

# News from the Pews

Blessed Sacrament's Monthly Newsletter



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## 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.



## VBS children take journey thru Bible, Catholic "stuff"

By Lucy Elshaug

At Everest VBS, our kids will embark on the coolest adventure of the summer!

This journey begins June 8 and ends on June 12. Meeting times are 8:30 a.m. to Noon.

At Everest VBS, we want to give kids a rock-solid foundation for their lives, built on Bible truths that will help them face challenges and trust in God's power.



The week is filled with Bible stories, team building, music, games, films and much more!

Committee members have been planning this chilling event for months!

## Peru2015 missionaries to build homes for Chimbote families

By Lucy Elshaug

Seven Blessed Sacrament parishioners will join others from Jamestown and around the diocese for a mission trip to Chimbote, Peru, in late June and early July.

While in Peru, they will build homes and participate in mission activities.

Please pray for them and their safety while on this journey.

## Corpus Christi

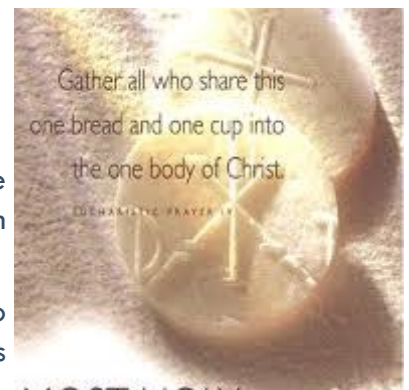
### Feast Day Celebration after June 6 (5:15 pm) Liturgy

The Parish Feast Day celebration will take place on Saturday, June 6, after the 5:15 p.m. liturgy in the Social Hall.



It is a family potluck. Items to bring are listed on Page 4 of this newsletter.

Everyone is invited to celebrate Liturgy and then to gather as family to eat at table.



Gather all who share this one bread and one cup into the one body of Christ  
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 11  
MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

**Blessed Sacrament Leadership Parish Office: 282-3321**

**Pastor:** Fr. Bert Miller

**Faith Formation & Youth Ministry:** Lucy Elshaug

**Music Co-ordinator:** Sally Haugen

**Parish Life:** Karen Beets

**Parish Nurse:** Tina Tweeter

**Support Staff:** Mary Lehn

**Pastoral Council:**

- 16 - Chuck Wanzek, Chairperson
- 16 - Valerie Hanson
- 17 - Shawn DeKeyser
- 17 - Eric Hanson
- 18 - Cindy Fischer
- 18 - Leslie Wegner

**Directors:**

- Jeanine Allmaras
- Dean Krogen

**Circles:**

**Holy Rosary:**

Elsie Keller

**Mother Seton:**

Alice Pritchard

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**Scriptures to study in Ordinary Time**

**June 6-7 - Corpus Christi**

Exodus 24:3-8, Hebrews 9:11-15, Mark 14:12-28

**Thought:** The Passover represents our passing over from old self to new self, from life of sin to life of grace.

**Question:** As I mark the parish feast day, have I embraced a new way of life?



**June 13-14 - 11th Sunday/OTB**

Exodus 17:22-24, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, Mark 4:26-34

**Thought:** The “kingdom of God” is visible when we, like the land and mustard seed, actualize our own potential and do what we are called to do as Jesus’ disciples.

**Question:** When I hear God’s Word, do I nurture it in the fertile soil of my heart and let it sprout good works?



**June 20-21 - 12th Sunday/OTB**

Job 38:1-11, 2 Corinthians 5:14-17, Mark 4:35-41



**Thought:** Jesus sleeps, a violent squall arises, the disciples think Jesus doesn’t care! But Jesus does care; he came to save humanity from perishing. The disciples’ faith was weak; they did not know who Jesus was or why he came.

**Question:** Is my faith strong enough to weather a storm?

**June 27-28 - 13th Sunday/OTB**

Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15, Mark 5:21-43

**Thought:** Faith gave others the strength to approach Jesus and ask for healing.

**Question:** What have I done with the courage of my faith?



**Vital Statistics:**

**Deaths:**

Bernie Wiederholt

**Newcomers:**

Eric and Summer Hammond

Erik Erdmann

### You can reach Staff/Team members at these emails:

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#### Parish Website

www.BlessedSacramentWestFargo.org

#### Mass Schedules

Mass schedules are noted on the monthly Calendar, on-line, and by calling 282-3321 after hours.

#### Anointing of the Sick

First Friday of February, May, October, and December and one weekend in Fall and Spring.

#### Exposition

First Friday of February, May, October, and December.

#### Baptism

Parents are asked to contact the Parish Office about classes and date/time of Sacrament.

#### Marriage

Couples are to set appointment with Pastor at least six months before proposed date.

#### Blood Pressures

For all parishioners on First Weekends of February, April, June, August, October, and December (before and after Liturgies on Saturday and Sunday) in Parish Office by Parish Nurse.

### Sheets needed for new homes

Months ago, the Pastoral Council and the parish Team decided that Blessed Sacrament parishioners would be asked for new or gently used sheets and pillowcases for the furnishing of new homes for people moving out of our shelters.

Please make known your supply items to Karen. When your donation is needed, she will contact you. DO NOT BRING ITEMS before being contacted. We do not have storage space at Blessed Sacrament.

### 2Q Poor Fund donations benefit Nepal, CUH, Peru & Richard Burckhard

During the second quarter of 2015, Poor Fund donations were made to:



- ◆ Catholic Relief Services for recovery from a devastating earthquake in Nepal. Our donation was \$1,000;
- ◆ Churches United for the Homeless for on-going support. Our donation was \$500. Each year, Blessed Sacrament makes two \$500 donations to CUH;
- ◆ Peru2015 for their mission trip to Chimbote and the construction of two houses. Our donation, while not totaled yet, might be up to \$1,700; and
- ◆ A benefit for Richard Burckhard, a parishioner, who is battling cancer. Our donation was \$1,000.

Your donations to the Poor Fund makes these projects possible. Thank you!

### Fall Dinner date changed to 3rd Sunday of October

By Karen Beets



The Fall Dinner and related events will be held on Sunday, October 18. Usually, the festivities are held on the fourth week of October.

Due to the North Dakota Education Association convention on the fourth weekend, we moved the date of our Fall Dinner ahead one week.

Watch the July and August News from the Pews for more information about and changes coming to the Fall Dinner.

### Sheltering set for Nov. 29-Dec. 6

Our Sheltering the Homeless week has been set for Sunday, November 29, through Sunday, December 6.

We usually take the first week in February. However, due to calendar and scheduling issues (Ash Wednesday in particular), we are taking this earlier week.





## Blessed Sacrament Liturgy Schedule

### Weekends

Saturdays: 5:15 p.m.

Sundays: 9:30 a.m.

### Weekdays

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays: 9 a.m.

Tuesdays: 2 p.m. at Bethany South

### Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
and by appointment anytime

### Fr. Bert gone in June too!

Fr. Bert will be taking some more vacation time in June.

He will be here June 1 to celebrate his 24th anniversary of ordination and his 60th birthday at the 9 a.m. Liturgy.

The rest of the week, he will be gone for a little outing in rural North Dakota.

After Father's Day, he will take off Monday, June 22, through Friday, June 26, to travel to Iowa to see a seminary classmate.

In July, Fr. Bert will be home three weeks in a row!!!  
What will we do!!

### Congratulation on your Confirmation/First Eucharist!

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| ◆ Makayla Allmaras | ◆ Logan Heilman     |
| ◆ Nick Althoff     | ◆ Evan Hendrickson  |
| ◆ Gunner Endres    | ◆ Kolby Hunsicker   |
| ◆ Meghan Esposito  | ◆ Shukurani Maritha |
| ◆ Aubrey Finn      | ◆ Grant Pribula     |
|                    | ◆ Roland Regner     |
|                    | ◆ Isaac Rohrich     |
|                    | ◆ Hallie Schatzke   |
|                    | ◆ Killian Wells     |



# CORPUS CHRISTI FEAST DAY POTLUCK

**Saturday, June 6**

**following 5:15 pm Liturgy**

**FUN AND FOOD FOR  
THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

**What to Bring:**

**A-J Casserole**

**K-R Salad**

**S-Z Dessert**