Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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October 31- November 1, 2026 ~ All Saints

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, November 1
8:30 a.m. – The Parishioners
10:30 a.m. – + Ed McDonald
Monday, November 2 NO MASS
Tuesday, November 3 at Sheyenne Crossings
1:00 p.m. – + Joe & + Clem Hoffman
Wednesday, November 4
9:00 a.m. – + Mary Breker
Thursday, November 5
9:00 a.m. – + Larry & Betty Even
Friday, November 6
9:00 a.m. – + Wally Odegaard
Saturday, November 7
4-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation
5:15 p.m. – + John Retterath
Sunday, November 8
8:30 a.m. – + Wes Weeding
10:30 a.m. – The Parishioners

Weekly Offering

Thank You for Your Support!

October 24-25, 2026

Adult: $4,386.32 Children: $34
Improvements: $163
Poor Fund: $127

Collected to Date		Goal
$321,644.53	Adult	$361,200.00
$846.00	Children	$1,290.00
$17,451.93	Improvements	$43,000.00
$282,151.49	Living our Faith	$400,807.00
$78,802.46	God's Gift Appeal	$74,917.04

This Week

Tuesday, November 3
Bible Study 7 p.m.
OCIA 7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4
FF Grades 1-5 5:45 p.m.
Grade 2 5:45 Reconciliation Prep
LIFT UP/OFF 7 p.m.

Thursday, November 5
Knights of Columbus 7 p.m.

Friday, November 6
Evening of Remembrance 7 p.m.

Faith Formation

Class Schedule, Grades PK-12
Sunday, November 1
PK/K 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, November 4
Grades 1-5 5:45 p.m.
LIFT UP/OFF 7:00 p.m.

2nd Grade Parents and Students First Reconciliation Schedule:
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, 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.

Faith & Family Night, November 23rd, 7 p.m.

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

Upcoming Class Dates:
November: 3, 10, 17

OCIA Class Dates:
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!

ON FORMED (a couple of examples below)**:**
ALL SAINTS NOVENA:
https://app.formed.org/app/collections/1068034
The Practicing Catholic Podcasts:
https://app.formed.org/app/videos/4174922?cid=1439538; example subjects:
How to Get More Out of Mass (Even When You're Distracted)
The Secret to Joy When Life is Hard

Music Ministry

November 8	Joyful Voices	9:30/10:30
November 29	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

Last weekend for the Baptism Basket for Henry Due.

Evening of Remembrance: Friday, November 6, 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to this prayer service as we remember those who have passed away within the last year. A reception will follow. **Please RSVP by November 2nd to the Parish Office 701-282-3321.**

COFFEE TALK – If you would like to have Coffee Talk and are interested in hosting, please let Julie know. Sign ups for the upcoming weekends will be on the table outside the parish office.

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. Carts for non-perishable foods are in the social hall.

Drivers for fellow parishioners – Julie has not forgotten that you volunteered to be a driver for those in need. Some people want 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 (tuna, chicken, beef, etc), condiments, boxed/complete meals, milk of all percentages (the type that can stay on the shelf until opened), various types of soups, spaghetti sauce/paste/etc, different types of low sugar cereals, granola bars, cereal bars, canned fruits, vegetable oil, baking items (baking chips, flour, sugar, salt, baking soda, baking powder, frosting, etc), hygiene products, laundry stuff.

All are **WELCOME**. Perfect opportunity to have fun, meet new people, eat a wonderful meal and not have to cook. Join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month (unless otherwise stated)

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: 1st Place: Jane Speich; 2nd Place: Steve Neva; 3rd Place: Jody Jones

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
November 1: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14, 1 Jn 3:1-3 /Mt 5:1-12a
November 2: Any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead
November 3: Phil 2:5-11/ Lk 14:15-24
November 4: Phil 2:12-18 / Lk 14:25-33
November 5: Phil 3:3-8 / Lk 15:1-10
November 6: Phil 3:17– 4:1/ Lk 16:1-8
November 7: Phil 4:10-19/ Lk 16:9-15

We Pray In Remembrance of…
November 1: Rosella Elshaug, James Phillips, Leon Hebert, Rith Gaughan
November 3: Anna Marie Berg
November 4: Ann Short Jones
November 5: LaVerne Wetzstein
November 6: Wally Odegaard, Mabel Orth, John Normandin

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, Cindy Horner,Ted Hartung
Becky Brezniak,Tyler Schlenvogt, 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

Happy Birthday! We pray for those who are celebrating a birthday this week.
- Charles Beutler
- Delores Paczkowski
- Jeanette Enebo

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 Solemnity of All Saints
November 1, 2026

This weekend emphasizes the reality of heaven. Jesus says in the gospel, "Be glad and rejoice, for your reward is great in heaven." And yet there are people who do not believe in heaven. Not only does our faith say otherwise, but not to believe in heaven is a depressing thought to say the least. To think that this life is all there is (even though it has joys) can't be all that the all-powerful, all-good God has in store for us who are faithful. There has got to be more, and there is!

It is good for us to have the goal of heaven in our minds. John says in the second reading this weekend that in heaven, "We shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is!" It's kind of hard for us to imagine just looking at someone and being content for the rest of eternity. Perhaps the closest thing that we can think of on earth is a young couple in love. All that makes them happy is just being with one another. They don't have to talk. They don't have to do anything but just be together. Time seems to stand still. And heaven is kind of like that. The difference is that the bond between us and God, we will realize, is much greater than that between two earthly people.

This day also causes us to think of the larger church: not just in West Fargo, not just in America, not just on earth, but also in heaven. The saints, like us, are members of the Body of Christ. They have made it to eternal life. And they know the struggles we go through. They can relate to us. They want us to see what they now see. They want to help us. They are on our side. So, asking their prayers can only help us.

You might wonder what to ask the saints to help us

with? They can intercede for just about anything we do on earth. By studying about their lives, we can see how they fit Jesus in during their busy lives, and how they attained the goal of eternal life.

May God give us the grace, through the intercession of the Saints, and may we all one day come to know personally the other members of the Church: the ones we do not see face to face: the saints in heaven.

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

TIME & TALENT SHEETS: There are updated time and talent sheets on the bookshelves and the table outside the parish office. Please take one, complete and return to the office.

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.** Please bring your donations to the office. One of our fellow parishioners will deliver these items.

The Salvation Army serves both breakfast and lunch to those who come in need.

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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.

Join us for **Catholic Man Night**!

Tuesday, November 10th
6:00–8:00 PM
Nativity, Fargo
Our featured speaker will be Fr. Ternes

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

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Matthew 23:12

The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions are the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety, and depression than ever before. The lives of the saints show that the key to a happy life are relationships. Relationships with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

Trinity Elementary Spotlight

We are so excited to introduce Battle of the Books at Trinity for our 3rd–5th grade students! This fun reading challenge encourages students to discover new books, strengthen their reading skills, and build teamwork as they prepare to answer questions about the books they read. We can't wait to see our students continue to grow as readers, cheer one another on, and develop an even greater love of reading!

Joint Statement of the Catholic Bishops of North Dakota in Support of Constitutional Measure 1

We support Measure 1 because it will promote the common good, protect the integrity of our state Constitution, and help preserve North Dakota's pro-life laws.

On November 3, North Dakotans will vote on Constitutional Measure 1, which would increase the threshold required to amend the North Dakota Constitution from a simple majority to 60 percent of voters.

We have in the past taken positions on ballot measures that had an objective moral content, such as the recent measure to legalize recreational marijuana. We opposed measures like this because they would promote behavior that, according to the Catholic Church, is intrinsically evil. Constitutional Measure 1 is different. It proposes a change to the political process that, in itself, is neither inherently good nor inherently evil. Yet this does not mean Measure 1 is devoid of moral implications. We often encounter political proposals that may be "morally neutral" in their direct content, but which can nevertheless have concrete effects on the common good – for better or for worse.

We strongly support Constitutional Measure 1 because we believe it will advance the common good of our state. North Dakota's Constitution is the foundational document that establishes the basic framework of state government and protects the fundamental rights of its citizens. Such a document should not be changed as easily as an ordinary statute.

Measure 1 is a common-sense safeguard against amending our state Constitution too easily. The North Dakota Constitution has been amended 168 times since it was ratified in 1889, compared with only 27 amendments to the U.S. Constitution since 1789. The Constitution should provide stability and protect fundamental rights for future generations, while ordinary statutes should remain available to address changing circumstances through the legislative process.

Measure 1 would require a broader consensus before our state's foundational document could be changed. A 60 percent threshold does not prevent constitutional amendments; it simply ensures that amendments adopted into our permanent constitutional framework have widespread support among North Dakotans.

This additional protection is especially important because constitutional amendments are much more difficult to correct once they are adopted. A problematic statute can be changed by the Legislature. But the Legislature has no unilateral authority to correct a constitutional amendment. Measure 1 would therefore provide an important safeguard against constitutional changes that may later prove harmful to the common good.

Measure 1 would also strengthen the checks and balances that protect minority rights. A simple 51 percent majority should not always be sufficient to impose a fundamental change on the remaining 49 percent, particularly when that change is placed permanently in the state Constitution. Requiring broader agreement helps ensure that constitutional changes reflect a genuine consensus rather than the temporary political circumstances of a particular election.

Measure 1 would protect North Dakota from outside interests trying to establish immoral laws in our state. Because North Dakota is relatively small and has inexpensive media markets, national organizations can spend substantial sums here to influence ballot measures. A higher threshold would make it more difficult for well-funded outside interests to fundamentally alter our Constitution without broad support from North Dakotans.

This concern is not theoretical. Since the fall of *Roe v. Wade* in 2022, national pro-abortion organizations have increasingly pursued state constitutional amendments when they have been unable to achieve their objectives through legislatures or courts. States with simple-majority requirements like Ohio, Missouri, and Montana have seen abortion provisions added to their constitutions with less than 60 percent of the vote. Florida, by contrast, requires 60 percent approval for constitutional amendments, and its 2024 abortion amendment failed to reach that threshold despite receiving 57.17 percent of the vote.

We believe North Dakotans should learn from these experiences. Our state should not make it easy for national organizations and outside interests to fundamentally alter our Constitution through a narrowly divided election that lacks the broad support of the people of our state.

For those who value the protection of unborn children, this issue is particularly important. North Dakota has enacted laws protecting unborn human life, and those protections could be placed at risk if abortion advocates succeed in amending the state Constitution. A 60 percent threshold would provide an additional safeguard against constitutional changes that could undermine North Dakota's commitment to protecting unborn children.

At the same time, Measure 1 does not prevent North Dakotans from changing state law. Ordinary statutory ballot measures would continue to require only a simple majority, and the Legislature would retain its authority to amend statutes as circumstances change. The measure simply recognizes the important distinction between ordinary laws and the state Constitution.

Constitutional Measure 1 is not a guarantee that every future constitutional amendment will be good, nor does it make our Constitution impossible to change. Rather, it establishes a modest and reasonable safeguard: before a change becomes part of North Dakota's permanent constitutional order, it should have the support of at least 60 percent of the voters.

We believe this is good governance. It protects the stability of our Constitution, encourages broad consensus, limits the ability of outside interests to reshape our state, protects minority rights, and helps preserve North Dakota's ability to protect unborn children.

For the sake of the common good and the future of our state, we urge North Dakotans to vote YES on Constitutional Measure 1.

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Feast/Holy Day

Week of Nov 1st
November 1: All Saints Day
November 2: All Souls Day
November 3: Saint Martin De Porres
November 4: Saint Charles Borromeo

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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

Blessed Sacrament Mission Statement

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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