# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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## September 19-20, 2026 ~ 25th 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, September 20**
8:30 a.m. – +Betty Allmaras
10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners
**Monday, September 21- NO MASS**
**Tuesday, September 22** at Sheyenne Crossings
**1:00 p.m.** – +Marie Flynn
**Wednesday, September 23**
**5:45 p.m.** – Joe Wentz Family
**Thursday September 24**
**9:00 a.m.** – +Irene Keller
**Friday, September 25**
**9:00 a.m.** – Lorraine Hager
**Saturday, September 26**
Reconciliation 4:00-4:30 p.m.
**5:15 p.m.** – Morgan Pierce
**Sunday, September 27**
8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners
10:30 a.m. – +Aggie & +Tim Hennessey

## Weekly Offering

*Thank You for Your Support!*

**September 12-13, 2026**

Adult: $8107.32 Children: $15
Improvements: $603
Poor Fund: $239

| Collected to Date | | Goal |
|---|---|---|
| 282276.32 | Adult | $319,200.00 |
| $689.00 | Children | $1,140.00 |
| $15,138.69 | Improvements | $38,000.00 |
| $274,828.48 | Living our Faith | $400,807.00 |
| *$76,972.71* | God's Gift Appeal | $74,917.04 |

## This Week

**Tuesday, September 22nd, 2026**
Blood Drive 3-6 p.m.
Bible Study 7 p.m.
OCIA 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 23rd, 2026**
FF–Grades 1-5 5:45 p.m.
LIFT UP/OFF 7 p.m.

**Thursday, September 24th, 2026**
CUH – Meal Delivery
Kitchen Konnection/Retirement Party for Mary Beth Odegaard 5:30 p.m.
Pastoral Council 7 p.m.

## ALL THINGS FALL DINNER & BAZAAR
## Sunday October 4, 2026, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**CORRECTION/APOLOGY FROM LAST WEEKS BULLETIN:** The flyer for St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church's Fall Festival was printed as a full page/full color. This festival is the same day as our very own Fall Dinner/Bazaar. It should have just been placed under the listings with the others. Apologies for the confusion.

**SPREAD THE WORD – Grab and Display: Fall Dinner Yard Signs and Posters.** Yard signs are available in the gathering area - if you don't have one from last year. Display it in your yard. Take a few flyers and hang them at work, drop off at places that have bulletin boards.

# Blessed Sacrament
# Fall Dinner & Bazaar
## *October 4, 2026*
### *11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

**11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
Dinner & Games

**8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
Bazaar Market
Take-A-Chance Baskets
($1, $5 or $10)

**2:30 – 4:00 p.m.**
Bingo

**4:00 p.m.**
Raffle Drawings

**Interested in volunteering? There are plenty of options for** helping or donating items. Check out the tables and racks in the social hall. Have questions? No problem, please contact Julie at 701-282-3321 or julie@bscwf.org.

**Raffle Tickets:** 31% of the original tickets given out with the letter have been sold. We have a long way to go and many extras to sell. PLEASE get those tickets sold. Return the correct stubs and money to the Parish Office. Pick up extra tickets from the Parish Office. If you are unable to sell your tickets, return them to the Parish Office.

**DINNER, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**
Loaded Baked Potato Bar! Baked potato, multiple potato toppings, salad, bread, and dessert. (Desserts baked by Blessed Sacrament parishioners!)

**BAZAAR, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**
Bazaar Market: Accepting new and gently used items including toys, games, household items, handmade crafts, homemade jelly & jams, baked goods, canned goods, etc. Place your donations on the marked tables (or into bins under tables) BEFORE 3:00 p.m. Friday, September 25. **WE ARE NO LONGER SELLING JEWELRY**
-*Early Bird Sales*: Saturday, Sept. 26, 4-7 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 27, 8 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Racks are available in the social hall for completed baskets. Items for the Bazaar Market and dinner can be put on the tables. **REMEMBER:** All baskets must have a complete slip taped on them. Anyone wishing to donate for the $10 baskets should bring these to Julie in the office.

**GAMES:** This year's games are going to be limited to some family competitions, guess the amounts, and possibly a couple others. **FAMILIES/FRIENDS** – get your teams together to compete in Corn Hole and Ribbon Races. See sign ups in the gathering area table by the empty baskets. Get your team organized.
**Corn Hole: Teams of 2**
**Ribbon Races: Teams of 4 or more**

**BAKED GOODS WALK:** Make some type of baked goods for the walk. Land on a winner and you choose what to take home. **Don't want to do the walk -** then how about baking for this? Looking for all types of baked goods except pies (save those for our dinner). Please clearly mark if gluten free or has nuts. Bring in no sooner than Friday, October 2nd.

**Empty Baskets for Take-A-Chance are Available:** Take-A-Chance empty baskets are waiting to be filled. If you need a basket or 2 they are available in the Social Hall.

- All baskets MUST have a form completed and taped to the basket. You will need to put your name, phone #, basket content description and check if it is for the $1, $5 or $10 chances. Slips will be on the rack with the baskets.
    - $1 Chance baskets will be in the Gathering Area.
    - $5 Chance baskets will be in the Social Hall.
    - $10 Chance baskets will be in the Gathering Area along the glass doors
- Filled baskets need to be at the church by Monday, September 21. The Take-A-Chance committee will be organizing these baskets to be ready for viewing the weekend before the bazaar.

- **REMINDER: baskets MUST contain NEW items.** Any gently used items should be brought to the Bazaar Market.
- There are printed packets with theme ideas for the baskets.

*-Take A Chance and Bazaar Market Hours:*

Saturday, September 26, 4-7 p.m.
Sunday, September 27, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
Saturday, October 3, 4-7 p.m.
Sunday, October 4, 8 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Quilt on display** in front of the parish office. This quilt was hand made and donated by fellow parishioner, Isabel Liska. Thank you, Isabel. If you want a chance to win that beautiful quilt; purchase a raffle ticket in the office.

**Area Fall Dinners**:

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| September 20 | St. Benedict, Horace |
| | St. Andrew, Hawley MN |
| | St. Francis Xavier, Lake Park, MN |
| September 27 | St. Mary, Grand Forks |
| October 4 | Blessed Sacrament, WF |
| | St. William, Argusville |
| | St. Jude, Thompson |
| | St. Francis, Moorhead MN |
| October 11 | St. Maurice, Kindred |
| | St. Joseph, Moorhead MN |
| | St. Andrew, Hawley MN |
| October 25 | Holy Spirit, Fargo |
| | Holy Cross, WF |
| | St. Elizabeth, Dilworth MN |
| November 1 | St. Leo, Casselton |
| November 8 | Nativity, Fargo |
| | Sts. Ann & Joachim, Fargo |

## Faith Formation

**Class Schedule, Grades PK-12**

Wednesday, September 23
Grs 1-5 5:45 p.m.
LIFT UP/OFF 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 27
PK 10:30 a.m.

**Mass notes are back:** There are 2 locations to grab a clipboard and fill out the 2-sided sheets while listening during mass. One is by the bookshelf by the south doors; the other is next to the busy bag rack. After mass you can either put your completed sheet in the mail slot on the office door or in the filing bin on the table outside the parish office. Good luck – top 3 winners will be chosen by Father Gary every couple of months.

**Faith Formation Youth Grades 6-12 and Parents:**
On Wednesday, October 14th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Nativity Catholic Church is hosting nationally known speaker Tanner Kalin. The night will include a free dinner, his talk, and time for adoration, praise and worship led by Rachel O'Donnel, and an opportunity for confession.

**Bible Study – *"The Gospel of Mark."* has begun.**
Meet in the social hall on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

**Upcoming Class Dates**:
September: 22, 29
October: 6, 13, 20, 27

**OCIA Classes.** Do you or someone you know want to become Catholic? OCIA classes will begin Tuesday evening, September 15 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Library. Class will meet most Tuesdays of the month through the first part of April. Catholics who want a brush up on their faith are also welcome to attend. See Father Gary if you are interested.

**Class Dates**:
September: 22
October: 6, 13, 27

## Music Ministry

**We Need Accompanists & Cantors!**
Accompanist – The accompanist is responsible for providing accompaniment for the hymns and acclamations during the Mass. Knowledge of the Catholic Mass is preferred. *This is a paid position.*

Cantor (Song Leader) – The Cantor is both a singer and leader of the congregational songs. The Cantor has the responsibility for leading the assembly, and inviting them in hymns and acclamations used throughout Mass. You should have a strong singing voice. This ministry is open to high school/adult singers. *This is a volunteer opportunity.*
If you are interested in assisting at weekend Masses, please contact Ronda at Ronda@bscwf.org or call the Parish Office 701-282-3321.

## Parish Life

**SAVE A LIFE** – Our Blood Drive is **Tuesday, September 22**, 3-6 p.m. Contact Julie to get signed up and Save a Life! 701-282-3321, julie@bscwf.org.

**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.

**Coffee Talk:** Come join us after in the social hall after the Sunday Masses and enjoy drinks, treats and fellowship. Interested in hosting? Sign up sheets are on the table outside the parish office.

**+ RETIREMENT PARTY FOR MARY BETH ODEGAARD**

**EVERYONE** is **WELCOME**. Every 2nd and 4th Thursday, unless otherwise specified. Proceeds (donation not required) go into the Blessed Sacrament Poor Fund to help community members in need.

**September 24:** Touchdown: Football is back – come wearing your favorite team's jersey

**Celebrate with Mary Beth Odegaard during this KK as she joins the retirement club.**

**October 22: Chili Cookoff is back – top 3 win – Register to bring a crockpot of chili – slips are on the table outside the parish office**

September through December will each have only 1 KK due to other events at Blessed Sacrament Church

***Let Julie know ahead of time if you would like to help at the meal or if you would like to bring a dessert***

**Daily Readings – September 20-26, 2026**

September 20: Phil 1:20c-24, 27a, Mt 20:1-16a
September 21: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13, Mt 9:9-13
September 22: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13, Lk 8:19-21
September 23: Prv 30:5-9, Lk 9:1-6
September 24: Eccl 1:2-11, Lk 9:7-9
September 25: Eccl 3:1-11, Lk 9:18-22
September 26: Eccl 11:9-12:8, Lk 9:43b-45

**Fall Clean-Up / Fall Dinner Set-up: Wednesday, September 30**, 5:30 p.m. EVERYONE is welcome to come and help us that evening! Weather permitting, we will be cleaning up the church grounds. When we are done, we will have a fire in Fr. Gary's firepit and roast hotdogs and make smores!

**FT Office Coordinator**

Our parish is seeking an individual to join us as the communication source for our parish, answer the phone, and greet visitors. Duties will also include maintaining the parish database, parish records, and making sure details are taken care of and other tasks to help the office function smoothly. To apply, please send cover letter and resume to Rev. Gary Luiten at gary@bscwf.org or gary.luiten@fargodiocese.org. You may also pick up an application from the parish office.

**Knights of Columbus Council # 6465**

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**Next Meeting: Thursday, October 2, 7 p.m.**

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Outside Guard: Rick Olstad
Trustees: Bill Rohrich, Shawn DeKeyser, Steve Perreault

**Knights of Columbus: Celebrating Our Parish Family!** During our monthly meeting on September 3, we were proud to honor Brother Rob Haugen, who has been leading our fundraising efforts by renting the parking lot space during Cruise Nights. We also named Sir Robert Bennet and Kathleen as our Family of the Month. Sir Robert is our new Council Lecturer and is part of our 4th-degree Assembly. We are very happy to have the Bennett family at Blessed Sacrament.

**Happy Anniversary!** We pray for those celebrating their anniversary this week.

Kip & Donnie Moore, September 21, 69 years!

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

- Dennis Gustafson, September 23
- Forrest Suchy, September 24
- Kip Moore, September 25

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

**Our Sympathy** to Lilibeth Stroik on the death of her Mother, Cresencia Uy. May Cresencia rest in the arms of our Lord.

**Pastoral Council Meeting,** Thursday, September 24, 7 p.m. in the library.

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

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

*Gunner Kocsis (nephew of Diane and Steve Fink)*
*Frank Metzger, Joann Moody,*
*Rodney Loberg, Alfons Allmaras,*
*Homer Godel, Rowan Johnston, Scott Kaufman,*
*Janice Kanwischer, Rick Cwikla, Melissa*
*Nesemeier, Rosemary Heise, Veronica Zorn,*
*Jim Mattson, Paula Loegering*

***Those who are healing:**

*Gary Lammer*

***Other prayer requests:**

*The Bosch Family, Drew Birrenkott*

**We Pray In Remembrance of…**

September 20: Bernice Schmidt
September 21: Minnie Boll, Dean Tollefson, Helen Ebsen
September 24: Lorraine Grinsteiner, LeRoy Levin
September 25: David Saxowsky, John Pulkrabek, Philip Nagel
September 26: Rosemary Coleman

**St. Paul's Newman Center Banquet:** Deacon Shawn and Lori DeKeyser are hosting a table at the annual St. Paul's Newman Center Banquet on Thursday November 19, 2026, featuring keynote speaker Msgr. James Shea. For more information or to reserve your seat at the table, please contact Shawn at 701-361-0950 or Shawn@bscwf.org or Lori at 701-866-4492. Space is limited.

## Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten

**On the Gospel for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
**September 20, 2026**

We can learn a few lessons from Matthew's gospel passage today. The first point regards how we treat other members of the church. Realizing that Matthew's audience were the Jewish people, the workers hired early in the day represented the Jews who had become Christians, and the workers hired late in the day represent the non-Jewish, or Gentile Christians, the new-comers to the Church. And so, Matthew is telling the Jewish Christians to open up and accept the non-Jews as well, as part of the chosen people. In applying the gospel to us, how do we treat converts, those who have come into the church later in life? Do we envy them for some reason or other because they haven't had to work as long in the faith as we have? Do we accept them? Do we help to make them feel at home in the church?

The second lesson we can learn from the gospel today is that it shows us that God is generous. The owner of the estate decided to be generous to the "late-comers."
And so, in the way the estate owner treated the workers hired late in the day, we see a lesson showing us that Jesus is generous and kind. These are traits that God wants us to have, too.

A third lesson that we can learn is from those hired early in the day. We see here an example of how not to live. Jesus hints in the gospel that those hired early in the day were jealous. We should not be jealous but should rejoice in the blessings other people receive.

And so, we must ask ourselves, "Are we more like the kind land-owner – being generous, or are we more like the workers hired early in the day, who, although they were hard-workers, were also jealous of other peoples' gifts and strengths?" May God give us the grace to be generous to others with the gifts God has given to us and not be jealous of the gifts that God has given to others.

## Volunteerism - Stewardship

**We Are Always in Need of Additional Ministry & Event Volunteers.** We can use more volunteers in all areas. Our current volunteers are constantly helping. Please prayerfully consider getting involved. Through my own experience you will build incredible friendships while serving the Lord. Contact Julie in the parish office at 701-282-3321 or email julie@bscwf.org.

**SIGN UP, SIGN UP, SIGN UP – ALL THINGS FALL DINNER/BAZAAR.** Don't kid yourself, you are needed. Enter the social hall and browse through the sign-up clipboards. Please get involved!

## 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 E

**Job Openings:**
**FT Office Coordinator** - Blessed Sacrament Church in West Fargo is seeking an individual to join us as our parish office coordinator. Duties will include answering the phone, greeting visitors, parish calendar, weekly bulletin, maintaining the parish data base, parish records, and other tasks to help the office function smoothly. To apply, please send cover letter and resume to Fr. Gary Luiten at gary@bscwf.org Application deadline is September 30, 2026.

**Freedom Resource Fair,** Tuesday, September 29. 11:30-2:00 p.m. Veterans Memorial Arena, West Fargo. Free Admission. Prizes!

**Authentic Italian Spaghetti Dinner,** Sunday, October 25, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., St. Elizabeth's, Dilworth. Cost $18 adults, $10 Children 6-12, preschool free. Take out available.

**The Salvation Army** is looking for hats, caps, gloves, socks, coats, blankets and other things for the upcoming winter months. These can be homemade, gently used or brand new.
The Salvation Army serves both breakfast and lunch to those who come in need. People have already begun to ask for winter items.
Please bring your donations to the office. One of our fellow parishioners will deliver these items.

## A Stewardship Moment

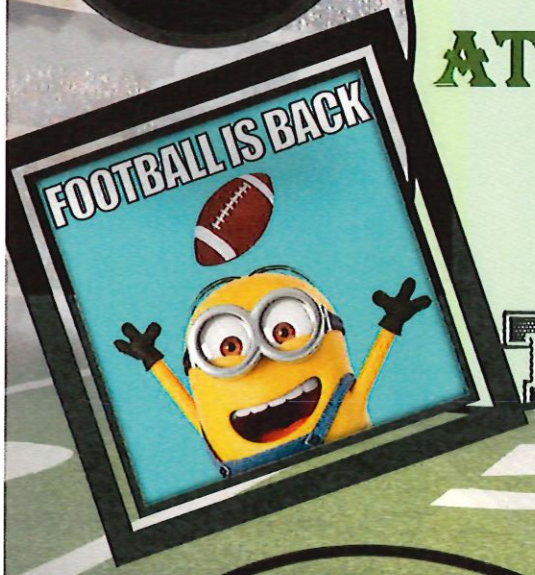
***"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last".***

*Matthew 20:16*

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

# JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE MARY BETH ODEGAARD'S RETIREMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH FOOTBALL'S RETURN AT KITCHEN CONNECTION Thursday, Sept 24, 2026

## TOUCHDOWN!




FREE OR FREE WILL OFFERING

Serving from 5:30-6:30 pm

Blessed Sacrament Church Social Hall
210 5th Ave W, WF

Pulled Pork

Salad - TBD

Baked Beans

Dinner Rolls

Coffee/H20

DESSERTS

Menu Subject to change!

## Directory

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## Feast/Holy Day

**the Week of September 20, 2026**

September 20: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 21: Apostle Matthew
September 23: St. Pius of Pietrelcina
September 26: Sts. Cosmas & Damian

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*"The weight of the cross that we bear can be easy and light because the Lord himself carries it with us, never leaving us alone in what burdens us."*

*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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