



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church



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September 20-21, 2025 ~ 25th 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, September 21

8:30 a.m. – +Ann Zaradka

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Monday, September 22 - NO MASS

Tuesday, September 23 at *Sheyenne Crossings*

1:00 p.m. – +the Repose of the soul of Pope Francis

Wednesday, September 24

9:00 a.m. – +Irene Keller

Thursday September 25

9:00 a.m. – +Jim Hill

Friday, September 26

9:00 a.m. – +Michael S. Lenzmeier

Saturday, September 27

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

5:15 p.m. – Morgan Pierce

Sunday, September 28

8:30 a.m. – Lorraine Hager

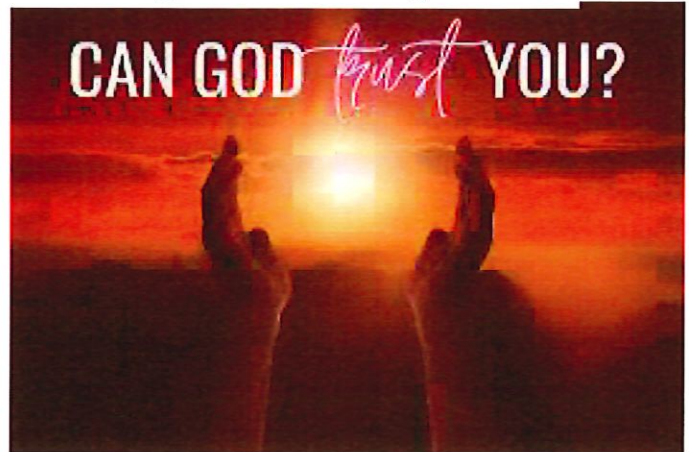
10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Weekly Offering

Thank You for Your Support!

September 13-14, 2025

Adult: \$11,048.77		Children: \$20
Improvements: \$668		Poor Fund: \$281
Collected to Date		Goal
\$283,139.82	Adult	\$319,200.00
\$1,002.00	Children	\$1,140.00
\$18,583.91	Improvements	\$38,000.00
\$173,180.49	Living our Faith	\$400,807.00
\$63,569.50	God's Gift	\$71,975.59



This Week

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Blood Drive, 3:45-6 p.m.

Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

OCIA, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

FF Grades 1-5, 5:45 p.m.

FF Grades 6-12, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 25, 2025

Kitchen Konnection, 5:30 p.m.

Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 26, 2025

Staff Meeting, 1:15 p.m.

Blessed Sacrament Fall Dinner & Bazaar October 5, 2025

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Dinner & Games

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Bazaar Market

Prayer Cards

Take-A-Chance

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Bingo

4:00 p.m.

Raffle Drawings

Fall Dinner & Bazaar News Sunday October 5, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Get Involved in the Excitement, big or small. The Fall Dinner is the largest fundraiser for the parish. You are the reason the Fall Event is a success! Your donations, baskets, volunteering all add up to great things for a successful event.

Will YOU be Joining us? Things are buzzing here at Blessed Sacrament in preparation for our Fall Dinner & Bazaar. Every household is important for Fall Dinner Success! Without you and your contributions, this fall event would not be successful.

Have You...

- Signed up to volunteer? Forms are on the table in the Social Hall
- Taken a basket to fill with themed ideas? Completed baskets must be here by Monday, September 22.
 - Remember to fill out the slip (found on the rack with the baskets).
- Sold your raffle tickets? Turn them in to the Parish Office by Friday, October 3. *If you are not able to sell your tickets, please return them to the Parish Office.*

Calling all Bakers, Canners, and Crafters! The Bazaar Market will accept your items! Homemade canned and baked goods and crafts to sell at the Market. If it's homemade, we'll gladly take it. The Market is also accepting new and gently used items such as home decor, kitchen items, etc. Bring your donations to the Parish Office BEFORE 3:00 p.m. Friday, September 26. *We will NOT accept jewelry..*

Early Bazaar Activities - September 27 & 28:

The Market, Take A Chance tickets, Cash Raffle Tickets will all be available to purchase or bid on the weekend of September 27-28 before and after Masses.

Games - PRAY FOR NICE WEATHER SO SOME GAMES CAN BE HELD OUTSIDE: Julie is looking for people to help with the games. We are offering games for the littles, as well as older kids and families. There will be 2 competitive games: corn hole and the ribbon race. Get a team together and sign up to participate now. 1st place winners from both games will receive a gift card. Team sign-ups are in the social hall

DON'T FORGET: We will have guess the amounts in jars – all ages are able to participate

Please Enter the Social Hall to Sign-Up for All Things Fall Dinner! Need volunteers for food donations including desserts of all kinds, kitchen help, dining room help, clean up, dish room, selling meal tickets, helping with Take-A-Chance, Bazaar Market, Games and Bingo Concessions.

Quilt on Display. Thank you to Isabel Liska for the beautiful quilt! It is on display outside the Parish Office. The quilt is a raffle prize! Take a minute to check it out! You might win it and take it home!

Raffle Tickets Sales. Please sell your raffle tickets. Return the stubs and money to the Parish Office. Thank you! Do you want more tickets? Pick them up in the Parish Office.

Take-A-Chance Empty baskets are waiting to be taken home to be filled with theme based, new items. Or if you have your own baskets or ideas to put items in feel free. Please create a basket or more and return by September 22nd. Remember to complete a form for each basket. Need ideas for a basket theme? See the flyer in the social hall with a listing of examples.

Tickets sales will be open the weekend before the fall dinner. You will be able to drop your tickets in the bin starting then.

Area Fall Dinners

<u>September 21</u>	St. Benedict, Horace St. Boniface, Wimbledon
<u>September 28</u>	St. Mary, Grand Forks St. Agatha, Hope St. Anthony, Fargo
<u>October 5</u>	Blessed Sacrament, WF St. William, Argusville St. Francis de Sales, Mhd
<u>October 12</u>	St. Agnes, Hunter
<u>October 19</u>	Holy Cross, WF
<u>October 26</u>	Holy Spirit, Fargo St. Elizabeth, Dilworth MN
<u>November 9</u>	Nativity, Fargo

Check the bulletin board for posters.

Faith Formation

Class Times - Grades PK-12:

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Grs 1-5 5:45 p.m.

B4WOW 7:00 p.m.

WOW 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 28, 2025

PK 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

ALL GRADES 5:30 p.m.

Faith Formation Needs:

- **Wednesday night helpers.** Please note that if you plan to assist you must have a background check done if you haven't already. You also need to watch the Circle of Care video and read the Code of Conduct. Classes are in full swing so please reach out to Julie if you can help Wednesdays.
- **Snack donations for 1-5th grade classes.** We offer a snack from 5:30-5:45 before classes begin. Examples of snacks we are looking for are:
 - Goldfish Crackers (single serving bags)
 - Go-Gurts
 - String Cheese
 - Applesauce (singles)
 - Beef Sticks (bulk from Sam's or Costco)
 - Granola Bars (chocolate chip and peanut butter chocolate chip go over well)
 - Any other ideas with proteins, not full of sugar

Middle and High School Students: Anyone interested in going on the **Mission Trip to Lincoln, NE in June 2026**, MUST let their catechist know as soon as possible. **A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due by October 8, 2025.** Parents and Catechists wishing to go will pay the same fee as a student. Any questions contact Julie 701.282.3321 or julie@bscwf.org.

Adult Formation / Bible Study UPDATES!

Class will begin on Tuesday, September 23, 6:30 - 8 p.m., in the Social Hall. Shawn DeKeyser will be leading the Bible Study: *Matthew: The King and His Kingdom*. Please sign up right away by calling the Parish Office 701-282-3321.

OCIA Classes Begin THIS WEEK – Tuesday, September 23, 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or just want to strengthen your faith, contact Fr. Gary Luiten and sign up 701-282-3321, gary@bscwf.org.

Class Dates:

September 23
October 7, 14, 28

Music Ministry

Choirs will begin in **October!** If you are interested in joining a choir or have questions please reach out to Ronda at Ronda@bscwf.org.

Parish Life

Baptism Baby Basket. There is a baptism basket in the Gathering Area for Kairi Ann-Marie Varholdt, 4-month-old daughter of Tommy & Emily Varholdt. Please help us fill the basket with baby shower items.

Blood Donors – Please Come Forward!! There are only 3 spots filled and we have 21 total. We need you on Tuesday, September 23, from 3:45 to 6 p.m. Also, mark your calendar or sign up right away for the December 15 date.



Daily Readings – September 21-27, 2025

September 21: Am 8:4-7, 1 Tm 2:1-8, Lk 16:1-13

September 22: Ezr 1:1-6, Lk 8:16-18

September 23: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20, Lk 8:19-21

September 24: Ezr 9:5-9, Lk 1-6

September 25: Hg 1:1-8, Lk 9:7-9

September 26: Hg 2:1-9, Lk 9:18-22

September 27: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a, Lk 9:43b-45

Fall Clean-Up: All Ages Working Together for the betterment of our Blessed Sacrament Parish. Fall clean-up and Fall Dinner preparation is Wednesday, October 1, 5:30 p.m. Faith Formation students and adult parishioners be working outside and inside. When we are done we will share hotdogs and smores by Fr. Gary's firepit!

FROZEN SHREDDED CABBAGE!! We need to make room in the freezers for the upcoming large events. Please come to the Parish Office and we will assist you.

Happy Birthday! We pray for those who are celebrating a birthday this week.

- Susan Weber, September 27

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 95% toward our goal of \$71,975. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located on the bookcases in the Gathering Area or ask at the Parish Office.



Kitchen Konnection
Upcoming dates, and themes:

September 25 – Harvest Time. Soup/Sandwich

October 23 – Chili Cook-Off

November 13 – Honoring Our Veterans

*Menus are subject to change.

Knights of Columbus Council # 6465

Faith in action. Catholic men living their faith at home, in their parish, and their community.



Next Meeting: Thursday, October 2, 7 p.m.

2025-2026 Officers

Grand Knight: Eduardo Pablo
Deputy Grand Knight: Rory Lee
Chaplain: Fr. Gary Luiten
Financial Secretary: Darrell Dimmer
Treasurer: Darren Rohrich
Recorder: John Jones
Chancellor: Steve Curfman
Advocate: Colter Pratt
Warden: Chris Diver
Inside Guard: Rob Haugen
Outside Guard: Rick Olstad
Trustees: Bill Rohrich, Shawn DeKeyser,
Steve Perreault

Knights of Columbus News. On September 4, the Knights of Columbus Council at Blessed Sacrament elected Rob Haugen as Knight of the Month and Chris & Emily Diver as Family of the Month. Their hard work has not gone unnoticed at Blessed Sacrament.

Nativity Showcase is coming December 6 & 7. This will be a display of a variety of nativity scenes. Free standing, wall hangings, ornaments, etc. Do you have a Christmas nativity that you would like to display at the event? Contact the Parish Office and reserve your showcase space.

Our Sympathy to Sharon Menschel on the death of her son, Mark Menschel. May Mark rest in peace in the arms of our Lord.

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

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

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

*Cathy Weiser (sister of Sharon Bosch),
Wes Weeding, Alice Cumber, Bruce McCartney,
Cathy Short, Marlys Mattson, Wendy Retterath,
Faye Arlt, Larry & Mary Kay Ellner, Helen Kloos*

***Those who are healing:**

*John Anderson, Rodney Loberg, Kerry Stroik,
Joann Moody, Kolby Hunsicker, Gary Lammer*

***Other prayer requests:**

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

Second Chili Cook-Off!! On October 23rd Kitchen Konnection will be hosting our 2nd Chili Cook-Off. If you wish to participate by cooking your own famous chili, please fill out the form on the table in front of the Parish Office. The top 3 choices will receive a prize.

We Pray In Remembrance of...

September 21: Minnie Boll, Dean Tollefson,
Helen Ebsen

September 24: Lorraine Grinsteiner, LeRoy Levin

September 25: David Saxowsky, John Pulkrabek,
Philip Nagel

September 26: Rosemary Coleman

September 27: Fran Gerszewski, Lorraine Hager,
Roberta Heflin

Sacraments

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

701-282-3321 or 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

Please Enter the Social Hall and sign up for All Things Fall Dinner!! Need volunteers for food donations including desserts of all kinds, kitchen help, dining room help, clean up, dish room, selling meal tickets, helping with Take-A-Chance, Bazaar Market, Games and Bingo Concessions. Refer to the Fall Dinner & Bazaar section of the bulletin for more information.

Join Our Welcoming Team of Parish Ushers!

We're inviting dedicated men and women of Blessed Sacrament Parish to become part of our ushering team—a ministry that's essential to creating a safe, welcoming, and organized environment during our weekend liturgies. As an usher, you'll be a friendly face, a helpful guide, and a reassuring presence for all who gather

to worship. This is a meaningful way to serve our parish family and make a real impact. If you feel called to contribute in this important way, please speak with Julie after Mass or email her at julie@bscwf.org.

Usher Training will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 6:00 p.m. Meet in the Social Hall. We'd love to welcome you to the team!

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Sept. 21, 2025

You might wonder what the message is that Jesus gives us in the gospel this weekend. He says to make friends with dishonest wealth. So, are we supposed to live according to the world or according to heaven? When we take the whole reading in context, the message becomes clearer at the end of the gospel reading when Jesus says, "You cannot give yourself to God and mammon (that is, material things)." So, we are ultimately called not to make friends with dishonest wealth, but to focus on God. Paul speaks about focusing on God in his letter to Timothy. He speaks about four ways of doing so: petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving.

Prayer, ultimately, is talking to God: God-talk. It is also listening to God. Prayer is realizing that our relationship with God, if it is to be a good one, involves a two-way street. We don't do all the talking, nor do we just listen. Prayer involves both. The best way to do this is by taking time out each day to do so at a time when we are least distracted. Besides prayer, Paul mentions petitions as a part of our relationship with God. Really, when we look at it, petitions are a type of prayer. A petition is asking God for something. This can be a challenge for some of us because it means swallowing our pride and admitting that we need things from God, that we can't live life without God's help.

Paul also says that intercessions are important as well. We've probably heard that word before, but what does it mean? It means helping someone by means of our prayer. It means asking God to help someone who needs it badly.

And lastly, Paul wants us to offer thanksgivings to God. If we are really honest with ourselves, we will realize that God has blessed us tremendously. No, we don't have everything, but we have more than many people in the world have. And God deserves thanks for what He's done for us.

The above four ways are four wonderful channels for us to keep focused on God as we walk with Him this Fall: prayers, petition, intercession, and thanksgiving to God. May God give us the grace we need each day to give ourselves every day, as St. Paul did, not to worldly things, not to mammon, but to God.

Community & Diocesan Events

One of a Kind Auction! Saturday, September 27, 10 a.m., Ft. Francis Thrift Store (1419 1st Ave S, Fargo). Furniture, Antiques, Appliances. For more information call 701-793-5566.

Catholic Man Night. Join us for the first Catholic Man Night of the season! It will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m., Holy Cross Catholic Church. Featured speaker; Mike Hagstrom, JP II President. Free will offering for the meal. Come and bring a friend!

Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Annual Fall Festival, Sunday, October 26, 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. All are welcome to enjoy a turkey dinner, games for kids, bingo, bake sale, silent auction, and raffle with \$1,000 grand prize! Take-out meals are available. A free-will offering will be collected at the meal.

St. Elizabeth, Dilworth MN - Original Spaghetti Dinner, Sunday October 26, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Adults \$18, children \$10 preschool Free. Take out is available. Raffle prizes: ½ beef and ¼ beef.

Job Openings

JP II Catholic Schools Open Positions: To apply visit 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

- Substitute Teachers

Other Positions

- Assistant Cook – Shanley High School/Sacred Heart Middle School
- Head Girls Softball Coach (Spring 2025)

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.

FT Property Manager

Sts. Anne and Joachim Catholic Church in Fargo is seeking a full-time Property Manager to oversee the care and maintenance of our parish facilities and grounds. This role ensures our property is safe, clean, welcoming, and well-maintained, reflecting responsible stewardship of God's gifts. Key responsibilities include custodial care, facility setup and teardown for parish events, routine and preventive maintenance of mechanical and electrical systems, and coordination with contractors and vendors. The Property Manager also engages parish volunteers to assist with facility needs, fostering shared responsibility for our buildings. The ideal candidate is organized, skilled in facilities maintenance, and able to balance hands-on work with coordination of outside services and volunteers. Experience in custodial or maintenance work, knowledge of building systems, and strong communication skills are required. This is an on-site position (Monday–Friday, 8am–5pm, with evenings or weekends as needed). Competitive compensation commensurate with experience. To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume, and references to luke.meyer@fargodiocese.org. Interested individuals may inquire at the same email or speak with Fr. Luke Meyer and Alfred Schwalbe.

FT Director of Marriage and Family

Sts. Anne and Joachim Catholic Church in Fargo is seeking a full-time Director of Marriage and Family to lead our parish's relationship ministry. This role oversees the Relationship Ministry Task Force, recruiting, training, and inspiring volunteers to foster strong, Christ-centered marriages in our community. Key responsibilities include planning and coordinating large-scale outreach events, developing ongoing engagement opportunities, supporting couples in deeper formation, and tracking ministry outcomes. The Director works closely with parish staff and volunteers to maximize program effectiveness and ensure alignment with parish mission. The ideal candidate has strong leadership and organizational skills, experience coordinating volunteers, and a passion for strengthening marriages through faith. Prior ministry or program leadership experience is preferred. This is an on-site position (Monday–Friday with flexibility for evening events). Competitive compensation commensurate with experience. To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume, and references to luke.meyer@fargodiocese.org. Interested individuals may inquire at the same email or speak with Fr. Luke Meyer and Alfred Schwalbe

**September 27-28, 2025 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ministries of Service**

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	L. Elshaug	F. McCann	M. Kern
EMHC	*M. Pierce, J. & J. Jones, B. Opoien, C. Diver	*W. Suchla, P. Jorgensen, M. Doster, Volunteer, Volunteer	*M. Curfman, M. Kern, Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteer, Volunteer	P. Jorgensen, Volunteer,	Volunteer, Volunteer
Servers	M. & M. Pierce	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
Ushers	Volunteer, Volunteer	A Pritchard, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Greeters	M. & M. Pierce	W. & J. Suchla	Volunteer, Volunteer
Rosary Leader	Volunteer	Volunteer	M. Kern
Sacristan	Volunteer	Volunteer	M. Kern
Media Minister	L. Martin	*Eucharist Minister / ** T. English -Takes to home bound	



HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL



**Blessed Sacrament
Church Social Hall**

**Thursday,
September 25, 2025
Serving from:
5:30-6:30pm**

Enjoy with us:



**DESSERTS
COFFEE
WATER**

**FREE OR FREE WILL OFFERING
MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Calling All Parishioners Church Cleaning



**"Keep The
Church
Clean"**

**If you're free & can come
down to help, please do!
Do your part to help prepare
God's House and Yard!**

We need all with hands & legs to help out!

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Outdoors: Grab your garden gloves and round up those garden tools! It's time to get the church grounds ready for winter.

Indoors: Dusting, window cleaning, sweeping, washing & wiping throughout the building. Let's make it shine!

Hotdogs and 'Smores will be served at the firepit when we are done!

Coming Soon...

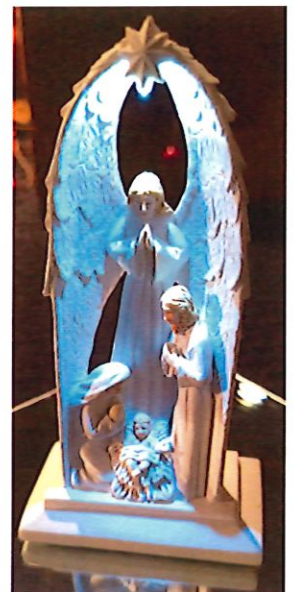
Blessed Sacrament's Annual Nativity Showcase!

Are you interested in displaying
YOUR nativity scene at **OUR** showcase?



We invite you to join us and display your nativity (manger scene) at the Blessed Sacrament 3rd Annual Nativity Showcase, December 6-7, 2025. There is no limit as to how many, what type, or size of nativity you can display.

To reserve your space or inquiries; call the Blessed Sacrament Parish Office, 701-282-3321.



Setup: December 4-5.
Showcase: December 6-7.
Take-down: December 7, at the conclusion of the Show.

This is a family event with holiday music, refreshments and interactive displays.

Photos taken from previous showcases.

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