



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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January 17-18, 2026 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 18 *State of the Parish Address*

8:30 a.m. – +Dr. Gerald Peterson

10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Monday, January 19 - NO MASS

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, January 20 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – +Chad Nein

Wednesday, January 21

9:00 a.m. – +Rosemary Coleman

Thursday, January 22

9:00 a.m. – +Frank R. Lenzmeier

Friday, January 23

9:00 a.m. - +Dr. Gerald Peterson

Saturday, January 24 *Council Elections*

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

5:15 p.m. – +John Retterath

Sunday, January 25 *Council Elections*

8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. – +Samson Uy

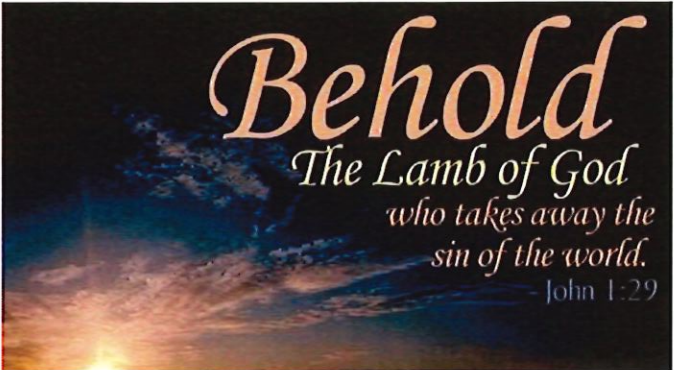
Weekly Offering

Your Support Keeps the Furnace Running!

January 10-11, 2026

Adult: \$4,791.39 Children: \$35
Improvements: \$163
Poor Fund: \$477

Collected to Date		Goal
\$13,730.20	Adult	\$16,800.00
\$48.00	Children	\$60.00
\$1,076.49	Improvements	\$2,000.00
\$222,544.08	Living our Faith	\$400,807.00
\$72,861.00	God's Gift	\$71,975.59



This Week

Sunday, January 18, 2026
State of the Parish Address at all Masses

Monday, January 19, 2026
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, January 20, 2026
Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
Finance Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 21, 2026
FF- Grades. 1-5, 5:45 p.m.
FF- Grades. 6-12, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 22, 2026
Kitchen Konnection, 5:30 p.m.
Safety Team Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, January 23, 2026
Staff Meeting, 3:00 p.m.

Faith Formation

Class Schedule, Grades PK through 12

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

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

Sunday, January 25, 2026

PK 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

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

Sunday, February 1, 2026

PK No Class

For all Faith Formation Class Dates and Times, refer to the Faith Formation Calendar on the Blessed Sacrament Website at:

<https://www.bscwf.org/classes/>

Camp Summit offered by the Diocese of Fargo for **LIFT Up students** – July 12-18, 2026. To qualify you must be entering grades 7-9. Camp Summit is held at the Red Willow Bible Camp in Binford, ND. Register on or before February 27, 2026. If interested go to the following website: www.fargodiocese.org/campsummit. There are also flyers hanging up in the Faith Formation hallway with information.

Attention Lift Off & Lift Up Students (grades 6-12): FM Area Catholic Churches **Ski Trip to Andes Tower Hills** Monday, February 16, 7:10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Buses will leave and return from Nativity Church in Fargo. Register by Wednesday, February 10 with Julie in the Parish Office. Payment is due by registration. There are **NO Refunds!** Inclement weather back-up date is Saturday, February 28. Information is available through Julie in the Parish Office and will be available at class times.

Nebraska MISSION TRIP MEETING: Wednesday, January 28, 7 p.m. **All chaperones, parents and students are asked to be present.** Students going on the trip will be excused from class. We will meet in the church. We will go over and solidify our fundraising events, answer any questions still lingering and re-iterate what will happen on the trip as far as the mission goes.

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

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

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

Class Dates: January 27
February 10, 17, 24

Music Ministry

Join A Choir! If you are interested in joining a choir at Blessed Sacrament, contact Ronda Voss at Ronda@bscwf.org.

Parish Life

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.

BINGO!! Is a Lot of Fun... You should Join us!
Sundays, following 10:30 a.m. Mass:

January 26

February 1, 8, 22

March 1, 8, 15, 22

Concession sales begin at 11:30 a.m.

Bingo starts at 12:00 p.m.

Catholic Schools Week.

Catholic Schools Week is January 25-31. We ask that you support one or more of the two things Blessed Sacrament is doing for JP II Schools and specifically Trinity Elementary.

1. Make a JP II donation by using a JP II envelope or cut out the section in this bulletin.
2. Attend the Spaghetti Dinner on February 1.

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**Spaghetti Dinner** To celebrate Catholic Schools week. Saturday, January 31, 6-7 p.m. Free Will Offering. Hosted by our Knights of Columbus. Proceeds will go toward our JP II stipend fund.

### Daily Readings – January 18-24, 2026

January 18: Is 49:3:5-6, 1 Cor 1:1-3, Jn 1:29-34

January 19: 1 Sm 13:16-23, Mk 2:18-22

January 20: 1 Sm 16:1-13, Mk 23-28

January 21: 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51, Mk 3:1-6

January 22: 1 Sm 18:6-9,19:1-7, Mk 3:7-12

January 23: 1 Sm 24:3-21, Mk 3:13-19

Jan. 24: 2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27, Mk 3:20-21

Dear Blessed Sacrament,

- Thank you so very much for your love and support this Advent Season! Thanks to you, we received 44 packs of diapers, over 100 packs of wipes, 30 bottles, and so much more. Thank you for blessing moms and babies so very abundantly

With deep gratitude,  
Chloe Kramer

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

**Follow Blessed Sacrament on Facebook!!** Go to: *Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church West Fargo* and click FOLLOW.

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

- Hattie Witt, January 23

**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](http://www.bscwf.org), choose 'Get Involved' and 'Give+ Online'.
- **Mobile App:** Download "GivePlus Church" free.
- **Automatic Withdrawal:** [www.bscwf.org](http://www.bscwf.org), choose 'Get Involved', 'Donate', 'Automatic Withdrawal' or Contact [MaryBeth@bscwf.org](mailto:MaryBeth@bscwf.org) to receive a form.

Thank you for your support.

**In Home Care Needed.** Parishioners of Blessed Sacrament, a married couple, are looking for a mature woman to come into their house and provide companionship, personal care and light cooking a few days a week. You will be compensated for your time. If you are interested, please call Mary Beth in the Parish Office, 701-282-3321.

**Kitchen Konnection.** Join us the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month for a themed meal and conversation:



**January 22** – Calling All German Food Lovers  
**February 12** – Happy Valentine's Day  
**February 22** – Mexican Night Welcomes You

**Our Sympathy** to Helen-Jean Puvogel on the death of her friend, Lucille Sherman. May Lucille rest in the arms of our Lord.

**Pastoral Council Elections:** Elections for one member of the Pastoral Council will be held NEXT weekend. Those elected will serve a three-year term. **Candidates are Emily Huber-Johnson, Shannon O'Leary, and Mary Pierce.**

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

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

*Rob Strand (grandson of Helen-Jean Puvogel),  
Diane Wells, Reza Maliki, Leslie Wegner,  
Wes Weeding, Bradley Gustafson,  
Connie Middleton, Clarice Dancer,  
Vivian Moss*

**\*Those who are healing:**

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

**\*Other prayer requests:**

*The Bosch Family, Drew Birrenkott*

**Poinsettias for the Taking.** You can find the poinsettias on tables in the Gathering Area. There are plastic bags and boxes under the large white table. Feel free to take as many as you would like

**Safety Team Meeting,** Thursday, January 22, 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Library. Please notify Mary Beth if you are unable to attend.

**Support John Paul II Catholic Schools**

### JPII Donation

Donations are due by February 1, 2026.

Make Check Payable to  
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**We Pray In Remembrance of...**

January 18: Daniel Hager, Gertrude Schuster

January 19: Lee Dobberstein, Rueben Hummel

January 20: Mary Anderson, Kathryn Glaser

January 21: Eileen Kaehler, Roger Philips

January 22: Katheryn Wetzstein, Rose O'Marro,  
Leo Grosz

January 23: Maynard Schmidt, John Rausch

January 24: Emily Dufner, Gena Petermann

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Parts of the Mass

For many of us who didn't attend Catholic school, Mass was a rhythm learned simply by going with our parents. We grew up mastering the responses and hymns, knowing exactly when to sit, stand, and kneel. Yet, while we knew the "how" of the liturgy, the deeper meaning and purpose behind each part often remained a mystery.

Let's begin to uncover the meaning of the parts of the mass starting with the...

Introductory Rites

The Mass begins with the entrance chant/song.

The celebrant and other ministers enter in procession and reverence the altar with a bow and/or a kiss. The altar is a symbol of Christ at the heart of the assembly and so deserves this special reverence.

All make the Sign of the Cross and the celebrant extends a greeting to the gathered people in words taken from Scripture.

The Penitential Act follows the greeting. At the very beginning of the Mass, the faithful recall their sins and place their trust in God's abiding mercy. The Penitential Act includes the *Kyrie Eleison*, a Greek phrase meaning, "Lord, have mercy." This litany recalls God's merciful actions throughout history. On Sundays, especially in Easter Time, in place of the customary Penitential Act, from time to time the blessing and sprinkling of water to recall Baptism may take place.

On Sundays, solemnities, and feasts, the *Gloria* follows the Penitential Act.

The *Gloria* begins by echoing the proclamation of the angels at the birth of Christ: "Glory to God in the highest!" In this ancient hymn, the gathered assembly joins the heavenly choirs in offering praise and adoration to the Father and Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

The Introductory Rites conclude with an opening prayer, called the Collect. The celebrant invites the gathered assembly to pray and, after a brief silence, proclaims the prayer of the day. The Collect gathers the prayers of all into one and disposes all to hear the Word of God in the context of the celebration. (*taken from United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*)

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.

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten

the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 18, 2026

Last Sunday the church celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. There, God the Father revealed a little more of His son, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan. The Father said, "This is my beloved Son, on whom my favor rests." This weekend we learn even more about Jesus. We learn that not only is Jesus from Bethlehem, the son of Mary and Joseph, and the Father's Son, but also Jesus is the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

And you and I have been called by this God who takes away our sins to do something. What is it we are called to do? To answer that, we must look at the first reading and compare ourselves to Isaiah the prophet. In a lot of ways, we are called to be like Isaiah. God chose Isaiah from the womb to be a light to the nations.

God chose us, too, from the womb, to be a light to the nations. That is, we are called to be a light to help others see the light of Christ. We do this through being that example of a good Catholic. We may not be perfect, but we must at least try to be faithful Christians. This is done through God's help, through receiving the Sacraments He has given us. Then they will notice not so much us, but Jesus who shines through us!

We can be a light to the nations through bearing our crosses patiently, whatever they may be. Some crosses that come our way cannot be cured by a simple pill or by taking a shot. Some people have incurable or chronic illnesses. Others suffer socially or emotionally. Patient acceptance of these crosses goes a long way not only in helping to lead others to Christ, but in storing up for ourselves treasure in Heaven!

We also can be a light for others through praying for them. I hope you pray for me. I pray for you every day, sometimes several times a day. May you and I through what we say and do be a light to the nations, a shining light of hope for the world, as we strive to follow Jesus each day of our lives.

Volunteerism - Stewardship

2026 Liturgical Linen Cleaning Schedules for January, February, and March:

- January S. Durbin
- February J. Salter
- March M. A. Schuster

If you are interested in helping with the liturgical linen cleaning, please contact Julie in the Parish Office, 701-282-3321, Julie@bscwf.org.

Still looking for... Media Ministers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Servers basically we need liturgical ministers. Please prayerfully consider becoming an integral part of the weekend masses. Please contact Julie to learn more or to jump in 701.282.3321 or julie@bscwf.org. Thank you for your time and consideration

Preparing for Lent 2026

Lent begins February 18 – Ash Wednesday

Collecting Palms: : If you have old palms you wish to get rid of; please bring them back to church. The palms are blessed and need to be burned. The ashes are then stored in clean containers and used for future Ash Wednesdays. The palms can be placed in the marked box by the parish office. Please remove plastic bags, paper clips, ribbon, etc., before placing palms in the box.

Lent projects to be announced soon!!

Community & Diocesan Events

Holy Spirit Annual Wine & Dine. Holy Spirit invites you to attend the 16th annual Valentine's Wine & Dine on February 7, 5-8 p.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Join us for a delicious catered dinner, free wine & drinks, games, & a live and silent auction. Tickets are \$75 each and can be purchased at holyspiritfargo.com/wine-dine or by calling the parish office to reserve a spot no later than February 1. All proceeds benefit Holy Spirit's Youth Discipleship program. Any questions can be directed to Rachel O'Donnell at 701-232-5900 or rachel@holyspiritfargo.com.

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

- Head Volleyball Coach – Shanley High School (Fall 2026)
- Little Deacons Substitutes – Holy Spirit Elementary School
- Substitute Teachers

Executive Administrative Assistant, President's Office. Candidate will provide a wide variety of complex and confidential support including communicating information on behalf of and as acting as a liaison for assigned Administrators with JPII Schools, staff and families, Board of Directors, and other internal groups. Confidentiality, professionalism, and efficient and effective organizational skills are essential. Deadline for applying: Open Until Filled.

January 24-25, 2026 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Ministries of Service

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	8:30 a.m. Sunday	10:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	L. Elshaug	N. Peterson	M. Hoff
EMHC	*G. Larson, C. Paintner, E. & C. Pablo, J. Jones	*/**N. Peterson, M. Doster, P. Jorgensen, D. Chapek, Volunteer	*Volunteer, A. Pritchard, B. Opoien, M. Kern, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Servers	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer	E. Buettner, H. Buettner, Volunteer
Ushers	Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Greeters	E. & C. Pablo	Volunteer, Volunteer	Volunteer, Volunteer
Rosary Leader	M. Curfman	A. Pritchard	M. Kern
Sacristan	M. Pablo	Volunteer	Volunteer
Media Minister	M. Berntson	*Eucharist Minister	**Takes to home bound

Calling All German Food Lovers

Thursday, January 22, 2026

Come dine with us from 5:30 to 6:30pm.

All things German to be served

Meat/Sausage

Hot German Potato Salad

*Full Menu to be determined

Desserts • Coffee • Water

**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.



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

31
January
6-7 p.m.



To Celebrate Catholic Schools Week



Free Will Offering

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and Make a Difference!



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Ronda Voss - Ronda@bscwf.org

Media Information

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Feast/Holy Day

the Week of January 18, 2026

January 18: Blessed Sacrament State of The Parish

January 19: MLK Jr. Day

January 20: Sts. Fabian & Sebastian

January 21: St. Agnes

January 23: Sts Vincent & Marianne Cope

January 24: St. Francis de Sales


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When the Church kneels beside a leper, a malnourished child or an anonymous dying person, she fulfills her deepest vocation: to love the Lord where he is most disfigured.

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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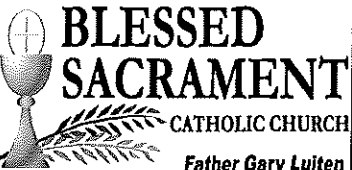
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