



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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August 9-10, 2025 ~ 19th 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 10

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Monday, August 11 - NO MASS

Tuesday, August 12 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – James L. Jones

Wednesday, August 13

9:00 a.m. – +John Retterath

Thursday, August 14

9:00 a.m. - +Ed McDonald

Parish Office Closed

Friday, August 15 Assumption of Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. – the Parishioners

7:00 p.m. – Larry Mickelson

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, August 16

Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.

5:15 p.m. - +Jerry Liska

Sunday, August 17

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Weekly Offering

Thank you for Supporting Blessed Sacrament

August 2-3, 2025

Adult: \$7,380.77

Children: \$12

Improvements: \$740

Poor Fund: \$380

Collected to Date

Goal

\$250,227.17	Adult	\$268,800.00
\$836.00	Children	\$930.00
\$15,021.42	Improvements	\$32,000.00
\$162,630.82	Living our Faith	\$400,807.00
\$61,190.25	God's Gift	\$71,975.59



This Week

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Staff Retreat / Parish Office Closed

Kitchen Konnection, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, August 15, 2025

Holy Day of Obligation, Assumption of Mary

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 10

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

1 TEACHER POSITION LEFT!! 5TH GRADE

NEEDS YOU!! How will they continue their journey to learn about their faith if we don't have anyone in our Blessed Sacrament Parish to teach them? It can be 1 adult 18 years and older or you can pair up with another adult and teach together. We need a fellow parishioner 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. **See Flyer for Addition Information.** If interested, please contact Julie in the Parish Office, 701-282-3321 or julie@bscwf.org. We MUST have a commitment by October 8, 2025!

Music Ministry

We Need Accompanists & Cantors!

If you are interested in assisting at weekend Masses, please contact Ronda at Ronda@bscwf.org

Parish Life

Assumption of Mary - Holy Day of Obligation, Friday, August 15. Mass Times are 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Holy Days of Obligation are the days other than Sundays on which we celebrate the great things God has done for us through Jesus and the saints. On Holy Days of Obligation, Catholics are expected to attend Mass.

Blessing Box – Nonperishable Food Donations Welcome: Please help us keep our blessing box stocked. Thank you for your kindness. *“Give what you can. Take what you need. Above all, be blessed.”*

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/UCPIK7Ix77I6WwTnNUQxt5rw>

Daily Readings – August 10-16, 2025

August 10: Wis 18:6-9, Heb 11:1-2,8-19,
Lk 12:32-38
August 11: Dt 10:12-22, Mt 17:22-27
August 12: Dr 31:1-8, Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14
August 13: Dt 34:1-12, Mt 18:15-20
August 14: Jos 3:7-10a,11,13-17, Mt 18:21-19:1
August 15: Rv 11:19a,12:1-6a,10b, 1 Cor 15:20-27,
Lk 1:39-56
August 16: Jos 24:14-29, Mt 19:13-15

Emergency Contact Information, Email Addresses and Phone Numbers: Does the Parish Office have your current contact information on file? Call 701-282-3321 or email MaryBeth@bscwf.org to verify your information

Fall Dinner / Bazaar Raffle Tickets – Coming Soon! WIN \$3,000! Our Fall Celebration is Sunday, October 5. Raffle tickets will be available soon. We ask every household to sell a minimum of 10 tickets for \$5 each. The more tickets you sell, the happier the staff are!

Frozen Shredded Cabbage. Due to an error in ordering shredded cabbage for coleslaw, we have bags of shredded cabbage in the freezer. If interested in taking some please come to the Parish Office. Since it is frozen it would work best in soups or stews.

Gardener's: For Kitchen Konnection, Thursday, August 14, we are making Zucchini Panzanella Salad and Italian Green Beans. If you have an abundance of small to medium zucchini or cherry/grape tomatoes we would be more than happy to take them off your hands. Please bring to the church no later than 3 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13. Thank you!!

Upcoming dates, and themes:

Thursday, August 14 – Italian Night

Thursday, August 28 – Back to school already

**Menus are subject to change*



Moving? All parishioners are reminded to please call the Parish Office, or drop a note in the mail, whenever you move either within the parish or out of the parish.

Our Sympathy to Phyllis Pritchard on the death of her son, Allen Pritchard. May Allen rest in peace in the arms of our Lord.

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

*Those who are sick or have medical problems:

*Mark Menschel (son of Sharon Menschel),
Sandra Nowacki, Pauline Klinger, Amanda Doster,
Louis Hartle, Anthony Suppa, Shirley Olson,
Kathy Camp, Helen-Jeanne Puvogel,
John Anderson*

*Those who are healing:

*Rodney Loberg, Michelle Polries, Kerry Stroik,
Joann Moody, Kolby Hunsicker, Gary Lammer*

*Other prayer requests:

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

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

Traveling This Summer? Remember... We're still here while you're on vacation! Use online Giving from your computer or smart device. To schedule one-time or recurring donations!
www.bscwf.org/donate/

We Pray In Remembrance of...

August 11: Rod Erdmann, John Smith,
Susan Woytassek, Bertram Dame

August 13: Shirley Ackerman

August 14: John Kraus, Cecelia Willis,
Elaine Meehan, Ed McDonald

August 15: Nicolas Krebsbach

August 16: Richard Burckhard

**Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
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*Blessed Sacrament Lay Director

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten

the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Aug. 10, 2025

The call Jesus gives us in the gospel this weekend is to be ready for when He comes again. He says, "Be on guard. The Son of Man will come when you least expect Him." We are called to live the scout motto: "Semper paratus: always be prepared."

And isn't it ironic that, regarding being ready to meet our maker, we have a tendency at times, to let this slip. It may be in the back of our minds, but we may very seldom think about it. When we were young, we thought we'd live forever, that our bodies were immortal, and we hardly ever thought of the afterlife. Then, as a person grows up, they begin to realize that this life isn't all there is, and I should stop living as if it were like that. We actually have two things to prepare for: when Jesus comes at the end of our lives and when Jesus comes at the end of the world, whichever comes first!

So, how do we get ready for God? Clean up the house? Yes, clean up the house which is our spirits. We do this at the beginning of each mass when we make that act of sorrow, and all venial sins are taken away. But we also hear in the scriptures: "Confess your sins to one another." And this we do in the sacrament of reconciliation, where the priest represents not only God but the church community.

One thing for certain about the end of world and our lives is that we will be ready when we keep our hearts fixed on God. It's good for us to look at where our hearts lie. Jesus says in the gospel today, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be." Where is our treasure? What do we spend most of our time doing? Do we spend any time thinking about God and our relationship with Him?

If our treasure lies with God, then we will be prepared for when Christ comes again. A good way of being prepared is to live each day as if you were going to meet the Lord in heaven today. As long as we are honest and in touch with our creator and savior, then we have nothing to fear, and we will be ready for our Savior's return!

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

ONE Teaching Position left – OUR 5TH GRADE YOUTH NEED YOU!! How will they continue their journey to learn about their faith if we don't have anyone in our Blessed Sacrament Parish to teach them? It can be 1 adult 18 years and older or you can pair up with another adult and teach together. Just need a fellow parishioner 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.

October 5, 2025 is the Fall Dinner/Bazaar. Take A Chance Donators Start thinking about the types of baskets you want to create. There will be a prop coming soon that will have slips of paper with basket ideas on if you need that. Remember all things for the baskets need to be new. There will be \$1 chances and \$5 chances for larger baskets.

Jubilee Year of 2025

International Pilgrimage Site
 Our Lady of Guadalupe. Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico City, Mexico. The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, situated in Mexico City, annually draws more pilgrims than any other Catholic pilgrimage site in the world. Dedicated to the patroness of the Americas, the Basilica houses the original, miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe Imprinted on the cloak of St. Juan Diego following his apparitions in 1531.



Am I not here, I who have the honor to be your mother? Are you not under my protection? Are you not in the hollow of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms? Let nothing else worry you.

Words for Our Lady of Guadalupe to San Juan Diego.

Stewardship Moment

"For where your treasure is, there also will our heart be." Luke 12:34

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure: To invest more in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

Community & Diocesan Events

Young Men's Retreat with Bishop Folda, September 5-7, 2025, Maryvale Retreat Center. This retreat is for men ages 21-38 wanting to deepen and strengthen their faith with the Lord. What is your purpose in life? Can you persevere with all the distractions of the world? Do you feel sometimes you simply do not know what to do? Come...walk with me...to be a follower of Christ! Bishop Folda will lead young men in pursuing the answers to these important questions. Find the full schedule and register at <https://maryvalend.org/young-mens-retreat>.

On Retreat with St. Therese of Lisieux: Women's Silent Retreat, September 12-14, 2025, Maryvale Retreat Center. In this retreat, Ashley Njaa (wife, mother, DRE, and spiritual disciple of St. Therese of Lisieux) will help women unpack some of key pieces of this French spiritual giant's wisdom on living a life of complete trust, confidence in God, and cultivating a spiritual childhood. The retreat will include conferences, Mass, adoration, confession, and spiritual direction, as well as time to pray, rest, and enjoy the beautiful grounds of Maryvale. All details available at <https://maryvalend.org/9-12-25-st-therese-of-lisieux>.

August 16-17, 2025 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	9:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	K. Jalbert	M. A. Schuster
EMHC	*B. Krogen, K. Jalbert, J. & J. Jones, Volunteer	* Volunteer , P. Jorgensen, A. Pritchard, Volunteer, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Servers	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
Ushers	E. Krogen, D. Krogen	Volunteer, Volunteer
Greeters	E. Ripplinger, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Rosary Leader	Volunteer	A. Pritchard
Sacristan	Volunteer	Volunteer
Media Minister	E. Ripplinger	
*Eucharist Minister ~ **T. English-Takes to home bound		

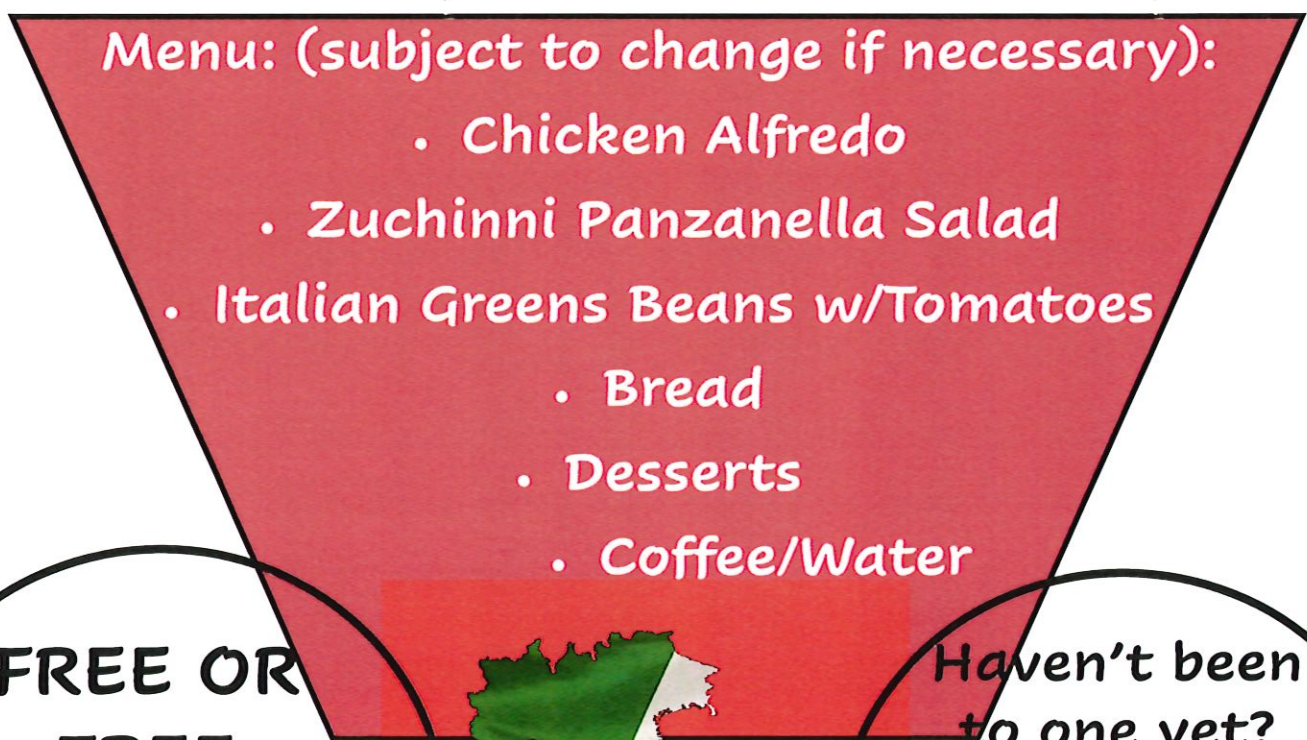


*Invites you to an
Italian Themed Dinner*

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Blessed Sacrament Church—Social Hall

serving from 5:30-6:30p.m.



Menu: (subject to change if necessary):

- Chicken Alfredo
- Zuchinni Panzanella Salad
- Italian Greens Beans w/Tomatoes
 - Bread
 - Desserts
 - Coffee/Water



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OFFERING**



**Haven't been
to one yet?
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waiting for?
Everyone
Welcome!!**

Youth Mission Trip—Lincoln, NE

June 19-23, 2026

People's City Mission



In partnership with the FUEL Youth of St. Benedicts, Horace, ND

COST: \$400 TOTAL

NON- REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT: \$100 WILL BE DUE BY WEDNESDAY,
October 8, 2025

INCLUDED: All meals, housing and activities

FUNDRAISING: Opportunities will be available throughout the year to cover the bus and other expenses.

SCHOLARSHIPS: May be available to help cover costs

QUALIFICATIONS: Minimum age— completed 6th grade in 2026

Maximum age—completed 12th grade in 2026

INTERESTED? CONTACT: Julie in parish office 701.282.3321 OR

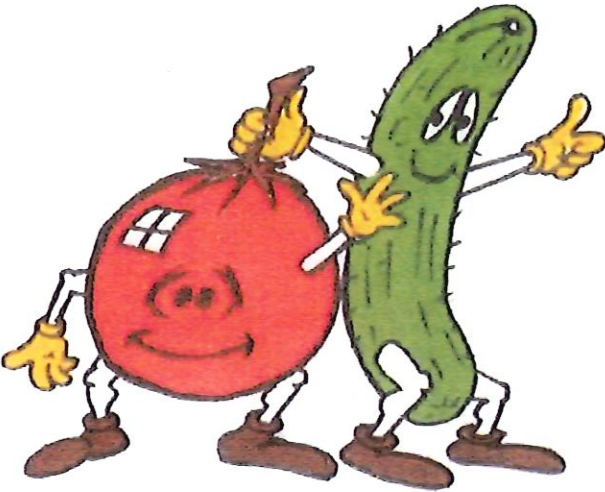
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"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." ~ [Matthew 25:35-40](#)

Veggies for the Pantry

Donate Your Excess Fruit and Vegetables at the following locations for delivery to local food banks



<p>Donation locations open Monday, July 28 until the Monday following 1st frost 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Even open Labor Day!</p>	<p>Fargo donations support Emergency Food Pantry</p>
	<p>The Bowler: 2630 University Dr. S.</p>
	<p>Longfellow Recycle Parking Lot: 2939 Elm St. N.</p>
	<p>West Fargo donations support Emergency Food Pantry</p>
	<p>Holy Cross Catholic Church: 2711 7th St. E.</p>
	<p>Community Presbyterian Church: 702 Sheyenne St.</p>
	<p>Moorhead donations support Dorothy Day Food Pantry</p>
	<p>Trinity Lutheran Church: Corner of 8th St. and 3rd Ave. S.</p>
	<p>The Village Family Service Center: 815 37th Ave. S.</p>
	<p>Horace donations support Emergency Food Pantry</p>
<p>In front of the water tower on Main Street</p>	
<p>Kindred donations support Emergency Food Pantry</p>	
<p>SW Corner of Kindred Elementary School</p>	
<p>Harwood hours: Each Monday except Labor Day, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Harwood donations support Emergency Food Pantry</p>
	<p>Sheyenne Gardens: 17010 29th St. S.E.</p>

Questions? Contact Cass County Extension at 701-241-5700

Directory

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Position Name Email Address

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Ronda Voss - Ronda@bscwf.org

Media Information

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Feast/Holy Day the Week of August 10, 2025

August 11: St. Clare

August 12: St. Jane Frances de Chantal

August 13: St. Pope Pontain

August 14: St. Maximillian Kolbe

August 15: the Assumption of Mary


August 16: St. Stephen of Hungary

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*Mary, Assumed into Heaven, we venerate you as the Queen of Heaven and earth. As you tasted the bitterness of pain and sorrow with your Son on earth, you now enjoy eternal bliss with Him in Heaven. Loving Queen, intercede for us in our needs.*

**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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