Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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October 24-25, 2026 ~ 30th 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, October 25
8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners
10:30 a.m. – +Ray Hoffman
Monday, October 26 NO MASS
Tuesday, October 27 at Sheyenne Crossings
1:00 p.m. – Monica & Jerell Green
Wednesday, October 28
9:00 a.m. – Joe Wentz Family
Thursday, October 29
9:00 a.m. – Desi & Zach Moore
Friday, October 30
9:00 a.m. – Family of Jan Hoffman
Saturday, October 31
4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation
5:15 p.m. – + Nic Jalbert
Sunday, November 1
8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners
10:30 a.m. – +Ed McDonald

Weekly Offering

Thank You for Your Support!

October 17-18, 2026

Adult: $8,904.34 Children: $17
Improvements: $733
Poor Fund: $321.10

Collected to Date		Goal
$317,258.21	Adult	$352,800.00
$756.00	Children	$1,260.00
$17,288.93	Improvements	$42,000.00
$282,151.49	Living our Faith	$400,807.00
$78,302.46	God's Gift Appeal	$74,917.04

This Week

Tuesday, October 27
Bible Study 7 p.m.
Finance Council 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 28
FF Grades 1-5 5:45 p.m.
Grade 2 5:45 Reconciliation
LIFT UP/OFF 7 p.m.

Faith Formation

Class Schedule, Grades PK-12
Sunday, October 25
PK/K 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, October 28
Grades 1-5 5:45 p.m.
LIFT UP/OFF 7:00 p.m.

2nd Grade Parents and Students: This December the 2nd Graders will be making their first reconciliation. Prior to that happening there will be 3 student/parent classes and a reconciliation retreat. Please mark your calendars with the following dates as these need to be attended by the students and at least 1 parent:
1st Student/Parent class: Wednesday, October 28
2nd Student/Parent class: Wednesday, November 4
3rd Student/Parent class: Wednesday, November 18
Student/Parent Retreat (mandatory): Saturday, December 5th – 12:00 p.m. to 3 p.m.
First Reconciliation: Thursday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m.
ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOLERS AND PARENTS: Sister parishes in the Diocese of Fargo are offering

Middle School Lock-Ins. These are from 3:00 p.m. – Midnight and the cost is $20 per student. The schedule is as follows:
Saturday, October 24th @ Nativity Church
Saturday, December 5th @ St. Anthony's Church
Saturday, February 6th, 2027 @ Holy Spirit Church
Saturday, April 3, 2027 @ Holy Cross Catholic Church
***Please see flyers on bulletin boards for more information. Flyers will also be available at Faith Formation classes.

Clear your schedules and mark your calendar - **Sunday, December 13th @ 2 p.m.** is our annual Faith Formation Christmas Program. Parents: if you are able and willing to assist with this program, please let Julie know at 701.282.3321, julie@bscwf.org or on the WhatsApp.

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

Upcoming Class Dates:
October: 27
November: 3, 10, 17

OCIA Class Dates:
October: 27
November: 3, 10, 17, 24

FORMED - Join Today!
- Visit formed.org.
- Click Sign Up (as a parishioner)
- Enter your parish zip code (58078)
- Enter your name and email address – You're In!

Music Ministry

Choirs will begin October 18th.

Contemporary 7:45/8:30

Joyful Voices 9:30/10:30

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 in 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

Breaking Bread Books – are back in the pews. If anyone is available to help us put covers on the 2027 books, please come into the office during the week.

Baptism Basket for Henry Due – 2-month-old son of Tanner and Morgyn Due. Please help us fill this basket with items for Henry. We will keep this out on the table outside the parish office for a couple more weeks.

Evening of Remembrance – Our annual evening prayer service will be held on Friday, November 6 at 7:00 p.m. It is a prayer service for those who have lost a loved one within the last year. There will also be a social after.

2027 Wall Calendars are Here!! You can grab yourself a calendar on the book shelves at the main entrances or on the table outside the parish off. Thank you, West Funeral Homes, for sponsoring our annual calendars.

IT'S COUNTING TIME: The month of October is the designated counting month. We will be counting parishioners at each mass every weekend in October. Ushers be prepared

Thanksgiving Food Donation and help sign-ups are on the tables in the social hall. Last year we cooked 133 turkeys and served approximately 1983 meals!! All because of the generosity of you all, our BSC parishioners!! We will not take turkey and any other cold food donations until closer to Thanksgiving.

Drivers for fellow parishioners – Julie has not forgotten that you volunteered to be a driver for those in need. Some people are wanting rides when the weather is colder. I will be reaching out to all who committed as well as those in need of the rides in the very near future. If you would like to be on the list to receive rides to church please contact Mary or Julie in the parish office at 701.282.3321.

Blessing Box Needs: Canned meats, condiments, boxed/complete meals, milk of all percentages (the type that can stay on the shelf until opened), various types of soups (we have plenty of tomato soup though), spaghetti sauce/tomato paste/etc., different types of low sugar cereals, granola bars, cereal bars, canned fruits, hygiene products, condiments, baking items, and cooking oil.

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.

Thursday, November 12th – PLEASE JOIN US to honor our veterans (and if you are a veteran let us know)
Thursday, December 10th - Christmas Celebration

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

Chili Cook-Off Results will be in next week's bulletin. Thank you to EVERYONE who participated!

DELIVERY DRIVERS FOR CHURCHES UNITED! We need more individuals to commit to delivering the pre-made meal for CUH. We deliver on the 4th Thursday of the month. If there is a 5th Thursday, we also make a meal and deliver that day as well. These meals get delivered to Micah's Mission (part of CUH) in Moorhead. Let Julie know if you are interested.

Daily Readings – October 18 - 24, 2026
October 25: Ex 22:20-26, 1 Thes 1:5c-10 /Mt 22:34-40
October 26: Eph 4:32-5:8, / Lk 13:10-17
October 27: Eph 5:21-33/ Lk 13:18-21
October 28: Eph 2:19-22/ Lk 6:12-16
October 29: Eph 6:10-20 / Lk 13:31-35
October 30: Phil 1:1-11/ Lk 14:1-6
October 31: Phil 1:18b - 26/ Lk 14:1, 7-11

We Pray In Remembrance of…
October 25: Mary Denninger, Linda G. Carlson, Joseph Kirchoffner, Zacheus Miller
October 26: Delores Eisenzimmer
October 27: Leo Grosz, Lois H. Ward
October 28: Luella Ulmer
October 29: Dale Gilberts, S. Gordon Erickson
October 30: Frank G. Kapaun
October 31: Marie Wadeson, Gust Arzt, Hubert A. Tintes

Our Sympathy to Noreen Hegney on the loss of her father Homer Godel, may he rest in the arms of our Lord.

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.

Prayer Requets: We pray for our parishioners and family members.
***Those who are sick or have medical problems**:
Kim MacCrone (daughter of Joan Hill)
Irene Horner (mother of Jackie Horner)
Cindy Horner (sister of Jackie Horner)Ted Hartung (brother-in-law of Tina Tweeter),
Becky Brezniak (cousin of Greg Yourczek),
Geraldine Elshaug (aunt of Lucy Elshaug)
Tyler Schlenvogt,Chuck Zimprich, Rita Spadofore, Mary Jane Oyloe, Gunner Kocsis, Rylee Nelson, Joann Moody, Rodney Loberg, Alfons Allmaras, Rowan Johnston, Scott Kaufman,Rick Cwikla, Veronica Zorn, Jim Mattson

***Those who are healing**:
Gary Lammer
***Other prayer requests**:
The Bosch Family, Drew Birrenkott
Marlene Brown

Happy Birthday! We pray for those who are celebrating a birthday this week.
- Marilyn Jamieson
- Fred Schmidt

Emergency Contact Information, Email Addresses and Phone Numbers: Has your address, phone number or other personal contact information changed recently? Have you updated the parish office? If not, please contact Mary in the parish office at 701.282.3321 or mary@bscwf.org

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.

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten

Reflections on the Gospel for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 25, 2026

The message in the gospel this weekend is to love – to reflect the love God has given us by loving God in return and loving our neighbor as ourselves. When we attend Mass on Sundays or Saturday evenings, not only are we fulfilling the precept of the church, we are also living out the first of the two great commandments and the first of the ten commandments by showing our love for God by being a part of the Eucharist. By giving God at least an hour each Sunday or Saturday evening, we are making a conscious effort to keep in touch with the source of our being, with Jesus, who is the cause of our salvation. Daily prayer is a necessity as well if we are truly to keep God first in our daily lives.

Jesus also spoke about the second great commandment, which is to love our neighbor. This may be more challenging than loving God because we relate directly with and recognize our neighbor's presence every day, whereas the presence of God is not always so evident. There is the temptation that can creep into our lives which makes it easy to nitpick at each other's problems, whether it be in front of the person or behind their backs, and fail to see the gifts and strengths that we each possess. Or perhaps we might hold grudges against others.

When Jesus calls us to love our neighbor, our neighbor really includes everyone. Our neighbor includes people whom we find easy to love – people of all ages, creeds, and races. Our neighbor also includes those whom we find difficult to love. We also must realize that our neighbors have their crosses to bear, too, like we do. And sometimes those crosses can involve suffering, sickness, and pain that we are not aware of. In this month of October – respect life month, it is good to reflect on how we are called to respect the lives of our neighbors in our love for them. May we be open to receiving God's life and love in Word and Sacrament, so we can more effectively serve God, and truly live out the gospel message of loving God and one another.

Volunteerism - Stewardship

MINISTRY & EVENT VOLUNTEERS
Greatest areas of need:

Altar Servers (any ages)
Ushers
Sacristans
Environment Committee
Churches United for the Homeless Delivery Drivers
Kitchen Konnection
Coffee Talk
Faith Formation nights

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. **Greatest need is larger men's coats.**

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.

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.

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FT Director of Parish Life
Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Fargo, ND is looking to hire a salaried, full-time Director of Parish Life. The main job responsibilities of someone hired for this position include collaborating with the pastor, parochial vicar, and parish staff to plan events and assist parish operations that support parish life, evangelization, and community engagement. The main way this will be accomplished will be through the implementation of the post synodal pastoral letter authored by Bishop John Folda titled "Go, Make Disciples." The pastoral letter can be found on our diocesan website at fargodiocese.net/synod. Please send resumes with a cover letter to Father Patrick Sorrells at vicar@holyspiritfargo.com. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 701-232-5900.

Elementary Music (Long-term substitute) – Holy Spirit Elementary
JPII Catholic Schools is seeking an enthusiastic Long-Term Substitute Music Teacher to provide engaging, age-appropriate music instruction for elementary students. Responsibilities include preparing students for the spring concert, supporting music and student participation at weekly school Mass, and collaborating with staff, families, and parish leadership. An elementary music degree is preferred. The position begins in January 2027 and is open until filled.
Other open positions

- After School workers – Elementary Schools
- Little Deacons Substitutes – Holy Spirit Elementary School
- Substitute Teachers

JPII Catholic Schools is currently seeking qualified candidates for the following positions.
To apply visit https://www.jp2schools.org/careers/ or call 701-893-3231 for more information.

A Stewardship Moment

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.".

Matthew 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort, or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.

Trinity Elementary Spotlight

Congratulations to our newly elected Student Council members! We are proud of all students who showed courage by giving a speech in front of their peers. Our council members will live out our school virtues through leadership, service, and responsibility as they help with school events, beginning with our Veterans Day program. We look forward to seeing them put their faith into action!

Directory

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Feast/Holy Day

October 25: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 28: Saints Simon and Jude
November 1: All Saints Day

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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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