Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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October 3-4, 2026 ~ 27th 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 4
8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners
10:30 a.m. – +Lucy Uy
Monday, October 5 NO MASS
Parish Office Closed
Tuesday, October 6 at Sheyenne Crossings
1:00 p.m. – Shawn & Lori DeKeyser
Wednesday, October 7
9:00 a.m. – +Connie Otto
Thursday, October 8
9:00 a.m. – +Wes Weeding
Friday, October 9
9:00 a.m. – +Manta Goering
Saturday, October 10
4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation
5:15 p.m. – Mira Pierce
Sunday, October 11
8:30 a.m. – the Parishioners
10:30 a.m. – +Larry & +Betty Even

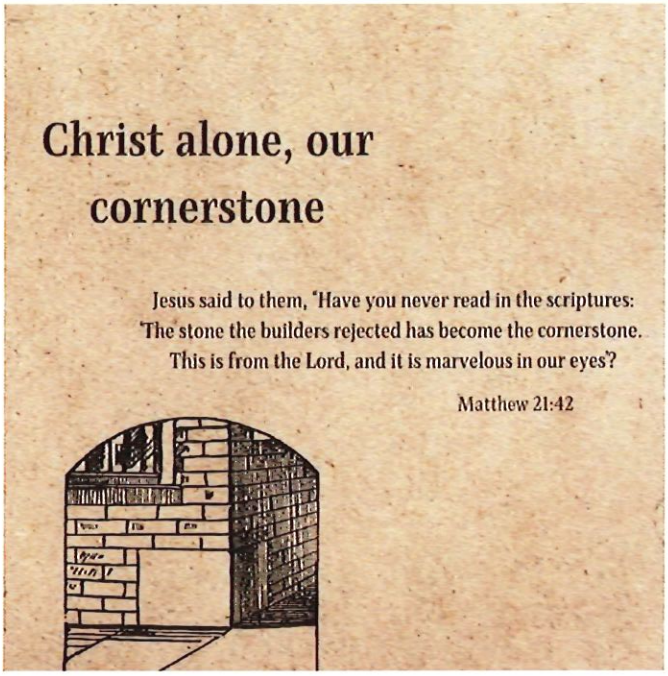
Weekly Offering

Thank You for Your Support!

September 26-27, 2026

Adult: $3943.81 Children: $26
Improvements: $113
Poor Fund: $580

Collected to Date		Goal
$293,211.17	Adult	$336,000.00
$729.00	Children	$1,200.00
$15,664.69	Improvements	$40,000.00
$274,828.48	Living our Faith	$400,807.00
$77,835.07	God's Gift Appeal	$74,917.04



This Week

Sunday, October 4, 2026
Blessed Sacrament Fall Dinner & Bazaar

Monday, October 5, 2026
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, October 6, 2026
Bible Study 7 p.m.
OCIA 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 7, 2026
FF Grades 1-5 5:30 p.m.
LIFT UP/OFF 7:00 p.m.

Fall Dinner & Bazaar

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

DAY OF:

8:30 & 10:30 A.M.: MASS

11:00 A.M. - 2 P.M.: DINNER

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

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

Thank You 2026 Fall Dinner Sponsors!

Ursula Benzenberg

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(Jamie & Maria Regner)

Fall Dinner Donation Envelope. If you were 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. Please return these no later than Sunday, October 11.

Area Fall Dinners:

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, October 7

Grades 1-5	5:30 p.m.
LIFT UP/OFF	7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 11

PK/K	10:30 a.m.

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 at 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:
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
October 4: Is 5:1-7, Phil 4:6-9 / Mt 21:33-43
October 5: Gal 1:6-12 / Lk 10:25-37
October 6: Gal 1:13-24 / Lk 10:38-42
October 7: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 / Lk 11:1-4
October 8: Gal 3:1-5 / Lk 11:5-13
October 9: Gal 3:7-14 / Lk 11:15-26
October 10: Gal 3:22-29 / Lk 11:27-28

Our Sympathy to Rick Nechiporenko on the death of his father, Norman Lakoduk. May Norman 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:**

Becky Brezniak (cousin of Greg Yourczek), Tyler Schlenvogt (nephew of Lucy Elshaug), 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

We Pray In Remembrance of...

October 4: Marlys Wilson
October 7: Mae E. Robillard
October 9: Calvin Bensen, Eldora Herbranson
October 10: Dale Klinger

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.

Vital Statistics – September 2026

Deaths: Alice Cumber, Collette Folstad, Frank Metzger

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 DINNER IS NEXT: Sign-ups for everything Thanksgiving Dinner will be displayed a week after the Fall Dinner.

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.

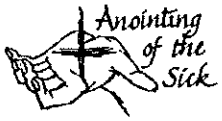
Sacraments

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 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4, 2026 – Respect Life Sunday

In the first reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah, the owner of the vineyard is upset because the grapes that grew weren't the grapes that were planted, but were wild grapes. And wild grapes are all stem and hardly no fruit! All this happened, because the good grapes refused to live, to grow and to produce. Historically, this story that Isaiah tells is really about the people who failed to help the poor, and were concerned only with their own self-centered desires, thereby producing the "wild grapes." The people Israel failed to help the poor and the downtrodden, and, as a result, they produced nothing spiritually. They failed to be pro-life.

The connection between the first reading today and the gospel is the fact that the people in the first reading and the gospel were not pro-life. In the gospel, the "tenant farmers," because of their greed, killed the slaves, and even the property-owner's son! Because of their greed, they would go so far as to kill. Then they thought everything would be fine.

People today kill, as they killed in the gospel, and they have many motives, including financial gain. The abortion industry is a multi-million dollar business. People take innocent human life for their own gain. Another type of anti-life mentality that chisels away at the sacredness of human life is Euthanasia - the deliberate taking of human life in the hopes of alleviating all suffering. Assisted suicide also falls into this category. These are contrary to the basic good of human nature. It is contrary to God's law.

We are called to pray for a greater love for the greatest gift the God has given, the gift of human life. We can speak the truth by de-coding all the euphemisms that people use. When they say it is a "termination of a pregnancy," it is really the killing of the child. When they call the developing human being a fetus, it is really the unborn baby. We can also help the other victims, the mothers and the fathers. We shouldn't condemn them. We should call the act what it is, but let them know that God forgives. We can encourage mothers and fathers who are expecting a child. The whole outlook on life has to change, seeing life the way it really is: as a blessing rather than an evil which is to be avoided.

May we come to a greater and deeper respect for all human life from conception through sickness and to old age. May God help us to come to a greater appreciation and love for the value of all human life in all its stages.

Since this is my first bulletin article of the month, I have a few other items for you.

Thank you to all who were so generous with birthday greetings, prayers, gifts, and cards on my 60th birthday. It is a major milestone, but you helped ease the pain! God bless you for your kindness!

Our Fall Bazaar. This is that time of year for our Fall Bazaar and Raffle this weekend. It is our major fundraiser for the year. Hopefully we can have a good attendance for the dinner and events scheduled for this Sunday, October 4. Let us pray for its success.

October Mass Count. This is also the month we will be counting Mass attendance. We will ask people to stand and be counted before I begin the homilies at each weekend Mass. Thank you for your patience as we do the counting.

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

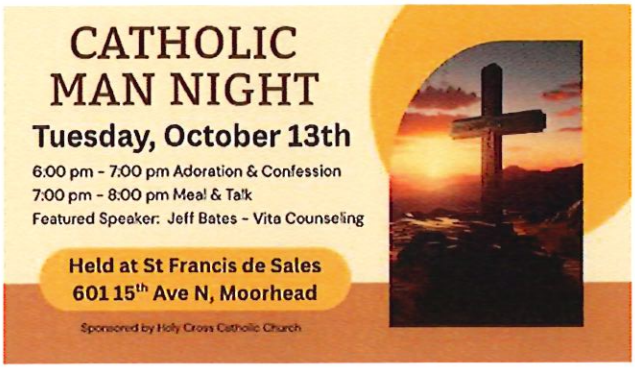
The Salvation Army is looking for hats, caps, gloves, socks, coats, blankets and other things for the upcoming winter months. These can be homemade, gently used or brand new. People have already begun to ask for winter items.

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.



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

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone".

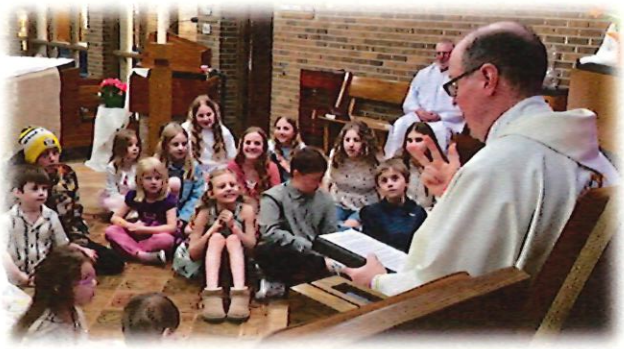
Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!!

Trinity Elementary Spotlight

We wrapped up a wonderful Homecoming Week—a great way to celebrate our Shanley Deacons! Our students especially loved seeing some of our Shanley seniors return to their elementary school to visit and reconnect with our younger Deacons. From fun dress-up days to cheering on our team in a nail-biter of a football game, it was a week full of school spirit, community, and memories. We're proud to be Deacons!

Please be advised of our policy regarding children at Mass:



~If your kids are loud, **please still come to Mass**.
~If you're running late because getting everyone dressed and out the door was a battle, **please still come to Mass**.
~If your toddler won't sit still, **please still come to Mass**.
~If your baby needs to eat, **please still come to Mass**.
~If your child asks questions at the least convenient moment, **please still come to Mass**.
~If someone cries, drops a toy, or has to make their third trip to the bathroom, **please still come to Mass**.
~If your child doesn't know all the prayers, responses, or exactly when to sit, stand, and kneel, **please still come to Mass**.
~If you feel like you spent the entire Mass managing your children and heard approximately 12% of the homily, **please still come to Mass**.
~If Sunday morning feels messy instead of peaceful, **please still come to Mass**.
~If you're worried your children are distracting the people around you, **please still come to Mass**.
~If your child has a disability or special needs, **please still come to Mass**.
~Children do not learn how to be part of the Church by staying home until they can sit quietly. They learn by being here.
~They learn the Sign of the Cross by watching us make it.
~They learn the prayers by hearing us pray them.
~They learn the Scriptures by hearing the Word of God proclaimed.
~They learn reverence by watching us kneel.
~They learn that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist by seeing the love and reverence with which we approach to receive Him.
~They learn that the Church is their home because we make room for them here.
~The wiggles, whispers, crying babies, and little voices are not signs that children don't belong at Mass. They are signs that the Church is alive.
~So bring the babies. Bring the toddlers. Bring the big kids. Sit in the front so the littles can see. Step out when you need to… **but always come back in**.
~At Baptism, these children became members of the Body of Christ. They belong here.
~They need the grace of the sacraments, the example of their parents, and the love and patience of their parish family.
~Children are not simply the future of the Catholic Church. They are part of the Church right now!

~Anonymous & approved by Fr. Gary Luiten to print

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Feast/Holy Day

the Week of October 4, 2026

October 4: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 5: St. Faustina Kowalska, B lessed Francis Xavier Seelos
October 6: St. Bruno, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher
October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary
October 9: St Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs, St. John Leonardi

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"Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity."

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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