteer	
*Eucharist Minister ~ **Takes to home bound		

Friday, August 15, 2025 ~ Assumption of Mary Ministries of Service

Masses	9:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Proclaimers	P. Jorgensen	L. Elshaug
EMHC	*J. & J. Jones, F. McCann, A. Pritchard, M. Doster	*M. Kern, Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	T. & S. Durbin	Volunteer, Volunteer
Servers	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
Ushers	J. & J. Jones	Volunteer, Volunteer
Greeters	G. Kirkeby, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Rosary Leader	A. Pritchard	M. Kern
Sacristan	J. Yourczek	M. Kern
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Position	Name	Email Address
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Mary Beth Odegaard - MaryBeth@bscwf.org

Music Coordinator:

Ronda Voss - Ronda@bscwf.org

Media Information

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Feast/Holy Day the Week of August 3, 2025

August 4: St. John Vianney

August 6: Transfiguration of the Lord

August 7: St. Pope Sixtus II & Companions and
St. Cajetan

August 8: St. Dominic

August 9: St. Terese of the Cross


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*My Transfigured Lord, You promise suffering and death to all who follow You, but You also promise the hope that awaits those who endure. Grant me the grace to endure every cross in life, uniting my sufferings with Yours, so that I may one day partake in the glory of eternal life in Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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