



# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church



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## August 16-17, 2025 ~ 20<sup>th</sup> 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 17

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

#### Monday, August 18 - NO MASS

#### Tuesday, August 19 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – Justin DeKeyser

#### Wednesday, August 20

9:00 a.m. – Veronica Salter

#### Thursday August 21

9:00 a.m. – +Frank R. Lenzmeier

#### Friday, August 22

9:00 a.m. – +Bob Creighton

*Parish Office Closed*

#### Saturday, August 23

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

5:15 p.m. – +Jim Hill

#### Sunday, August 24

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

### Weekly Offering

*Thank You for Supporting Blessed Sacrament!*

#### August 9-10, 2025

Adult: \$4,538.27		Children: \$4
Improvements: \$163		Poor Fund: \$152
<b>Collected to Date</b>		<b>Goal</b>
\$254,765.44	Adult	\$277,200.00
\$840.00	Children	\$990.00
\$15,184.42	Improvements	\$33,000.00
\$162,630.82	Living our Faith	\$400,807.00
\$61,475.75	God's Gift	\$71,975.59



### This Week

**Friday, August 22, 2025**

*Parish Office Closed*

### Faith Formation

**Get Your Faith Formation Registrations in TODAY!** If you have not registered your child(ren) yet, please do so as soon as possible. Forms are in parish office or online. **First night of class is Wednesday, September 10, at 5:45 p.m.**

**We have all of our Catechist positions filled!!**

**Thank you all for your commitment - I look forward to working with:**

Abbi Horner – Pre-K/Kindergarten

Kaitlyn Dobmeier – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Mallary Schiele – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Debbie Brand – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Amanda Buettner – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Marvis Doster – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Ally Wentz and Chris Diver (Assistant) – B4WOW

(Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)

Kathleen Jalbert and John & Jody Jones – WOW

(Grades 9-12<sup>th</sup>)

**Catechist Meeting Wednesday, August 27, 6 p.m.**  
in Social Hall

**ALL Parents** are expected to attend the parent meeting on Wednesday, September 3, 6 p.m. in the Social Hall

**Catechist Retreat**, Friday, September 5, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Maryvale, Valley City. Please let Julie know if you can attend by Monday, August 25. We can carpool!

**B4WOW/WOW - MARK YOUR CALENDARS. MISSION TRIP June of 2026!** This will be to Lincoln, Nebraska. (See flyer for more information.) If interested, please contact Julie in the Parish Office 701-282-3321 or email [julie@bscwf.org](mailto:julie@bscwf.org). I MUST have a commitment and \$100 non-refundable deposit by October 8.

## Music Ministry

Contact Ronda ([Ronda@bscwf.org](mailto:Ronda@bscwf.org)) if you are interested in assisting at Weekend Masses:

- Instrumentalists
- Song Leaders
- Substitute Accompanists

## Parish Life

**Bulletin Deadline:** Articles are due to Mary Beth in the Parish Office, Tuesdays by Noon, for the following Sunday. Drop them off in the office or email [MaryBeth@bscwf.org](mailto:MaryBeth@bscwf.org).

**Cake Pans and Storage Containers:** Please check the right side of the shelf above the coat rack for your pans and containers. Anything left after August 31 will be considered a donation to Blessed Sacrament.

### Daily Readings – August 17-23, 2025

August 17: Jer 38:4-6,8-10, Heb 12:1-4, Lk 12:49-53

August 18: Jgs 2:11-19, Mt 19:16-22

August 19: Jgs 6:11-24aa, Mt 19:23-30

August 20: Jgs 9:6-15, Mt 20:1-16

August 21: Jgs 11:29-39a, Mt 22:1-14

August 22: Ru 1:1,3-6, Mt 22:34-40

August 23: Ru 2:1-3,8-11,4:13-17, Mt 23:1-12

**Family Room – For Infants, Toddlers and Parents!** We are blessed to have such a wonderful room for our families with young children. This room is reserved for infants and toddlers with their parents and people with special needs during Mass. The Family Room has comfortable chairs including a rocking chair. If you need help finding the Family Room, please ask a greeter or usher.

**Give+ Online, Mobile, or Automatic Withdrawal Giving:** Give+ Online, Mobile, or Automatic Withdrawal Giving allows you to contribute to Blessed Sacrament and not worry about donation envelopes. Use online giving from your computer or smart device to schedule one-time or recurring donations! Or Automatic-Withdrawal (forms online or in the Parish Office.)

- **Online Giving:** [www.bscwf.org](http://www.bscwf.org), choose 'Get Involved' and 'Give+ Online'.
- **Mobile App:** Download "GivePlus Church" free.
- **Automatic Withdrawal:** [www.bscwf.org](http://www.bscwf.org), choose 'Get Involved', 'Donate', 'Automatic Withdrawal' or Contact [MaryBeth@bscwf.org](mailto:MaryBeth@bscwf.org) to receive a form.

Thank you for your support.

**Fall Dinner / Bazaar Raffle Tickets – ARE HERE!** Please Pick Up Your Tickets - in the Gathering Area. If you don't find your name, please notify the Parish Office. Our Fall Celebration is Sunday, October 5. We ask every household to sell a minimum of 10 tickets for \$5 each. Please sell as many tickets as you can!

**Frozen Shredded Cabbage.** We have an abundance of shredded cabbage in the freezer. If interested in taking some please come to the office. Since it is frozen it would work best in soups, stews, casseroles, fried, etc. There are a Lot of recipes online.

**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 **94.53%** toward our goal of \$71,975. If you have not yet pledged, please fill out a commitment card located on the bookcases in the Gathering Area and also in the Parish Office.



**Upcoming dates, and themes:**

Thursday, August 28 – Back to school already

Thursday, September 11 – Football's back: Pulled Pork

Thursday, September 25 – Harvest Time: Soup & Sandwich

\*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** <https://www.bscwf.org/become-a-member/>

**Our Sympathy** to Isabelle Liska on the death of her brother Louis Hartle. May Louis rest 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, Sandra Nowacki,  
Pauline Klinger, 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*

**Preparation of Gifts** Do you notice the children going up to the altar during offertory? The children are taking their 'gifts' to the basket on the altar. The gifts could be non-perishable food items, a youth donation envelope or loose cash. We encourage all youth to participate. They are setting an example for us adults!

**St. Jude Circle Meeting** will be Tuesday, September 2 at 3 p.m. in the Social Hall.

**TWO SUNDAY MASSES begin September 7.**  
The Sunday Mass schedule will be 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

### Knights of Columbus Council # 6465

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

#### 2025-2026 Officers

Grand Knight: Eduardo Pablo  
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### We Pray In Remembrance of...

August 18: John Voeller

August 19: Allan Fandrick

August 21: Violet Kemp

August 23: Inez Wilhelmi, William Kraft,  
Gregoria Vargas

### Sacraments

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

701-282-3321 or [Gary@bscwf.org](mailto: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.

### Volunteerism - Stewardship

**Calling ALL Disciples:** Your parish, Blessed Sacrament Catholic 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 or [julie@bscwf.org](mailto:julie@bscwf.org)

**Fall Dinner/Bazaar:** I am Looking for youth & adults to help with games. I would like to create a Game Committee right away! Please contact Julie at, 701-282-3321 or [julie@bscwf.org](mailto:julie@bscwf.org)

## Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten

the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time—Aug. 17, 2025

The lesson we gather from the readings today is that sometimes, in our own lives, the truth hurts. It can ruffle feathers. Jeremiah the prophet is an interesting man. He pricked people's consciences. After King Josiah died, God's chosen people began to resort back to the worship of false gods and images. Jeremiah opposed this with all his strength. Basically, he told the people they better stop doing that and turn back to the Lord or they'll be sorry. He could see the writing on the wall. Because of this, he was arrested, imprisoned, and publicly disgraced.

The prophet Jeremiah spoke the truth. And that is one quality of a prophet sent by God – that they speak the truth, and that what they prophesy then comes true. And it did for Jeremiah. Judah fell, just as he had predicted. And many people didn't like the truth he spoke. Even among families, sometimes the truth can prick people's consciences. The truth can divide people. Jesus talks about family division in the gospel today. "From now on, a household of five will be divided three against two and two against three. A father will be divided against his son and a son against father, mother against daughter, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law." In other words, there will be discord and friction in the family unit!

Jesus is speaking here about division as a foreseen side effect on our fallen world toward the goal of peace. After all, we must remember Jesus' last words on the topic of peace and division. It was at the Last Supper, in the Gospel of John, when Jesus said, "I pray ... so that they all may be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in You, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that You sent me. May they be one as we are one, I in them and You in me, that they may be brought to perfect-ion as one." So, Jesus is very much for peace, ultimately. But this peace will be brought to perfection in eternal life.

May we in our lives, turn from anything which leads us away from God and his love, including placing created things above God. May we seek to know the truth about us, whether it be good or bad, and, with the help of God, seek to change the bad, so that we may be more like Christ. May the division which exists in society and families eventually, with the help of God, melt into peace.

## Jubilee Year of 2025

**International Pilgrimage Site Epiphany**, Basilica of the Nativity of Jesus Christ, Bethlehem. The first pilgrimage in the Christian tradition: the journey of the Magi (the three wise men) to visit the infant Jesus. The Epiphany commemorates God's revelation in Jesus Christ to all nations of the world. Amid many conflicts throughout the years, the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem stands as a reminder of God's incarnate love for all humanity, through which He shares our joys and sorrows.



*And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. -Matthew 2:9*

## Community & Diocesan Events

### Attention Quilters! Are you in need of fabric?

There is a Blessed Sacrament parishioner that has a small container of quilt squares for you! Call the Parish Office with questions 701-282-3321.

**Farmers' Market**, Friday, August 22, 1:30 - 5:30 p.m., South Parking Lot and Resident Center, Bethany of 42<sup>nd</sup>. Fresh locally grown produce, artisanal goods, and entertainment.

**Upcoming Fall Dinner**. Sunday, September 21. 12-2 p.m., St. Benedict, Horace. Ham Dinner with pumpkin and apple desserts, silent auction, community service project, bake sale, games and more!!

**Veggies for the Local Food Pantries**. Donate your excess fruit and vegetables at the following West Fargo locations for delivery to local food banks. W.F. drop off sites are Holy Cross Catholic Church and Community Presbyterian Church every Monday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. until the first frost. W.F. donations support the Emergency Food Pantry.

**Job Openings:**

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

**Teaching Positions – Fall of 2025**

- English Language Arts Teacher – Sacred Heart Middle School
- Math Teacher – Sacred Heart Middle School
- Religion Teacher – Sacred Heart Middle School
- Social Studies Teacher – Sacred Heart Middle School
- Student Resource Teacher – Shanley High
- Long-Term Substitute Pre-Kindergarten Teacher – Trinity Elementary School

**Other Positions**

- Boys Head Tennis Coach – Shanley High School
- Custodian – Shanley High School/Sacred Heart Middle School
- Director of Theatre – Shanley High School/Sacred Heart Middle School
- Hot Lunch Cook – Holy Spirit Elementary
- Hot Lunch Assistant – Trinity Elementary
- Library Paraprofessional – Holy Spirit Elementary
- Little Deacons Childcare Worker – Holy Spirit Elementary

**Advancement Officer.** The Advancement Officer will increase the school’s capacity for fundraising major gifts and serve as an ambassador for the St. John Paul II Catholic Schools. Successful candidate will work closely with the President and the Advancement Director and be an integral part of the Advancement Team. The position is responsible for the identification, cultivation, solicitation, and stewardship of major gifts and planned gift prospects, including new prospective donors. The Advancement Officer will develop and implement strategic actions for achieving specific goals as outlined in the strategic plan. Application Deadline: Open Until Filled.

**Stewardship Moment**

*“Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.”*

Luke 12:51

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don’t want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage, and religious liberty.

**August 23-24, 2025 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Ministries of Service**

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	9:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	L. Elshaug	P. Jorgensen
EMHC	*J. & J. Jones, P. Pritchard, K. Jalbert, B. Opoien	*/**M. Doster, P. Jorgenson, H. Madson, M. Kern <b>Volunteer, Volunteer</b>
Gift Bearers	T. Tweeter, <b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Volunteer, Volunteer</b>
Servers	<b>Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer</b>	<b>Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer</b>
Ushers	<b>Volunteer, Volunteer</b>	<b>Volunteer, Volunteer</b>
Greeters	T. Tweeter, <b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Volunteer, Volunteer</b>
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	M. Kern
Sacristan	<b>Volunteer</b>	H. Madson
Media Minister	R. Cwikla	
*Eucharist Minister ~ **-Takes to home bound		

# Man of the Shroud Traveling Exhibit

## St. Mary's Cathedral, Fargo August 23-31

The Diocese of Fargo will have an exact replica of the burial cloth of Christ, known as the Shroud of Turin, along with an exhibit of the fascinating details and history of this most precious holy cloth.

The Shroud has been venerated for centuries as the actual burial shroud used to wrap the body of Jesus in after his crucifixion, and upon which Jesus' bodily image is miraculously imprinted. The real cloth is in Turin, Italy and is currently not on display.

The exhibit, will be at St. Mary's Cathedral, Fargo, in the social hall for one week, August 23-31.

Special Presentation by expert, Jim Bertrand, will be on Sunday, Aug 24 and repeated on Monday, Aug 25 at 7pm in St. Mary's social hall.

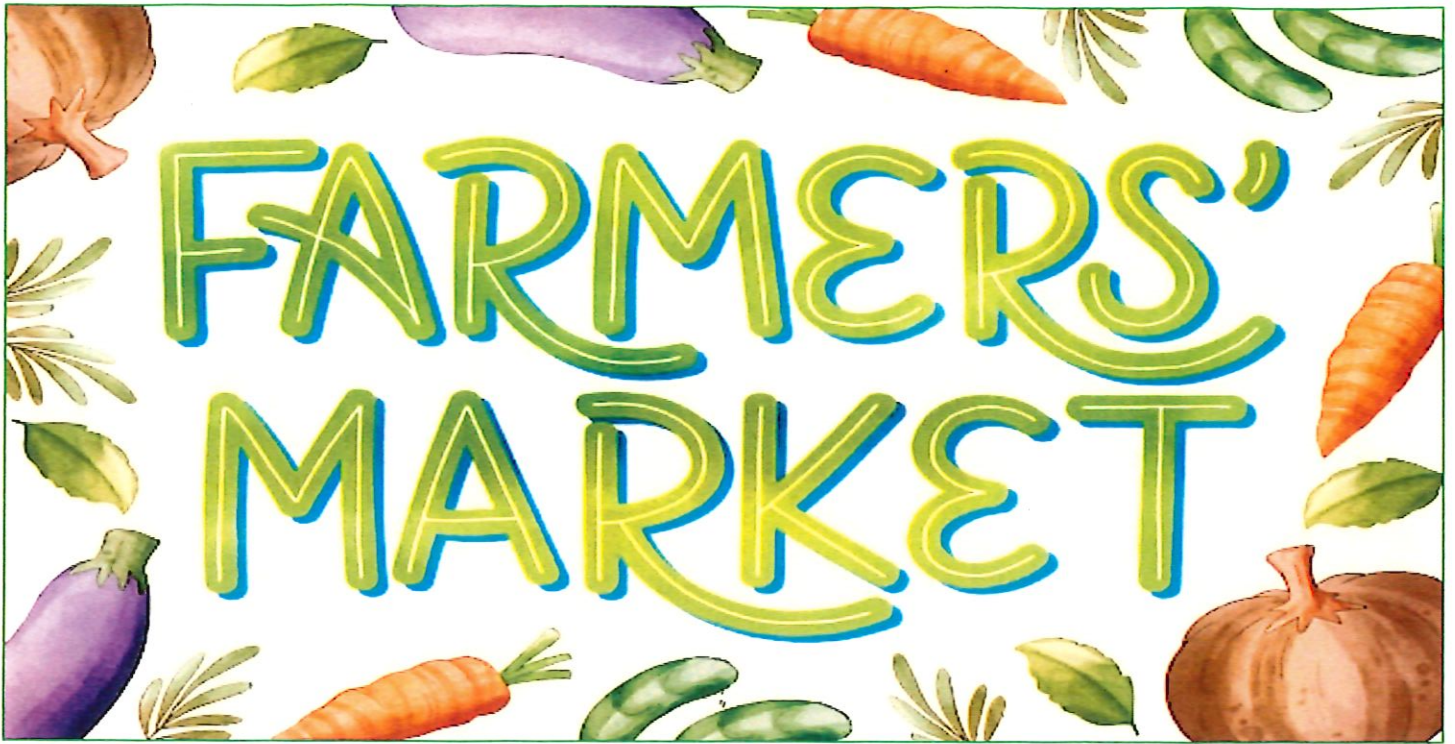


Check the Diocese website for daily open hours of the exhibit:  
<https://www.fargodiocese.org/shroud-exhibit>



For questions, email Mary Hanbury  
[mary.hanbury@fargodiocese.org](mailto:mary.hanbury@fargodiocese.org)

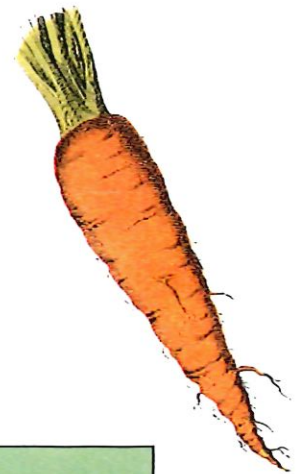




# FARMERS' MARKET



1:30 pm to 5:30 pm  
Friday, August 22, 2025  
South Parking Lot &  
Resident Center  
Bethany on 42<sup>nd</sup>



*Join us for a delightful experience filled with fresh, locally grown produce, artisanal goods, and a wonderful community atmosphere!*

**Invited vendors include:**

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# Directory

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Position      Name      Email Address

Pastor: Fr. Gary Luiten – Gary@bscwf.org

Parish Life/Volunteerism/DRE/YM

Julie Yourczek - Julie@bscwf.org

Administrative Secretary

Mary Beth Odegaard - MaryBeth@bscwf.org

Music Coordinator:

Ronda Voss - Ronda@bscwf.org

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# Feast/Holy Day the Week of August 17, 2025

August 19: St. John Eudes

August 20: St. Bernard

August 21: St. Pope Pius X

August 23: St. Rose of Lima

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*O God, you set Saint Rose of Lima on fire with your love, so that, secluded from the world in the austerity of a life of penance, she might give herself to you alone; grant, we pray, that through her intercession, we may tread the paths of life on earth and drink at the stream of your delights in heaven.*

## 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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