



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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November 1-2, 2025 – All Souls Day

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, November 2 Daylight Savings Time Ends

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Ed McDonald

Monday, November 3 - NO MASS

Tuesday, November 4 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – +Allen Pritchard

Wednesday, November 5

9:00 a.m. - +George Schmidt

Thursday, November 6

9:00 a.m. - +Fr. Duaine Cote

Friday, November 7

9:00 a.m. - +Dorothy Hanson

Adoration, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 8

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – +Ted Nilles

Sunday, November 9 Litany of Remembrance

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Gaylas Pritchard

Weekly Offering

We Appreciate Your Offering!
October 25-26, 2025

Adult: \$6,414.76

Children: \$ 10

Improvements: \$223

Poor Fund: \$395

Collected

\$328,151.06

Adult

Goal to Date

\$369,600.00

\$1,074.00

Children

\$1,320.00

\$21,028.69

Improvements

\$44,000.00

\$177,022.62

Living our Faith

\$400,807.00

\$69,931.00

God's Gift

\$71,975.59



This Week

Sunday, November 2, 2025

PK, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

OCIA, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

FF- Reconciliation Prep., 5:45 p.m.

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

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

Thursday, November 6, 2025

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

Friday, November 7, 2025

Adoration, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Evening of Remembrance, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 8, 2025

Litany of Remembrance

Faith Formation

Faith & Family Night at the NDSU Men's BB game: November 12, 7 p.m. Please let Julie know if your family plans to attend. You can pay on your own or give money to Julie to get tickets.

If not attending the NDSU Faith & Family night, students should be at church for a group session. Julie would also like to know how many will be at church

Lincoln, NE Mission Trip Deadline Extended!
 Deposits for chaperones and students should be in.
 If you haven't paid yet please get check or cash to
 Julie this week.

Christmas Program: Christmas Program is
 Sunday, December 14, 2 p.m. Student parts will be
 assigned this week and will be announced on
 Wednesday, November 5 at class.

PARENTS: Let Julie know if you can help with the
 Christmas Program as soon as possible. Call
 701-282-3321 or email julie@bscwf.org.

Class Schedule Grades PK Through 12

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Reconciliation Prep	5:45 p.m.
Grs 1-5	5:45 p.m.
B4WOW	7:00 p.m.
WOW	7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 9, 2025

PK No Class

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Reconciliation Prep	5:45 p.m.
Grs 1-5	5:45 p.m.
B4WOW	7:00 p.m.
WOW	7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 16, 2025

PK 10:30 a.m.

1st Reconciliation Sacrament Preparation Class
for grade 2 students and their parents, the following
 Wednesday's at 5:45 p.m. Meet with Fr. Luiten in
 the Church. November 5, 12, 19; December 10

**Adult Formation – Bible Study - Matthew 'The
 King and His Kingdom.'** Meets most Tuesdays at
 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Library,

Class Dates: November 4, 18, 25
December 2, 9, 16, 23

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)
 Meets most Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., Classroom 4-5.

Class Dates: November 4, 11, 18, 25
December 2, 9, 16

Music Ministry

Contemporary Choir	Practice	Sing
November 2	7:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
November 16	7:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.

Joyful Voices	Practice	Sing
November 9	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
November 23	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.

Parish Life

**Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Turns 89
 on Saturday, November 22!**

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

**Blessed Sacrament Hosts its 46th Annual
 Thanksgiving Dinner!** Thursday, November 27,
 2025. Serving from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. We are excited
 and beginning to prepare. This is a community
 celebration, and we couldn't do it without you.
 Please look at our needs and sign up to assist.
Please share the poster! Additional posters are in
 the Parish Office.

Busy-Bags for Busy Children. Busy-Bags are
 hanging on the red 'tree' by the coat rack. The bags
 have items for young children to quietly busy
 themselves during Mass. You are welcome to take
 home the activity and/or coloring pages. The
 crayons and books remain in the bag. **Please
 return the Busy-Bag to the tree following Mass.**

Chili Cook-Off Winners Are...

1st Place: Leslie Wegner
2nd Place: Steve Neva
3rd Place: Loretta Wall

Congratulations

Thank you to all who participated in the Kitchen
 Konnection Chili Cook-off. There were 9 different
 chilis!

Daily Readings – November 2-8, 2025

November 2: Wis 3:1-9, Rom 6:3-9, Jn 6:37-40

November 3: Rom 11:29-36, Lk 14:12-14

November 4: Rom 12:5-16b, Lk 14:15-24

November 5: Rom 13:8-10, Lk 14:25-33

November 6: Rom 14:7-12, Lk 15:1-10

November 7: Rom 15:14-21, Lk 16:1-8

November 8: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27, Lk 16:9-15

Do you Need a Wall Calendar for Next Year? Our
 2026 calendars are here! You will find them by
 each entrance and on the table by the Parish
 Office. Please help yourself.

Evening of Remembrance, Friday, November 7,
 7:00 p.m. *All are welcome* to this prayer service as
 we remember those who have passed away within
 the last year. A reception will follow. Please RSVP
As Soon As Possible to the Office 701-282-3321.

Happy Anniversary and Birthday! We pray for those couples celebrating a wedding anniversary and those celebrating a birthday this week.

Anniversary:

- Bill & Lois Schafer, November 6, 55 years.

Birthday:

- Helen-Jeanne Puvogel, November 2.

Kitchen Konnection,

Only ONCE in the Months of November, and December. Meals are served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on the following Thursdays:

November 13: Honoring Our Veterans

December 11: Christmas dinner

*Menu is subject to change.



Knights of Columbus Meeting, Thursday, November 6, 7 p.m.

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/>

Litany of Remembrance. Prior to Mass on November 8 & 9, we will be remembering those who have passed away. *They shall shine like the stars forever.*

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

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 Reserve a spot for your nativity display! Call the Parish Office 701-282-3321 or fill out a slip on the table by the Parish Office. Set up for the showcase is December 4-5. You may drop your Nativity(s) off on those days. Viewing the showcase will be Saturday, December 6, 2 - 7 p.m. & Sunday, December 7, 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Pastoral Council Meeting, Thursday, November 13, 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:

Richard Boyle (stepfather of Debbie Brand), Pat Muldoon, Jerry Sullivan, Kevin Hilzendegeer, Teresa Fischer, Alanna Jourdon, Bradley Gustafson, Dennis Gustafson, Tom & Konnie Middleton, Laura Bergen, Sylvia Birrenkott

*Those who are healing:

John Anderson, Rodney Loberg, Joann Moody, Kolby Hunsicker, Gary Lammer

*Other prayer requests:

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

Vital Statistics – October 2025

Newcomers: Sylvan & Margaret Loegering

We Pray in Remembrance of...

November 3: Anna M. Berg

November 4: Ann Short Jones

November 5: LaVerne Wetzstein

November 6: Mabel Orth, John Normandin

November 8: Florence Schlick, Robert Gaughan

Volunteerism - Stewardship

I Am Saddened and Disappointed, by Julie Y

I have been in this position 3.5 years now and have tried tirelessly to make Blessed Sacrament the church all age groups want to be a part of.

This past week we had Kitchen Konnection (as we do most 2nd and 4th Thursdays) and our chili cook-off. We ONLY served 51 people. Do you know how many of those were from Blessed Sacrament? Maybe 10 – not including those who helped. This is a meal for everyone. To get all walks of people together.

Fridays During Lent – Do you know how many people we get from our parish to stay for movie night and snacks or for other things we offer? Oh 10 maybe 15.

Faith Formation – Do you know how many children in our parish are the age to attend Faith Formation? Approximately 150. Do you have a guess as to how many are signed up for Faith Formation class? 73!!!

Faith Formation parents are asked to stay and help during class. I see 3 or 4 regularly.

I have over 120 ministry volunteers in the scheduling program, and I can't fill the positions without begging. And I get it, there are a bunch of people that are filling those positions week after week after week. And our music coordinator can't get people to cantor.

I could go on, but I think I have made my point. The reason for my sadness and disappointment is because I don't know how to get my fellow parishioners engaged. **PLEASE HELP ME HERE!** What do I need to offer here that will encourage all to want to be an integral part of Blessed Sacrament? The regular volunteers are getting tired. Many of them are getting to the age where they just can't do it anymore. I know, busy, right? We are all busy. Maybe Jesus is now too busy to hear our prayers. It makes me feel like a failure to Him because I can't engage my faith family more than going to church. If you have ideas, I am here. Please reach out and tell me what I am missing. What am I doing wrong here??

Next Blood Drive – Monday, December 15.

Please don't wait until the last moment to sign up. The time is 2:45 – 6 p.m. There are 20 donation spots to fill. Prayerfully consider and sign-up now to avoid any conflicts in your schedule. You can use this link:

<https://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa/appointment/quest/phl/timeSlotsExtr?token=Xr%2FOH1igJlwj%2FhEERcVLvUX2SAXxyXnabsqPMcg5Mtl%3D>
or contact Julie to get scheduled. Thank you!

Thanksgiving Sign-ups for volunteering as well as food donation needs are in the Social Hall. Please wait until November 10 to begin bringing in your food donations. Thank you!



Nativity Showcase Helpers and Displayers –

The Nativity Showcase is on December 6-7. Forms for displays are on the table outside the Parish Office. Spread the word to your family and friends, they do not need to be parishioners to display. If you would like to help or have a nativity set (or 2 or many) that you would like to display or have questions please contact Julie in the office.

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten

All Souls' Day - November 2, 2025

On this commemoration of All Souls, one may ask the question, "Who are the All Souls? All souls are those who have gone before us in death and were not quite yet ready for heaven. It is that place of preparation. Most probably they include our deceased relatives on their way to heaven. This is most likely part of our future as well. It is part of our faith that there are three places that we can go.

First, we have that place of preparation and purification called purgatory, which is what "purgatory" means. There is no consolation there except for one, and that is the article of faith which teaches that one knows for a fact that one will, at some point, beyond a shadow of a doubt, enter into Heaven to be with God and the saints. I don't know about you, but that place of purification is consoling for me because I don't believe that I am bad enough to be condemned to eternal punishment, but I don't think I am yet ready for heaven at this very moment either.

Second, our faith also tells us of the place that those who have permanently separated themselves from the Lord place themselves out of unrepentant grave, that is mortal, sin, and that place is hell, and it is forever. It's good to know that it is there – not to dwell on it too much – but just so we know what to avoid as we strive for the good.

And third, our faith teaches us of our final goal of eternal life, which is total fulfillment, peace, and happiness with the angels, saints, and God in heaven. That is where purgatory leads, and that is where Jesus takes us, when we are prepared.

This is the one day of the year that we take out especially to remember all the dead, and to pray for them. It is their day, not the day for those in heaven (that was All Saints Day). It is not the day to remember those in hell (they cannot benefit from our prayers). But it is for those in purgatory.

And so, on this day of All Souls, we are reminded not just of death, but also of life, that just as there is a Spring which awaits the darkness and death of Fall, so to an Eternal Spring that awaits the faithful. So may we not fear to embrace dying to ourselves and may we never forget to pray for our deceased relatives, friends, and enemies, and hopefully, when we have left this earth, people will pray for us.

Since this is the first bulletin of the month, I have a few more items for you.

- Parish Fall Dinner and Bazaar. Thank you to everyone who gave of their time, talents, and treasures to help make our Fall dinner and

bazaar a success this year. A lot of people worked very hard. It was a success not just financially, but in helping to build community. We came out about the same as last year, and I am happy considering we served the new main course with the loaded baked potato. We had several compliments. Hopefully you will bring your friends next year and we will serve even more! We do not have the final results in yet. Last year we netted \$27,800 for the raffle and dinner. Congratulations to those who won the raffle drawings.

- Shawn DeKeyser – one of our parishioners, will be ordained to the permanent diaconate Saturday morning November 15, 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo. All are invited for this holy occasion. Shawn will then be assisting at the altar and helping in other ways in the parish.
- Thanksgiving Dinner. Blessed Sacrament will once again hold a Thanksgiving Dinner, which will be served in the Social Hall Thanksgiving Day from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m., following Mass at 10 a.m. We will need many volunteers once again. By the grace of God and your help, we have always been able to serve all who come. Please watch the bulletin for upcoming details in the near future.
- Did you know – that the black granite with the flakes used for our baptismal font is called Uba Tuba granite.

May God bless us and help us to grow in his grace during this month of All Souls as we finish up the church year and begin a new church year November 30.

Community & Diocesan Events

Area Fall Dinners

November 2 St. Leo, Casselton
St. Rose of Lima, Hillsboro
November 9 Nativity, Fargo
Sts. Anne & Joachim *Check*

the bulletin board for posters

Support Groups for Catholics – Starting in November. Redeeming Grace Counseling is launching new support groups in November, designed specifically for practicing Catholic adults. Separate groups are available for men and women. Insurance is accepted. Participants can join in person at: Redeeming Grace Counseling, 1351 Page Dr S, Fargo or, via telehealth from anywhere in North Dakota or Minnesota. To register call

701-353-9979 or email
Info@RedeemingGraceCounseling.com

1) Catholic in Recovery

For Catholics facing addiction or supporting a loved one with addiction. This group focuses on spiritual healing through the 12 Steps and the Sacraments – without discussing the addiction itself.

- Duration: 22 sessions.
- Materials: The Catholic in Recovery Workbook: *A guide to the Twelve Steps*.
- Schedule:
 - Women: Mondays, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
 - Men: Tuesday, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

2) Divorced Catholics

For Catholics who are civilly divorced. This group offers a space to grieve, heal, and explore next steps. An annulment is not required, but guidance is available if desired.

- Duration: 12 sessions.
- Materials: Divorce and Beyond
- Schedule: Thursdays, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
 - Women: 1st & 3rd Thursdays
 - Men: 2nd & 4th Thursdays

3) Catholic Process Group

For Catholics dealing with anxiety, depression, stress, or anger. This group offers a supportive environment for emotional and spiritual growth.

- Schedule:
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
 - Women: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays
 - Men: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, November 11, at St. Anthony's beginning with the 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.

Holiday Collections Craft Show. Saturday, November 22, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Holy Cross, West Fargo. Admission \$2. Over 85 crafters and vendors.

Catholic Man Night: The event moves to a different parish each month from September to May. The evenings begin at 6 p.m. with adoration and confession. A light, free-will offering meal is served at 7 p.m. Speakers begin at approximately 7:30 p.m. This a great opportunity for men to share in prayer and fellowship.

- Nov. 18: Holy Spirit, Fargo. Speaker Tim Mosser.
- Nov. 20: St. Aloysius, Lisbon. Bishop Folda.
- Dec. 9: Cathedral of St. Mary, Fargo. Fr Eric Seitz

Job Openings

JPII Catholic Schools Open Positions: To apply visit <https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/> or call 701-893-3231 for more information.

- Paraprofessional – Holy Spirit Elementary School (10 hours/week)
- Assistant Cook – Shanley High School/Sacred Heart Middle School
- Head Girls Softball Coach (Spring 2025)
- Substitute Teachers

Accounts Payable Clerk – JPII Business Office (20 hours per week). The Accounts Payable Clerk is responsible for receiving, processing, and verifying invoices in addition to tracking purchase orders and processing payments. In addition to account payable, the AP Clerk will also provide support to additional JPII Business Office needs. Accounting experience preferred. Deadline for applying: Open Until Filled. Click below to apply and upload the following documents: cover letter, and three letters of recommendation.



Trinity Elementary Spotlight

Math Enrichment Club is open to 4th and 5th graders who love math and excel in class. Students build leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving skills through fun challenges.

This fall, they're creating E.E.V.s (Exoplanet Exploration Vehicles), testing their designs, and graphing data. The club meets every Monday after school with Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Meyer.



Math Club

November 8-9 2025 – 32nd 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	Volunteer	Volunteer
EMHC	*Volunteer, K. Jalbert, P. Pritchard, M. Pablo, Volunteer	*Volunteer, P. Jorgensen, Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	*B. Opoien, Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Servers	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
Ushers	Volunteer, Volunteer	W. Suchla, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Greeters	Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	Volunteer	Volunteer
Sacristan	K. Jalbert	Volunteer	Volunteer
Media Minister	Volunteer	*Eucharist Minister **A. Pritchard – to the home bound	



Thursday, November 27, 2025
Serving 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Free-Will
Offering

Take-out Available
NO Deliveries!

Join in the Thanksgiving spirit.
A time to share a meal with others.



Directory

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Feast/Holy Day

the Week of November 2, 2025

November 2: All Souls Day; Daylight Saving Ends

November 3: St. Martin de Porres

November 4: St. Charles Borromeo


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*Oh, Saint Martin de Porres, protector of the most afflicted, company of the helpless, in the name of Jesus, son of God, I ask for your help in these difficult times, help the "name of the person" who is sick.*

## Blessed Sacrament Mission Statement

As loving disciples, we the faith community of Blessed Sacrament, strive for full and active participation in joyfully serving Christ while recognizing the gifts and dignity of all.

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