



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church



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December 20-21, 2025 – 4th 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 21 4th Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Frank R. Lenzmeier

Monday, December 22 - NO MASS

Tuesday, December 23 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – +Mark Menschel

Wednesday, December 24

3:30 p.m. - Carols

4:00 p.m. - +Ed McDonald

Thursday, December 25 Nativity of the Lord

10:00 a.m. – the Parishioners

Parish Office Closed

Friday, December 26

9:00 a.m. – Teddy Salter

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, December 27

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

5:15 p.m. – +Jim Hill

Sunday, December 28 Holy Family

8:30 a.m. – +Gerald Peterson

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Weekly Offering

December 8, 2025 – Immaculate Conception

Adult: \$942

December 13-14, 2025

Adult: \$9,450.89

Children: \$19

Improvements: \$503

Poor Fund: \$1,806

Collected to Date

Goal

\$389,982.09

Adult

\$428,400.00

\$1,381.00

Children

\$1,530.00

\$24,279.67

Improvements

\$51,000.00

\$200,529.79

Living our Faith

\$400,807.00

\$72,206.00

God's Gift

\$71,975.59

Love

God is Love.



This Week

Sunday, December 21, 2025

FF- PK, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 23, 2025

Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Carols, 3:30 p.m.

Mass, 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 25, 2025

Mass, 10:00 a.m.

Parish Office Closed

Friday, December 26, 2025

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Advent

The Fourth Week of Advent

The Fourth Week of Advent Represents: Love



Candle Color: Purple

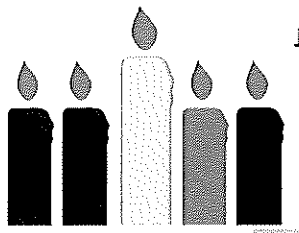
During this final week of Advent, we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son. We reflect on the good news of God's love brought to us from the angel Gabriel.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Acts of Kindness and Charity: Advent is a time of giving and helping others. Many Christians engage in acts of kindness, charity, or volunteer work during this season.

Nativity Scenes: Setting up a nativity scene at home or in church is a tradition that helps focus on the central story of Christmas—the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.

Christmas Eve, December 24



Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins

Christmas Eve Candle Represents: Purity

Candle Color: White

On Christmas Eve, the final candle is lit with all previously lit candles around it. The light grows brighter as each candle is lit. Each previous candle points to the final – *The Christ Candle* -. White represents the purity and holiness of Jesus Christ. All of Advent has been pointing to Jesus! We now reflect on the Messiah who came to earth to save His people from sin.

The Time is Drawing Near... Please fill the manger with straw. Thank you

Area Advent Reconciliation Service

Cathedral of St. Mary December 21- 4 pm

Faith Formation

The Christmas Program was a success!! It was so wonderful to see all the family and friends attend to support our youth!

Class Schedule - PreK Through Grade 12

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

No Class

Sunday, December 28, 2025

PK No Class

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

No Class

Sunday, January 4, 2026

PK No Class

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

Class Dates: December 23

January 6, 13, 20, 27

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

Class Dates: January 6, 13, 27

Bingo Is Next!! First Bingo is Sunday, January 4, 2026. 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 7 p.m. This will be to finalize costs per person, as well as getting started on fundraising.

Music Ministry

Contemporary Choir Practice Sing
December 21 7:45 a.m. 8:30 a.m.

Joyful Voices Practice Sing
December 21 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

Combined Choir Practice Sing
December 24 3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.

Parish Life

Baptism Basket. There is a baptism basket in the Gathering Area for 5-month-old Roslin Bachmeier, daughter of Levi & Rachel Bachmeier. Please help us fill the basket with baby shower items.

Bulletin Deadline: Articles are due to Mary Beth in the Parish Office, Tuesdays by Noon, for the following Sunday. Drop them off in the office or email MaryBeth@bscwf.org.

Coming in 2026 – BINGO!! Blessed Sacrament will have Sunday afternoon Bingo the months of January, February, and March! More information is coming.

Daily Readings December 21-27, 2025

December 21: Is 7:10-14, Rom 1:1-7, Mt 1:18-24

December 22: 1 Sm 1:24-28, Lk 1:46-56

December 23: Mal 3:1-4,23-24, Lk 1:57-66

December 24: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a-16,
Lk 1:67-79

December 25: Is 62:11-12, Ti 3:4-7, Lk 2:15-20

December 26: Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59, Mt 10:17-22

December 27: 1 Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20:1a,2-8

Family Room – For Infants, Toddlers and Parents! We are blessed to have such a wonderful room for our families with young children. This room is reserved for infants and toddlers with their parents and people with special needs during Mass. Please ask an usher if you need help finding the family room.

Get Those Dobbbers Ready!! Youth bingo begins on Sunday, January 4, 2026!! Mark your calendar – concessions will open at 11:30 a.m. and bingo will begin at 12 p.m. Invite your family and friends. Sorry to most of you but the “*loser table*” is full.

Give+ Online, Mobile, or Automatic Withdrawal Giving: Give+ Online, Mobile, or Automatic Withdrawal Giving allows you to contribute to Blessed Sacrament and not worry about donation envelopes. Use online giving from your computer or smart device to schedule one-time or recurring donations! Or Automatic-Withdrawal (forms online or in the Parish Office.)

- **Online Giving:** www.bscwf.org, choose ‘Get Involved’ and ‘Give+ Online.’
- **Mobile App:** Download “GivePlus Church” free.
- **Automatic Withdrawal:** www.bscwf.org, choose ‘Get Involved’, ‘Donate’, ‘Automatic Withdrawal’ or Contact MaryBeth@bscwf.org to receive a form.

Thank you for your support.

Holy Day of Obligation, Nativity of the Lord, Mass times: Wednesday, December 24, 4:00 p.m. or Thursday, December 25, 10 a.m. A holy day of obligation is a day on which Catholics are expected to attend Mass.

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

Anniversary:

- John & Kathy Reichert, December 27, 50years.

Birthday:

- William Smith, December 27.

Kitchen Konnection

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

January 8: Turkey Noodle Soup & Sandwich

January 22: German theme

February 12: Mexican theme

*Menu is subject to change



Kitchen Konnection Monetary Donations. It's been asked, what the free will offering donations go to. The donations go into our “Poor Fund”. This fund is used to purchase items for upcoming meals, including meals for Churches United for the Homeless; to purchase items for our Blessing Box. As well as to help individuals in our boundaries (set by the Diocese) who need help with past due rent or utility bills. Especially those who receive intent to evict and disconnection notices.

New Member Registration. If you are interested in becoming a registered member of Blessed Sacrament, please see Fr. Gary Luiten, call the Parish Office 701-282-3321 or **register on our website** bscwf.org/become-a-member/

New Year Mass Schedule. Wednesday, December 31, 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, January 1, 10:00 a.m. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, *Mary Mother of God*, all Catholics are expected to attend Mass.

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

*Those who are sick or have medical problems:

*Vivian Moss (mother-in-law of Janet Moss),
Bruce 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

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, December 25 & 26.

We Pray In Remembrance of...

December 21: Paul Lisburg

December 22: Ronald Webb, Daniel Cossette,
John Gehrke

December 24: Mary Hlebechk

December 27: Mark Kuhn, Gladys Scholz

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

Youth Mission Trip Fundraisers will be starting soon. Our parish family is so amazing at supporting the many functions going on that require monetary assistance in one way or another. We have approximately 8 MS/HS students and 8 adult chaperones going to Lincoln, NE with St. Benedict's in June 2026. They will be helping at a couple of homeless shelters as well as visiting churches and shrines. Stay tuned for more information on how you can help them get there!!

Merry Christmas to the Blessed Sacrament Parish Family! May you have a very Blessed holiday. Those traveling be safe. Enjoy time with family and friends! But always remember the true meaning... Our Saviors birth!

Volunteerism - Stewardship

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

Help with the environment around the church: Lent and Easter are around the corner so we will be planning what type of environment ideas we can do to beautify the stave, sanctuary, gathering area, etc. Interested in being a part of that please contact Julie at 701.219.4283 or julie@bscwf.org.

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten

the 4th Sunday of Advent-December 21, 2025

The readings today focus on one word: Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." Sometimes one is led to ask the question, "Is God still with us?" Actually, not only is God with us, but God will remain with us even if we desert Him. He is always here for us, gently calling us back. God remains with us even when we are about to be attacked, whether it be physically, verbally, or spiritually. And

this is what God is telling us in the reading from Isaiah. Jerusalem was about to be attacked by Assyria, and the people were in a state of panic. So, Judah's king, in Jerusalem, asked God what would be the outcome, and God's answer was, in effect, "I will remain with you." Everything's going to be all right, when God said, "A virgin shall bear a son, named 'Emmanuel.'"

And God is with us when we are about to be attacked by the Evil One in temptations to sin. God says, "Don't worry. I will give you the strength to overcome sin." God is always there for us as an outlet, as a person in whom we can find shelter, under whose wings we can hide for comfort.

A person who really understood the meaning of "God is with us" was Joseph. He is quite active in the gospel today, and yet not a word of Joseph is recorded in scripture. They say, "Actions speak louder than words," and this is certainly the case with Joseph. Joseph's act in the gospel of preparing a place for Jesus in his life is really a response to God's love for him. Believing that God is truly with us is really a response to the sensing of God's love. Joseph realized God's love for him and humanity through God's messenger, Gabriel.

May we too, use these last few days of Advent to prepare our lives to welcome the savior in a more complete and total way. May Joseph and Mary be our models as they welcomed Jesus into their family.

Living Our Faith, Building Our Future

Don't be so busy, this Christmas, that you forget to pray. In your prayers, please add "*Lord, help me support my parish with the Living Our Faith, Building Our Future campaign.*"

A pledge is a promise of aid, an agreement to fulfill that promise within a certain amount of time. This is a 4-year Campaign, THREE YEARS REMAINING. If you haven't already made a pledge, would you be willing to make a pledge now and pay later?

Campaign Statistics as of December 11, 2025:

Our Goal: \$400,807 Dollars Received: \$200,529
35% of the parish has responded.

149 out of 429 families have pledged

65% of the parish has not made a pledge.

YOU can Help US Do THIS!!

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office 701-282-3321.

Sacraments

Contact Fr. Gary Luiten regarding any of the following sacraments.

701-282-3321 or Gary@bscwf.org

- **Baptism:** Parents must attend a preparatory class before the baptism can take place.
- **Marriage:** To be married at Blessed Sacrament, one or both persons of the engaged couple must be practicing Catholics. Contact Fr. Gary Luiten at least six months prior to the wedding.
- **Reconciliation:** Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and upon appointment.
- **For the Sick:** You are encouraged to seek the Sacrament of the Sick if you are suffering from a serious illness or are going to be admitted to the hospital for surgery.

Community & Diocesan Events

SEARCH for Christian Maturity is a peer-to-peer retreat ministry for **youth (ages 16–17)** and **young adults (18+)** who desire to grow deeper in their faith and in Christian community. SEARCH offers a powerful opportunity to encounter God, discover more about oneself, and build meaningful relationships within a loving, supportive Christian environment. Our next retreat will be held **January 9–11, 2026** at **Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City**. For more information and to apply, please visit: www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm
Questions? Please contact Dori Picard at 952-210-2219. Applications are due by Monday, December 22, 2025.



Made for Greatness Winter Men's Retreat: Rise Up to Greatness. January 23-25, 2026, Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City. While every man is called to, and if fact inherently desires, greatness, the challenge is not only finding out what that looks like for them, it is also that the goal post keeps moving. What manly greatness looks like as a young single man is different than what it is as a married man, a husband, or even an empty nester. Former Protestant pastor Keith Nester will assist men to identify what greatness God is uniquely calling them to at their own stage of life. In addition to practical real-life insights, there also will be times to meet the Lord God in prayer and the sacraments, as well opportunities for rejuvenation through real brotherhood, great food, and even some friendly competition. Check it out at www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-winter.

Job Openings

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

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



*Merry
Christmas*
*May the
Blessings of
the LORD
be upon you*

God Bless

Fr. Gary, Deacon Shawn, Jim,
Mary Beth, Ronda, and Julie





Trinity Elementary Spotlight

Our students are filled with joy as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We have truly enjoyed journeying through the Advent season together, especially as we begin praying the O Antiphon Advent prayers. As we enter this holy and joyful time, we wish all of our families a blessed and Merry Christmas. We look forward to a wonderful second semester together, filled with continued growth and joy.



December 27-28, 2025 – Holy Family Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	M. Curfman	J. Yourczek	Volunteer
EMHC	*B. Opoien, P. Pritchard, C. Paintner, Volunteer, Volunteer	*J. Aberle, A. Pritchard, Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	*Volunteer, M. Kern, Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteer, Volunteer	J. Aberle, E. Esposito	Volunteer, Volunteer
Servers	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	G. Yourczek, Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
Ushers	Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Greeters	Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Rosary Leader	P. Pritchard	J. Yourczek,	M. Kern
Sacristan	M. Curfman	Volunteer	Volunteer
Media Minister	Volunteer	*Eucharist Minister ~ **T. English, Communion to home bound	

December 31, 2025 & January 1, 2026 – New Year's Eve & Day Ministries of Service


Masses	December 31, 5:30 p.m.	January 1, 1:00 a.m.
Proclaimers	L. Elshaug	P. Jorgensen
EMHC	*M. Curfman, B. Opoien, Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	*Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteer, Volunteer,	Volunteer, Volunteer
Servers	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
Ushers	Volunteer, Volunteer	P. Boyles, Volunteer
Greeters	Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Rosary Leader	M. Curfman	Volunteer
Sacristan	M. Curfman	Volunteer,

Holy Hour with Adoration

Please join us in His presence!
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,
Exposition, Benediction, Meditation
and Quiet Personal Prayer.

One Saturday *most months of 2026

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.



Confession is available at this time.
You are welcome to stay for
the Rosary at 4:45 p.m. and
Mass at 5:15 p.m.

2026 Saturday Holy Hour Dates

January 3 - February 7 - March 7 - May 2 - June 6
August 1 - October 3 - November 7 - December 5

*No Holy Hour in April, July or September

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