



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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January 3-4, 2026 - Epiphany

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, January 4 Epiphany

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Bob Creighton

Monday, January 5- NO MASS

Tuesday, January 6 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – +Fr. Bill Callery

Wednesday, January 7

9:00 a.m. - +Allen Pritchard

Thursday, January 8

9:00 a.m. - +Mark Menschel

Friday, January 9

9:00 a.m. - +Larry & +Betty Even

Saturday, January 10

4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – +Andy Mack

Sunday, January 11 *Baptism of the Lord*

8:30 a.m. – +Mary Breker

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Weekly Offering

Your Support Keeps the Furnace Running!

Christmas, December 24-25, 2025

Adult: \$7,021 Children: \$47

December 27-28, 2025

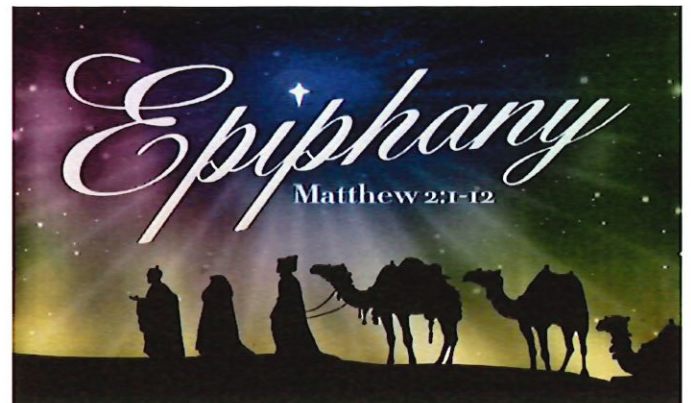
Adult: \$14156.20 Children: \$ 29

Improvements: \$163 Poor Fund: \$147

COLLECTED

\$416,576.61	Adult	\$445,200.00
\$1,503.00	Children	\$1,590.00
\$25,877.67	Improvements	\$53,000.00
\$200,529.79	Living our Faith	\$400,807.00
\$72,211.00	God's Gift	\$71,975.59

GOAL



This Week

Sunday, January 4, 2026:

Concession Sales, 11:30 a.m.

Bingo, 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 6, 2026:

Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

OCIA, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 7, 2026:

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

Mission Trip Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

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

Thursday, January 8, 2026:

Kitchen Konnection, 5:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus, 7:00 p.m.

Faith Formation

Class Schedule – PK through 12

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

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

LIFT Up 7:00 p.m.

LIFT Off 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 11, 2026

PK 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

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

LIFT Up 7:00 p.m.

LIFT Off 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 18, 2026

PK No Class

Adult Bible Study, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Library.

Class Dates: January 6, 13, 20, 27
February 3, 17, 24

OCIA Class, Tuesdays at 7 p.m., in Classroom 4.

Class Dates: January 6, 13, 27
February 10, 17, 24

BINGO Begins! Are you going to be a winner? Come support our Faith Formation Youth Fund each designated Sunday. Bingo and concession proceeds in January go to our youth. February and March Bingos the concession sales go to our youth. Watch bulletin and flyers for upcoming dates.

Mission Trip Meeting Reminder. Wednesday, January 7, 7:00 p.m. All students, parents and chaperones are expected to attend this meeting. Come with fundraising ideas. If you are unable to attend, please let Julie know at 701-282-3321 or julie@bscwf.org.

Music Ministry

Choir	Date	Practice/Sing
<u>Joyful Voices</u>	January 11	9:45/10:30 a.m.
	January 11	9:45/10:30 a.m.

No Contemporary Choir in January

Parish Life

Be Aware - Park With Care! When parking near the building, in the parking lot, please DO NOT PARK ON THE SIDEWALK! Please be aware of where you are parking. Thank you.

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.

BINGO Season Is Upon Us. *Mark your calendars and come join in the fun!* January Bingo is hosted by our Middle School & High School Students. Bingo and concession proceeds go to the Youth Activity Fund. February and March Bingo is hosted by our Knights of Columbus. Concession proceeds go to the Youth Activity Fund.

Sundays:

January 4, 11, 25

February 1, 8, 22

March 1, 8, 15, 22

Concessions sales begin at 11:30 a.m.

Bingo starts at 12:00 p.m.

Bulletin Advertisers - THANK YOU! By placing an ad in our bulletin, you help defray the cost of printing and distribution of our weekly bulletin. We appreciate all businesses that advertise with us, and we ask our parishioners to support these businesses as much as you are able.

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

Daily Readings – January 4-10, 2026

January 4: Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3,5-6, Mt 2:1-12

January 5: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6, Mt 4:12-17,23-25

January 6: 1 Jn 4:7-10, Mk 6:34-44

January 7: 1 Jn 4:11-18, Mk 6:45-52

January 8: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4, Lk 4:14-22

January 9: 1 Jn 5:5-13, Lk 5:12-16

January 10: 1 Jn 5:14-21, Jn 3:22-30

Finance Council Meeting, Tuesday, January 20, 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Library.

FORMED: Would you like to learn more about the Catholic Faith? *Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained* is a systematic presentation of our Catholic Faith. It will lead you through the "big picture" of the Catholic Faith and our Creed is the guide. *Symbolon* brings together some of the most trusted Catholic teachers in the world to guide you through the breadth and richness of the Catholic faith. *Symbolon* can be used in OCIA, for Catechist training, in Men's & Women's Groups, Bible Study Groups or for self-learning.

There are 10 episodes in Part 1: Knowing the Faith

- The Journey of Faith: Trinity, Faith & the God Who Is Love.
- Divine Revelation: God Seeking Us & the Compass for Our Lives.
- The Bible: God's Love Letter to Humanity.
- The Story of Salvation: Creation, Fall & Redemption.
- Who Is Jesus? Just a Good Man or Lord of Our Lives?
- The Paschal Mystery: The Mystery of Jesus's Death & Resurrection.
- The Holy Spirit & the Life of Grace: God's Divine Life Within Us.
- Why Do I Need the Church? The Mystery of the Catholic Church.
- Mary & the Saints: Our Spiritual Mother & the Communion of Saints.
- The Last Things: What Happens After We Die?

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

- Linda Nilles, January 6

Kitchen Konection. Join us the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month for a themed meal and conversation:
January 8 – A Long Winter's Night
January 22 – Calling All German Food Lovers
February 12 – Happy Valentine's Day
February 22 – Mexican Night Welcomes You



Knights of Columbus Meeting, Thursday, January 8, 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

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/>

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.

Monthly Calendar Every month we publish a Blessed Sacrament Parish Calendar.

- **Side 1** has our Mass times, daily readings, the saint of the day or feast day, and any activities/events Blessed Sacrament is having.
- **Side 2** has the anniversary of a parishioners death (marked with an +), the wedding anniversary date of parishioners celebrating 25, 40, 50, 55, 60 plus years of marriage, and the birthdate of parishioners celebrating year 75, 80, 85, 90 plus years.

The Monthly Calendar can be found on our website bscwf.org/latest-bulletins/. Bulletins are on the left; Calendars are on the right.

Our Sympathy to

- Donna Aberle on the death of her brother, Jim Glatt.
- Jim Mattson on the death of his mother, Marlys Mattson.

May Jim and Marlys rest in the arms of our Lord.

Pastoral Council Elections: Election for one new member of the Pastoral Council will be held the weekend of January 24-25. The elected will serve a three-year term. Candidate names and biographies will be available next weekend.

Pastoral Council Meeting, Thursday, January 15, 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Library.

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

Prayer is a Powerful Gift That Anyone Can Give or Receive. Although Advent is over, we all still have prayers that need to be said. Whether for ourselves, a family member, a friend, co-worker, the world, etc. We couldn't possibly put everyone's prayers individually in the weekly petitions. Let's continue to pray for one another by adding our prayers to the "envelopes" on the prayer wall in the Gathering Area. Our Faith Formation students will also continue to add their prayer intentions. Each weekend those prayers will be placed by the ambo and added to the Mass petitions.

Safety Team Meeting, Thursday, January 22, 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Library. Please notify Mary Beth in the Parish Office if you are unable to attend. 701-282-3321 or MaryBeth@bscwf.org.

Prayer List: We pray for our ill parishioners and family members. If you would like your Blessed Sacrament family to pray for you or a loved one, please call the Parish Office. Names will be listed, in the bulletin, for 1 month unless the office is contacted for an extension.

***Those who are sick or have medical problems:**
*Leslie Wegner, Wes Weeding, Bradley Gustafson,
Connie Middleton, Clarice Dancer,
Vivian Moss, Bruce Reiter*

***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 January issue of *The Word Among Us* is available, on the Breaking Bread bookshelves and on the table near the entry.

We Pray in Remembrance of...

January 4: Claudia Cossette, Kathlyn Thomallo, Eleanor Farrell

January 5: Joseph Marlow, Dorothy McMullen, Michael Iback, Bertha Wiederholt, Mike Kraft

January 6: Rosemary Scully

January 7: Theresa Stangler, Alma Wolf

Winter Storm Policy. The Blessed Sacrament Parish Office follows the same winter storm policy as West Fargo Public Schools. If the WF Public Schools are closed because of severe weather, the Parish Office will be closed and there will be no evening activities. Fr. Gary WILL say daily Mass if it is scheduled.

2025 Contribution Reports will be provided **BY REQUEST ONLY**. We will email or print copy to be picked up. Contact Mary Beth in the Parish Office, with your request. **Reports will be ready AFTER January 15.** MaryBeth@bscwf.org or 701-282-3321.

Vital Statistics – December 2025

Newcomers: Steven Girdat, Cheryl Smith,
David & Nancy Dechaine-Johnson

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten

the Solemnity of the Epiphany, January 4, 2026

Today, upon hearing the gospel, our thoughts are drawn to Jesus through two instruments that God used: the star, and the wise men. First, we hear about the star. Without that star, the wise men would have been lost. They would have been ignorant men, at least in trying to find the newborn king. That star was a guiding principle in their lives. When we think about it, there are those guiding stars in our lives, too, those people who pointed the way to Christ. Maybe they were our parents, aunts or uncles, teachers, or friends, who gently guided us to Jesus and prayer. It is a good time to thank God for those people who really acted as spiritual signs, pointing the way to Jesus. You and I are called to be like the star that points the way to Jesus. Through our kindness, through our spiritual wisdom, prayers, and by using the Love that God has for us, we act as the Star of Bethlehem, leading others to the Messiah.

And the second instrument, or set of instruments, our thoughts are drawn to today are the three wise men. The song calls them kings, but actually the original Greek translation calls them "magoi." It is where we get the word "magi," which means "wise ones," or "wise men." They brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Jesus. Gold represents the kingship of Jesus. Frankincense shows that Jesus was and is holy and is, in fact, God. Myrrh was a perfume reserved for burial. It was to reveal to the world that he is human and would foreshadow his death.

And some day we will come before the Lord at the end of our lives, seeing Jesus not in a manger, but in all his glory. What will we have to offer him? What kind of a life? That's a question only you can answer. It's a question only I can answer. We don't know if they believed in Jesus before this encounter with Jesus, but we do know one thing: they believed in Jesus after this encounter! May you and I believe in Jesus in an even deeper way after encountering Him in word and sacrament. May the three wise men be our inspiration of giving to God the best of our lives, and may the Star of Bethlehem be our example of lighting the way to Jesus for others so that we will have something to offer to the King of kings at the end of our lives.

And, since this is the first bulletin of the month, I have a few other items for you.

- *The Church Bell.* Maybe you know that our church bell is now in operation, finally! It first rang this past Christmas eve, after falling out of use since before I came. It is programmed to ring one minute before Mass starts on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings, and will ring for a full minute, indicating it is time for Mass to start when the ringing is finished. There are also options for the bell to ring at other times such as for funerals and weddings. The controller also comes with a remote control.
- *Pastoral Council Elections.* Thank you to all who are running for pastoral council: Shannon O'Leary, and Emily Johnson, and Mary Pierce. Elections will be held the last weekend in January. Please vote for one
- *Youth Bingo.* This is the season for bingo once again! Our youth will be sponsoring January bingo. There are 7 youth and 7 adults (myself included) who plan on taking a mission trip to Nebraska to work with the homeless in June. The funds we raise during the January bingo sessions will go to fund this trip. So, I encourage you to come join the fun January 4, 11, and 25 at noon playing bingo!

May God bless you and keep you all healthy during these cold winter months.

Volunteerism - Stewardship

Julie would love for you to get involved!! We are a family – a faith family or parish family. For families to be successful every individual needs to participate in one form or another. Here at Blessed Sacrament, there are so many ways to get involved in your parish community. It's a win/win situation. Not only do you serve our Lord Jesus Christ by volunteering, but you get to know many of your parish family members. Blessed Sacrament has many established events to volunteer for, but we are also looking for fresh ideas to intrigue all to become involved. Please reach out to Julie in the parish office to find out more at 701-282-3321 or julie@bscwf.org

Community & Diocesan Events

Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, January 13, 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 Karla at karla.seibel@yahoo.com or call 701-541-7775.

Real Presence Radio Banquet. Monday, February 2, Social 5:30 p.m., Program/Dinner 6:30 p.m., Delta by Marriot. Speaker Dr. David Anders. Contact Sunshine Diem to reserve your space. 701-960-0453 sunshine@realpresenceraudio.com.

Vianney Discernment Weekend. February 13-15, Maryvale. Young men, ages 16-30 are invited for one weekend in February to hear about seminary life and the priesthood. If you feel you are open to God's call but have not done anything to actively discern it, then this weekend is for you. Register by January 31.

Life-Giving Wounds Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce and Separation. February 27-March 1, 2026, Hankinson Retreat Center. No matter the circumstances, divorce always represents broken dreams and broken hearts. While much of the attention goes to the men and women trying to navigate the tidal wave of loss and hurt, often left in the wake are the children whose sense of security and identity have also been shattered. This can be true even for those who were already adults when their parents' relationship ended. Life-Giving Wounds is a new ministry to help adults who have experienced the breakdown of their parents' relationship, no matter at what age it happened and to allow Christ to bring new life through those very wounds. Find out more information or register for the retreat by visiting www.fargodiocese.org/lgw.

January 10-11, 2026 – the Baptism of the Lord Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	S. Neva	J. Allmaras	M. Kern
EMHC	*S. & J. Neva, B. Opoien, C. Paintner, S. DeKeyser	*Volunteer, P. Jorgensen, S. & L. DeKeyser, Volunteer	*Volunteer, S. DeKeyser, M. Kern, Volunteer, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	E. & C. Pablo	G. & K. Plummer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Servers	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
Ushers	Volunteer, Volunteer	P. Boyles Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Greeters	E. & C. Pablo	Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Rosary Leader	Volunteer	S. Durbin	M. Kern
Sacristan	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Media Minister	Volunteer	*Eucharist Minister	**T. English, Takes to home bound



Sunday's in January - 2026



BINGO



Hosted by the Blessed Sacrament Youth

Cash Prizes!

January 4 - 11 - 25

12:00 p.m.

**Concessions Sales begin
at 11:30 a.m.**

Proceeds go to the Youth Fund
for future retreats and activities

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A Long Winter's Night

Thursday, January 8, 2026

Come warm up with us from 5:30 to 6:30pm.

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up homemade noodles

Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Plus More TBD

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**Menu is subject to change



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Proceeds go into the Blessed Sacrament poor fund to help in assisting friends in need, as well as purchasing food for meals and blessing box.

Directory

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Media Information

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Feast/Holy Day

the Week of January 4, 2026

January 4: Epiphany

January 5: St. John Neumann

January 6: St. Andre Bessette


January 7: St. Raymond of Penyafort

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*Lord, I come to your tender heart today,  
to you who have words that set my heart ablaze,  
to you who pour out compassion on the little ones  
and the poor, on those who suffer  
and on all human miseries.*

Pope Leo XIV

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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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