



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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August 30-31, 2025 ~ 22nd 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 31

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Monday, September 1 - NO MASS

Parish Office Closed – Labor Day

Tuesday, September 2 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – +Dorothy Zdeb

Wednesday, September 3

9:00 a.m. – Braden DeKeyser

Thursday, September 4

9:00 a.m. – +Val Tareski

Friday, September 5

9:00 a.m. – +Gaylas Pritchard

Adoration 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 6

Holy Hour with Adoration 3:30 p.m.

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – +Cecelia Kirchoffner

Sunday, September 7

8:30 a.m. – +Gaylas Pritchard

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Weekly Offering

Thank you for your support!

August 23-24, 2025

Adult: \$4,963.37

Children: \$16

Improvements: \$143

Poor Fund: \$136.23

Collected to Date

\$268,707.81

Adult

Goal to Date

\$294,000.00

\$868.00

Children

\$1,050.00

\$15,800.42

Improvements

\$35,000.00

\$166,441.70

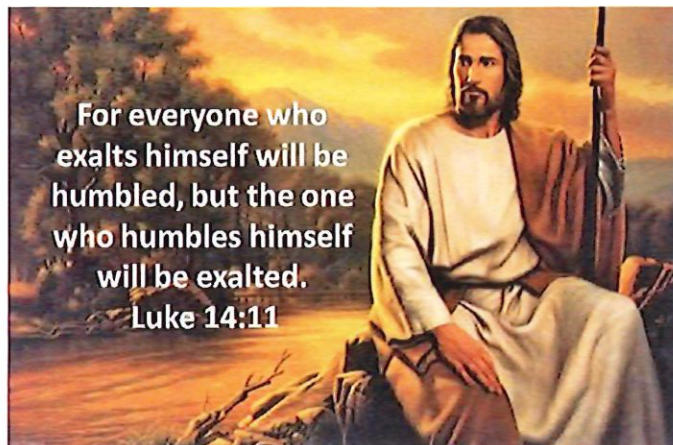
Living our Faith

\$400,807.00

\$63,302.00

God's Gift

\$71,975.59



This Week

Monday, September 1, 2025

Parish Office Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

St. Jude Circle Meeting, 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

FF Parent Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 4, 2025

Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 5, 2025

Adoration, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 6, 2025

Holy Hour with Adoration, 3:30 p.m.

TWO SUNDAY MASSES begin NEXT week.

Faith Formation

REMINDER: All Parent Meeting, Wednesday, September 3 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Please be present for this meeting. If you are unable to attend, notify Julie at 701-282-3321 or julie@bscwf.org.

**First Night of Class
Wednesday, September 10, 5:45 p.m.**

Calling ALL YOUTH - Grades 7-12!! Our Youth Council Needs You!! If you are interested in knowing more about the youth council, please join us on Sunday, September 7 following 10:30 a.m. Mass for an informational meeting.

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

Adult Formation – Bible Study! Shawn DeKeyser will be leading the Bible Study: *Matthew: The King and His Kingdom*. Stay tuned for more information as details for dates and times are finalized.

OCIA, September, 23, 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

Music Ministry

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

- Instrumentalists
- Song Leaders
- Substitute Accompanists

Parish Life

Adoration. Friday, September 5, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Anointing of the Sick, at all Masses the weekend of September 13-14.

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.

Blood Drive - Tuesday, September 23. We Need Donors!! Register online to donate blood on Tuesday, September 23, 3:45 – 6 p.m. You can also call Julie in the Parish Office to schedule or go online. The next blood drive will be December 15.

Daily Readings – August 31-September 6, 2025

August 31: Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29

Heb 13:18-19,22-24a, Lk 14:1,7-14

September 1: 1 Thes 4:13-18, Lk 4:16-30

September 2: 1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11, Lk 4:21-37

September 3: Col 1:1-8, Lk 4:38-44

September 4: Col 1:9-14, Lk 5:1-11

September 5: Col 1:15-20, Lk 5:33-39

September 6: Col 1:21-23, Lk 6:1-5

****Daily Mass Time Change** Wednesday, September 10.** Daily Mass time will be 5:45 p.m.

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 with our youth after 5:45 p.m.

Fall Bazaar Raffle Tickets Will Be Mailed Tuesday September 2. There are approximately 240 household envelopes left in the Gathering Area. Postage will cost us nearly \$250!! PLEASE PICK YOUR TICKETS UP TODAY!!

Frozen Shredded Cabbage! Do you have a culinary use for frozen cabbage? We have plenty of 5-pound bags!! Contact Julie if you would like a bag or more!

Holy-Hour With Adoration. Saturday, September 6, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



Kitchen Konnection
Upcoming dates, and themes:

September 11 – Football's Back! Pulled Pork.

September 25 – Harvest Time. Soup/Sandwich

*Menus are subject to change.

Knights of Columbus Meeting, Thursday, September 4, 5:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Our Sympathy to

- Mike Suppa on the death of his brother, Anthony 'Chuck' Suppa.
- Mary Jane Breitling on the death of her cousin, Tom O'Toole.

May Chuck & Tom rest in peace in the arms of our Lord.

Pastoral Council Meeting, Thursday, September 25, 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Library.

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

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

Faye Arlt, Larry & Mary Kay Ellner, Helen Kloos, Mark Menschel, Sandra Nowacki, Pauline Klinger, John Anderson

***Those who are healing:**

Rodney Loberg, Kerry Stroik, Joann Moody, Kolby Hunsicker, Gary Lammer

***Other prayer requests:**

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

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

Safety Team Meeting, Thursday, September 11,
7 p.m. in the Parish Library.

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

We Pray In Remembrance of...

August 31: Jerry Liska, Hazel Marquart,
Susan Smith, Lois Kuklok

September 1: Marie Lerch

September 2: Paul Matthys

September 3: Larry Paczkowski

September 4: Diane Cich

Volunteerism - Stewardship

Avoid the Time & Talent Talk at the End of the 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 Is Coming on 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.

DID YOU KNOW?: Carlo Acutis will be canonized by Pope Leo XIV on Sunday, September 7th in Rome. Carlo Acutis was a 15-year-old Italian teenager who died of leukemia on October 12, 2006. He used his computer skills to create an online database of Eucharistic miracles around the world. He was devoted to Our Lady, praying the rosary every day to the Eucharist. "The Eucharist is the highway to Heaven" – Saint Carlo Acutis. He is the first millennial saint and is the "Patron Saint of the Internet"

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten

the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time-Aug. 31, 2025

The readings this weekend, particularly the first reading from Sirach and this weekend's gospel from Luke emphasize that God calls us to humility. Some people think that humility is walking around with our head bowed all the time, feeling sorry for oneself, saying, "Poor me. I am so unworthy. I am worthless." But actually, quite the contrary is true. Being humble is to acknowledge who we really are, to accept ourselves, with the gifts God has given us as well as our limitations. We should not go to the opposite extreme and put ourselves on too high a pedestal, not to be prideful.

Humility involves using all the gifts which God gave me to help my neighbor, the physically and spiritually poor, the lame and blind to heaven. If I do this instead of setting myself apart from them as the Pharisees did, then my judgment will be easy. I shall be repaid in the resurrection.

It seems that, at least for me, God offers us many opportunities to embrace humility. A great way to practice humility is in the confessional. There may be sins that we just can't shake, or large sins that we are ashamed of, and we find ourselves coming back again and again in the sacrament for forgiveness. And God showers us with his mercy time and time again.

If we want an example of humility, we have it in the gospel, and that is Jesus. He took on our human nature with all our pain and suffering! Jesus lowered himself by becoming one of us. He did that because He loved us. Because He wanted to save us from our own self-destruction, from our sinfulness.

So, may Christ be our example of humility. When we receive him bodily, may we also receive him spiritually, that He may fill our hearts with humility and love.

Community & Diocesan Events

September Dinner, Sunday, September 14, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Hawley MN. Turkey & all the trimmings, assorted salads & desserts. \$15-Adults, \$5-Ages 6-12, Preschool-Free.

Days of Reflection – Monthly Series, Beginning September 20, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., in person or online; St. Francis Retreat Center, Hankinson. 2026 is the 800th anniversary of St. Francis' death. *Days of Reflection* will serve as a spiritual pilgrimage to significant sites in the Assisi and the Umbrian Valley. The sessions will be facilitated by Sr. Mary Ruth Huhn. Suggested donation \$30. For more information contact smaryruth@scretreats.org or call 701-242-7195. To register <https://forms.office.com/r/qvVtezHnt9>.

A Night for Life, Thursday, September 25, 5:30 p.m. Social, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, Sts. Anne & Joachim. A special fundraising dinner in support of Shanley High School students attending the National March of Life in Washington, DC. A delicious meal and featured speaker Alexandra DeSanctis, renowned pro-life author. \$100 per person. Register now <https://onecau.se/btwxz1>.

St. William's Turkey Dinner, Sunday, October 5, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Argusville Community Center. Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. Free will offering.

Area Fall Dinners

September 14 St. Andrew, Hawley MN
September 21 St. Benedict, Horace
October 5 Blessed Sacrament
 St. William, Argusville

Job Openings:

Ultrasound Tech/Registered Nurse/LPN, Women's Care Center, Fargo/Moorhead. Please send resume to angela@wccnd.com or call 701-237-6530 for further details or questions.

Stewardship Moment

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Luke 14:13-14

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our "consumerist" culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it's just a financial transaction., This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus', renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

**September 6-7, 2025 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Ministries of Service**

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	K. Jalbert	P. Jorgensen	M. Kern
EMHC	*K. Jalbert, J. & J. Jones, Volunteer, Volunteer	*N. Peterson, **S. & L. DeKeyser, Volunteer, Volunteer	*L. Wegner, B. Opoien, M. Kern, Volunteer, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteer, Volunteer	P. Jorgensen, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Servers	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
Ushers	C. Diver, Volunteer	W. Suchla, A. Pritchard	Volunteer, Volunteer
Greeters	Volunteer, Volunteer	N. Peterson, J. Suchla	Volunteer, Volunteer
Rosary Leader	Volunteer	S. DeKeyser	M. Kern
Sacristan	Volunteer	Volunteer	L. Wegner
Media Minister	R. Cwikla	*Eucharist Minister	**Takes to home bound



Faith Formation

Pre-K through 12th Grade

Meet the Teachers

Parent Binder

-Policies

-Procedures

-Behavior Expectations

-Circle of Grace/Care

-Forms

-Contact Information

Parent Involvement & Commitment

Questions, Concerns, Suggestions

Parent Meeting

Wednesday, September, 6:00 p.m.
Blessed Sacrament Social Hall

Adult Attendance is required if:

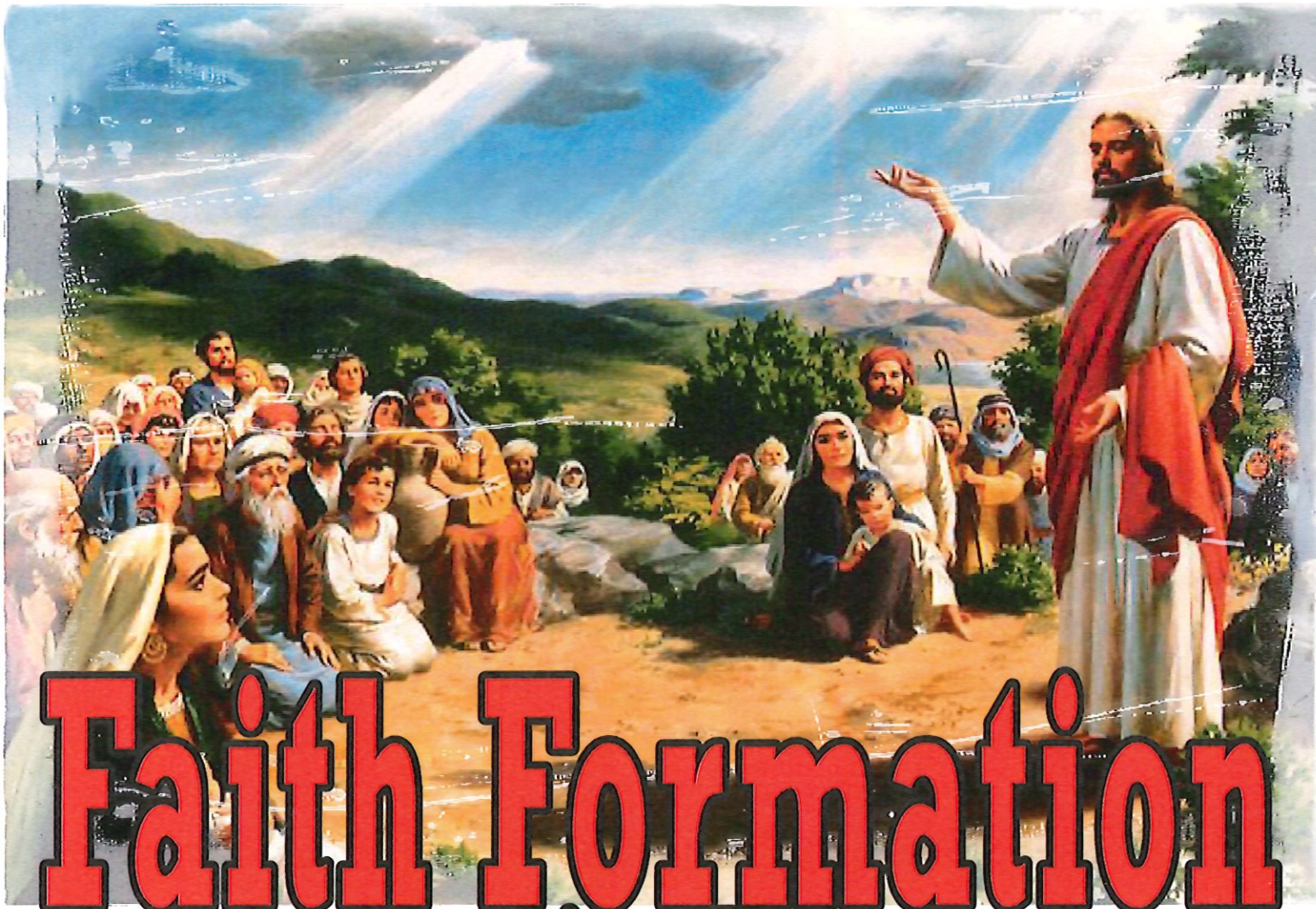
- *You have a youth registered in Faith Formation.**
- *You are interested in registering your youth in Faith Formation.**

**Let's start the year informed and united.
We look forward to seeing you there!**

Questions?

Call Julie Yourczek ~ 701-282-3321

**"Take to heart these words which I command you today. Keep repeating them to your children. Recite them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you get up."
Deuteronomy 6:6-7**



Faith Formation

Starting Dates:

Opening Mass - September 10, 5:45 p.m.

Classroom Open House following Mass

First Day of Class:

Preschool/Kindergarten (PK)	September 14	10:30 a.m.
Grades 1-5	September 17	5:45 p.m.
Grades 6-8 (B4WOW)	September 17	7:00 p.m.
Grades 9-12 (WOW)	September 17	7:00 p.m.

Contact Julie Yourczek with any questions, Julie@bscwf.org or 701- 282-3321

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Fall Dinner & Bazaar

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Mass: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Dinner: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Bingo: 2:30 p.m. (cash prizes)

Raffle Drawings: 4:00 p.m. Following Bingo

Serving...

Baked Potato Bar

Large Baked Potato
Abundant Potato Toppings
Salad, Bread, Dessert

Adults - \$13

Children (6-12) - \$6

5 & under - free

Takeout available for \$2.00 extra



Grab a POTATO
SLICE it Open
Pile on the TOPPINGS!

Gluten Free

Vegan

Bazaar Activities

Bazaar Market

Take-A-Chance Baskets (\$1 & \$5)

Cash Raffle

Prayer Cards

Games (indoor and outdoor)

Baked potatoes are a nutrient-dense food rich in vitamins, minerals, and high-quality protein. Plus, they have virtually no fat!

