

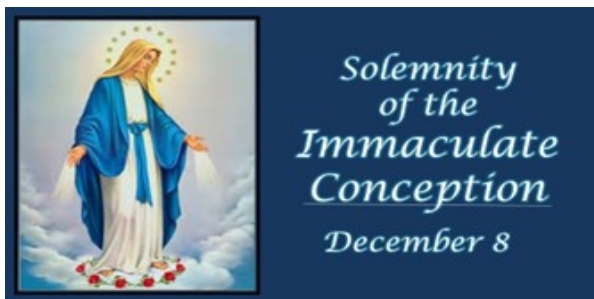
December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

Sat, Dec 2, 4:00PM (Sacred Heart) † Bob Herges
 Sat, Dec 2, 5:00PM (St. Henry) For the People
 Sat, Dec 2, 7:00PM (Holy Cross) † Greg Meyer
 Sun, Dec 3, 8:00AM (St. Henry) † John Krueger
 Sun, Dec 3, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) † Emmett & Patricia Kucklock
 Sun, Dec 3, 10:00AM (St. Henry) † Alois & Theresa Loerzel
 Sun, Dec 3, 10:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Patty Doll
 Tue, Dec 5, 8:45AM (St. Henry) † Marianne Leitner
 Tue, Dec 5, 7:00PM (Sacred Heart) † Deacon Mark Stenger
 Wed, Dec 6, 8:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Jim Vetter & †Mary Perius
 Wed, Dec 6, 5:15PM (Holy Cross) Special Intention for Gunnar & Gabby Kupferschmid
 Thu, Dec 7, 7:00PM (Sacred Heart) † Stan Strauch
 Thu, Dec 7, 7:00PM (St. Henry) † Don & Dorothy Weickert
 Fri, Dec 8, 8:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Bob Jennings
 Fri, Dec 8, 8:45AM (St. Henry) For the People
 Fri, Dec 8, 10:00AM (Perham Living) † Bob Sim
 Fri, Dec 8, 7:00PM (Holy Cross) † Louis & Shirley Sazama
 Sat, Dec 9, 4:00PM (Sacred Heart) † Rita Kuester
 Sat, Dec 9, 5:00PM (St. Henry) † Leo & Agatha Berns and † Kimberly Wien
 Sat, Dec 9, 7:00PM (Holy Cross) † Lorraine Engel
 Sun, Dec 10, 8:00AM (St. Henry) For the People
 Sun, Dec 10, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) † Kelly Wagenman
 Sun, Dec 10, 10:00AM (St. Henry) † Henry "Bud" Johnson
 Sun, Dec 10, 10:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Leona Loerzel

Mass Schedule for The Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, December 7th: 7:00PM Sacred Heart
 7:00PM St. Henry
 Friday, December 8th: 8:30AM St. Lawrence
 8:45AM St. Henry
 10:00AM Perham Living
 7:00PM Holy Cross



Financial Blessing for November 25th

Adult.....	1,455.00	Plate.....	326.00
Children.....	8.00	Votives.....	26.75
Parking Lot Donation.....	100.00	Food Shelf.....	188.00
Hall Rent.....	50.00	Christmas Flowers..	24.00
		Total.....	2,177.75

Thank you for remembering Holy Cross Church with your Stewardship throughout the year.

Financial Blessing for November 25th & 26th

Adult.....	1,303.00	Plate.....	540.07
Youth.....	26.00	Elec. Transfers....	425.00
Christmas Flowers.....	245.00	Food Shelf.....	443.00
		Total.....	2,982.07

Thank you for remembering Sacred Heart Church with your Stewardship throughout the year.

Financial Blessing for November 25th & 26th

Adult.....	6,125.00	Plate.....	1,461.25
Children's Basket.....	98.50	Youth Offering.....	15.00
Votives.....	34.00	Initial Offering.....	5.00
Christmas Flowers.....	260.00	Coffee.....	23.00
Marriage Prep.....	175.00	Building Improve....	50.00
Bulletin Sponsors.....	200.00	Elec. Transfers....	4,120.00
		Total.....	12,566.75

Thank you for remembering St. Henry Church with your Stewardship throughout the year.

Financial Blessing for November 26th

Adult.....	1,310.00	Youth	10.50
Plate.....	127.00	Elec. Transfers....	210.00
Parish Reimb.	249.99	Food Shelf.....	626.00
		Total.....	2533.49

Thank you for remembering St. Lawrence Church with your Stewardship throughout the year.

Northern Cross ACC Advent Confessions are at 2:00PM on Sunday, December 10th at St. Henry. There will be no Confessions at 9:00AM at St. Henry this Wednesday, December 6th.



WINTER WEATHER POLICY

When school is cancelled, there will be no Masses or adoration at any of the four NCACC parishes. If school is two hours late, all morning Masses and Adoration will be cancelled, but evening Masses may take place, if weather permits. Please watch for updates on our parish app for Tuesday evening Adoration weather-related cancellations.

ST. LAWRENCE UPCOMING EVENTS



The parish of *St. Lawrence* invites everyone who is interested in helping decorate the church this Christmas with a poinsettia flower to use the "Christmas Flower" envelope provided for you. Envelopes have space for "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" dedications. Thank you for helping to make our churches beautiful for the birth of our Lord.

Wed. Dec. 6: All Grades; 6:30-7:30PM; Rosary/ Reconciliation for grades 3-11
Wed. Dec. 13: All Grades; 6:30-7:30PM
Wed. Dec. 20: All Grades; 6:30-7:30PM
Wed. Dec. 27: No Class
Wed. Jan. 3: No Class

Stephanie VonRuden-Faith Formation Director
 218-298-1050 or Vonruden.27@gmail.com

Attention Musicians & Singers:

The St. Lawrence choir is looking for new members to share their talents during Mass. If you like to sing or can play an instrument (especially piano or keyboard) we need you! Contact Lisa Werner (218-371-7560) or stop in the choir loft after any Mass.



The Parish of St. Lawrence extends congratulations to **Sawyer Lee Evenson** son of Jed & Kathryn Evenson who was baptized last week



St. Lawrence Café
Open Wednesday, December 13th
 Bring a dish to share and join us for breakfast after the 8:30AM Mass.

St. Lawrence Christian Mothers Meeting:
Monday, December 11th
6:30PM-Fill CCD Candy Bags
7:00PM-Meeting
Christmas Party & Pot Luck
New members are always welcome!



Text **App** to **88202** to download our parish app! Search for "Northern Cross Area Catholic Community"



The **Clothing Mission at Richville** is in need of the following: towels, bedding, winter coats (all sizes), snowpants, and snow boots. Drop off from 12-6pm on Tuesdays at 100 Grove St. Richville, MN 56576.



Bishop's Annual Appeal: In this first week of Advent, please remember the diocesan ministries that, through your generosity, continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. Please keep them thriving by making a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

ECCE HOMO MEN'S EVENT

"Ecce Homo" is Latin for "Behold the Man," the words uttered by Pilate as he presented Jesus to the crowd.

If you are a Catholic man, 18 or older, join us for an evening of fraternity and prayer!

BEHOLD THE MAN
 +++
 BECOME A SAINT

Ecce Homo will be held on December 7th at Sacred Heart-Dent. It will begin at 5:30pm, with Mass at 7:00pm.



The communities of Perham and New York Mills are blessed with caring volunteers that help at our Food Shelves each week and generous communities that provide gifts of food and money throughout the year. Please keep your local Food Shelves in your thoughts during this holiday season.

Court St Rita #409 will be sponsoring the **National Catholic Daughters Education contest!** The deadline locally is January 31, 2023. Themes this year are: God's love and kindness will shine upon us like the sun that rises in the sky-Luke 1:78 OR How does my love shine for others? All students grade 4-12 are eligible to enter as well as Adult CDA members.

Entry forms and rules are available at St. Henry's office or contact Leanne Stoll, Regent Court St. Rita.

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Parochial Vicar: Fr. Thomas Skaja, E-mail: fathertom@ncacc.net 218-298-0585
Deacons: Deacon Richard Quistorff; Deacon Randy Altstadt



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SACRED HEART



Wed., Dec. 13: Grades 1-11; 7:00PM; Confession
Wed., Dec. 20: Grades Pre/K-11; 7:00PM; Christmas Fun Night
Wed., Dec. 27: No Class; Christmas Break
Wed., Jan. 3: No Class; Christmas Break

Joe & Diane Szama—Faith Formation Directors
 218-849-7520 or woolyacres@arvig.net



Please join Sacred Heart Christian Mothers for an **Advent Scriptural Rosary** on Saturday, December 9th at 3:30PM (before the 4:00PM Mass) and Sunday, December 10th at 8:00AM (before the 8:30AM Mass).

The **2024 Marriage Prep Course** will be held at St. Henry on **January 28th, 2024 from 8:00AM-4:00PM**. The fee is \$175.00 per couple. For more information or to register, please contact St. Henry's Parish Office.



Retirement Fund for Religious
 Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Please donate to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

SACRED HEART UPCOMING EVENTS

The parish of *Sacred Heart* invites everyone who is interested in helping decorate the church this Christmas with a poinsettia flower to use the “Christmas Flower” envelope in your envelope box. Envelopes have space for “In Memory of” or “In Honor of” dedications. If you don’t have an envelope you can put your request and donation in a white envelope with the name of the persons you are remembering and your name in the collection basket. Thank you for helping to make our churches beautiful for the birth of our Lord.



Sacred Heart Christian Mothers’ Holiday Brunch
Sunday, December 10th
(after the 8:30AM Mass)

All are invited to join us for brunch and meet the newest members of our parish.



Are you interested in learning more about Christ and His Church?

“Come and See”

And they said to Him, “Teacher, where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw... (John 1:38-39)

WHEN: TUESDAYS FROM 6PM-7:30PM
WHERE: SACRED HEART CHURCH, DENT

RCIA begins Tuesday, November 21st!

Contact Fr. Tom at fathertom@ncacc.net to sign up

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Contact the Parish Offices

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Diocesan Policy requires that the Pastor be contacted at least 6 months before the anticipated date of marriage to allow time for premarital inventory, instructions and planning.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: ½ Hour before Weekend Masses at Sacred Heart, St. Lawrence and Holy Cross; First Friday from 9:00AM-10:00AM at St. Lawrence; Second Thursday from 9:00AM-10:00AM at Sacred Heart; Third Saturday from 6:00PM– 7:00PM at Holy Cross. Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 8:15AM-8:45AM; Wednesday, 9:00AM-10:00AM; Saturday, 4:00PM—4:45PM (Before 5:00PM Mass) at St. Henry

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Offices

Trustees: Brenda Aschnewitz & Jan Januszewski (Sacred Heart); Jack Werner & Andy Klinnert (St. Lawrence); Mark Halbakken & Lisa Hemmelgarn (St. Henry); Michele Hofland & Clint Brandt (Holy Cross)

Northern Cross Area Catholic Community Pastoral Council Members: Dawn Swanz, Michele Hofland, Jason Schik (Holy Cross); Brenda Aschnewitz, John Kratzke, Kenny Moenkendick (Sacred Heart) Tim Graff, Lisa Hemmelgarn, Jason Smith (St. Henry); Sandi Carrlson, Jack Werner, Jerry Guck (St. Lawrence)



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Congratulations to our Calendar Raffle winners this week. 11-29-23-Pat and Everett Wegscheid-\$50 and 12-1-23-Denise Huebsch-\$100

St. Henry's Area School is seeking a highly-motivated, kid-friendly individual to fill the position of cleaner. This 35-40 hours per week position will include the following opportunities: general school cleaning, staging lunch room, and other duties as needed. This position can be flexible to fit any schedule. Full benefit package available. If interested, contact Jason at the school at 218-346-6190 or fill out the application on our website at www.sthenrysareaschool.com.

Please mail completed application to:

St. Henry's Area School
240 3rd St SW
Perham, MN 56573 or email to sthenryschool@arvig.net.

Position will be open until filled.

St. Henry's Area Preschool is in search of a long-term substitute paraprofessional for the months of January and February. This position is on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8-3:30. Would you like to earn a little extra money and help out the preschool? If interested, please contact Missy Mickelson or Jason at 218-346-6190 for an application.

Thank you to the Thanksgiving Meal group for the very generous donation to the school of \$1015. We are very thankful for your donation!!

Jason Smith, Principal

218-346-6190 or sthenryschool@arvig.net



After all Masses on **December 2nd & 3rd** the Mission Circle will be selling hand and machine embroidered dish towels, Christmas items, neck pillows, doll dresses, dish cloths, table runners and many other items. Items make perfect Christmas or birthday gifts for your loved ones. Come! Check it out!

Holy Family Council of Catholic United Financial is looking for volunteers to provide fruit and cookies for the shut-ins of the parish. All donations of cookies, fruit, and/or money can be brought to St. Henry's church office by December 11th. We are also looking for volunteers to assist in making the fruit/cookie basket and delivering them. Basket building will begin at 6 PM on December 11th in the fellowship hall/gymnasium (enter through the Fellowship Hall doors). Please join us in spreading Christmas cheer to the shut-ins of our parish. Need not be a Holy Family Council member to assist.



Wed, Dec. 6th: 6:30-7:30PM: Class (Parent Night)
Wed, Dec. 13th: No Class (School Program)
Wed., Dec. 20th: Reconciliation
Wed., Dec 27th: No Class (Christmas Break)

We are looking for a 4th grade substitute religious education teacher for January-March. If interested, please talk to Caleb.

Caleb Carrlson, Faith Formation Director
218-457-0987 or religouesd@st-henrys.org

Catholic Daughters Court St. Rita #409 Christmas Potluck, fun night, Rosary and Meeting will be at 6PM December 5th in the St. Henry's Church basement. Women interested in checking out Catholic Daughters are always welcome!

BABY JESUS BIRTHDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 3

St. Henry's Church Basement

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Come for crafts, stories, games and song!

Jesus is the REASON FOR THE SEASON

Contact Courtney with questions 218-371-7942



The next Sts. Agnes & Mary Mission Circle meeting will be on December 14th at 12:00PM with a Christmas potluck at Kathy Hemmelgarn's home. Spouses are welcome!

The Northern Cross ACC Parishes wish to extend deepest sympathy to family and friends of

Richard Byer

Paulette Bachmann

& Merle Thompson

who passed away recently.

May Richard, Paulette & Merle know eternal peace and joy in heaven and may God grant comfort to their family and friends.



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HOLY CROSS UPCOMING EVENTS

December 9 at 6:30 PM CCD Program. Parents, please have your children to the church by 6:00PM to change into their costumes. Friends and family are welcome. Please bring a snack to share after Mass for fellowship time.

THANK YOU for all the cards, prayers and food delivered to the house when I was in the hospital and transition. Faye Hendrickx

The Christian Mothers will be having their Christmas cookie bake sale after Mass on Dec. 9th.

Fall bazaar final total has been figured and the profit for the day was \$16,044.98. Good job done by all.



Poinsettias can be ordered in honor or memory of someone for \$8.00 each. Order forms are on the table in the entry and can be put in the collection basket. Orders are due by December 15th.

Resurfacing the Parking Lot at Holy Cross

You may have noticed that Holy Cross parking lot is in need of renovation. Our Finance Council has received the Bishop's approval for the resurfacing project. The cost of this project will be about \$30,788. I hope you will support this project with a donation to offset the expense. Together, we will continue to preserve our church and grounds, as we pave the way for future generations of Holy Cross families.



May God bless you always. Fr. George

Adoration will be held every third Saturday of the month from 6-7PM.

New School Capital Campaign Update

Complete Project	\$8,100,000.00
Pledged	\$8,235,823.00
Pledges to be Received	\$497,360.00
Received	\$7,738,463.00
Pledged Monies Received 11-26	\$940.00
Households Contributing	350

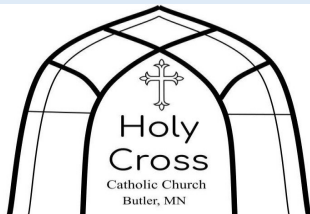
OFFICE HOURS: (HOLY CROSS): Call Faye Hendrickx:

(218) 385-3850

(SACRED HEART): Monday, Thursday & Friday: From 9:00 AM-12 Noon, (218) 758-2700

(ST. LAWRENCE): Tuesday & Wednesday: From 9:00 AM-12 Noon, (218) 346-7729

(ST. HENRY): Monday-Friday: From 8:30 AM—4:30PM, (218) 346-4240



Please pray for those in need of healing in our parishes:

Ashley Wilkowski, Dean Salo, Diana Billie, Jean Schmitz, Jen Aanenson, Julie Carr, Kacie (Pikula) Derkacht, Karen Omberg, Larry Bucholz, Larry Imdieke, Larry Van Watermulen, Lowell Siebels, Lucille Schik, Mike Ruther, Nancy Moris, Paul Juen, Richard Bergeron, Robert Daiker, Ron Bertram, Ron Wallace, Sebastian Mettler, Steve & Sue Loerzel, Sue Kalinoski, Tammy (Steinbach) Coryell

All military personnel, especially: Joseph Fonseca, Derrick Burr, Greg Hirschey, Sandra Silbernagel, Nicholas Melz, Luke Potts, Miguel Martinez, Noah Zeleny, Tyler Van Watermulen, Andrew Schlosser, Ed Guck

Always remember in prayer our leaders in faith, especially: Pope Francis, Bishop Patrick Neary, Bishop Emeritus Donald Kettler, Dcn Randy Altstadt, Dcn Richard Quistorff, Fr. George Michael and Fr. Tom Skaja.

On December 12th, 2021, Pope Francis addressed the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square, with this question "What can I do concretely?" He then called on the faithful to ask themselves: "These days, as we approach Christmas, how can I do my part?" The pontiff proposed to the faithful five concrete commitments to intensely live out the days of Advent and to prepare our hearts for the birth of the child Jesus through simple actions:

1. Call a person who is alone.
2. Visit an elderly or sick person.
3. Do something to serve a poor person or a person in need.
4. Ask for forgiveness, forgive, clear up any conflict, or pay a debt.
5. Return to prayer and draw near to the forgiveness of the Lord.

Brothers and sisters, Pope Francis' message for Advent is worth recalling in these days. Let's find a concrete thing and do it!

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Readings for the Week

Monday	Is 2:1-5	Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10	Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10a	Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6	Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Gn 3:9-15, 20 Lk 1:26-38	Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Saturday	Is 30:19-21, 23-26	Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	Is 40:1-5, 9-11	2 Pt 3:8-14 MK 1:1-8

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Stewardship as a Way of Life:

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

