Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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October 17-18, 2026, ~ 29th 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 18
8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners
10:30 a.m. – +David Stephan
Monday, October 19 NO MASS
Tuesday, October 20 at Sheyenne Crossings
1:00 p.m. – + Wes Weeding
Wednesday, October 21
9:00 a.m. – +Jerry Hunsicker Sr.
Thursday, October 22 NO MASS
Friday, October 23
9:00 a.m. – Fr. Gary Luiten
Saturday, October 24
4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation
5:15 p.m. – Makenna Pierce
Sunday, October 25
8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners
10:30 a.m. – +Ray Hoffman

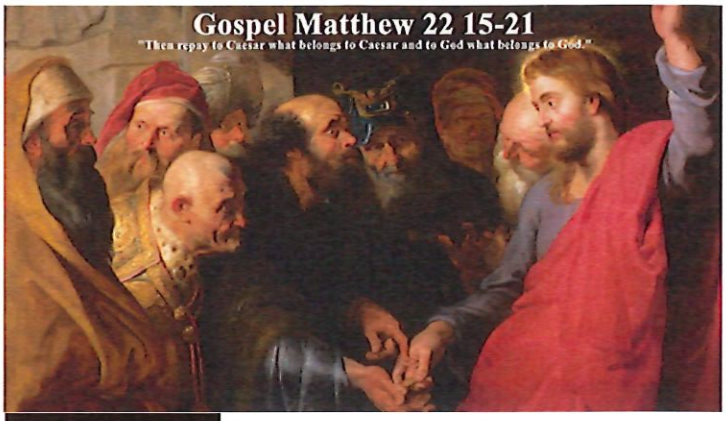
Weekly Offering

Thank You for Your Support!

October 10-11, 2026

Adult: $7,386.32 Children: $39
Improvements: $113
Poor Fund: $132

Collected to Date		Goal
$308,353.87	Adult	$352,800.00
$795.00	Children	$1,260.00
$16,555.93	Improvements	$42,000.00
$274,828.48	Living our Faith	$400,807.00
$78,032.13	God's Gift Appeal	$74,917.04



This Week

Tuesday, October 20
Bible Study 7 p.m.
Finance Council 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 21
FF Grades 1-5 5:45 p.m.
LIFT UP/OFF 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 22
Fall Dinner Meeting 3 p.m.
Kitchen Konnection 5:30 p.m.

Faith Formation

Class Schedule, Grades PK-12
Sunday, October 18
PK/K 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, October 21
Grades 1-5 5:45 p.m.
LIFT UP/OFF 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: 20, 27
November: 3, 10, 17

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

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

PARISH LIFE –
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.

COFFEE TALK – will we continue or not? Coffee Talk was brought back because people wanted it back however; the same 3 individuals have hosted and taken charge of it. This is not how it is supposed to work. If we don't get more participation to host we will not continue to have it.

In the ideal situation we would have young and older parishioners coming together to get to know one another. Please reach out to Julie if interested.

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.

We welcome **EVERYONE** to our Kitchen Konnection meals. Generally (unless otherwise stated) we serve 2 times a month on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Again, this is for **ANYONE AND EVERYONE** – proceeds (donation not required) go into the Blessed Sacrament Poor Fund to help community members in need.

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

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

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.

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.

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

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. If you would like to submit a photo of your loved one, please contact the office.

Fall Dinner/Bazaar Wrap-up Meeting
Thursday, October 22
3:00 p.m.
Social Hall

Daily Readings – October 18 - 24, 2026

October 18: Is 45:1,4-6, 1 Thes 1:1-5 /Mt 22:15-21
October 19: Eph 2:1-10, / Lk 12:13-21
October 20: Eph 2:12-22/ Lk 12:35-38
October 21: Eph 3:2-12/ Lk 12:39-48
October 22: Eph 3:14-21 / Lk 12:49-53
October 23: Eph 4:1-6 / Lk 12:54-59
October 24: Eph 4:7-16 / Lk 13:1-9

Corrections for last week
We Pray In Remembrance of…
October 11: Rudy J. Eggert, Harold Dancer
October 12: Bette Brand, Russel Houser
October 13: Catherine Martin, James R. Kuehn, David Stephan, Winnifred Triebold
October 14: Thomas B. Dardis, Al Vetter, Thomas Paltersack
October 15: Joanne M Thoemke
October 16: Jeanette Allrinch

We Pray In Remembrance of…
October 17: Aline Dixon, Nora A. Pettie, Robert Klemisch, Debbie McCane
October 18: Louella Ulmer
October 19: Patricia Kellerman, Winnifred Robillard, Mary Ann Vetter
October 20: Clara Goldade, James R. Kirchen
October 21: Josephine Hummel, Baby Ficenec, Sheri Malusky
October 23: Emil Miller
October 24: John Goldade, Kevin Loegering, Everett Walker

Our Sympathy to Lucy Elshaug in the loss her aunt, Geraldine Elshaug, and to Greg and Julie Yourczek in the loss of their brother-in-law Scott Kaufman. May Geraldine and Scott 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:**
Cindy Horner (sister of Jackie Horner),
Irene Horner (mother of Jackie Horner),
Ted Hartung, Becky Brezniak
Tyler Schlenvogt,Chuck Zimprich, Rita Spadofore,
Mary Jane Oyloe, Gunner Kocsis, Rylee Nelson,
Joann Moody, Rodney Loberg, Alfons Allmaras,
Rowan Johnston, Rick Cwikla,
Veronica Zorn, Jim Mattson

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

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 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18, 2026

The readings this weekend really are about adoring God and giving God what is due Him. Hopefully this is a priority for us in our events and daily activities. The first reading this weekend tells us that the only God is the Lord. Worshipping God, not ourselves or self-centered desires, is the just thing to do. Coming to Mass on Sunday or Saturday evening isn't just something that one should do when one feels like it. It is the Christian thing to do.

Our greatest example of a Christian is Mary – Jesus' mother and our mother. Mary kept Jesus at the center of her life, as is emphasized in her canticle, when she said, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my savior." When you and I imitate Mary by keeping Jesus first in our lives, then we are truly living out the Gospel message today, to "Give to God what is God's," as Jesus says – and we get wonderful results, such as peace and patience.

Part of our duty to God involves our duty to serve the poor. In this respect life month, the focus this weekend is not only on God, but also on the poor. This weekend is also the hundredth anniversary of World Mission Sunday – a time for us to realize that we are not alone here at Blessed Sacrament, but that we are a part of a world-wide church, and that we are called to share what we have with people throughout the world.

October is the month of our combined collection. We have an envelope which covers five different collections, including the World Mission collection. They are in the gathering area, if you have not yet picked one up. I encourage each of us to give what we can to the different charities. May God give us the grace to do all we can to overcome the obstacles to loving God and others in our lives, to see Jesus clearly present in the church and in the world today.

Volunteerism - Stewardship

WE NEED NEW/MORE VOLUNTEERS: 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.

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.

Community & Diocesan Events

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 Penny Soucy at psoucy@holycrosswestfargo.com You may also contact the parish office at 701-282-7217.

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

"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's…".

Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

Trinity Elementary Spotlight

In celebration of the Month of Mary, our students gathered for a beautiful Living Rosary, honoring Our Blessed Mother through prayer. As a Catholic school, we strive to live our faith each day by practicing virtues such as kindness, humility, patience, and charity. Through prayer and our daily actions, we remind our students that living our faith means reflecting Christ's love to those around us. May Mary continue to guide our students as they grow in faith, knowledge, and love!

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Music Coordinator: Ronda Voss
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Feast/Holy Day

October 18: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 19: Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues
October 20: Saint Paul of the Cross
October 22: Saint John Paul II
October 23: Saint John of Capistrano
October 24: Saint Anthony Mary Claret

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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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