



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

210 5th Avenue W, West Fargo, ND 58078
701-282-3321
www.bscwf.org email: info@bscwf.org



November 22-23, 2025 ~ Christ the King Sunday

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 23 *Christ the King*

8:30 a.m. – Shawn & Lori DeKeyser

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Monday, November 24 - NO MASS

Tuesday, November 25 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – Courtney Burnett

Wednesday, November 26

9:00 a.m. – +Jim Hill

Thursday, November 27 *Thanksgiving*

10:00 a.m. – +Chris Perreault

Parish Office Closed

Friday, November 28 – NO MASS

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, November 29

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – +Joe & +Joan Barta

Sunday, November 30 *1st Sunday in Advent*

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. - +Jerry Liska

Weekly Offering

Thank you for your support!

November 15-16, 2025

Adult: \$7,892.77

Children: \$60

Improvements: \$578

Poor Fund: \$633

Collected to Date

\$350,389.42

Adult

Goal to Date

\$394,800.00

\$1,190.00

Children

\$1,410.00

\$22,490.18

Improvements

\$47,000.00

\$189,616.00

Living our Faith

\$400,807.00

\$70,431.00

God's Gift

\$71,975.59



This Week

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

OCIA, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 26, 2025

FF- Grades 6-12, 11:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving preparation

Thursday, November 27, 2025 *Thanksgiving Day*

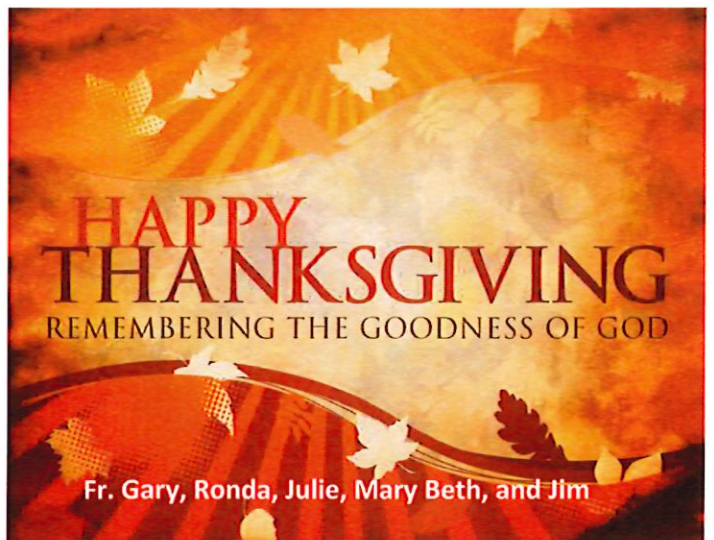
Thanksgiving Dinner 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Parish Office Closed

Friday, November 28, 2025

No Daily Mass

Parish Office Closed.



Faith Formation

TIME CORRECTION LIFT UP & OFF (grades 6-12). Help With Thanksgiving Preparations on Wednesday, November 26, 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Program, Sunday, December 14, 2:00 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 at 701-282-3321 or email: julie@bscwf.org or message on WhatsApp.

Class, Grades PreK through 12

Wednesday, November 26, 2025

Grs 1-5	NO CLASS
LIFT UP	11:00 a.m.
LIFT OFF	11:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 30, 2025

PK	No Class
----	----------

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, 2026

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 12, 19

Practice & Retreat: December 10, 5:45 p.m.

First Reconciliation: December 11, 7:00 p.m.

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

Class Dates: November 25

December 2, 9, 16, 23

2026 dates TBD

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

Class Dates: November 25

December 2, 9, 16

Music Ministry

Joyful Voices

November 23

Practice Sing

9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

A Blessed Sacrament Thanksgiving

A Blessed Sacrament Thanksgiving Thursday, November 27, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Join us and experience a Blessed Sacrament Thanksgiving!

It's Going to be a BUSY Week here at Blessed Sacrament. Roasters will be cooking turkeys; students will be helping mix the stuffing; the dining room will be set up; pies being sliced!! If you want to be a part of all the excitement, come to the church and we can certainly put you to work.

We need TURKEYS & Pies for the Thanksgiving Dinner! Please have your TURKEY donations to the church by Friday, November 21; all other donations must be here by 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 26.

Volunteer Sign-up sheets are in the Social Hall!

Thanksgiving Day Mass Time. Mass on Thursday, November 27 is at 10:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Dinner is Served from
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Parish Life

Congratulations to Deacon Shawn DeKeyser!!

Thank you to all that brought food to share, hands to help and an appetite for the potluck brunch in honor of Deacon Shawn DeKeyser. We had a great turn out to celebrate.

Advent Begins Next Sunday. Advent refers to the period of four weeks leading up to Christmas (December 24). This year Advent begins on Sunday, November 30. Advent is a time of anticipation and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day. Four weeks isn't long, but there is plenty of time to spend some quiet time preparing for Jesus' coming.

Advent Information in the Media Rack To help us prepare for the Advent Season, we have assembled some informational pamphlets.

Advent Interactive Advent Projects at Blessed

Sacrament: Advent is around the corner, and we need to prepare!! What a special time in our faith. The birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

- Fill the Crib with Straw. We will again have a crib set up to be filled with straw. For every good deed, act of kindness or other ways of living your life through Jesus Christ you can put a piece of straw in the crib. This is intended for our entire parish family!
- Prayer Request Board. Our Faith Formation students currently have a bulletin board for their prayer requests. Prayers are placed in the appropriate envelope. During weekend Mass

these intentions are prayed for. The Prayer Request Board will be placed in the Gathering Area for all of us to put our prayer requests.

- After weekend masses the basket will be placed by the statue of Mary in the Gathering Area. Mary will present our prayers and need to the Lord. We all need prayers; the world needs prayers. Let's pray hard for one another. **Stay tuned for more information.**

- MinisTREE for the Women's Care Center. Our MinisTREE will be supporting the Fargo Women's Care Center this year.

MinisTREE for The Women's Care Center! The MinisTREE will be in the Gathering Area beginning NEXT weekend. The MinisTREE will have ornaments with 'wish' items on them. Parishioners are asked to take an ornament (or two), purchase the 'wish' item. Place the **UN-WRAPPED** item under the MinisTREE. All gifts must be UN-WRAPPED and under the MinisTREE by Monday December 15.

Women's Care Center (Formerly known as First Choice Clinic) provides free, confidential counseling, support, and education for pregnant women. Free pregnancy testing and ultrasounds help determine viability and dates. Your gift will help support mothers and their young child.

Daily Readings – November 23-29, 2025

November 23: 2 Sm 5:1-3, Col 1:12-20,
Lk 23:35-43

November 24: Dn 1:1-6,8-20, Lk 21:1-4

November 25: Dn 2:31-45, Lk 21:5-11

November 26: Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28,
Lk 21:12-19

November 27: Sir 50:22-24, 1 Cor 1:2-9,
Lk 17:11-19

November 28: Dn 7:2-14, Lk 21:29-33

November 29: Dn 7:15-27, Lk 21:34-46

Help Yourself to a 2026 Wall Calendar. There are at the main entrances and on the table by the Parish Office.

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:

Thursday, December 11: Christmas Ham Dinner

Thursday, January 8: TBD

Thursday, January 22: TBD

*Menu is subject to change



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.

Viewing. You are invited to view our **THIRD Nativity Showcase.**

Saturday, December 6, 2 -7 p.m. and Sunday, December 7, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Please join us for holiday music, treats and beautiful Nativity displays. The charge is a freewill offering that will go to purchase food for our Blessing Box.

NEEDED – Advertisers for our Bulletin! The money that comes in for advertising helps off-set the cost of printing and mailing the bulletin. **ARE YOU A BUSINESS OWNER? PLEASE** consider advertising with us! The cost is **LESS THAN \$3 PER WEEK!!!** Please contact Mary Beth in the Parish Office to start your ad in January 2026, 701-282-3321 or MaryBeth@bscwf.org.

October 2025 Combined Collection Report

World Missions	\$1,302.50
Retired Religious	\$546.50
Home Missions	\$392.00
Black & Indian	\$382.00
Peter's Pence	\$382.00
Total	\$3,005.00

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

*Those who are sick or have medical problems:

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 23: Josephine Rohrich

November 24: Lewis Olson

November 25: Philip Rausch, Sally Formo

November 27: Karen Glover

November 29: Clarence Hoganson,
Brandon Schiefert



Preparing for Advent

Advent is around the corner. That means December 25 will be here before we know it. This may make some feel a bit anxious. Getting ready for Christmas is hard enough then add trying to do things for Advent may be overwhelming.

Many of us prepare for Lent (deciding 'what to give up' and so on) Advent deserves deliberation also!

Here are 5 things we can do to prepare ourselves for a holy Advent.

1. Ask God to help you draw nearer to Him. The more we yearn for Christ in Advent, the closer we come to a real celebration of Christmas. It is a common fear during Advent... that Christmas will come, and we will be no better for it. There is much to trouble our hearts this time of year: family, financial worries, needs... Where does Jesus fit in among these worries? We know that we have a chance for transformation during Advent. *Let us ask God to help us prepare our hearts for His coming and to aid us in having a good and holy Advent.*
2. Begin to practice silence. Silence is essential, knowing it and living it are two different things. We need silence in order to draw close to our Lord. Silence is an essential component of a holy Advent. Practice silence, if only for a few moments each day, adding one or two minutes as you progress through the days. During this busy time of year, *we must remind ourselves of the need for silence if we wish to hear what God has to say.*
3. Gather your essential Advent items. Put together a list of Advent supplies, whether it's Advent candles, Jesse Tree ornaments, nativity, or baking ingredients, make a list so you are prepared.
4. Don't sweat the small stuff. Let's not let Advent become the season for unreasonable expectations! We get our Advent supplies, prepare our homes and our hearts. The essential thing for Advent is *Drawing closer to Christ, helping our family and those we love to do the same.* Parents desire a rich experience for their children, but when parents draw closer to our Lord, it will reflect to the children and to others.
5. Prepare for a good confession. Advent is an important time to go to confession. Perhaps getting yourself and your family to confession can be your top priority this Advent. We are all in need of our Savior. Ready yourself for a good confession.

Advent is an important time of year, when we should recall our great need for Jesus. What is it that you are longing for during the season of Advent?

Volunteerism - Stewardship

The December Blood Drive is Coming FAST.

Every quarter I must beg to get donations. Right now, there are 2 appointments out of 20. I am currently re-evaluating having quarterly blood drive to support our community and those needing blood due to illness or accidents. I would love some feedback from those who are regular donors; whether at our blood drives or at Vitalant. Please contact Julie. If you plan to give you can use this link:

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

Thanksgiving Dinner!!! Sign-ups to volunteer are going great. Julie has had multiple non-parishioners families call to help.

L.I.F.T. UP and L.I.F.T. OFF Students need to sign up to help mix up the stuffing for Thanksgiving. We are looking for a full crew on **Wednesday, November 26, 11:00 a.m.**

Spread the word: There are Thanksgiving Dinner flyers in the office. Feel free to pick some up and spread the word.

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.

Sign-up to Bring a Nativity Display for our

Showcase!! 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

the Solemnity of Christ the King
November 23, 2025

Here in this weekend's gospel, we have the example of three people: the bad thief, the good thief, and Jesus. First, the bad thief. We hear him telling Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, then save yourself and us!" At first, this doesn't seem like such a bad thing for him to say, to save those condemned to death. But there are two strikes against the bad thief. First, the bad thief did not repent, nor did he even acknowledge his offense in the face of death. Acknowledging our offenses is something that you and I do often. We do this at the beginning of every Mass. Another bad thing the bad thief did was that he committed another sin. He reviled, or insulted, Jesus just before he died.

In contrast to the example of the bad thief we have the example of the good thief. He is the inspiration for you and me. He is so well-known and liked because of his repentance that tradition even gives him a name: Dismas, now Saint Dismas. He is the patron saint of prisoners. And in a way, since we have all sinned, we have a little of St. Dismas in each of us. Hopefully, we have a lot of Dismas in each of us because, despite his weakness, Dismas had the courage to ask Jesus to remember him when he entered into heaven. That alone took a lot of courage because he didn't know what Jesus was going to say!

And finally, we have the example of Jesus. Notice, Jesus did not become angry at the bad thief's rudeness. Jesus did not let it get to him. Likewise, when people unjustly speak or do evil to us for doing the right thing, we have the strength and the ability not to let them get to us, because we know that we are following Jesus and living according to the truth. And Jesus also forgave the good thief when Jesus told him "This day you will be with me in paradise." Here, we see that Jesus forgives sins. And he can forgive our sins, too, when we seek forgiveness.

And so, may you and I keep our lives focused on Jesus. This focus will help keep others from getting us down when we are doing the right thing and following Jesus, and may we also have the courage like St. Dismas did in his life, to turn to Jesus who is rich in mercy and forgiveness so that those words that Jesus said may come true in our own lives someday, "This day you will be with me in paradise."

Living Our Faith, Building Our Future

Blessed Sacrament Goal: \$400,807.00

Pledged Dollars: \$437,091

Collected to Date: \$189,616 (as of 11/13/25)

Community & Diocesan Events

St. Nicholas Festival, Sunday, December 7, 9 a.m.-2:00 p.m., St. Mary's Cathedral, Fargo. Featuring a delicious pork loin feast, O Holy Night and Christmas treat booths, silent auction baskets, and a visit from St. Nicholas. All are invited to share in the fun and celebrate the spirit of St. Nicholas!

Catholic Daughters to Meet. Tuesday, December 9, 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.

St. Monica's Daycare Now Open!

St. Monica's Montessori - new year-round daycare program for children ages 18 months-3 years. Rooted in our faith-centered worldview, this program provides a nurturing, hands-on environment designed to spark curiosity and support early growth. For more information, please contact us at info@stmonicasfargo.com

Job Openings:

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

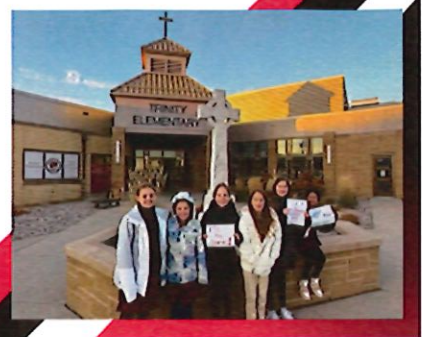
- Little Deacons Assistant – Holy Spirit Elementary School
- Paraprofessional – Holy Spirit Elementary School (10 hours/week)
- Assistant Cook – High School/Middle School
- Little Deacons Substitutes – Holy Spirit Elementary School
- Substitute Teachers

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.

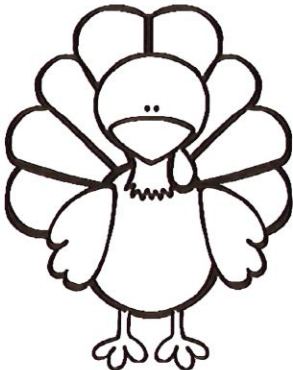


Trinity Elementary Spotlight

Our 5th graders are proudly leading our entire school in this year's Fill-the-Dome service project. With enthusiasm and a strong sense of responsibility, they are guiding all students in collecting food items to support families in need throughout our community. This project is a wonderful opportunity for our school to live out the virtues of generosity and compassion, and we are grateful for our 5th graders' leadership as we work together to make a meaningful impact.



November 27, 2025 – Thanksgiving Day Ministries of Service



Masses	10:00 a.m.
Proclaimers	P. Jorgensen
EMHC	*Volunteer, P. Pritchard, P. Jorgensen, Volunteer, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	T. Tweeter, Volunteer
Servers	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
Ushers	Volunteer, Volunteer
Greeters	T. Tweeter, Volunteer
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard
Sacristan	Volunteer



November 29-30, 2025 – First Sunday of Advent Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	J. Jones	P. Jorgensen	J. Neva
EMHC	*J. Jones, E. & C. Pablo, Volunteer, Volunteer	*Volunteer, **B. Opoien, P. Jorgensen, Volunteer, Volunteer	S. & *J. Neva, S. Perreault, M. Kern, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	E. & C. Pablo	G. & K. Plummer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Servers	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
Ushers	A. Larson, Volunteer	P. Boyles, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Greeters	A. Larson, C. Pablo	Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Rosary Leader	M. Barnes	Volunteer	M. Polries
Sacristan	Volunteer	Volunteer	M. Kern
Media Minister	Volunteer	*Eucharist Minister, **Communion to the home bound	

5th Annual MinisTREE Advent Project

The Blessed Sacrament
MinisTREE will arrive
November 28th.

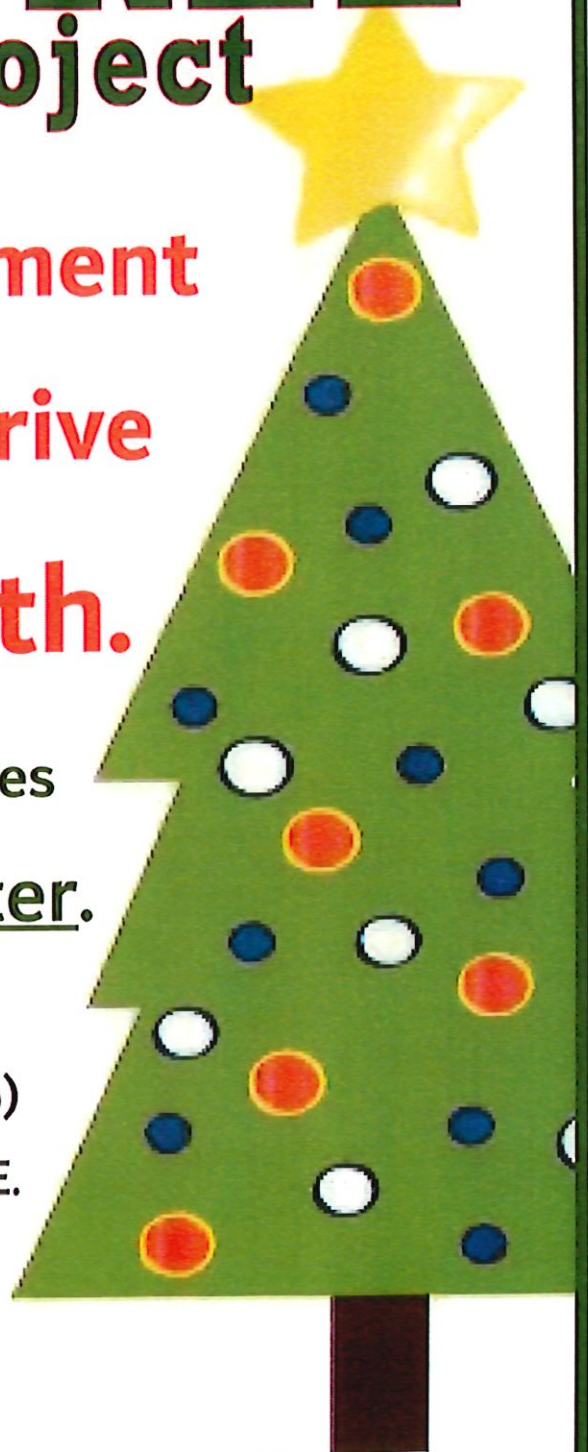
Brighten the Holidays for families
of the Women's Care Center.

If you would like to help,
please 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 21.



MinisTREE for The Women's Care Center



Care Center Greatest Need

Amazon Gift Card \$25 and up, to the Women's Care Center. For larger items such as cribs, car seats, strollers, and more.



Family Greatest Needs

- Backpack diaper bag
- Dr. Brown's original or anti-colic baby bottles, 8/9 oz
- Avent original or anti-colic baby bottles, 8/9 oz.
- Baby grooming kit
- Wipes, for sensitive skin
- Baby Carrier
- Diapers, size newborn, 4, 6
- Socks, size newborn, 0-3 months
- Onesies, neutral-colored, size newborn, 0-3 months
- 2- or 3-piece cool weather outfit for girl, size 0-6, 6-12, 12-24, 2T, 3T, 4T, 5T
- 2- or 3-piece cool weather outfit for boy, size 0-6, 6-12, 12-24, 2T, 3T, 4T, 5T
- Boppy pillow
- Johnson's brand baby lotion, body wash, or shampoo
- Aveeno brand baby lotion, body wash, or shampoo

Family On-going Needs

- Towel & wash cloth
- Children toothbrush & toothpaste
- Teether
- Pacifier
- Baby blanket
- Crib sheet
- Diaper rash cream/ointment
- Baby thermometer
- Sippy cup
- Toy, newborn-18 months
- Book, newborn-18 months
- Pajama, Boy or girl, newborn-18 months

Women's Care Center Mission

The mission at Women's Care Center is to help women from our community choose life for their babies, have healthier pregnancies, become better parents, and take the first steps towards self-sufficiency. Through a wide range of services, Women's Care Center walks with her and helps her achieve these goals. These services include pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, one-on-one counseling and education, parenting classes, material support, and referrals to other agencies as needed. Through these free and confidential services, we are able to walk with women every step of the way and provide support.

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
Invites you to our

2025
**Nativity
Showcase**

Saturday, December 6, 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 7, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Admission
Free Will Offering

Vote for your
favorite display.

Refreshments

Holiday Music

Interactive Displays

Joyful Atmosphere



Come see the amazing variety and beauty of this collection
of Christmas Manger Scenes (Nativities).

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church | 210 5th Ave W, West Fargo | 701-282-3321

