Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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October 10-11, 20 26 ~ 28th 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 11
8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners
10:30 a.m. – +Larry & +Betty Even
Monday, October 12 NO MASS
Parish Office Closed
Tuesday, October 13 at Sheyenne Crossings
1:00 p.m. – Travis Salter
Wednesday, October 14
9:00 a.m. – +Pauline Klinger
Thursday, October 15
9:00 a.m. – Ray Fitterer
Friday, October 16
9:00 a.m. – +John Retterath
Saturday, October 17
4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation
5:15 p.m. – +Jim Hill
Sunday, October 18
8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners
10:30 a.m. – +David Stephan

Weekly Offering

Thank You for Your Support!

October 3-4, 2026

Adult: $3213 Children: $27
Improvements: $297
Poor Fund: $203

Collected to Date		Goal
$300,967.55	Adult	$344,400.00
$756.00	Children	$1,230.00
$16,442.93	Improvements	$41,000.00
$274,828.48	Living our Faith	$400,807.00
$78,032.13	God's Gift Appeal	$74,917.04

This Week

Monday, October 12
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, October 13
Bible Study 7 p.m.
OCIA 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 14
No Faith Formation
No LIFT UP/OFF

Thursday, October 15
Pastoral Council 7 p.m.

WELCOME

We are excited to announce that Mary Belzer has joined our team as our Office Coordinator. Please introduce yourself when you see her.

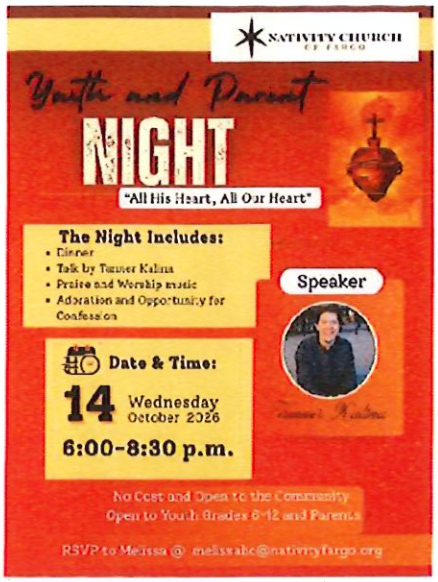
Faith Formation

NO CLASS THIS WEEK – October 14th.

Class Schedule, Grades PK-12
Wednesday, October 21
Grades 1-5 5:45 p.m.
LIFT UP/OFF 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 15
PK/K 10:30 a.m.

FAITH FORMATION YOUTH AND PARENTS – THIS WEDNESDAY, NATIVITY IS HOSTING AN AMAZING EVENT: No cost, please rsvp to Melissa. It would be wonderful if we had representation from BSCC.Dinner is: Scalloped Potatoes, Ham, a veggie, salad, and cookies/bars with lemonade and water.



SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, December 13, 2026 at 2 p.m. is the annual Christmas Program put on by our amazing Faith Formation students!!

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

Upcoming Class Dates:
October: 13, 20, 27

OCIA Class Dates:
October: 13, 27

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

A MESSAGE FROM MARY BETH ODEGAARD
To My Blessed Sacrament Parish Family,

As many of you know, I have retired from my role as Administrative Secretary at Blessed Sacrament. I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for the wonderful experience of working with and for you all.

Thank you for your support, guidance, and friendship over the years. My service to Blessed Sacrament will always be a fond memory of mine.

Thank you for everything! You will remain in my prayers as I hope I will be in yours.

May God Bless you all.
Love,
Mary Beth Odegaard

Baptism Baby Basket. Please help fill the basket with baby shower items for Henry Jacob Due 2-month-old son of Tyler & Morgyn Due. The basket is in the Gathering Area by the Parish Office. Please help us fill the basket with baby shower items.

2026 Wall Calendars are Here!! You can grab yourself a calendar on the tables at the main entrances or on the table outside the parish off. Thank you West Funeral Homes for sponsoring our annual calendars.

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

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

SIGN-UPS FOR THE THANKSGIVING DINNER WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE SOCIAL HALL THIS WEEK.

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.

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 IS THE CHILI COOKOFF: top 3 win – Register to bring a crockpot of chili –

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 Cookoff
Thursday, October 22
(participation form—submit by Monday, October 19th)

Name
Phone
Type of Chili (indicate mild or spicy)

Please bring a crockpot of chili on Thursday, October 22nd by noon. Can bring earlier, will keep in cooler and warm it that day, clearly mark it. Questions call Julie at 701.282.3321

Daily Readings – October 11 - 17, 2026
October 11: Is 25:6-10a, Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 / Mt 22:1-14
October 12: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 – 5:1 / Lk 11:29-32
October 13: Gal 5:1 - 6/ Lk 11:37-41
October 14: Gal 5:18-25 / Lk 11:42-46
October 15: Eph 1:1-10 / Lk 11:47-54
October 16: Eph 1:11-14 / Lk 12:1-7
October 17: Eph 1:15-23 / Lk 12:8-12

We Pray In Remembrance of...
October 11: Fred G. Walen
October 12: Larry Aberle, Richard D. Hersch, Gerald Baumgartner
October 13: Joe Zdeb, Ben Salazar
October 14: Rose Stinar
October 15: Shirley DeBuhr, Richard Moody
October 16: Ray Westman
October 17: Joseph Schultz, Henry Thies

Our Sympathy to Shannon O'Leary in the loss her grandmother, Delores Orth. May Delores 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:**
Ted Hartung (brother-in-law of Tina Tweeter), Becky Brezniak (cousin of Greg Yourczek), Marlene Brown (mother of Mavis Brown, 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

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.

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

Reflections by Fr. Gary Luiten

Reflections on the Gospel for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 11, 2026

Jesus in the gospel this weekend is speaking about a wedding feast. And the early church writers always talked about heaven as a wedding feast. The Mass is also a feast, and in the book of Revelation, the Supper of the Lamb in Rev.19:9 has been referred to as the Mass as well. So, when we think of this gospel passage and Jesus having the Mass in mind, we see here how He really desires and expects us to get together to celebrate the Mass.

When we think of the Mass, also called the Eucharist, as an invitation by Jesus himself to join us, it must please Him greatly to see us gathered here together. Not only does it please the Lord, but it benefits us. God's grace literally overflows at Mass when we are open to receiving it. If only we could realize that, and the many blessings the Eucharist of Jesus gives us. Even I don't fully understand all the benefits this Eucharist brings not only to me, but to the whole church. That's why we call the Eucharist a celebration. And that's why we can even celebrate the Mass even in difficult times. We realize that this Eucharist is a foreshadowing of the feast of Heaven.

And, on the opposite side of the coin, just think of how it offends Jesus when we willingly choose, for no good reason, not to attend Sunday or Saturday evening Mass. And just think of how many blessings that we did not receive by willfully not attending Mass for no good reason. One cannot go back in time to receive those graces attached to that Mass. But one can go to reconciliation and receive the grace of that Sacrament and receive an abundance of new healing, forgiveness, and graces.

Let us put ourselves in the Lord's place. He has said, "Do this in remembrance of Me," and he also said, "Keep Holy the Lord's Day." And also, it is good to realize just how much "skin Jesus has in the game." Now the Mass isn't a game, it is more than a game. It is a meal and a sacrifice. And Jesus has more than skin in the Mass. He has his whole life poured into the Mass, when He calls us to enter into the great sacrifice that happened once for all nearly 2,000 years ago at Calvary and at the Last Supper the night before, which is re-presented in an unbloody manner at every Mass we celebrate.

And so, if we don't get anything else done on a Sunday or Saturday evening, the day was well worth it, and we will be extremely glad that we took part in the meal of meals, the feast of feasts, receiving Jesus in Word and Sacrament - the Holy Eucharist which our God gives 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.

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.

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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS TO MEET
Court St. Ann #261 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, October 13th at St. Anthony's beginning with the Mass at 5:15 PM, meal to follow, and meeting at 6:30 PM. Members are invited to bring non-perishable food item donations. If interested in CDA, please join us at our meeting. Any questions, please send an email to Karla at karla.seibel@yahoo.com or call 701-541-7775.

Full-Time Facilities Manager/Maintenance Position
Holy Cross parish in West Fargo, ND is seeking a full-time facilities manager/maintenance worker to oversee the care and upkeep of our church facilities and grounds. Responsibilities include general facility maintenance, repairs, and upkeep for the church, social hall, bus barn, rectory, etc.; janitorial duties; lawn care; sidewalk snow removal; and other duties to maintain facilities. A successful candidate will be able to coordinate the assistance of volunteers and any paid staff to fulfill the mission. Processing or willing to learn basic elements of computer managed access and HVAC controls a plus. To apply please submit a resume to Penne Soucy at psoucy@holycrosswestfargo.com. You may also contact the parish office at 701-282-7217.

FALL DINNER CAME AND WENT (already)!!

A VERY SINCERE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO WERE INVOLVED: planning committee, meal and dessert coordinators, helpers prior to the event including for clean-up, food preparation, baskets, bazaar market, set up, tickets sellers. For all those who participated in the day of running the games, the dining area, the kitchen, the prayer cards, the Take-A-Chance area during and after, dessert area, dishwashers, greeters, hosts, meal line servers, EVERYONE that helped. For those who donated baskets and prizes and food items for the meal. Those who sponsored the raffle. Those who bought and/or sold raffle tickets. The Knights of Columbus for running bingo. Those who supported the event by eating, purchasing tickets and/or goods from the bazaar market!!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED!! It was a fun day and I hope you all know that you are greatly appreciated. (apologies in advance if I missed directly thanking someone or an area)!!

CONGRATULATIONS RAFFLE WINNERS:

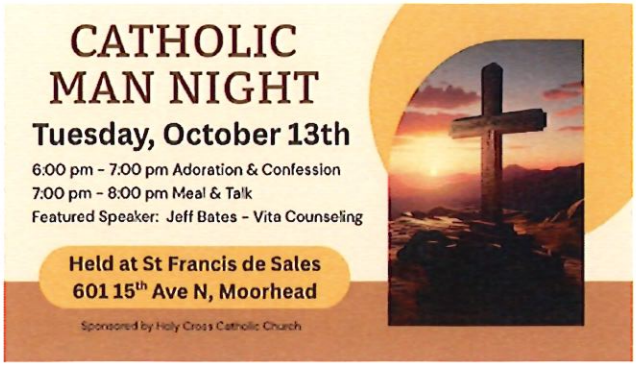
Quilt	Dave Lundin	**$3,000**	Janet Mickelson
$1,500	John Birrenkott	**$500**	Nancy McClure
$250	Leland Buckmeier	**$250**	Rich Cwikla
$100	Dan Yatski	**$100**	Paul Boyles
$100	Jim Christianson	**$100**	Roger Besette
$100	Angie Von Bank	**$100**	Steve Fink
$100	Will Schiele	**$100**	Marvis Doster
$100	Michelle Polries	**$100**	Yvonne Johnson

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GUESS THE AMOUNT WINNERS:

Halloween Bulk Candy Erin Ripplinger
Peanut M&Ms Linda Von Bank
Hot Wheels Linda Von Bank
Cashers Jody Jones
Matassari Gary Ripplinger
Halloween Candy Maria Regner
Girls Hair Accessories Gary Ripplinger
Mounds & Almond Joy Linda Von Bank
Peanuts in Shell Hannah Schiele
Hershey's Jamie Regner
Plain M&M's Brenda Krogen
Skittles Angie Von Bank

Congratulations to all who won games at Bingo too!

Financial information will be available as soon as all bills have been accounted for and subtracted out.



Join us for **Catholic Man Night**!

Tuesday, October 13th
6:00–8:00 PM
St Francis de Sales, Moorhead
Our featured speaker will be **Jeff Bates from Vita Counseling**

A **free-will offering** will be accepted for the meal. Bring a friend and start the season with faith, fellowship, and great conversation!

A Stewardship Moment

"My God will fully supply whatever you need...".

Philippians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

Trinity Elementary Spotlight

Our 5th grade girls basketball team has been doing a wonderful job putting our school virtues into action on the court. They are learning that being a great team means showing sportsmanship, perseverance, humility, encouragement, and respect for one another and their opponents. Under the leadership of their coach, Mr. Sanders, our gym teacher, these girls are showing us that what truly matters is not just the score, but how we play the game and support one another.

We are so proud of the way they are representing Trinity and showing what it means to be a team!

GO DEACONS!

3:00 PM - MIDNIGHT

MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN

REGISTER HERE!

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24 OCT

NATIVITY CHURCH

Contact: Melissa Hund-Cerna
melissahc@nativityfargo.org
- Register by October 21st

5 DEC

ST. ANTHONY'S

Contact: Matt Kensok
recoordinator@stanthonyfargo.org
- Register by December 2nd

6 FEB

HOLY SPIRIT

Contact: Rachel O'Donnell
rachel@holyspiritfargo.com
- Register by February 3rd

3 APR

HOLY CROSS

Contact: Kristina Metcalfe
kmetcalfe@holycrosswestfargo.com
- Register by March 31st

$20 PER STUDENT

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Feast/Holy Day

October 11: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 12: Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day
October 14: Saint Callistus I
October 15: Saint Teresa of Jesus
October 16: Saint Hedwig, Saint Margaret Mary
October 17: Saint Ignatius of Antioch

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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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