



# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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## December 13-14, 2025 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, December 14

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Pauline Klinger

#### Monday, December 15 - NO MASS

**Tuesday, December 16** at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – the Nagel Family

#### Wednesday, December 17

9:00 a.m. – +Mark Menschel

#### Thursday, December 18

9:00 a.m. – +Dorothy Hanson

#### Friday, December 19

9:00 a.m. – +Irene Keller

#### Saturday, December 20

Reconciliation 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

5:15 p.m. – +John Retterath

#### Sunday, December 21

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Frank R. Lenzmeier

### Weekly Offering

*Your Support Helps us keep the heat on!!*

#### December 6-7, 2025

Adult: \$7,077.13                      Children: \$94

Improvements: \$600.49

Poor Fund: \$176

#### Collected to Date

\$379,589.20                      Adult                      \$430,000.00

\$1,362.00                      Children                      \$1,500.00

\$23,776.67                      Improvements                      \$50,000.00

\$189,616.00                      Living our Faith                      \$400,807.00

**\$72,806.00                      God's Gift                      \$71,975.59**

# Joy

Reminds us of the joy the world experienced at the birth of Jesus.



### This Week

#### Sunday, December 14, 2025:

Holiday Bake Sale before and after Masses  
Christmas Program, 2:00 p.m.

#### Monday, December 15, 2025

Blood Drive, 2:45 – 6 p.m.

#### Tuesday, December 16, 2025

Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.  
OCIA, 7:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, December 17, 2025

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

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

#### Friday, December 19, 2025

Staff Meeting, 1:15 p.m.

### Advent



#### The Third Week of Advent

The Third Week of Advent Represents: Joy

Candle Color: Pink

This third candle is pink and symbolizes rejoicing. During the third week of Advent, we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas day. This Sunday is often called "Gaudete Sunday" as we reflect on the joy the shepherd's felt at the birth of Jesus.

**Advent is different from Christmas.** Advent is not the same as Christmas. Advent has a separate time period and purpose. While Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus, Advent is a time of preparing for His coming.

**Advent is celebrated around the world.** People around the world have their own traditions for Advent. In Ireland families will place a lit candle in their window. In China, people hang colorful lantern and give apples as a gift. In Mexico they celebrate Las Posadas, or "the Inns," in which a child dressed as an angel leads a procession around the town to commemorate the journey of Mary and Joseph.



**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.

**MinisTREE for the Women's Health Center.**

- Take an ornament or two.
- Purchase the item(s).
- **Place the unwrapped item** under the MinisTREE by December 15!

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

**Christmas Mass Schedule.**

Wednesday, December 24 – Carols 3:30 p.m.  
– Mass 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 25 – Mass 10:00 a.m.

**Area Advent Reconciliation Services**

Services at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

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

**Faith Formation**

**Thank you to all the Faith Formation students, Catechist and parents** that helped with making the 2025 Christmas Program a success!!

**Bingo** will be starting in January. We need MS and HS students to volunteer to help with calling the numbers, manning the dobber & bingo cards table and concessions. Please sign up in the black binder on Wednesday evenings.

*--Mission Trip attendees need to sign up to help.*

**Mission Trip students and chaperones meeting:**

We will have a meeting on Wednesday, January 7 at 7pm. This will be to finalize costs per person, as well as getting started on fundraising.

**Class Grades PK through 12**

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

Grs 1-5 5:45 p.m.

LIFT-Up 7:00 p.m.

LIFT-Off 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 21, 2025

PK 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

No Class

Sunday, December 28, 2025

PK No Class

**Adult Bible Study / Matthew 'The King and His Kingdom'.** Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Parish Library.

**Class Dates:** December 16, 23

January 6, 13, 20, 27

**OCIA Class** Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. in Classroom 4-5.

**Class Dates:** December 16

January 6, 13, 27

## Music Ministry

Contemporary Choir December 21	<u>Practice</u> 7:45 a.m.	<u>Sing</u> 8:30 a.m.
Joyful Voices December 21	<u>Practice</u> 9:45 a.m.	<u>Sing</u> 10:30 a.m.
Combined Choir December 24	<u>Practice</u> 3:00 p.m.	<u>Sing</u> 4:00 p.m.

## Parish Life

### Blessing Box – Nonperishable Food Donations

**Welcome:** Please help us keep our blessing box stocked. Thank you for your kindness. *“Give what you can. Take what you need. Above all, be blessed.”* Our current needs are boxed meals, canned meat, soup, and canned fruit.

**Bulletin Advertising:** Would your business like to advertise in the Blessed Sacrament bulletin? If so, please 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.

### Can't Attend Sunday Mass?

- **Would you like to receive communion?**  
To receive in-home communion, call the Parish Office, 701-282-3321, give your name, address, and phone number.
- **Watch our Mass on YouTube!**  
Go to **YouTube** search for  
*Blessed Sacrament Church West Fargo.*  
Or copy and paste this link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPIK71x77I6WwNNUQxt5rw>

### Daily Readings – December 14-20, 2025

December 14: Is 35:1-6a, 10, Jan 5:7-10,  
Mt 11:2-11  
December 15: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a, Mt 21:23-27  
December 16: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13, Mt 21:28-32  
December 17: Gn 29:2, 8-10, Mt 1:1-17  
December 18: Jer 23:5-8, Mt 1:18-25  
December 19: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a, Lk 1:5-25  
December 20: Is 7:10-14, Lk 1:26-38

**Don't Discard Those Old Rosaries!** Do you have a broken rosary? Please bring it into the Parish Office and place it in the 'rosary basket'. They will be remade and sent to missions throughout the world. Thank you, Mary Barnes.

## Kitchen Konnection

We serve a meal on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month. Meals are served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on the following Thursdays:

Thursday, January 8: TBD  
Thursday, January 22: TBD



\*Menu is subject to change

**Moving?** All parishioners are reminded to please call the Parish Office, or drop a note in the mail, whenever you move either within the parish or out of the parish.

**Nativity Showcase:** Thank you to all that brought nativity sets for our Nativity Showcase. They were all very beautiful and unique. On a side note... it was rather disappointing how few of our parishioners walked through and viewed these displays. It takes time and effort to set this up to make it welcoming and maybe 30 parishioners (aside from those that brought sets) came through.

**Parishioner Involvement:** This lack of involvement and support at parish events, brings back the subject of what do our parishioners want to see happening at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. What would those 25-65 years of age think would be attention-grabbing, faith-based events? Or even non-faith based? What does it take to get together as a parish family? It's baffling and disheartening.

Everyone needs to eat and yet we get few of our parishioners to attend Kitchen Konnection. To reiterate it is NOT a meal for just people who need a meal. It is a community offered meal for ALL walks of life. The goal is to get people "konnected" while eating a delicious meal. To get families to come and intertwine young and old alike.

**Prayer Requets:** We pray for our parishioners and family members.

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

*Bruce Reiter (son of Olga Reiter),  
Karyn Dobmeier, Marlys Mattson*

**\*Those who are healing:**

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

**\*Other prayer requests:**

*The Bosch Family, Drew Birrenkott*

## We Pray In Remembrance of...

December 14: Rose Stinar

December 15: Shirley DeBuhr, Richard Moody

December 16: Ray Westman

December 17: Joseph Schultiz, Henry Thies

December 18: Ann Zahradka, Daniel Hager,  
Mary Rustad, Erik Sjue, Peter Geffre,  
James Parsons

December 19: Julie Volk

December 20: Agnes Henry

**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 bad weather, the Parish Office will be closed and there will be no evening activities. Fr. Gary WILL say daily Mass if it is scheduled.

**Year End Contribution Note.** If you plan to make a year-end contribution to Blessed Sacrament, please make sure your donation is here by Tuesday, December 31.

### Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Your Council Representatives Are...

#### Finance Council

Lori DeKeyser, Karen Hanson\*, Rob Haugen  
Cindy Fischer, Brad Novak\*,  
Eduardo Pablo, and Steve Willson

#### Pastoral Council

Kathleen Jalbert, Steve Neva, Robert Norton,  
Mallary Schiele, and Ally Wentz

\*Blessed Sacrament Lay Director

## Volunteerism - Stewardship

We need more donors please for the Blood drive on Monday, December 15, 2:45-6 p.m.

<https://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa/appointment/guest/phl/timeSlotsExtr?token=Xr%2FOH1igJlwj%2FhEERcVLvUX2SAXxyXnabsqPMcg5MtI%3D>

Thank you!

Would you like to get involved more? Reach out to Julie at 70.282.3321 or [julie@bscwf.org](mailto:julie@bscwf.org). We are always looking for more volunteers, more ideas to better our parish community.

## Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten

the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent - December 14, 2025

Today is Gaudete Sunday, a word which comes from the Latin which means "rejoice!" If we want to know how to obtain joy, we need to listen to Jesus. We need to do as he and John the Baptist say in the readings. You and I are called by God to use this season of Advent as a time to prepare spiritually for Christmas. A great way to do this is by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Sometimes things don't go so well in our personal and family lives. Our relationships with others and God could be better.

The sacrament of reconciliation is beneficial to us for several reasons. For one, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is good for us because love means having to say you are sorry to the One you love. Another reason is that cleansing our souls from sin makes us better to be around, like taking showers to show respect for those around us. Also, unconfessed mortal sin causes exclusion from Jesus' kingdom and the eternal death of hell, for our freedom has the power to make choices forever, with no turning back. This comes from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1861.

So, I encourage those who are able to attend reconciliation sometime this Advent season. Saturday confessions are still available at 4 p.m. You may also want to check the bulletin for reconciliation service times throughout the area.

Finally, as we prepare for Christmas, let us rejoice because we can look ahead remembering Jesus' promise that he will come again to rescue us from the powers of sin, despair, and helplessness that can pervade our lives.

## Community & Diocesan Events

**Holiday Bake Sale**, December 13-14, Nativity Church. After all masses, Sat. 4 p.m., Sunday 7:45, 9:15 & 11 a.m. Free Will donation.



# Trinity Elementary Spotlight

On Monday, December 8th, our student body dressed in their best blue or white outfits to help celebrate the Immaculate Conception of Mary. We gathered for a special Mass and spent the day honoring Our Blessed Mother in a variety of meaningful ways—from receiving mini Mary figurines to creating beautiful crafts that helped us reflect on her grace and example.



## December 20-21, 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	M. Curfman	F. McCann	M. Hoff
EMHC	*J. Jones, C. Paintner, B. Opoien, C. Pablo, Volunteer	*D. Nechiporenko, D. Chapek, **N. Peterson, Volunteer, Volunteer	*K. Hanson, L. Wegner, M. Kern, Volunteer, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteer, Volunteer	D. Chapek, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Servers	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	G. Yourczek, Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
Ushers	A. Larson, Volunteer	P. Boyles, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Greeters	A. Larson, C. Pablo	N. Peterson, Volunteer	E. Hanson, T. Tweeter
Rosary Leader	M. Barnes	S. Durbin	M. Kern
Sacristan	M. Curfman	Volunteer	Volunteer
Media Minister	Volunteer	*Eucharist Minister	**Communion to home bound

## December 24-25, 2025 – Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Ministries of Service

Masses	December 24 - 4:00 p.m.	December 25 – 10:00 a.m.
Proclaimers	J. Jones	P. Jorgensen
EMHC	*J. & J. Jones, M. Curfman, G. Larson, B. Opoien	*M. Pierce, P. Jorgensen, M. Kern, Volunteer, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	G. & K. Wells	M. & M. Pierce
Servers	A. Wells, A. Wells, B. Wells	M. Pierce, M. Pierce, G. Yourczek
Ushers	A. Larson, J. Miller, G. Yourczek	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
Greeters	T. Tweeter, A. Larson	L. & L. Juve
Sacristan	M. Curfman	M. Kern
Media	Volunteer	-----

# Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule

## Christmas Eve Vigil

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Caroling: 3:30 p.m.

Mass: 4:00 p.m.

## Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25, 2025

Mass: 10:00 a.m.

## New Year's Eve Vigil

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

Mass: 5:30 p.m.

## New Year's Day

Thursday, January 1, 2026

Mass: 10:00 a.m.

Mass on Christmas and New Year are Holy Days of Obligation.



Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened,  
and I will give you rest. Mt 11:28

Adoration  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament



One Friday \*most months of 2026

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Please join us at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church as we celebrate  
the opportunity to reflect on the gift of the Eucharist.

*2026 Friday Adoration*

January 2 - February 6 - March 6 - May 1 - June 5  
August 7 - October 2 - November 6 - December 4

\*No adoration in April, July or September

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# Feast/Holy Day

the Week of December 14, 2025

December 14: 3rd Sunday of Advent

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*"Loving Father, fill us with the joyful virtue of hope as we continue in this Advent season. Help us to long for Your Son, Jesus, with love in our hearts. Center our joyful anticipation on Jesus' coming, and let all passing joys point us toward the unending joy that we find in knowing and loving Him. Guard us from worry, stress, and distractions, and give us clear eyes and hearts so that we may joyfully prepare for Jesus' birth. Fill our hearts with hope, peace, and joy! Amen*

## 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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