

# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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West Fargo, ND 58078-1799  
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**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.

**July 6-7, 2019**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday OT/C**

## Daily Mass & Intentions

### Sunday, July 7

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

### Monday, July 8 – NO MASS

### Tuesday, July 9 at Sheyenne Crossings

1:00 p.m. – + Ben & + Paula Deichert

### Wednesday, July 10

9:00 a.m. – Maggie Siebels

### Thursday, July 11

9:00 a.m. – Todd & Erika Steenerson

### Friday, July 12

9:00 a.m. - + Larry Aberle

9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. – Exposition/Adoration

*Parish Office Closed*

Birthdays: Bill Schweitzer

### Saturday, July 13

4 - 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:15 p.m. – + Jim Hill

### Sunday, July 14

9:30 a.m. – the Parishioners

## Sunday Collection

**June 29-30: \$7,334.**

**Children's Envelopes: \$47.20**

Need Per Week \$7,600

**Improvements: \$557.**

Need Per Week \$1,000

<u>Collected to Date</u>		<u>Goal</u>
\$ 196,311.00	<b>General Fund</b>	\$ 197,600.00
\$ 748.23	<b>Children</b>	\$ 780.00
\$ 15,016.00	<b>Improvements</b>	\$ 26,000.00
\$234,347.00	<b>Roof Repair</b>	\$ 200,000.00
\$ 54,415.00	<b>God's Gift</b>	\$ 75,790.00

**Sick List:** Sabrina Schmidt, Rod Erdmann, Mike Krueger, Sandra Nowacki, Chuck Morehead, Collette Elshaug, Randy Pulkrabek.

## *Welcome!*

Thank you for your interest in joining the Blessed Sacrament parish community. To register, see Fr. Gary after Mass, stop by or call the parish office. We are glad you are here!

**Sunday...** No Coffee & Goodies

**Soup & More:** Thursday, July 11, 5:30 p.m.

**Exposition/Adoration:** Friday, July 12, 9:30 a.m. to 12 Noon.

### Readings the week of July 7, 2019

July 7: Is 66:1000-24c, Gal 6:14-18, Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

July 8: Gn 28:10-22a, Mt 9:18-26

July 9: Gn 32:23-33, Mt 9:32-38

July 10: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a Mt 10-17

July 11: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5, Mt 10:7-15

July 12: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30, Mt 10:16-23

July 13: Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26a, Mt 10:24-33

### **Remembering those who passed away.**

July 7: Herbert V. Rohrenbach

July 8: Carol A. Schmidt

July 9: Dwayne Zerr

July 10: Rose F. Murphy, Hattie Potter, Kenneth Holland

July 11: William W. Marx, Anthony Suppa

July 12: Oscar J. Belling, Brian J. Keller, Norman F. Tessier

### **Vital Statistics – June 2019**

Baptisms: Lillian Allison Marvin

## From the Desk of Father Gary Luiten

July 2019

I hope you all had a great Independence Day this past week. May we always be thankful for the gift of freedom. I also hope you survived the blustery wind and rains last week. Last Saturday around noon we had from pea to marble-sized hail, but no major damage, thanks be to God, except for one thing that did not happen from a storm – which brings me to my first item:

**The damaged stained glass window of Jesus and the children.** As you have most likely already heard, we were the victim of some vandalism Wednesday night, June 26. Thursday morning, Mary Beth noticed glass on the floor of the gathering area. Then she noticed the glass was from the stained glass window of Jesus and the children which forms the south wall of the gathering area. Someone had thrown a rock at the window. Although the rock didn't break all the way through, it did break the thermal pain window on the outside and did damage the main window of Jesus and the children on the inside. When I called our diocesan properties manager to inform him that morning, providentially he had planned to meet in just an hour two with the man who had installed that window back in the 1990's – Michael Orchard – on another project. So instead of meeting at their first project that day, they came here instead. Thankfully Michael is still in business, and he is willing to repair the window. It will take a few weeks for the windows to be replaced/repaired.

If you saw any suspicious activity around the church that night, please let us know. I know there are feelings of anger among some of us, and rightly so. No doubt the person who did this wants us to be angry and upset. May we respond in love as Jesus would, praying for that person or persons and their reconciliation. Most likely they have a lot of issues that need to be dealt with.

Related to the broken window, some people have been wondering what we are doing regarding security issues here at Blessed Sacrament. We have been in contact with the West Fargo police department for the past several months regarding security issues. By the time you read this, they will already have visited and made an assessment of our facility and how to best keep the people and church items safe. Also, the police department will offer a class to all area churches at the end of July regarding how to best prevent and deal with crises that may come up in church settings. They are in the process of planning this, and will invite a representation from each of the many churches in town to attend. We plan on sending a delegation to this class/seminar.

**Volunteers and Musicians needed!** Another item is that we are desperately in need of volunteers and musicians. We are especially in need of faith formation teachers for our youth this Fall. Husband and wife teams are encouraged, but individual teachers are also welcome. Did you know that Jesus has a special place in heaven for religion teachers? He says in Matthew 5:19, "Whoever obeys **and teaches** these commandments will be called **greatest** in the kingdom of heaven." Teaching is a great way to have a special "in" with Jesus! Please contact Lucy if you are interested and feel the call. We are also in need of pianists, cantors, and choir members. Regarding musicians, piano accompanists are paid, and cantors and choir members are volunteer. Please contact Ronda for more info and if you feel the call.

**Roof Repair Campaign.** The roof repair campaign is officially over. Thanks to everyone who helped us with the new roof over our facilities – over everything except the rectory which is in pretty good shape. The pledges totaled \$235,022, of which \$234,347 was collected. That means only \$675 of the pledges is left to collect, which is amazing! A big thank you again to all who were involved including the donors and the office workers. If you have not yet paid your pledge and would like to, we will still accept late payments! ☺

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## From the Desk of Father Gary – (cont'd.)

**Foundation Repair Work.** Last week, excavators dug two holes along the south wall of the church so the structural engineer could examine the outer walls of the foundation. The structural engineer said the outer walls (which are the load-bearing walls) seem to be in good shape. That is good news! Most likely the solution to fixing the inner walls of the tunnel and to solve the moisture problem will include installing drainage tiles around the outer foundation of the church and extending under the church. Also the structural engineer is recommending that we fill in the heating and air tunnels with sand or something similar, to help shore up the inner walls of the tunnels under the church, and to hold new air ducts in place – if we go that route, and also to help with the drainage of water to the tiles. All that work would probably take place next year. That is about all I have for new developments in that area as they continue to assess the humidity and structural problems.

**John Paul II Catholic School Fund.** On another financial note, each Catholic church in Fargo and West Fargo is assessed a percentage of our envelopes each month to go to the JP2 Catholic Schools Network. We are currently assessed 15% of our total envelope amount each month to be given to the network. This will increase by 5% each year until we are on a par with the other churches in Fargo and West Fargo – at 45%. The schools involved include Trinity Catholic Grade School in West Fargo, two other Catholic grade schools in Fargo, Sullivan Middle School, and Shanley High School. In order to help us reach that percentage (which is really a dollar amount) you are invited to make a donation in the Catholic School envelope which is inserted in your pack of offering envelopes. If you give automatically, you may use the JP2 School envelope in the pew and place it in the collection. There is also an option on our parish website to give to the JP2 Schools. Giving in these ways through our parish to the school system can help us to reach that dollar amount faster each month. Thank you for helping to invest in our youth. That's about all there is this month. It's a lot, which goes to show you that a lot can happen even during the dog days of summer!

-Fr. Gary

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## Faith Formation

**Register your student** for religion classes for the fall. Registration forms are in the office, or on our website <http://bscwf.org/faith-formation/childrens-registration/>.

The earlier you register your child(ren) the easier it is for us to make plans for next year. There are materials to purchase and curriculum to organize as well as finding enough volunteer teachers. Please hand your registration forms in as soon as possible. Thank you.

**I am looking for teachers!** You can 'team teach' with a spouse or good friend. Please contact Lucy with any questions about registration or teaching. [Lucy@bscwf.org](mailto:Lucy@bscwf.org) or 701-282-3321

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## Music Ministry

**Substitute Accompanists Needed:** This is a paid position. If you are 16 years old or older, please consider giving back your talent to God by playing for one or two Masses a month. The music is not difficult, and I'm willing to spend time with you beforehand to orientate you to the music and Mass process. If you are interested or if you have any questions, please contact me. You'll be amazed at how meaningful it feels to participate in the Mass this way. [Ronda@bscwf.org](mailto:Ronda@bscwf.org). -Ronda

**Share Your God Given Talent!** Are you interested in singing in a choir or being a cantor? Do you play an instrument? Would you like to play occasionally at Mass? Share the talent that God has given you, with our parish community. Please email me with any questions or comments: [Ronda@bscwf.org](mailto:Ronda@bscwf.org)

-Ronda

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## Parish Life / Volunteerism

Call Karen (282-3321) if you would like to volunteer for any of the following:

- Coffee & Goodies – Most Sundays
- Soup & More – July 11, 25
- Churches United – July 25



**Baptism Basket:** There is a baptism basket in the Agora for Eleanor Yasonovna Gartner, 6 month old daughter of Jason & Elena Gartner. Please help us fill the basket with baby shower items.

**Baptism Preparation:** Please contact Fr. Gary Luiten to sign up for a parent preparation session prior to Baptism. 701-282-3321

**Blessing Box is in need of food!** Please bring non-perishable food items for our Blessing Box (Emergency Food Pantry). This is one small way we help members of our community. "Take what you need. Bring what you can. Above all, be blessed!"

**Bulletin Advertising:** Would your business like to advertise in our bulletin? If so, please contact Mary Beth in the parish office 701-282-3321. MANY spaces are available

**Cake Pans and Storage Containers:** Please check the right side of the shelf above the coat rack for your pans and containers.

**Children are Encouraged to Give Non-Perishable Food:** We are filled with great joy, when we watch youth go to the altar with their gifts of food! The basket at the altar, by the cantor stand, is for 'Youth Donations' of non-perishable food items and youth offering envelopes. The food items go to our Blessing Box for those in need.

**Churches United for the Homeless:** Blessed Sacrament serves supper at Churches United the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month. We cook the meal here and take it to Churches United and serve it. If you can volunteer to help us serve, we'd appreciate it. Call Karen if you have any questions. 701-282-3321.

**Lost & Found:** Please check the Lost and Found box on the left side of the shelf above the coat rack for any missing belongings.

**Email Addresses and Phone Numbers:** Please call Mary Beth to verify that we have the correct information on file. 701-282-3321. Thank you.

### **Eucharistic Adoration/Exposition.**

Eucharistic adoration is when the Eucharist is exposed for viewing. At the beginning of the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Eucharist), Fr. Gary removes the sacred host from the tabernacle and places it in the monstrance on the altar for adoration by the faithful. The exposed Eucharist must not be left alone. Blessed Sacrament parish holds Exposition/Adoration the first Friday of every month from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Homebound? Can't go to Sunday Mass?** Watch Blessed Sacrament Mass on TV! We record Saturday Mass and play it on West Fargo Public Access Cable channel. Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

### **Mary Pilgrimage**

Friday, July 26,  
9 a.m. until late afternoon

We will leave Blessed Sacrament after 9 a.m. Mass. Our pilgrimage will include the Fatima Shrine in Mooreton and the Carmelite Convent near Wahpeton. We will have lunch in Wahpeton and if the weather is good, we will stop at the Chahinkapa Zoo!

**We have a Sponsor!** The cost for the pilgrimage has been **reduced** to **\$5 per person** (\$15 for non-parishioners). We will pay for lunch. You would be responsible for the entrance fee for the Zoo. The fee is non-refundable and must be paid by July 18.

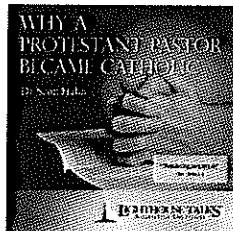
**There are still seats available!** Please join us on our pilgrimage. Call the parish office, 282-3321.

**God's Gift 2019:** Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2019 God's Gift Appeal. Blessed Sacrament is 72% toward our goal of \$75,790. **We encourage you to participate, submit your pledge card today.** Envelopes are in the parish office, in the magazine rack in the Gathering Area and on the book case in the back of the church.

**Lighthouse Catholic Media:** Our Lighthouse Media kiosk features religious Pamphlets, CD's, and Books for purchase at a reasonable price. The kiosk is placed by the parish office door.

**"Why A Protestant Pastor Became Catholic"**

Dr. Scott Hahn explains through his legendary testimony how he was militantly anti-Catholic but self-driven to seek the truth. This ultimately led him into the Catholic Church. He soon became an ardent defender of the Faith and one of its most passionate promoters.



**Widow/Widower Group Has a New Name:** The Serenity Group (for widows & widowers) will meet on Sunday, July 21 at 2 p.m. in the Social Hall.

**Marriage Preparation:** Begin arrangements and preparation sessions, with Fr. Gary Luiten, at least six months before wedding date. Call the parish office, 701-282-3321.

**Mass Intentions:** If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one, please stop by the parish office. The Mass can be said for the living or deceased. The suggested donation is \$10 per Mass.

**Media Ministry:** We need 2-3 new volunteers to tape liturgy 4 times per year. If you are interested, contact Mary Beth in the parish office, 282-3321.

**Peru Mission Team:** Please keep the Blessed Sacrament Peru Mission Team in your prayers.

**Please Save Family Fare Receipts:** We are collecting Family Fare receipts for our Youth Program. For every \$150,000 of receipts that we collect, we receive \$1,000! So far we have raised \$2,000 for our Youth. The collection box is by the North Door. Thank you!



**Prayer Chain:** A group of individuals who pray for those who have requested prayer. This group connects with our Lord on your behalf. If you have someone that you would like us to pray for, or would like to be a part of the Blessed Sacrament Prayer Chain, please contact Mary Beth in the parish office. 701-282-3321.

**Soup & More:** We serve a meal on the **SECOND** and **FOURTH** Thursday of the month, free of charge. A main dish or soup & sandwich, vegetable, salad and dessert is served. The menu is posted on the Blessed Sacrament FaceBook page. We begin serving at 5:30 p.m. Please join us for a Thursday Meal! Six or more volunteers are needed to cook, serve and clean up. The time commitment (excluding cooks) is from 5-7 pm. For more details or to sign up, contact Karen in the parish office. 701-282-3321.



**Vandalism to our Stained Glass Window**  
On the morning of June 27 we discovered that someone had thrown a rock at our Children's Window in the Gathering Area. One section of the window had been damaged. We have filed a police report and reported to our insurance company. Glass landed on all the chairs that were near the window. We think they will have to be discarded. The damaged portion of the window has been removed and is boarded up until repairs are done. It was a gut-wrenching discovery, but we are thankful the damage isn't worse. Let's pray for those who committed this crime. There is a donation box in the Gathering Area if you would like to contribute to the repair of our Children's Window.

**Would You Like to Volunteer?** We are always looking for volunteers here at Blessed Sacrament. Please fill out a *Time & Talent Form* and return it to the parish office. There are forms in the magazine rack in the Gathering Area. Contact Karen, in the parish office, if you have any questions. 701-282-3321.

**Youth Offering Envelopes:** Please encourage your child(ren) to use their offering envelopes each week. Giving to the church, no matter what amount, is a blessing to the church. Parents, would you be able to help your child find change for their envelopes? We record "Children's Envelope" donations on the front page of the bulletin. The goal is that we receive \$30 per week from our youth, that's about 32 cents per student.

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## Other News / Information

**Putt 4 a Purpose - Golf Event** Bishop John Folda invites you to Putt 4 a Purpose, at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Bishop's charity Golf Classic, benefiting Seminarian Education and Youth Programs. Join the fun and fellowship by heading to Rose Creek Golf Course in south Fargo on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> for a round of golf, dinner and prizes. Register three golfers and bring your Priest, Deacon or Seminarian as your 4<sup>th</sup> player for free! Register online at: [www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose](http://www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose)

If you are not a golfer, please consider sponsoring a priest or seminarian or a hole on the golf course. Your contribution will help support the event and defray costs. Register online at [www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose](http://www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose)

For further information, please contact Steve Schons in the Stewardship and Development Office, at 701-356-7926 or email [steve.schons@fargodiocese.org](mailto:steve.schons@fargodiocese.org).

**A Car Wash for Special Olympics** will take place on Saturday, July 27, and August 24 at the corner of 45<sup>th</sup> Street and 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. in a large parking lot. Free will donations will be accepted. See the poster on the bulletin board for more information.

### Trivia

**Jews call the first five books on the Old Testament...**

- a) the Torah
- b) the New Testament
- c) the Acts of the Apostles
- d) the Gospels

### **Did You Know?**

The Votive Candles in the Gathering Area, are intended to be burnt as an offering of prayer; special intentions or for someone who is in need of prayers. This is a thoughtful expression of your sentiments and best wishes for any occasion. Your lit votive candle is an act of faith and charity. If you see a lit candle, quietly offer a prayer for the intentions of who or what it was lit for.

Our votive candles are placed around and near the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the Gathering Area. She guides our prayers to the Lord our God.

To light a large, 7 day candle (on the wall by Mary), the suggested donation is \$5. To light a smaller, 8 hour candle, the suggested donation is 50 cents. Place your money in the slot on the leg of the candle stand. The suggested fee is to help defray the cost of the votive candles.

a) Torah means "the teaching" and refers to the teachings of Moses.

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July 13-14, 2019 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday / OT

**Ministries of Service**

Masses	5:15 p.m. Saturday	9:30 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	K. Tranby	C. Fischer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	C. Paintner, K. Jalbert, *B. Tranby	**B. Opoien, J. Aberle, G. Larson, M. Kern, *A. Diemert
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Greeters	W. & J. Suchla	J. Wells Family
Rosary Leader	K. Tranby	D. Nechiporenko
Sacristan	K. Tranby	M. Kern
Media Minister	R. Cwikla	
*Bread Minister    **takes communion to the shut-ins and sick		

**Feast/Holy Day the week of July 7, 2019**  
 July 9: St. Rong    July 11: St. Benedict    July 13: St. Henry

**Blessed Sacrament Directory**  
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