



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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August 23-24, 2025 ~ the 21st 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 24

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Monday, August 25 - NO MASS

Tuesday, August 26 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – +Dale Sander

Wednesday, August 27

9:00 a.m. – +Philip & +Dorothy Nagel

Thursday, August 28

9:00 a.m. – +Gaylas Pritchard

Friday, August 29

9:00 a.m. – +Ted Nilles

Parish Office Closed

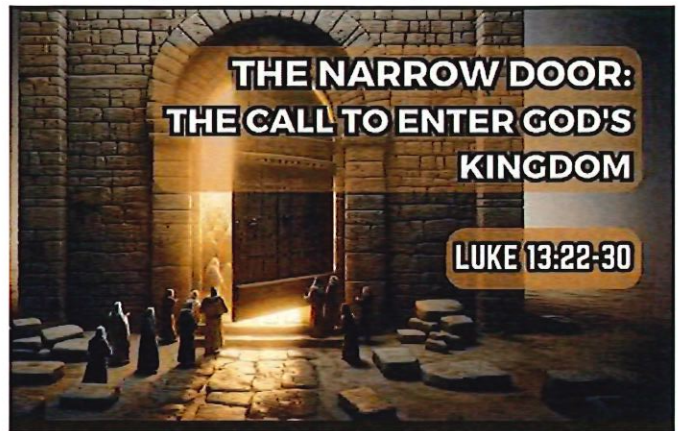
Saturday, August 30

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – +Jason Huber

Sunday, August 31

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioners



This Week

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Catechist Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 28, 2025

Kitchen Konnection, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, August 29, 2025

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Faith Formation

Don't Let Your Children Miss Out on Learning About Our Faith! If you have not registered your child(ren), please do so as soon as possible. Forms are in Parish Office or online.

Catechist Meeting: Wednesday, August 27, 6:00 p.m. in Social Hall

All Parent Meeting: Wednesday, September 3, 6:00 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 will attend by Monday, August 25. We can carpool.

ALL GRADES-First night of class, Wednesday, September 10, 5:45 p.m.

Weekly Offering

Thank you for your support!

Assumption of Mary ~ August 15, 2025

Adult: \$618

Children: \$ 5

August 16-17, 2025

Adult: \$8,371

Children: \$ 7

Improvements: \$473

Poor Fund: \$486

Collected to Date

Goal to Date

\$263,744.44

Adult

\$277,200.00

\$852.00

Children

\$990.00

\$15,657.42

Improvements

\$33,000.00

\$166,441.70

Living our Faith

\$400,807.00

\$61,937.75

God's Gift

\$71,975.59

Attention Middle School & High School

Students: Please make sure your parents have registered you for Faith Formation! You matter to your Blessed Sacrament parish, and we want you to be involved in everyday happenings. There are some great things being planned. We are bringing in Bishop Folda to speak, having panel discussions with community advocates, doing service projects internally and in our community. There is a mission trip in June 2026, and a Youth Council is starting.

Mission Trip to Lincoln, Nebraska for Middle & High School Students. June 19-23, 2026. If YOU are interested, please contact Julie in the Parish Office 701-282-3321 or email julie@bscwf.org. We **MUST** have your commitment and \$100 non-refundable deposit by October 8, 2025.

Adult Formation / Bible Study! Coming soon keep your radar on – more information to follow.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is for adults to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. It involves learning about the Catholic faith, experiencing its community, and ultimately receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. The process is for both unbaptized adults and baptized Christians seeking to complete their sacraments. At Blessed Sacrament, OCIA Classes begin in September, they meet most Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Library. If you are interested in attending OCIA Class, please contact Fr. Gary Luiten, 701-282-3321 or email Gary@bscwf.org.

Music Ministry

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

- Instrumentalists
- Song Leaders
- Substitute Accompanists

Parish Life

Baptism Basket. We have a baptism basket in the Gathering Area for 5-month-old Archie Lautt, son of Tanner & Mary Lautt. Please help us fill the basket with baby shower items.

Blessed Sacrament Blood Drives: Get scheduled now – both events are open online for registration. Not internet savvy? Call Julie to reserve your donation place 701-282-3321. Upcoming Blood Drives are:

Tuesday, September 23 – 3:45 to 6:00 p.m.

Monday, December 15 – 2:45 to 6:00 p.m.

Daily Readings – August 24-30, 2025

August 24: Is 66:18-21, Heb 12:5-7,11-13,
Lk 13:22-30

August 25: 1 Thes 1:1-5,8b-10, Mt 23:13-22

August 26: 1 Thes 2:1-8, Mt 23:23-26

August 27: 1 Thes 2:9-13, Mt 23:27-32

August 28: 1 Thes 3:7-13, Mt 24:42-51

August 29: 1 Thes 4:1-8, Mk 6:17-29

August 30: 1 Thes 4:9-11, Mt 25:14-30

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:

- Most First Friday: 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Sept. 6.
- Saturday Holy Hour: 3:30:4:30 p.m. Sept. 7.

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! Have a culinary use for frozen cabbage? We have plenty!! Let Julie know if you would like some. There are 5lb bags.



Upcoming dates, and themes:

August 28 – Back to school already

September 11 – Football's back: Pulled Pork

September 25 – Harvest Time: Soup & Sandwich

*Menus are subject to change

Fall Clean-Up: Wednesday, October 1. If you can come during the day after 9 a.m. Mass to clean inside, please let the Parish Office know. Outside cleaning will be done after 5:45 p.m.

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

***Those who are sick or have medical problems:**

*Faye Art (Aunt of Mary Beth Oegaard),
Mary Kay Ellner (Sister of Julie Yourczek),
Helen Kloos (Mother of Kayla Kottsick),
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*

Our Sympathy to Mary Barnes on the death of her sister-in-law, Connie Otto and her niece, Sherry Ann Barnes. May Connie and Sherry Ann rest in the arms of our Lord.

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

TWO SUNDAY MASSES begin September 7.
The Mass schedule on Sunday will be 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

We Pray In Remembrance of...

August 25: Sarah Olmstead, Vernett Engness

August 26: Louis Reiter, Edna Gross

August 27: Mark Wilken

August 29: Joe Barta

August 30: Glen Hanson

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten

the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Aug. 24, 2025

If I would ask people at a Sunday Mass who all wants to get to heaven someday, I am sure everyone would raise their hand. Jesus speaks about how to get to heaven in the gospel this weekend: by entering through the narrow gate. What does that mean, the "narrow gate, or the narrow way?" An entrance, whether it be the gate for a walking path, or the gate across a road, is not easy to navigate when it's narrow. How to enter through the narrow gate involves what was spoken about in the second reading this weekend.

Paul speaks this weekend about the importance of discipline. He tells us not to disdain or hate God's discipline. He is doing so to prepare us for the kingdom of heaven, to help us to become less focused on ourselves and more focused on Him. Paul reminds us that God disciplines the one He loves. So, if you find yourself enduring some misfortune that God is allowing, that could be a discipline and we shouldn't fear. It is not because God hates us but it's because God loves us and is refining you and me, making us more like Himself, so we can see and be with Him someday in eternal life.

Since God disciplines us, then some discipline is good, and, in imitation of Jesus, we are called to discipline ourselves as well. Here, discipline does not mean to repress the desires that we have, but to channel those energies into positive things, into actions and deeds that will build up the kingdom of

God, like the athlete who works out several times a week, or the musician who practices every day.

An example of disciplining ourselves spiritually also involves coming to Mass every Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation, whether we feel like it or not, provided we are able to. This is where our faith differs from other Christian faiths. The Eucharist is a must, a necessary sacrament for our Catholic faith. And coming to Mass is, in a sense, what the prophet Isaiah is prophesying in the first reading when he says that people from all nations will come together, bringing their offering into the house of the Lord in clean vessels.

All this talk on self-discipline is good because it guarantees that we will be ready for the banquet of heaven Jesus talks about in the gospel today. May we not shun discipline but see it as an opportunity for growth in the spiritual life.

Volunteerism - Stewardship

AVOID THE TIME & TALENT TALK AT THE END OF WEEKEND LITURGIES!! Let Julie know of your interests in helping your Blessed Sacrament Parish flourish or fill out the Time and Talent form online. There are so many different opportunities and room for other suggestions to hold right here.

New to Blessed Sacrament but haven't been approached by Julie? I apologize if I have not reached out to introduce myself. If you see me at church, please come up and introduce yourself.

Fall Dinner Coming Sunday, October 5!! We Need volunteers to help with different aspects of the day – please let Julie know if you are interested. Especially need to build a committee to work on the games area. Please prayerfully consider getting involved.

Living Our Faith, Building Our Future

Blessed Sacrament Goal is to raise \$400,807.00. So far Blessed Sacrament has collected \$166,441 (as of 8/14/25). 147 households out of 423 are actively involved in this campaign. That is only 34.75% of households. This is a 4-year campaign, you have time to pledge and get involved in the improvements that are being made here in your parish! Contact the Parish Office with questions. 701-282-3321.

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.

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.

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
- Religion Teacher – Sacred Heart Middle School
- Student Resource Teacher – Shanley High
- Long-Term Substitute Pre-Kindergarten Teacher – Trinity Elementary School

Other Positions

- Custodian – Shanley High School /Sacred Heart Middle School
- Director of Theatre – Shanley High School/ Sacred Heart Middle School
- Hot Lunch Assistant – Trinity Elementary
- Library Paraprofessional-Holy Spirit Elementary

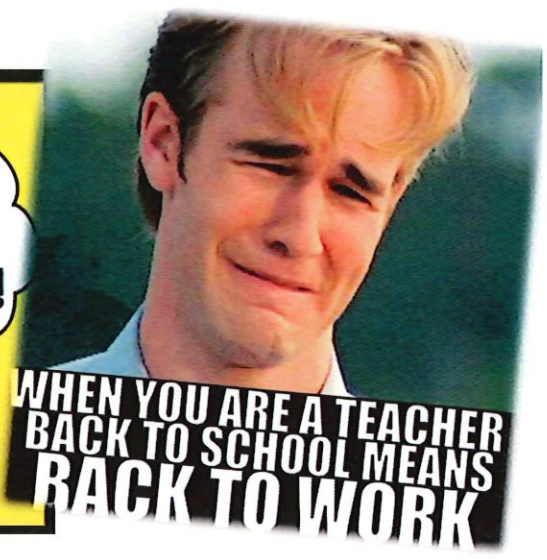
Stewardship Moment

“For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.” Luke 13:30

Our cultural standards are different from God’s standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, “What have you done with the gifts I have given you?” How will you respond?

August 30-31, 2025 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	9:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	B. Kirkeby	M. Kern
EMHC	*B. Opoien, K. Jalbert, J. & J., Jones, Volunteer	*A. Buettner, P. Jorgensen, **M. Doster, M. Kern, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	R. & G. Larson	Volunteer, Volunteer
Servers	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
Ushers	A. Larson, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Greeters	A. Larson, G. Kirkeby	Volunteer, Volunteer
Rosary Leader	M. Barnes	M. Kern
Sacristan	Volunteer	M. Kern
Media Minister	M. Berntson	
*Eucharist Minister ~ **-Takes to home bound		



Thursday, August 28, 2025



Presents....

You guessed it Back to School Dinner

Blessed Sacrament Church Social Hall

Serving from 5:30—6:30pm

MENU: (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

SLOPPY JOES

TATOR TOTS

COLD SALAD .TBD

SOUTHERN FRIED CORN

DESSERTS .COFFEE .WATER

FREE OR FREE WILL OFFERING
****FAMILIES ENCOURAGED TO COME AND ENJOY****

