



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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October 4-5, 2025 – 27th 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, October 5 *Fall Dinner & Bazaar*

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. - +David Stephan

Monday, October 6 – No Mass

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, October 7 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – +Jesse Vargas

Wednesday, October 8

9:00 a.m. – +Gaylas Pritchard

Thursday, October 9

9:00 a.m. – Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, October 10

9:00 a.m. - +Cecelia Kirchoffner

Saturday, October 11

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – Mira Pierce

Sunday, October 12

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. - +Carol A. Grahn

Weekly Offering

Your Support Keeps Us Going!

September 27-28, 2025

Adult: \$9,411.07

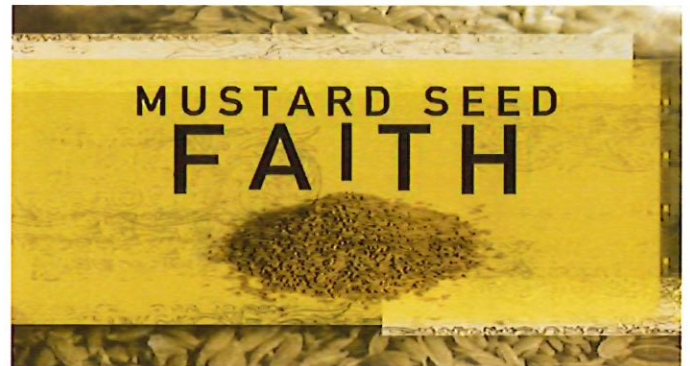
Children: \$12

Improvements: \$173

Poor Fund: \$421

Collected to Date

		Goal
\$298,161.77	Adult	\$336,000.00
\$1,030.00	Children	\$1,200.00
\$18,869.91	Improvements	\$40,000.00
\$173,180.49	Living our Faith	\$400,807.00
\$65,225.75	God's Gift	\$71,975.59



This Week

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Blessed Sacrament Fall Dinner & Bazaar!

Monday, October 6, 2025

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

OCIA, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

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

FF- Grades 6-12, 7:00 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

Thank You Fall Dinner Sponsors!

Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus

Boulger Funeral Home

Diversified Wealth Management

(Brad & Kari Novak)

Eric & Karen Hanson

John & Jody Jones

Gerald & Jean Kern

Bill & Gloria Larson

Isabel Liska

Fr. Gary Luiten

Roger & Beth Mammenga

John & Kathy Reichert

Sleep Wellness Center

(Jamie & Maria Regner)

The Groundsman

(Tim & Jeanine Allmaras)

Top Notch Carpet Cleaning

(Wayne & Jason Suchla)

Tina Tweeter

Jeff & Kathy York

Raffle Winners will be Announced
in Next Week's Bulletin

Area Fall Dinners

October 5

Blessed Sacrament, WF
St. William, Argusville
St. Francis de Sales, Mhd

October 12

St. Agnes, Hunter

October 19

Holy Cross, WF

October 26

Holy Spirit, Fargo

St. Elizabeth, Dilworth MN

November 2

St. Leo, Casselton

November 9

Nativity, Fargo

Check the bulletin board for posters.

Faith Formation

For all Faith Formation Class Dates and Times,
refer to the Faith Formation Calendar on the
Blessed Sacrament Website at:

<https://www.bscwf.org/classes/>

Class Time Schedule, Grades PK through 12

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Grs 1-5 5:45 p.m.

B4WOW 7:00 p.m.

WOW 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 12, 2025

PK 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

NO CLASS

Sunday, October 19, 2025

PK No Class

Mission Trip Deposit Deadline – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8! Middle and High School Students interested in going on the **Mission Trip to Lincoln, NE in June 2026**, need to have a **\$100 non-refundable deposit in. The Faith Formation program** will pay \$50 of that deposit for each student going. Any questions contact Julie 701-282-3321 or julie@bscwf.org

My Mass Notes are back for our youth to complete while listening during mass. There are clipboards with pencils by each entrance. Students are to fill them out, place the completed form in the Parish Office mail slot and return empty clipboard to the stand. Father Gary will review these once a month and the winners will win a DQ gift card.

B4WOW & WOW students have voted on a new name.... **L.I.F.T. (Living In Faith Together)**. It is still being decided how to differentiate between the two – stay tuned.

Spread Gods Love! Have you noticed some clay circles with a cross and light beams around the church, gathering area or social hall? Some of our middle school students made these and distributed them around for others to find. If you find one, move it to another place for someone else to discover or put it in your pocket. It's a fun and creative way to spread God's love around.

Adult Formation / Matthew 'The King and His Kingdom'. This bible study will meet most Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Shawn DeKeyser is leading this Bible Study. If you have any questions call the Parish Office 701-282-3321.

Class Dates: October 7, 14, 21, 28

November 4, 11, 18, 25

December 2, 9, 16, 23

2026 dates TBD

OCIA Class meets most Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., in classroom 4. OCIA is for adults wanting to become Catholic, and for Catholic adults who would like a refresher course about their faith.

Class Dates: October: 7, 14, 21, 28
November: 4, 11, 18, 25

Music Ministry

Contemporary Choir	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Sing</u>
October 12	7:45 a.m.	8:30 a.m.

Joyful Voices	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Sing</u>
October 19	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.

Parish Life

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 – October 5-11, 2025

October 5: Hb 1:2-3,2:2-4, 2 Tm 1:6-8,13-14,
Lk 17:5-10

October 6: Jon 1:1-2:2,11, Lk 10:25-37

October 7: Jon 3:1-10, Lk 10:38-42

October 8: Jon 4:1-11, Lk 11:1-4

October 9: Mal 3:13-20b, Lk 11:5-13

October 10: Jl 1:13-15,2:1-2, Lk 11:15-26

October 11: Jl 4:12-21, Lk 11:27-28

Evening of Remembrance: Mark your calendar for our annual evening of remembrance prayer service, Friday, November 7, 7:00 p.m. This prayer service is an evening of healing for those who have lost a family member or close friend, within the last year.

Fall Clean-Up THANK YOU!! We are so blessed to have such great parishioners, including students and their parents! The building and grounds look amazing. Thank you!!!

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

- Wes Weeding, October 8
- Marilyn Hoff, October 8

Humanitarian Aid for Gaza.

Bishop Folda has asked all parishes, in the Fargo Diocese, to take up a collection for those suffering from the effects of war in Gaza. Blessed Sacrament will have a collection basket available, in the Gathering Area, NEXT weekend, October 13-14.

Kitchen Konnection,
Only ONCE in the Months of October, November, and December. Meals are served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on the following Thursdays:
October 23: Chili Cook-Off
November 13: Honoring Our Veterans
December 11: TBD



Menus are subject to change

Sign-up to put your famous chili in our Kitchen Konnection Chili Cook-Off October 23. Sign-up on the table by the Parish Office. Prizes will be awarded!

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."

Lost and Found. Items not picked up by October 31 will be donated. We collect items that have been left behind and place them in the tote above the coat rack.

Low-Gluten Hosts Available. For those suffering from sensitivity to gluten, low-gluten hosts are available. To receive a low-gluten host, sit on the left side of the Church to receive communion from Fr. Luiten.

Nativity Showcase Do you have a Nativity (Manger) scene that you could display at our showcase? If so, contact the Parish Office and reserve table space. The showcase will be on December 7 & 8. We encourage you to share your unique manger scenes! Contact the Parish Office to reserve your space for the showcase.

October Combined Collection Envelopes. Envelopes are in the Gathering Area, or you can use the form below. Prayerfully consider giving to the charities of: *World Missions, Retired Religious, Home Missions, Black & Indian Missions, and Peter's Pence*

Please submit your donation by Nov. 2, 2025.

October Combined Collection

Name: _____ Amount _____
Envelope # _____

- _____ **World Missions (50%)**
- _____ **Retired Religious (20%)**
- _____ **Home Missions (10%)**
- _____ **Black & Indian Missions (10%)**
- _____ **Peter's Pence (10%)**

NOTE: If you wish to give according to the above formula, do not check any lines.
If you wish to only give to one or two collections, check the appropriate lines.



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

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

*Dan Smith (son of Loretta Harding),
Elizabeth Decker (sister of Loretta Harding),
Marvin Short (brother of Joan Anderson),
Wally Odegaard, Cathy Weiser, Wes Weeding,
Alice Cumber, Bruce McCartney*

***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*

Thank you to Elsie & Dwight Keller for the pumpkins that are adding some fall color to the sanctuary!

The Word Among Us. A copy of the October issue of *The Word Among Us* is available for pickup on the Breaking Bread bookshelves and on the table near the entry. *The Word Among Us* shares Catholic Mass Readings and Daily Meditations. Pick one up while supplies last.

Vital Statistics – September 2025

Baptisms: Kairi Ann-Marie Varholdt

Deaths: Susan Jenson

Newcomers: Jerry & Janet Moss,
Dennis & Wanda Adams

We Pray in Remembrance of...

October 7: Mae Robillard

October 9: Calvin Bensen, Eldora Herbranson

October 10: Dale Klinger

October 11: Rudy Eggert, Harold Dancer

Volunteerism - Stewardship

ALL HANDS-ON DECK FOR THE FALL DINNER!

If you are available to help Sunday, October 5, please find Julie and she will put you to work!

Thank you to our Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the Fall Dinner Games!!

USHER TRAINING, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

6 p.m. in the Social Hall. Any parishioner who is already an usher or is interested in becoming an usher needs to attend the usher training. If you are unable to attend this training, please let Julie know as soon as possible.

WEEKEND MINISTERS: Volunteers, please continue to be viewing the schedules on SchedulerPro and sign-up where able. Schedules are currently live through January 2026.

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten

the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Respect Life Sunday - Sunday, October 5, 2025

This weekend provides a great opportunity to look at human life as gift. Our lives are arguably the greatest gifts that God has given to us, and they are to be treasured. Unfortunately, today's culture fails to see that the taking of the lives of the innocent born and the unborn is an injustice, and that human life needs protection. Saint Mother Theresa once said that "the nations which allow abortion are the poorest nations. The great destroyer of peace today is the crime against the innocent unborn child." Certainly, pro-life laws are a good thing, but more needs to be done. A culture of a love for life needs to be promoted, beginning with you and me.

So how do we respond to all the bad news that society gives us in the area of a lack of love and respect for human life? Jesus says in the gospel this weekend that if you had the faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this tree, "Be lifted up and thrown into the sea, and it would happen." We need to keep that faith alive, to really believe that human life will be protected, beginning right here locally, trusting in the grace of God that comes to us from Jesus in the Holy Spirit, something that the prophet Habakkuk did not have access to in his day. This gift of faith given to us can be put into action.

When the opportunity arises, we can educate people. People need to know that from conception, a new human being is formed, different than the father, and different from the mother who, when given food and nutrition, will be born and grow into a mature adult. Moreover, the church does care about those who have had abortions, and the Lord is very willing to grant mercy to them. There are helps to those who have had abortions, called Rachel's Vineyard retreats, accessible by contacting the Diocese of Fargo, or going to the Diocese of Fargo website and clicking on the Respect Life office tab and clicking on "post-abortion care." There is life after an abortion. One can and does heal spiritually and emotionally. I have seen it in some of the retreats I have helped with, including the one I helped with this past summer.

And last, but by no means least, you and I are called to pray for that deeper love in our own lives and in the lives of others, for the great gift of human life. We are also called to pray for God's will to be done, and that includes asking God to spare the lives of those who are considered to be taken. May we make that a part of our daily prayer as we love and respect the gift of human life that God has given.

And since this is the first weekend of the month of October, I have a few more items for you.

- **Thank you** to all who were so generous with birthday greetings, prayers, gifts, and cards on my birthday. God bless you for your kindness!
- **The baptismal font** with a granite top and basin, all fashioned from one piece of granite, is now in place and finished. You are invited to take a look at the font and bless yourself with the holy water.
- **The church bell** digital controller has been ordered and will be taking longer to arrive than originally thought. Maybe by Christmas we will have the bell ringing again? I guess we waited this long, we can wait another few months.
- **Our Fall Bazaar.** This is that time of year for our Fall Bazaar and Raffle this weekend. It is our major fundraiser for the year. Hopefully we can have a good attendance for the dinner and events scheduled for this Sunday, October 5. Let us pray for its success.
- **October Mass Count.** This is the month we will be counting Mass attendance. We will ask people to stand and be counted before I begin the homilies at each weekend Mass. Thank you for your patience as we do the counting.

Community & Diocesan Events

Catholic Daughter to Meet, October 14, St. Anthony's. 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, please send an email to regentctstann@gmail.com.

Job Openings

Controller, St. Joseph's Parish, Moorhead is seeking a full-time Controller to manage financial operations for multiple entities within the St. Joseph's Parish Community. Responsibilities include preparation of financial statements, budgets and payroll, and oversight of a support position. The Controller works closely with the Pastor, Finance Council, and staff to ensure responsible stewardship of parish resources.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in accounting or related field.
- Proven experience in accounting, preferably with nonprofit or parish/school settings.
- Strong knowledge of accounting principles, payroll systems (ADP), and financial reporting.
- Proficiency in accounting software (ParishSOFT a plus) and Microsoft Office Suite.
- High level of integrity, confidentiality, and attention to detail.
- Ability to collaborate with clergy, staff, and volunteers.

Apply: Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and résumé to: Deacon Mark Krejci (mkrejci@stjoesmhd.com).

PT Formation Assistant for the Office of Youth Discipleship. The Diocese of Fargo is hiring a PT Formation Assistant to assist with the operations of Youth Discipleship. This position will work closely with the Director to provide retreats and youth events, support ongoing training opportunities for church workers working with youth, recruit, and train Cor Christi Missionary Teams, and assist with diocesan young adult functions. 15-20 hours per week; work hours will depend on events. Experience working with parish youth and strong communications skills a plus. Position open until filled. To apply email cover letter, resume and three references to Barbara.augdahl@fargodiocese.org



Trinity Elementary Spotlight

At Trinity Elementary, we believe every child is a valued part of our school family. With hands-on teachers who inspire curiosity and growth, our students are nurtured through daily prayer, weekly mass, and meaningful service projects. Together, we create a community rooted in faith, learning, and service.



October 11-12, 2025 – 28th 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	N. Peterson	M. Curfman
EMHC	*J. & J. Jones, Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	*M. Doster, P. Jorgensen, **N. Peterson, A. Pritchard, Volunteer	*M. Curfman, M. Regner, B. Opoien, Volunteer, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteer, Volunteer	G. & K. Plummer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Servers	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
Ushers	Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Greeters	Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Rosary Leader	Volunteer	A. Pritchard	M. Curfman
Sacristan	Volunteer	Volunteer	M. Curfman
Media Minister	Volunteer	*Eucharist Minister	**Takes to home bound



We're here to
Serve

Attention

Current, New and, Hopeful Ushers!

Usher Training

Wednesday, October 15 - 6:00 p.m.

The Blessed Sacrament *Ushering Ministry* is essential to creating a welcoming, safe and organized environment for our weekend Masses. A friendly face, a helpful guide and, a reassuring presence for all who gather to worship.

Join Our Welcoming Team of Parish Ushers.

**BACK BY POPULAR
DEMAND...**



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025

SERVING FROM 5:30—6:30 PM

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Social Hall

210 5th Ave W—West Fargo, ND

FREE OR FREE WILL OFFERING

**Sign up to participate by
Monday, October 20th.
Slips will be available in
the parish office and at
Kitchen Connections**

You supply the chili and we will supply:

Fixin's for chili

Fruit or Salad

Bread

Desserts

Coffee/Water

Tums & Fire Extinguishers



I want to enter a crockpot of my famous chili in the Kitchen Connection Chili Cook-Off

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

TYPE OF CHILI: _____

MILD/MED/HOT—CIRCLE ONE

Coming Soon...

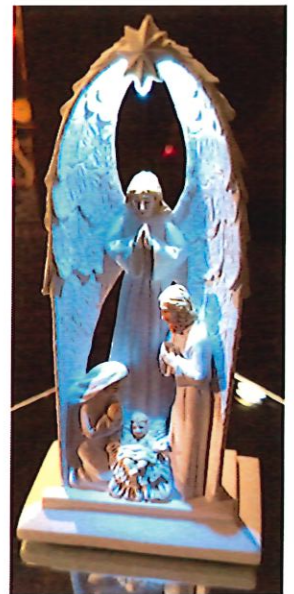
Blessed Sacrament's Annual Nativity Showcase!

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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