



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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September 6-7, 2025 – 23rd 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 7

8:30 a.m. – +Gaylas Pritchard

10:30 a.m. - the Parishioners

Monday, September 8 – No Mass

Tuesday, September 9 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – +Michael Spanier

Wednesday, September 10

5:45 p.m. – Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, September 11

9:00 a.m. – Samantha Salter

Friday, September 12

9:00 a.m. - +John Retterath

Saturday, September 13 Anointing of the Sick

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – Matt Pierce

Sunday, September 14 Anointing of the Sick

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. - +Larry Michelson

Weekly Offering

Your Support Keeps Us Going!

August 30-31, 2025

Adult: \$4,159.27

Children: \$20

Improvements: \$2,060

Poor Fund: \$380

Collected to Date

Goal

\$272,867.08	Adult	\$302,400.00
\$888.00	Children	\$1,080.00
\$17,860.42	Improvements	\$36,000.00
\$166,441.70	Living our Faith	\$400,807.00
\$63,477.00	God's Gift	\$71,975.59

“...whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.”

~ Luke 14:27



This Week

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Daily Mass, 5:45 p.m.

FF All Grades Mass, 5:45 p.m.

Thursday, September 11, 2025

Kitchen Konnection, 5:30 p.m.

Safety Team Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, September 13-14, 2025

Anointing of the sick at all Masses

Fall Dinner & Bazaar News

Sunday October 5, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Fall Dinner and Bazaar: We are getting ready for that **Day of ALL Days!** Our Fall Dinner and Bazaar! Please help us get posters out to the public and sell your raffle tickets. This is the main fundraiser for our church!

Fall Dinner Yard Signs. It's time to get the sign out of your garage and put it in your yard!! If you don't have a sign, you can pick one up. We have them in the Gathering Area. This is a great advertising tool! Let's get signs in neighborhoods all around the city!

POSTER – Please take the time to share our fall dinner poster with your friends and family, your co-workers, and teammates!

If You Are Interested In helping with or have questions about the Fall Bazaar, please contact Julie at 701-282-3321 or julie@bscwf.org.

Empty Baskets Are Available: Take-A-Chance empty baskets are waiting to be filled. If you need a basket or 2 they are available in the Social Hall.

- All baskets **MUST** have a form completed and taped to the basket. You will need to put your name, phone #, basket content description and check if it is for the \$1 or \$5 chances. Slips will be on the table with the baskets.
 - \$1 Chance baskets will be in the Gathering Area.
 - \$5 Chance baskets will be in the Social Hall.
- Filled baskets need to be to the church by Monday, September 22. The Take-A-Chance committee will be organizing these baskets to be ready for viewing the weekend before the bazaar.
- **REMINDER: baskets should contain NEW items.** Any gently used items should be brought to the Bazaar Market.
- There will be slips with basket ideas available if you need some help with a basket.

Raffle Tickets Are In The Mail! Please watch for yours. Do your part and sell the tickets! Return the stubs and money to the Parish Office. Pick up extra tickets from the Parish Office. If you cannot sell your tickets, return them to the Parish Office.

Sign-up Sheets for helping at the dinner, carnival, bingo, bazaar market, floaters, etc. are in the Social Hall on the south wall.

Take-A-Chance baskets will be divided into two categories. Tickets will be \$1 or \$5 each, depending on the category. Tickets will be sold the weekend before and the weekend of the Bazaar. All tickets must have a first and last name and a phone number before they are dropped into the desired bucket.

Area Fall Dinners:

<u>September 14</u>	St. Andrew, Hawley MN
<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
<u>October 12</u>	St. Agnes, Hunter
<u>October 19</u>	Holy Cross, WF

Check the bulletin board for posters.

Faith Formation

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

Wednesday, September 10 - Faith Formation Mass and Opening Session at 5:45 p.m. Parents and students should go into the church. After Mass we will go into the Social Hall for an opening introduction, answer any questions and everyone can meet the teachers.

NEEDS FOR FAITH FORMATION:

Parents to help out during classes.
Parents to help donate for snacks before classes.

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

Adult Formation Begins Tues., September 16!

Shawn DeKeyser will be leading the Bible Study: **Matthew: The King and His Kingdom.** Classes will be Tuesdays from 6:30 – 8 p.m. and will be held in classrooms 4 and 5. Workbooks are optional and would be at your own cost. They are \$40 from Ascension Press:

<https://ascensionpress.com/collections/matthew-the-king-and-his-kingdom?srsltid=AfmBOophecMIEycn1WHgdH8h43Ee1ksZ5HJ4LXABkUpdxQjySOvXwKb>. You may prefer online access for \$7, which might be preferable to those who have internet access. Either way it is not mandatory to have the workbook. Sign up by calling the Parish Office at 701-282-3321.

OCIA Classes Begin This Month. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or just want to strengthen you faith, contact Fr. Gary Luiten and sign up 701-282-3321, gary@bscwf.org. Classes begins on Tuesday, September 23, 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Library.

Music Ministry

Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary). This song is sung prior to Communion:

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy,
tried, and true. With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for You.*

Parish Life

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

- When should you receive this blessing?
 - When dangerously ill, no matter your age.
 - Before surgery.
 - If you are elderly and especially weak.
 - When you need healing in mind, body, or spirit.
- Why should you receive this blessing?
 - For strength & courage to accept illness.
 - For help in recovery.
 - To help prepare for death.
 - For peace if anxious.

Becoming Catholic: If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Fr. Gary Luiten, 701-282-3321 or Gary@bscwf.org.

Busy-Bag for Busy Children. If you need something to occupy your child(ren) during Mass, please take a Busy-Bag from the red 'tree' near the coat rack. **Please return the Busy-Bag to the 'tree' when Mass is over.** Take home the activity and coloring pages. The crayons and books remain in the bag.

Daily Readings – September 7-13, 2025

September 7: Wis 9:13-18b, Phlm 9:10,12-17,
Lk 14:25-33

September 8: Mi 5:1-4a, Mt 1:1-16,18-23

September 9: Col 2:6-15, Lk 6:12-19

September 10: Col 3:1-11, Lk 6:20-26

September 11: Col 3:12-17, Lk 6:27-38

September 12: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14, Lk 6:39-42

September 13: 1 Tm 1:15-17, Lk 6:43-49

Fall Clean-Up: Wednesday, October 1, 5:45 p.m. Those who can assist during the day can work on interior windows and inside the church. Faith Formation students and parents will be working outside.

FROZEN SHREDDED CABBAGE!! 5lb bags perfect for soup or stews. Let Julie know if you wish to get some.

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

- Marge Zerr, September 10



Kitchen Konnection
Upcoming dates, and themes:

September 11 – Football's Back! Pulled Pork.

September 25 – Harvest Time. Soup/Sandwich

October 23 – Halloween Theme

November 13 – Honoring Our Veterans

*Menus are subject to change.

Let us Pray for You! Contact the Parish Office with your prayer needs 701-282-3321. Your request will be forwarded on to our Prayer Warriors and/or placed in the bulletin. **You may also request prayers on our website:**

<https://www.bscwf.org/prayer-wall/>

Liturgical Readings & Responses. For those who want to follow the prayers, readings, and psalm response... You can access those readings on your smart phone from the Blessed Sacrament website. bscwf.org. From the homepage scroll down to "Daily Readings."

Low-Gluten Hosts Available. We ask that you sit in the first section closest to the Family Room. As you approach Fr. Luiten during communion, indicate to him that you need the low-gluten host.

Our Sympathy to

- Scott and Bobby Brand on the death of their uncle, Jay Brand.
- Marlene Yanish on the death of her mother, Pauline Klinger.

May Jay and Pauline rest in the arms of our Lord.

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

Please Check Lost and Found. Items not picked up by September 30 will be donated. We collect items that have been left behind and place them in the tote above the coat rack.

Safety Team Meeting, Thursday, September 11, 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

September/December 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
Tuesday, September 23 – 3:45 to 6:00 p.m.
Monday, December 15 – 2:45 to 6:00 p.m.

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

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

*Cathy Short (Niece of Joan Short),
Marlys Mattson (mother of Jim Mattson),
Wendy Retterath, Faye Art, Larry &
Mary Kay Ellner, Helen Kloos, 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*

We Pray in Remembrance of...

September 7: Wilhelm Lerch, Mary Thompson

September 10: Lloyd Stromme

September 11: Geneva Anderson, Leo Rohrich,
Ted Brown

September 12: Bette Brand

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

Vital Statistics – August 2025

Baptisms: Archie Lautt

Deaths: Pauline Klinger

Volunteerism - Stewardship

Fall Dinner is Coming OCTOBER 5!! Volunteer sheets are in the Social Hall. Also, needs for the dinner are on the table in Social Hall. Please check them out and commit.

Baked Potato Bar: Concerned this change in menu will not offer proteins, or there won't be enough to eat for the price, vegetarian options, or gluten free. **WELL** on the contrary. This potato bar will offer everything you may want or need. Here are some of the topping options: butter, sour cream, cheese sauce, shredded cheese, chili, pulled pork, turkey, chicken, taco meat, broccoli, olives, gravy, black beans, salsa, sauteed mushrooms, onions, bacon, etc. Better yet you will not be limited to what you put on it. You can have some of all or just your few favorites.

USHERS: We are seeking both men and women to serve as ushers for our parish. In light of recent global events, our safety committee has been created to ensure we are prepared for any situation that may arise. Ushers will play a vital role as part of this committee, helping to monitor entrances, assist with crowd flow, and report any unusual activity to the safety committee during our liturgies. Through their attentiveness and support, ushers help protect and care for our parish community. If you are interested in helping keep our community safe, please speak with Julie after Mass or contact her, julie@bscwf.org. Your participation truly makes a difference!

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten

the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 7, 2025

The readings remind us today that discipleship involves a choice. Actually, becoming a disciple of Jesus involves at least three different types of choices. The first is an all-encompassing choice, which was made by our parents for us at our baptisms. Then there is the choice on whether to become a priest, brother, or sister, or to marry, or to remain single. Then there are the day-to-day choices we make. We oftentimes don't think of our faith this way, but it seems that almost every day, life presents us choices either do the right thing in keeping the commandments or not. When we think about it, we have tons of choices that are given to us, starting at the beginning of each day. And in all these choices, God wants us every day to choose God first above everything else – above possessions, above family, above work, above play, above sports, and above friends.

Then, once we've chosen the Lord, God calls forth from us total dedication! That's what Jesus is talking about in the gospel when He says the disciple must renounce his possessions. It doesn't mean necessarily to give away everything we own. It means not to allow anything or anyone to take the place of God in our lives.

And if we think that those choices were tough enough, Jesus adds a couple more things. Jesus also says that discipleship involves even denying one's own life for the sake of Jesus and carrying one's own cross. Now, after knowing what Jesus wants from us to be disciples, he talks about doing some math and calculating the cost in the gospel. If we try to do that math, we may find it will cost too much! If we are honest with ourselves, we will

realize that we don't have what it takes to be disciples. But God does have what it takes. And God will give those gifts to us each day.

May we ask the Lord each day to give us our daily bread so that we may have the ability to say "yes" to the Lord and to live it out. And he gives us just enough of what we need each day so that we have the ability to carry our crosses and follow after Him so that we may celebrate with Him forever in the kingdom.

Since this is the first weekend of the month of September, I have a few other items for you:

The fruits of our capital campaign: Living our Faith, Building our Future. Thank you to all who pledged for this combined diocesan and parish campaign. We are ending the first year of the 4-year campaign. With those funds, we have already

- painted and freshened up the ceiling in the social hall kitchen.
- Northern Stone has also recently replaced our baptismal font with a granite top and basin, all fashioned from one piece of granite. The plastic bowl is still in the font until the plumbing is finished, which should be done by the end of the month. There is a pipe that drains straight into the ground beneath the church to drain off any extra unused holy water, which we wouldn't want going into the sewer. And that pipe needs to be connected to the drain in the granite basin.
- The digital church bell controller has been ordered and hopefully we will be having the church bell sounding again before the snow flies.

By the end of the 4-year campaign, we should have more than enough funds to set aside for the replacing of the 2 remaining original furnaces in the furnace room off the gathering area when they expire. *Thanks to your generosity, we continue to keep up and beautify our church furnishings.*

OCIA Classes. Classes for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly called RCIA) will be held Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to about 8:15 pm in the library, beginning September 23. It is for all adults who are interested in knowing more about the church or in becoming Catholic. It is also for those Catholics who want a refresher course on the faith. So, all are welcome. We will meet in the parish library. You may enter through the parish office door.

Anointing of the Sick. We will offer the anointing of the sick at all Masses on the weekend of September 14. There was a time in the church when many people saw the anointing as something that was given only at the point of death. In fact, some people, sadly, even now equate a visit from the priest as the sign of death. But now the church sees the sacrament of anointing is meant to bring God's life, not death. This sacrament is not only for those at the point of death. Therefore, "As soon as any one of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time to receive this sacrament has arrived." (Vat. II, on the Liturgy, article 73). Also, some other types of illness such as some types of depression or anxiety are now classified as serious (article 53). So those who think they would be strengthened by this sacrament may be anointed. If you are not sure, it is better to receive than not to receive.

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.

Sts. Anne & Joachim presents the opening concert in their 25-26 Performing Arts Series:

"Catholic Classics." featuring musicians from the parish singing from the treasury of the Catholic Church. This concert will take place on Sunday, September 7, 4:00 p.m. FREE concert event!

Catholic Daughters to Meet. Tuesday, September 9, St. Anthony's, Fargo. Mass at 5:15 p.m., meal to follow and meeting at 6:30 p.m. Members are invited to bring non-perishable food item donations. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Any questions, email regentctstall@gmail.com.

Apple Dumpling Day, Sunday, September 28, 1-4 p.m., Riverview Place (5300 12 St S, Fargo). Music, vendor market, car & bike show, tours, and apple dumplings!! Questions? Call 701-237-4700.

Holy Hour for Life – Respect Life Sunday

October 5, St. Mary's Cathedral. Bishop Folda invites all the faithful of the diocese to join him in a Mass and Holy Hour for Life on Respect Life. Mass at noon followed by a Holy Hour for Life starting at approximately 1:15 p.m. A lunch will be served in the social hall following the Holy Hour.

iSurrender: If When Life Doesn't Go as Planned, October 3-5, Maryvale, Valley City. As life falls apart and earthly solutions fail, there's one last thing you may not have tried: **iSurrender!** It's not about giving up but giving in to receive the bounty of graces God is waiting to bestow. It's finding a reliable God in an unreliable world. Let us guide you beyond heartache and hardship to a surrender that will bring you peace. The presenters for this retreat will be Patti Armstrong, Monica Hannan, and Roxane Salonen. Visit <https://maryvalend.org/10-5-25-i-surrender> for the details.

Women's Reading Retreat, October 17-19, Maryvale, Valley City. This weekend-long reading retreat is filled with group and silent reading times, small and large group discussions, prayer time, daily Mass, adoration, evening social, and the building of lasting friendships. Participants will be reading and discussing *God's Bucket List* by Teresa Tomeo. Details and registration available at <https://maryvalend.org/3-30-25-gods-bucket-list-1>

Stewardship Moment

Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

September 13-14, 2025 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	B. Kirkeby	J. Yourczek	L. Elshaug
EMHC	*B. Opoien, M. Pierce, K. Jalbert, J. Jones, C. Diver	*A. Pritchard, F. McCann, S. Perreault, H. Madson, **N. Peterson	*M. Curfman, M. Kern, Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	M. & M. Pierce	Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Servers	M. & M. Pierce, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
Ushers	J. Jones, Volunteer	W. Suchla, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Greeters	G. Kirkeby, Volunteer	J. Suchla, N. Peterson	Volunteer, Volunteer
Rosary Leader	Volunteer	S. Durbin	M. Curfman
Sacristan	Volunteer	H. Madson	M. Curfman
Media Minister	Volunteer	*Eucharist Minister / **Takes to home bound	



Presents..

Thursday, September 11, 2025—Football Is Back—Let's have pulled pork

Thursday, September 25, 2025—Harvest is Plentiful Now—Soup & Sandwich

Thursday, October 23, 2025—Halloween Theme

Thursday, November 13, 2025—Salute to Our Veterans

***Serve from 5:30-6:30pm—FREE or Free Will Offering*



**Come, Let Us Draw
Strength From The Lord ...**

**and they should pray over him
and anoint him with oil
in the name of the Lord**

Anointing of the Sick September 13-14, 2025

**All Masses will celebrate
the Sacrament of Anointing.**

All are welcome for Mass.

**Anointing of the sick will be offered for those who are
sick or suffering in any way. Mind, Body, or Spirit.**

Fall Dinner:

Baked Potato Bar

topping options

(Top with 1 or all—no limits to toppings)

Proteins:

- Pulled Pork
- Turkey
- Chicken
- Taco Meat
- Sloppy Joes
- Bacon
- Shredded Cheese
- Cheese Sauce

Vegetables:

- Broccoli
- Sauted Mushrooms
- Fresh Mushrooms
- Onions
- Olives

Miscellaneous:

- Butter
- Sour Cream
- Salsa

Toppings may change slightly or be added to....

