Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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September 26-27, 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 27
8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners
10:30 a.m. – +Aggie & +Tim Hennessey
Monday, September 28- NO MASS
Tuesday, September 29 NO MASS
Wednesday, September 30
NO MASS
Thursday, October 1
9:00 a.m. – +Chad Nein
Friday, October 2
9:00 a.m. – +Fran Gerszewski
Adoration, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Saturday, October 3
Holy Hour with Adoration, 3:30 p.m.
4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation
5:15 p.m. – +Wally Odegaard
Sunday, October 4
8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners
10:30 a.m. – +Lucy Uy

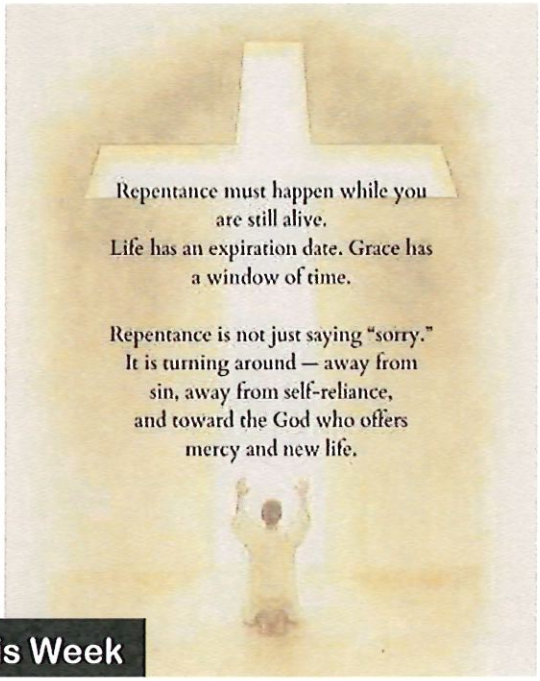
Weekly Offering

Thank You for Your Support!

September 19-20, 2026

Adult: $6991.04 Children: $14
Improvements: $413
Poor Fund: $300.20

Collected to Date		Goal
$289,267.36	Adult	$327,600.00
$703.00	Children	$1,170.00
$15,551.69	Improvements	$39,000.00
$274,828.48	Living our Faith	$400,807.00
$77,835.07	God's Gift Appeal	$74,917.04



This Week

Sunday, September 27, 2026
FF-PK 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, September 29, 2026
Bible Study 7 p.m.

Wednesday, September 30, 2026
Fall Clean up
Fall Dinner Set up
FF Grades 1-12 5:30 p.m. for Fall clean up

Thursday, October 1, 2026
Knights of Columbus 7 p.m.

Friday, October 2, 2026
Adoration, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 3, 2025
Holy Hour with Adoration, 3:30 p.m.

The Fall Dinner & Bazaar is just **1 week away** and **WE NEED YOU!** Please get involved. Pray for a successful event. Remember this is Blessed Sacraments largest fundraiser and it is our parish.

ALL HANDS ON DECK *FOR THE...*

Fall Dinner & Bazaar

1 Week and counting

Mark your calendar and spread the word

Sunday, October 4th, 2026 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

YOUR PERSONAL CHECK LIST:
YARD SIGN BEING DISPLAYED
RAFFLE TICKETS SOLD & TURNED IN
BROUGHT IN A BASKET(S) - *if not there is still time* - WE NEED MORE
GOT A TEAM TOGETHER & SIGNED UP FOR THE COMPETITIVE GAMES
SIGNED UP TO HELP WHERE NEEDED
BROUGHT IN FOOD DONATIONS
SAVING MY APPETITE FOR AN AMAZING BAKED POTATO BAR
SPREAD THE WORD AND INVITED EVERYONE I KNOW

DAY OF:
8:30 & 10:30 A.M.: MASS
11:00 A.M. - 2 P.M.: DINNER
11 A.M. - 2 P.M.: BAZAAR MARKET; GAMES; PRAYER CARDS; TAKE-A-CHANCE BASKETS
2 P.M.: CLOSING OF TAKE-A-CHANCE BASKETS
2:30 P.M.: BINGO AND CONCESSIONS (CASH PRIZES)
4:00 P.M.: RAFFLE DRAWINGS

BAKED POTATO BAR:
ADULTS: $13
CHILDREN (6-12): $6
5 & UNDER FREE
CLERGY: FREE
TAKE OUT: $2 EXTRA

TAKE-A-CHANCE & BAZAAR MARKET ARE NOW OPEN: Browse the baskets and the market, purchase tickets and begin placing the tickets into the appropriate containers. LOTS of great baskets. Great gently used and some new items at the market for purchase.

WANTED/NEEDS:

More baskets
More volunteers
More teams for competitive games
YOUTH to man the games

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 toppings: pulled pork, turkey, bacon, taco meaty, shredded cheese or cheese sauce, broccoli, black olives, sauteed mushrooms/onions, butter, sour cream, salsa!!

GAMES: This year's games are going to be limited to some family competitions, guess the amounts, pin the collar on Fr. Gary (not literally), craft/coloring room.
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: WE NEED MORE SIGN-UPS TO SUPPLY THE BAKED GOODS FOR THIS GAME: 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.

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.

Take-A-Chance: We are still accepting baskets

- 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
- **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.

Thank You 2026 Fall Dinner Sponsors!

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(Jamie & Maria Regner)

Jeff & Kathy York

Fall Dinner Donation Envelope. If you are unable to attend the festivities but still want to support Blessed Sacrament, you will find donation envelopes on the Breaking Bread bookcases, in the Gathering Area.

Area Fall Dinners:

September 27	St. Mary, Grand Forks
October 3	Living Waters Lutheran Church, Fargo
October 4	Blessed Sacrament, WF
	St. William, Argusville
	St. Jude, Thompson
	St. Francis, Moorhead MN
October 10	Grace United Methodist, Moorhead MN
October 11	St. Maurice, Kindred
	St. Joseph, Moorhead MN
	St. Andrew, Hawley MN
	St. Agnes, Hunter
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 30

Grades 1-12 **(Fall Cleanup)** 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 27

PK 10:30 a.m.

All Grades Will be Involved in Fall Clean-Up, Wednesday, September 30, 5:30 p.m. Adult parishioners are also welcome to help. After our job is done, we get to use Fr. Gary's firepit and roasting hotdogs, smores and enjoy visiting. Kids can practice the ribbon racing too!! That is if they plan to compete at the Fall Dinner!

Mass notes are back: Take a clipboard, pencil, pay attention during mass and fill out the form. You can leave the completed form on the clipboard, put in mail slot on the office door or hand to Julie. **SERVERS:** you can fill out the mass note after and turn in on the next class meeting.

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: 29
October: 6, 13, 20, 27

OCIA Class Dates:

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

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.

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.
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
October 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 27: Ez 18:25-28, Phil 2:1-11 / Mt 21:28-32
September 28: Jb 1:6-22 / Lk 9:46-50
September 29: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 / Jn 1:47-51
September 30: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 / Lk 9:57-62
October 1: Jb 19:21-27 / Lk 10:1-12
October 2: Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5 / Mt 18:1-5, 10
October 3: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 / Lk 10:17-24

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! If the adults wish to come earlier in the day to clean inside you can absolutely do that.

We pray for those celebrating their anniversary this week.

William & Gloria Smith,
October 3, 63 years

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

Our Sympathy to LaRae Metzger & family on the death of Frank Metzger.
The family of Collette Folstad.
The family of Alice Cumber.
May Frank, Collette and Alice rest in the arms of our Lord.

Prayer Requets: We pray for our parishioners and family members.
***Those who are sick or have medical problems:**
Chuck Zimprich (brother of Connie Paintner & Cindy Hunsicker), Rita Spadofore, Mary Jane Oyloe, Gunner Kocsis, Joann Moody, Rodney Loberg, Alfons Allmaras, Homer Godel, Rowan Johnston, Scott Kaufman, Janice Kanwischer, Rick Cwikla, 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 27: Fran Gerszewski, Lorraine M. Hager, Robert Heflin
September 28: Marlys Miller
September 29: Frank J. Lenzmeier, Sandra Balster
September 30: Lorraine Heinz
October 1: Dennis Prudlick

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.

October Combined Collection Envelopes.
Envelopes are in the Gathering Area, or you can use the form below. Prayerfully consider giving to the charities of: *World Missions, Retired Religious, Home Missions, Black & Indian Missions, and Peter's Pence*

Please submit your donation by Nov. 1, 2026.

October Combined Collection
Name: _____ Amount _____
Envelope # _____

_____**World Missions (50%)**
_____**Retired Religious (20%)**
_____**Home Missions (10%)**
_____**Black & Indian Missions (10%)**
_____**Peter's Pence (10%)**

NOTE: If you wish to give according to the above formula, do not check any lines. If you wish to only give to one or two collections, check the appropriate lines.

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

Reflections on the Readings for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27, 2026

The emphasis in the readings today is on our actions. But even before we talk about actions, something else has to happen: one must make a choice. And we are able to make choices because each one of us has been given a free will. When one uses one's free will and chooses to deepen one's relationship with the Lord, then one begins to perform good deeds. And these good deeds, or habits, are called virtues. When we say, "You are a virtuous person," we mean that the person has many good habits that they practice over and over again, doing many "good actions." And putting our words into action is where the readings come in.

Our actions are truly part of what constitutes us as Christians. Jesus gave a very clear parable today about saying versus doing. It is not enough just to say that we will obey God, but we must carry out that obedience! Yes, our actions are very important, and they have consequences. Our good actions produce good effects. One such example of this would be keeping God's commandments and truly loving one's neighbor. This happens everyday, although unfortunately we rarely see it in the news. Our good actions really help everyone, indirectly, because we are all members of the Body of Christ.

And just as our good actions produce good effects, so too a person's bad actions, or sin, produces bad effects. These effects also indirectly affect everyone. May we, as Catholics, realize that the bad things we do have bad consequences. Here Jesus encourages us to be critical of ourselves, but not to condemn ourselves. There may be a fine line between the two, but there is also a world of difference.

To be critical of self means to do an honest examination of conscience to see where we are in our relationship with God, to rouse up in ourselves enough guilt to bring about an inner conversion to Jesus and to more closely conform our wills to God's. This is not a very popular thing to do, and I think one reason is that we fear the danger of falling into self-condemnation. To condemn ourselves is an unhealthy wallowing in guilt, and is even a sin, because here, the person denies God's forgiveness.

And so, on the one hand, self-criticism brings new life and hope through conversion, and self-condemnation brings only despair and death. Indeed, the good things we do have consequences, ultimately good consequences. Our good deeds do bear fruit in eternal life. May God give us the grace to carry out His will and performs those good acts, to love as He has loved us.

Volunteerism - Stewardship

WE NEED NEW/MORE VOLUNTEERS: We can use more volunteers in all areas. Our current volunteers are constantly helping and not that they don't want to, they would just appreciate sharing the spotlight in serving our Dear Lord. 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!

Community & Diocesan Events

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. People have already begun to ask for winter items.

The Salvation Army serves both breakfast and lunch to those who come in need.
Please bring your donations to the office. One of our fellow parishioners will deliver these items.

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.

A Stewardship Moment

"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves".
Philippians 2:3

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.

October 22, 2026

Chili COOK-OFF

Brought to you by...

Kitchen Konnection

#3 *Will you be our next champion*

serving from 5:30—6:30 pm

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Social Hall

210 5th Ave W—West Fargo, ND

Sign up to participate by Monday, October 19th. Slips will be available in the parish office and at Kitchen Konnection Meals

FREE OR FREE WILL OFFERING

You supply the chili and we will supply:

- Fixin's for chili
- Fruit or Salad
- Bread
- Desserts
- Coffee/Water
- Tums &
- Fire Extinguishers

I want to enter a crockpot of my famous chili in the Kitchen Konnection Chili Cook-Off

NAME/PHONE: _____

TYPE OF CHILI: _____

MILD/MED/HOT—CIRCLE ONE

Directory

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Feast/Holy Day

the Week of September 27, 2026

September 27: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 28: Sts. Wenceslaus & Lawrence Ruiz & Companions
September 29: Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
September 30:St. Jerome
October 1: St. Theresa of the Child Jesus
October 2: Holy Guardian Angels

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"It is exactly through understanding the significance of the cross that we can find hope and comfort."
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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