Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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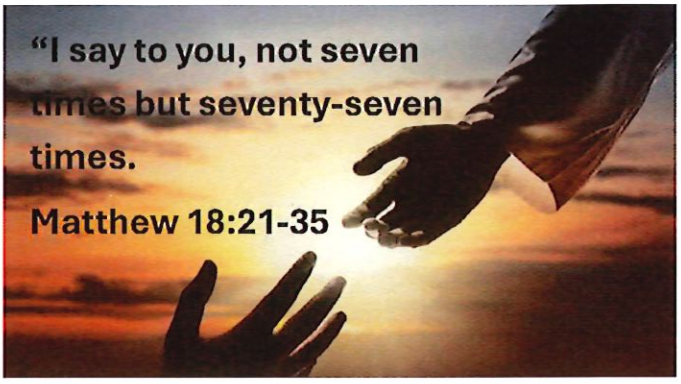
September 12-13, 2026 ~ 24th Sunday in Ordinary

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 13
8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners
10:30 a.m. - +Al & +Mary Ann Vetter
Monday, September 14- NO MASS
Tuesday, September 15 at Sheyenne Crossings
1:00 p.m. – Vanessa Salter
Wednesday, September 16
5:45 p.m. – +Souls in Purgatory
Thursday September 17
9:00 a.m. – Ray Fitterer
Friday, September 18
9:00 a.m. – +James Breker
Saturday, September 19
Reconciliation 4:00-4:30 p.m.
5:15 p.m. – +Nick Jalbert
Sunday, September 20
8:30 a.m. – +Betty Allmaras
10:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

Weekly Offering

Thank You for Your Support!

September 5-6, 2026

Adult: $4370.38 Children: $23
Improvements: $494.49
Poor Fund: $259

Collected to Date		Goal
$274,169.00	Adult	$310,800.00
$674.00	Children	$1,110.00
$14,535.69	Improvements	$37,000.00
$268,390.94	Living our Faith	$400,807.00
$76,972.71	God's Gift Appeal	$74,917.04

This Week

Tuesday, September 15th, 2026
Bible Study 7 p.m.
OCIA 7 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16, 2026
FF–ALL students opening Mass 5:45 p.m.

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

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

We Need All Hands On Deck for the Fall Dinner and Bazaar: Let's make this year the largest success yet for Blessed Sacrament. This is the main fundraiser for our church!

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.

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 Were Mailed Last Week! 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: Do you have new or gently used items you would like to donate? The Bazaar Market will accept handmade crafts, homemade jelly & jams, baked goods, canned goods, etc. Bring your donations to the Parish Office BEFORE 3:00 p.m. Friday, September 25. Jewelry will NOT be accepted!
-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 to Julie in the office.

GAMES: This year 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.
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 to 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.-2:30 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:

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

Sunday, September 13
PK 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, September 16
ALL Grades, Mass 5:45 p.m.
Sunday, September 20
PK No Class
Wednesday, September 23
Grs 1-5 5:45 p.m.
LIFT UP/OFF 7:00 p.m.

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. Upcoming class dates are below. If you still wish to participate you may contact the Parish Office to register, 701-282-3321. All those signed up need to purchase The Gospel of Mark, Ignatius Catholic Study Bible, by Scott Hahn & Curtis Mitch. https://www.amazon.com/dp/0898708184?lv=shuf&channelId=500&plpRedirect=mhFallback).

Class Dates:
September: 15, 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.

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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

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.

PLEASE DONATE TO 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: Is currently back! Come join us after in the social hall after the Sunday Masses and enjoy drinks, treats and fellowship. Interested in hosting? Please let Julie know or sign up on the sheets outside the parish office.

Daily Readings – September 13-19, 2026
September 13: Sir 27:30—28:7, Rom 14:7-9, Mt 18:21-35
September 14: Nm 21:4b-9, Phil 2:6-11, Jn 3:13-17
September 15: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a, Jn 19:25-27
September 16: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13, Lk 7:31-35
September 17: 1 Cor 15:1-11, Lk 7:36-50
September 18: 1 Cor 15:12-20, Lk 8:1-3
September 19: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49, Lk 8:4-15

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 in the parish office.

Happy Anniversary! We pray for those celebrating their anniversary this week.
Wally & Mary Ann Tintes, Sept 14, 69 years!

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.

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

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

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:**
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 15: Brian Iverson, Kelly Quintavilla
September 16: Kelly Jo Shypkowski
September 18: Valentine Fischer
September 19: Pear Schweitzer

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

the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2026

The focus of the readings today is on forgiveness. In the gospel, Jesus wants us to forgive one another from the heart. Forgiving each other's small faults and failings is quite simple, but forgiving their big faults is another story! It can be quite difficult. Our model of forgiving other's their big faults is Jesus on the cross. Jesus forgave the soldiers for their crime, and they didn't even ask for forgiveness!

Jesus continues his act of forgiving today, in little rooms all over the world – in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The words of the priest (appointed by Jesus) "I absolve you" mean "I forgive you." It's wonderful to hear those words. I need to hear those words myself from Jesus, through the priest he appoints, that I have been forgiven, about every other week or so. Maybe I should go even more often to receive more graces.

And Jesus wants us to go and do likewise, to forgive others for what they have done to us. This is important for us, because when we refuse to forgive others, we harbor resentment and anger. God wants us to forgive one another because He wants us to have peace not just in heaven, but in this life. He wants us to get along in harmony. Remember, Jesus said to God the Father, "May they be one, as we are one." And harmony begins with forgiveness.

Think, for a moment of someone who has offended you: maybe a friend, a classmate, a relative, or a family member. Think of a particular time this happened: in first grade, in high school, or maybe it was yesterday! Now, when we encounter this person who has offended you, how do we react? Do we react with love, or with hate? Perhaps we really have not forgiven them. If we can honestly say we act with love and that we can even pray for that person, then indeed we have forgiven them. That's what Jesus means when he says we must forgive "from the heart."

May God give us the gift of forgiveness so that we may be forgiven and live lives of peace now and in the life to come.

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.

Community & Diocesan E

Rededication of First Lutheran Church Austin Organ with Jason Roberts, Guest Organist. Friday, September 18, 7:00 p.m. 619 Broadway N, Fargo.

St. Francis Xavier Chicken Dinner, Sunday, September 20, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lake Park, MN. $20 Adults, $15 Children (6-12), Preschool free.

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.

Job Openings:
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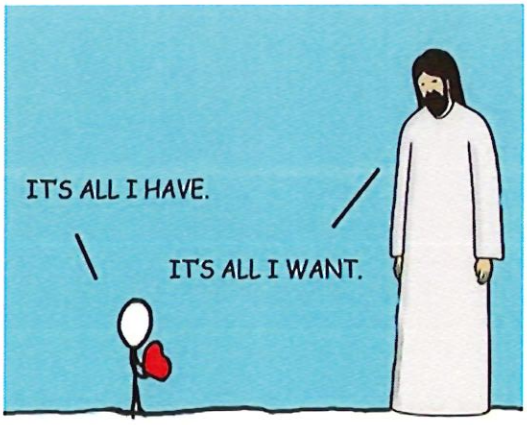

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Donate Sept. 11-30 to help patients who rely on blood donations and we'll thank you with a **Halloween Tee!*** You'll also be entered to win **one of two $10,000 gift cards.**** Schedule your appointment today. *Donor Rewards program opt-in required.*

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

3:00 - 6:00 PM

SOCIAL HALL

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OCTOBER 4, 2026
11 AM – 2:30 PM

Fall FESTIVAL

Roast Beef Dinner
Adults: $20
6-12 Youth $8
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Take Out Available

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Feast/Holy Day

the Week of September 13, 2026

September 13: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows
September 16: Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian
September 17: Sts. Robert Bellamine & Hildegard of Bingen
September 19: St. Januarius

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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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