



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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November 29-30 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent

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 30 1st Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m.– +Jerry Liska

December 1 - NO MASS

Tuesday, December 2 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – +Louis Hartle

Wednesday, December 3

9:00 a.m. – +Connie Otto

Thursday, December 4

9:00 a.m. – +Allen Pritchard

Friday, December 5

9:00 a.m. – +Bob Creighton

Adoration 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 6

Holy Hour with Adoration 3:30 p.m.

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – +Elsie Sadowski

Sunday, December 7 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Andrew Hecker

Weekly Offering

We are grateful for your support!

November 22-23, 2025

Adult: \$12,121.76

Children: \$54

Improvements: \$113

Poor Fund: \$533

Collected to Date

\$362,511.18

Adult

Goal to Date

\$403,200.00

\$1,244.00

Children

\$1,440.00

\$22,603.18

Improvements

\$48,000.00

\$189,616.00

Living our Faith

\$400,807.00

\$72,456.00

God's Gift

\$71,975.59

Hope

Represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah



This Week

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

OCIA, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

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

FF- LIFT-Up, 7:00 p.m.

FF- LIFT-Off, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 4, 2025

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

Friday, December 5, 2025

Adoration, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 6, 2025

Nativity Showcase, 2-7 p.m.

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

Advent

The Advent Wreath and Candles. The Advent Wreath is

one of the most symbolic

traditions for the season of Advent. With its colorful candles lit on each of the four weeks of Advent.

The circular shape of the Advent wreath symbolizes God's infinite love for us.



The Four Candles represent Jesus coming as the light in darkness. Each week, an additional candle is lit to symbolize the increasing anticipation and preparation for the arrival of Jesus. The light from the candles represents the light of Christ coming into the world. Each of the candles lit represents an aspect of preparation during the season of Advent.

The First Week of Advent.

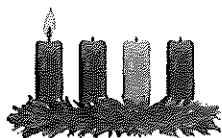
The First Candle

Represents: Hope

The candle of hope assures us we can have hope that God will fulfill the prophecies declared in the Old Testament about Jesus. Hope doesn't disappoint us.

Candle Color: Purple

Purple is the primary color associated with Advent. It symbolizes penance, preparation, and sacrifice. During the first week of Advent, we remember the Old Testament prophets who foretold of Jesus' coming with hope and anticipation.



Advent Information in the Gathering Area To help us prepare for the Advent Season, we have assembled some informational pamphlets. There is also a booklet with Advent Mass Readings and Daily Meditations. These are in the Media Rack in the Gathering Area.

Fill the Manger with Straw. Mary & Joseph need something warm to place Jesus in when he comes into the world. There will be a manger set up in the Gathering Area with straw next to it. Together let's be positive this Advent season and spread joy, acts of kindness, assist others, compliment others, befriend someone you don't know. Whatever good you do, please place straw in the manger. It needs to be full by Christmas Eve. Let's show Jesus, Mary, and Joseph how special they are.

Prayer Request Board. We all need prayers. Every day of our lives we need The Lord. Next to the manger, in the Gathering Area, we will have a large bulletin board with envelopes to place prayer requests in. Write a prayer(s) on slips of paper and place in the appropriate envelope. Each weekend the prayer envelopes will be placed by the Ambo for us all to pray for the intentions. Following weekend Mass, the basket will be placed by the statue of Mary. She will intercede for us and raise our prayers to the Lord.

Parish Advent Project- MinistREE for The Women's Care Center! Help make Christmas special for those in need. Please take an ornament or two, purchase the item listed on the back. Place the un-wrapped item under the MinistTREE. All ornaments have items from a wish list given to us by the Women's Care Center. All items must be un-wrapped and under the MinistTREE by Monday December 15.

Donations for Christmas Flowers are due Monday, December 15 to the Parish Office.

Christmas Flowers

Please use this form to make donations for the Christmas environment.

Donations are due by Monday, Dec.15.

Please print clearly.

In memory of: _____
(Name of deceased)

In honor of: _____
(Name of living person)

Requested by: _____
(Your name)

**Suggested donations:
\$25, \$35, \$50 per name**

Make check payable to Blessed Sacrament. Drop this form and donation in the collection basket, take to the Parish Office or mail it to 210 5th Ave W, West Fargo ND 58078

Please publish my gift in the bulletin:
 Yes No

Blessed Sacrament's Advent Reconciliation Service. Thursday December 11, 7 p.m. Following a service of prayer and contrition, confessions will be held. Extra priests will be present to hear confessions. Please make your Advent reconciliation on this day.

Area Advent Reconciliation Services

Services at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

St. Maurice, Kindred	December 2
St. Paul Newman Center	December 3
Holy Spirit	December 7- 4 pm
Sts. Anne & Joachim	December 9- 6:30 pm
Blessed Sacrament	December 11
St. Benedict, Horace	December 14- 4 pm
St. Anthony	December 15
Holy Cross	December 16
Nativity	December 18
St. Leo, Casselton	December 19
Cathedral of St. Mary	December 21- 4 pm

Christmas Mass Schedule.

Wednesday, December 24 – Carols 3:30 p.m.
– Mass 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 25 – Mass 10:00 a.m.

Faith Formation

Class Grades PK through 12

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Grs. 1-5 5:45 p.m.
LIFT-Up 7:00 p.m.
LIFT-Off 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 7, 2025

PK 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Reconciliation Retreat & Practice 5:45 p.m.

Grs. 1-5 5:45 p.m.
LIFT-Up 7:00 p.m.
LIFT-Off 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 14, 2025

PK No Class

Our Second Grade Students will be receiving their sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday, December 11 during our Advent Reconciliation Service. Please keep them in your prayers.

Christmas Program, Sunday, December 14, 2 p.m. Parents and students please work with Julie on getting your costume(s) and the updated script.

LOOKING FOR PARENTS to help with the Christmas Program: Please let Julie know as soon as possible. Call the Parish Office 701-282-3321 or email: julie@bscwf.org or message on WhatsApp.

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

Class Dates: December 2, 9, 16, 23
2026 dates TBD

OCIA Class meets most Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Classroom 4-5.

Class Dates: December 2, 16
January 6, 13, 27

Music Ministry

Contemporary Choir	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Sing</u>
December 7	7:45 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
December 21	7:45 a.m.	8:30 a.m.

Joyful Voices	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Sing</u>
December 7	9:45 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
December 21	9:45 a.m.	10:30 a.m.

Combined Choir	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Sing</u>
December 24	3:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.

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

- Instrumentalists
- Song Leaders
- Substitute Accompanists

Parish Life

A Thanksgiving to be Grateful For! Grateful, Thankful, Blessed is how we feel following our Thanksgiving Dinner. Food donations came from so many people in our community, not just our parishioners. Volunteers came from all around! Many, many people enjoyed a delicious meal. There is nothing better than a Blessed Sacrament Thanksgiving, thanks to you!

2026 Bulletin Advertising: Please consider advertising in our weekly bulletin. Contact Mary Beth in the Parish Office 701-282-3321. The bulletin advertising money is used to off-set the cost of printing and distributing the bulletin.

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

Bingo is Coming in 2026!

Mark your calendars with the following dates:
January 2026 (Youth Hosted): Sunday: 4, 11, 25
February 2026 (KC Hosted): Sunday: 1, 8, 22
March 2026 (KC Hosted): Sunday: 1, 8, 15, 22

Blessed Sacrament Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 14, 2:00 p.m. in the church. Please join.

Daily Readings – November 30-Dec. 6, 2025

November 30: Is 2:1-5, Rom 13:11-14, Mt 24:37-44

December 1: Is 4:2-6, Mt 8:5-11

December 2: Is 11:1-10, Lk 10:21-24

December 3: Is 25:6-10a, Mt 15:29-37

December 4: Is 26:1-6, Mt 7:21,24-27

December 5: Is 29:17-24, Mt 9:27-31

December 6: Is 30:19-21,23-26,

Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

End of Year Donations. If you are planning to give to Blessed Sacrament before the end of the year, please make sure your donation arrives in the Parish Office no later than Wednesday, December 31 by 12:00 noon.

Holiday Bake Sale sponsored by the St. Jude Circle will be December 13-14, before and after Mass. If you would like to donate baked goods, bring them to the church prior to Mass.

Holy Day of Obligation, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Monday, December 8, Mass times are 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. A holy day of obligation is a day on which Catholics are expected to attend Mass.

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

Kitchen Konnection,

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

Thursday, December 11: Christmas Ham Dinner

Thursday, January 8: TBD

Thursday, January 22: TBD

*Menu is subject to change



Message from Fr. Bert Miller. Fr. Bert has retired and is now living in the twin cities. He has asked that we pass on his new address to you. 3208 Inglewood Ave S #327, St. Louis Park MN 55416. He would love to hear from you!

Nativity Showcase Set-Up, December 4-5, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Bring your displays to the Social Hall. If you cannot get here at set-up time, please call the Parish Office to make alternative arrangements. 701-282-3321.

Nativity Showcase Viewing. You are invited to view our Second Nativity Showcase. NEXT Weekend, Saturday, December 6, 2-7 p.m. and Sunday, December 7, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Holiday music, treats and a beautiful display of all things 'Nativity'. Free Will Offering.

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

*Those who are sick or have medical problems:

Chad Nain (son of Kathy McDonald),

Karyn Dobmeier (mother of Matthew Dobmeier),

Marlys Mattson, Pat Muldoon,

*Those who are healing:

John Anderson, Rodney Loberg, Joann Moody,

Kolby Hunsicker, Gary Lammer

*Other prayer requests:

The Bosch Family, Drew Birrenkott

The Word Among Us. The Advent issue of *The Word Among Us* is available, 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.

We Pray In Remembrance of...

November 30: Marilyn Scully

December 1: Theresa Bowen, Mary Ann Chevalier,

Michael Byrne

December 5: Margaret Olson

Thank you

To Our Blessed Sacrament Family,

We sincerely appreciate the sympathy you extended to us at the time of Wally's death. We will always remember the comfort you shared with us.

The Odegaard family,
Mary Beth, Ethan, Erin, Noah and Sullivan

Volunteerism - Stewardship

Blessed Sacrament's Next Blood Drive is Monday, December 15, 3:45-6:00 p.m. We

currently have 4 donors signed up **out of 20**. It has been decided to only hold the drives 2 times a year in 2026. Please contact Julie if you would like her to put you on the schedule or use the following link:

<https://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa/appointment/guest/phl/timeSlotsExtr?token=Xr%2FOH1igJlwj%2FhEERcVLvUX2SAXxyXnabsqPMcg5Mtl%3D>

Thank you!

A Heartfelt Thank You to ALL! Thank you for donating food, time, and your talents for our 46th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. We could not pull off such a large endeavor without every person involved. God Bless You All

Drivers Needed to take Food to Churches United for the Homeless: The Fourth and Fifth Thursdays of the month we deliver food to Churches United. There are 5 large pans of tator-tot hotdish, salad, dressing, rolls and desserts. We need a volunteer to come Thursday morning between 10-11 a.m. to load the food and bring to the Moorhead location. If this is something you can help with and are willing please let Julie know so she can set up a schedule.

Nativity Showcase Needs: We need people to be on the committee to help set up, to monitor the Showcase on Saturday and Sunday and help with take down. Please reach out to Julie in the Parish Office if you would like to help and be on the committee. Set up is Thursday and Friday, December 4-5. The Showcase is Saturday and Sunday, December 6-7.

More Nativity Sets Please. We need more people to commit to bringing a nativity set(s). Sign-up sheets are on the table by the Parish Office. You will be able to take your set home Sunday after the showcase is over.

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten

the First Sunday of Advent - November 30, 2025

When you think about it, we do a lot of preparing for differing things: for going on a trip, preparing the house for Christmas, preparing ourselves for the day, preparing for bed, preparing a meal, and the list goes on and on. The gospel today is about preparing ourselves for the coming of the Son of Man, who is Jesus. The church gives us a special season about four weeks long in order to prepare. Advent is a season which prepares one for Christmas, as well as beginning to prepare for when Jesus comes again, and also to prepare for our coming to Jesus.

So, how does one prepare for Christmas at this time? It's not to say one can't begin writing Christmas cards, buying gifts, and making goodies. But the more important thing to do at this time is to prepare our hearts so we can be spiritually ready for Christmas. It is a good time for us to work on

relationships. One type of relationship is with others, including our enemies. We can begin praying for their conversion. We can also work on our relationship with God. Maybe this relationship is going great. Then we can be thankful and ask God to make it stronger. Maybe it isn't so good, and we have wounded that relationship through sin. Then God calls us to come to him.

If our sins are small, then we can come to him with an act of sorrow, also called an act of contrition, which we do at the beginning of each Mass. If the sins are grave, then in the sacrament of confession. Jesus, though He didn't call it the "sacrament of confession," that's what it was, when He sent the apostles out specifically to forgive sins. The sacrament of Confession, or Reconciliation, is every Saturday from 4 to 4:30 p.m. in the church as well as our Advent penance service, which is Thursday evening, December 11, 7:00 p.m.

These are some of the ways we can come to Jesus and thereby truly live out the spirit of the Advent season. And coming to the Lord is very important as we saw way back from the prophet Isaiah. In this way, when the Lord does come again, at an hour that we do not expect, we will be prepared.

Community & Diocesan Events

Our Savior, Emmanuel, Shanley High School Choir Department. Friday, December 5, 7:00 p.m., St. Anne & Joachim Catholic Church.

Concordia Christmas Concert – Welcome All Wonders. December 5-7, Memorial Auditorium, Concordia College.

December 5: 7:30 p.m.

December 6: 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

December 7: 2 p.m.

To purchase tickets, go to ConcordiaChristmas.com

Rorate Caeli Mass ~ A Candlelit Mass in Honor of our Blessed Mother, Saturday, December 13, 7:00 a.m., St. Mary's Cathedral.

WFHS Relay for Life Winter Fest, Saturday, December 14, 12-4 p.m., West Fargo High School. A kid-friendly event with games, activities, cookie decorating, face painting, photo booth and a Frozen character meet & greet. All money goes to the American Cancer Society.

5th Annual MinisTREE 2025 Advent Project

Brighten the Holidays for families
of the Women's Care Center.

If you would like to help, take
an ornament (or two) from
the MinisTREE.

Purchase the item listed on
the back of the ornament(s).

Return the UNWRAPPED gift(s)

by December 15.

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)
- Little Deacons Substitutes – Holy Spirit Elementary School
- Substitute Teachers

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**December 6-7, 2025 ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent
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	*J. Jones, L. Grosz, E. & C. Pablo, M. Curfman,	*F. McCann, Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	*Volunteer, M. Kern, E. Hanson, Volunteer, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteer, Volunteer	T. & W. Durbin	Volunteer, Volunteer
Servers	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
Ushers	A. Larson, J. Jones	P. Boyles, Volunteer	T. Tweeter, Volunteer
Greeters	K. & L. Grosz	Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Rosary Leader	M. Kern	S. Durbin	M. Kern
Sacristan	M. Curfman	Volunteer	Volunteer
Media Minister	Volunteer	*Eucharist Minister~**S. DeKeyser, Takes to home bound	

**Monday, December 8, 2025 ~ Immaculate Conception
Ministries of Service**

Masses	9:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Proclaimers	P. Jorgensen	M. Curfman
EMHC	*J. & J. Jones, E. & K. Hanson, Volunteer	*M. Curfman, L. Wegner, Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	A. Larson, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Servers	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
Ushers	F. McCann, P. Boyles	Volunteer, Volunteer
Greeters	Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	M. Curfman
Sacristan	Volunteer	Volunteer

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Media Information

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Feast/Holy Day

the Week of November 30, 2025

November 30: 1st Sunday of Advent

December 3: St. Francis Xavier

December 4: St. John Damascene


December 6: St. Nicholas

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*Saint John Damascene, you sensed God calling you out of the world to a place where you could enter into deep communion with Him. In that holy monastery, you were formed in virtue and holy learning. God then used you in remarkable ways for the good of the Church and His glory. Please pray for me, that I will embrace the deeper conversion I need so as to be better equipped to serve God as He wills. Saint John Damascene, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

## 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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