

News from the Pews

Monthly Newsletter

Blessed Sacrament

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of farewell
for Fr. Bert

Fr. Bert assigned to Park River on June 29

By Fr. Bert

On Mother's Day, Bishop John Folda assigned me to be pastor at Park River St. Mary and Vesleyville St. Luke.

Fr. Gary Luiten (below) will replace me at Blessed Sacrament.

The changing of the guard will happen on Wednesday, June 29. On Thursday, June 30, both of us will be celebrating liturgy in a new place.

Park River has 184 families and Vesleyville has 40.

This will be smaller than the places I have served for the past 20 years and will take some time to get used to.

However, before coming to Blessed Sacrament, I served 18 miles east in Grafton and also about 18 miles to the west at Bechyne and Lomice. There will be some friends around!

After two months in Park River, I will be going to Israel for a 4-month sabbatical. During that time, a substitute priest will be in Park River.



Fr. Gary Luiten comes to BSC at Noon on June 29

By Fr. Bert

Fr. Gary Luiten has been named as the next pastor of Blessed Sacrament by Bishop John Folda.

Fr. Gary comes to BSC from Park River St. Mary, where he has served for

the last 6 years. From 2008 to 2010, Fr. Gary served as parochial vicar at Nativity in Fargo.

He also served at the Cathedral for 2 years and at Ellendale for 12 years.

He was ordained June 6, 1992.

Fr. Gary is an organist and takes great care with the liturgical experience.

He is quiet, thoughtful, kind & loving of his people. He sports a big smile and a great laugh.

His mother and step-father live in Fargo.

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.

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

Pastor: Fr. Bert Miller

**Faith Formation
& Youth Ministry:**
Lucy Elshaug
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Parish Life:
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17- Shawn DeKeyser
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17-Eric Hanson
18-Cindy Fischer
18-Leslie Wegner
19-Jenie Aberle
19-Thomas Paulson

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Sacred Scriptures to study in June

June 4-5 – 10th Sunday OT/C

1 Kings 17:17-24, Gal 1:11-18, Luke 7:11-17

Thought: The widow at Nain had lost everything dear to her: her husband and her only son. In them, she had lost her life support and any hope of posterity. Without being asked, Jesus with great compassion raises her son from the dead and gives him back to her.

Question: What do I seek from Jesus? How can Jesus help me?

**June 11-12 –
11th Sunday OT/C**

2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13,
Galatians 2:16, 19-21,
Luke 7:36—8:3

Thought: The Gospel tells us of two relationships with Jesus. The Pharisee has a surface relationship; the woman has an intimate relationship and is saved.

Question: How do I relate to Jesus? What does he say to me?

June 18-19 – 12th Sunday OT/C

Zechariah 12:10-11, 13:1,
Galatians 3:26-29, Luke 9:18-24

Thought: Our own prayer is to lead us to clearer understanding of who we are, and to the revelation that our very identity as disciples entails denying self, taking up our daily cross and losing our life for the sake of others.

Question: Dare I pray? Dare I ask Jesus, "who do you say that I am?"

June 25-26 – 13th Sunday OT/C

1 Kings 19:16, 19-21,
Galatians 5:1, 13-18, Luke 9:51-62

Thought: Following Jesus requires much more than simply walking with him from village to village. Following Jesus calls for being "resolutely determined" to journey all the way with him to Jerusalem – and beyond. Any excuses, no matter how seemingly legitimate, keep us from letting go of where we are and embracing where we must go!

Question: How am I not letting go? What must I embrace to move on?



Vital Statistics

Deaths:

Susan Ranzenberger

Baptisms:

Lillian Cate,
daughter of Jason
& Megan Rieger
Josephine Rose,
daughter of Michael
& Alea Mettler

**Confirmation
& First Eucharist:**

Porter Behm
Mason Faltersack
Ella Heilman
Janelle Kalvoda
Mason Kressin
Morgan Novak
DeLaney Olson
Jonathan Sakrismo
Cole Sanders
Emily Spadafore
Grace Vetter

Got any extra 4 us!

Here are some items you could buy for the parish: Sunny-D in a 1-gallon jug; decaf coffee, 2-3 lb. cans; Country Time lemonade, 5 lb. can or less; Vanity Fair napkins, 110-660 count; Ore-Ida Tator Tots, 8 lb. bag or less, and Cream of Mushroom soup, Cream of Chicken Soup, any size.

Thank you for your generosity. There have been many donations made through the months.

An Evening of Celebration!



*Come celebrate
the shenanigans
of Fr. Bert*



*and Blessed Sacrament
through the years.*



Date: Tuesday, June 21

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Blessed Sacrament

**You can reach
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Mass Schedule is noted on the monthly Calendar, on the last page of this publication, online & by calling 282-3321 after hours.

Anointing of the Sick

Third weekend of September and Divine Mercy Sunday in the Spring.

Exposition

First Fridays of February, May, October & December, after 9 a.m. liturgy until Noon.

Baptism

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

Marriage

Couples are to set appointment with Pastor at least 6 months before proposed date.

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Liturgy Schedule

Weekends

Saturdays: 5:15 p.m.

Sundays: 9:30 a.m.

Weekdays:

9 a.m. M-W-Th

2 p.m. Tuesdays at Bethany

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4 to 4:30 p.m.

& by appointment anytime

**Don't forget Fr. Bert's
25th anniversary events
on Wednesday, June 1**

Fr. Bert celebrates 25 years of being a priest on Wednesday, June 1.

The celebration includes: a 9 a.m. liturgy with a reception following; and a 6:30 p.m. dinner with a program following. Everyone is invited!

Fr. Bert also will be available in the Gathering Area from 2 to 5 p.m. for visits.

It has been a long time since Blessed Sacrament has celebrated a 25th or a 40th anniversary of the priest. Now, this year and next, the parish gets to host two 25th anniversaries -- mine and Fr. Gary's!