



September 24, 2023

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, Sept 23, 4:00PM (Sacred Heart) † Don Seifert
 Sat, Sept 23, 5:00PM (St. Henry) For the People
 Sat, Sept 23, 7:00PM (Holy Cross) † Louie & Shirley Sazama
 Sun, Sept 24, 8:00AM (St. Henry) † Lorie Siebels & † Larry Kempenich, Jr.
 Sun, Sept 24, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) † Lillian Haider
 Sun, Sept 24, 10:00AM (St. Henry) † Elizabeth Bachleitner
 Sun, Sept 24, 10:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Joyce Guck
 Tue, Sept 26, 8:45AM (St. Henry) † Karen Byer
 Tue, Sept 26, 7:00PM (Sacred Heart) † Bob Herges
 Wed, Sept 27, 8:30AM (St. Lawrence) † John Werner
 Wed, Sept 27, 5:15PM (Holy Cross) Christian Mothers
 Thu, Sept 28, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) † Louie Sazama
 Thu, Sept 28, 8:45AM (St. Henry) † Marlin Cole
 Fri, Sept 29, 8:30AM (St. Lawrence) Special Intention-Jack Fudge
 Fri, Sept 29, 8:45AM (St. Henry) Poor Souls in Purgatory
 Fri, Sept 29, 10:00AM (Perham Living) † Gordon Johnson
 Sat, Sept 30, 4:00PM (Sacred Heart) † Tony Knoll
 Sat, Sept 30, 5:00PM (St. Henry) † Joan Schmitz
 Sat, Sept 30, 7:00PM (Holy Cross) Parents of Jim & Jayne Hofland
 Sun, Oct 1, 8:00AM (St. Henry) † Bill Wallace
 Sun, Oct 1, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) † Gary Honer
 Sun, Oct 1, 10:00AM (St. Henry) For the People
 Sun, Oct 1, 10:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Leo & Theresa Doll

Financial Blessing for September 16th

Adult.....	820.00	Plate.....	26.00
Children.....	8.00	Raffle Donation....	50.00
		Total.....	904.00

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

Financial Blessing for September 16th & 17th

Adult.....	1,308.00	Plate.....	1,079.00
Youth.....	37.00	Elec. Transfers....	185.00
CCHD.....	310.00		
		Total.....	2,919.00

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

Financial Blessing for September 16th & 17th

Adult.....	4,537.00	Plate.....	1,697.00
Children's Basket.....	92.00	Votives.....	43.00
Rent Income.....	150.00	Elec. Transfers....	4,242.00
		Total.....	10,761.00

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

Financial Blessing for September 17th

Adult.....	1,211.00	Youth	10.00
Plate.....	247.00	Elec. Transfers.....	719.00
CCHD.....	120.00	Parking Lot.....	250.00
Missionaries of Jesus...25.00			
		Total.....	2,582.00

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



ECCE HOMO MEN'S EVENT

BEHOLD THE MAN + + + BECOME A SAINT

"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!

When: First Thursday of the Month (September - April)
 5:30pm: Meal
 6:00pm: Talk/Speaker
 6:45pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- The Holy Hour will begin with Vespers (Evening Prayer)
- Confessions will be available after Vespers until Benediction
- We'll end the Holy Hour with the Rosary (7:45pm)

8:00pm: Benediction

Where: October 2023: St. Lawrence, Rush Lake

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesday Noon

ST. LAWRENCE UPCOMING EVENTS



Hat Party!
Sunday, September 24th
5:00-7:00PM



Adults wear your favorite hobby hat!
Kids wear your favorite activity hat!
Join us for pizza, games, and fun for all ages!



St. Lawrence Coat Drive

St. Lawrence Church is collecting good, clean winter gear (coats, hats, mittens, scarfs) for all ages. These items can be dropped off in the collection bins located in the collection hall. Deadline for donations is Sunday, October 8th. The church is open to accept donations on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (9:00AM to Noon) or Sundays (October 1 & 8) before or after the 10:30AM Mass.



Bishop's Annual Appeal: Your generosity makes it possible for diocesan ministries to provide essential education, pastoral care and other assistance to thousands of people across our 16-county diocese. These ministries couldn't happen without you. Learn more at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

The Eucharistic Heart of Mary Sacred Heart, Frazee Retreat October 7, 2023



Rosary: 8:30AM Mass: 9:00AM
Session 1: 10:00AM-Noon Lunch: Noon-1:00PM
Session 2: 1:00-3:00PM

Free Will Offering

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Your donations support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" under "Resources."



Wed., Sept. 27: All Grades; 6:30-7:30PM
Wed., Oct. 4: All Grades; 6:30-7:30PM
Wed., Oct. 11: All Grades; 6:30-7:30PM; Safe Environment (Grades K-5)
Wed., Oct 18: No Class-MEA
Wed. Oct 25: All Grades; 6:30-7:30PM; Safe Environment (Grades 6-10)

Stephanie VonRuden-Faith Formation Director
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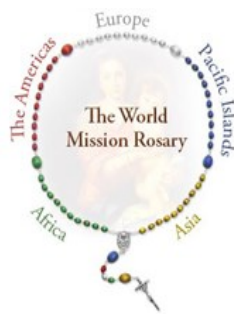


The Parish of St. Lawrence extends congratulations to **Kade Jeffrey Schornack** son of Brian & Ashley Schornack who received the Sacrament of Baptism on August 27th

Thank you to those who were able to attend our September meeting! Our group accomplishes so much, offering our services to many different projects! We also provide prayers to those requesting a need. We need members to help and provide your talents to those who are in need. We are very thankful we can help when called to serve! We need the women of St. Lawrence! It is only a once a month commitment with summer and winter months off! Please consider attending our October 16th meeting. God Bless!!



WORLD MISSION ROSARY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023



Join thousands embracing the world in prayer by saying a family Rosary at home!

Begun in 1951 by Archbishop Fulton Sheen, the World Mission Rosary includes five different-colored decades, each representing a different area of our world.

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SACRED HEART



SACRED HEART UPCOMING EVENTS

Sacred Heart Christian Mothers Meeting:
Tuesday, September 26th
(after 7:00PM Mass)



Wed., Sept. 27: Everyone; Opening Mass at 7:00PM with refreshments to follow

Wed., Oct. 4: Pre/K –11; 7:00PM

Wed., Oct. 11: Pre/K –11; 7:00PM

Wed., Oct 18: No Class-MEA

Wed. Oct 25: Pre/K –11; 7:00PM; Mission Rosary @ 8:00PM

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



Thank you to all who helped with, donated to, and participated in Sacred Heart's Church Bazaar. Because of your generosity, we made a profit of \$27,465.

Sacred Heart Christian Mothers

Coffee & Rolls
 Sunday, October 8th
 (after 8:30AM Mass)
 All are welcome!



*"I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
 I know my sheep, and mine know me."*

John 10:14



Join us for the **Public Square Rosary Crusade** on Saturday, October 14th at 11:00AM at St. Henry Catholic Church, Perham where we will pray an outdoor Rosary. Bring a chair to sit in and dress for the weather. Contact Jerry Huebsch at 218-731-4448 for more information.



2023 Box of Joy Kickoff: It's hard with our wonderful fall weather to think about Christmas. But it takes a few months for us to get the shopping done, boxes filled, and shipped to children in economically deprived countries. Think of our children – eyes aglow as they open their Christmas gifts. There are many children in countries like Guatemala, El Salvador, etc. who have never received a Christmas gift. Be that grain of sand that joins with other grains of sand to create a beautiful beach. Do your little part to bring Christ's joy to children in our world. Participate in the Box of Joy program. If you have questions or do not see materials in your parish, please contact our local Box of Joy leader (Carol Peeters, peeterscarol19@hotmail.com, 218-371-1817). Our goal for the seven ACC's in the Northwestern Deanery is to fill 1000 boxes!

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. 9-22-23-Vonnie Bennett-\$100.

We invite you to our upcoming gala. This event provides funds for unbudgeted items for the school. This year we will be focusing on math and science items to supplement our upcoming new curriculum. This fundraiser is a fun, social evening that is designed for anyone. Tickets are available at the church office or school office for \$50. We hope to see you there on Saturday, Oct. 14.

If you are interested in making a donation for the gala, either cash donation or NEW auction items would be welcome!

If you aren't sure what this is, here are some questions and answers.

Q: What is the Gala

A: The Gala is a fundraiser for classroom/ school updates as far as technology, equipment, curriculum & misc. supplies.

Q: What happens at the Gala

A: We have fellowship, a meal, short program, Irish Auction and raffles.

Q: Who can attend?

A: Anyone over 21 years in age!

Q: Where can I get tickets?

A: School office or Parish office

Q: How much are the tickets?

A: \$50



Our students in grades 1-3 will be heading to Itasca State Park on Tuesday to check out the fall colors and the headwaters of the Mississippi River.

Jason Smith, Principal

218-346-6190 or sthenryschool@arvig.net



If you are pregnant or newly postpartum, get registered for *Matres in Servizio Mariae!* We would like to add you to our prayer list and provide the newly postpartum women of NCACC with postpartum "freezer" meals and a small new baby care kit! Questions? Want to volunteer to make meals or donate new/gently used baby items? Contact Krystal Vareberg.

The Knights of Columbus are collecting new and clean, slightly used kids winter coats. Please hang the coats at the north entrance coat rack of St. Henry's Church.



ST. HENRY



Teachers are still needed for 9th grade for the Faith Formation Program. Contact Caleb at 218-457-0987 if you are able to help pass on the faith to our youth.



Faith Formation Classes started September 13th and will run from 6:30PM-7:30PM every Wednesday.

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



The Catholic Daughters will be selling Butter Braids, Pastry Puffins, and Butterhearts to supplement the donations they give to various organizations. They will take your orders after the weekend Masses on October 7/8 and 14/15. There will, also, be order forms in Information Alley at St. Henry's Church. If you are interested in ordering, contact Lynn Tobkin at 218-371-1284 or rltt5@eot.com. The date of delivery will be Tuesday, November 7th - in time for the holidays!

The Knights are doing a cash/prize raffle. If anyone is interested in purchasing a ticket, contact Jeff Fritz or Deacon Richard. Tickets are \$5.00/each. The drawing will be held October 10th. Need not be present to win.



Next weekend, **Sept. 30th/Oct. 1st**, the Catholic Daughters will be giving out Gummi Bears after all the Masses. All donations received will go toward the State Habitat for Humanity project. This year, Court St. Cabrini in Fergus Falls is working on a Habitat home.

2023-2024 JCDA

Kickoff Party

Sunday, September 24

11:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (after 10:00 Mass)

St. Henry's Church Basement

ALL CATHOLIC GIRLS AGES 6-18 WELCOME TO ATTEND!

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HOLY CROSS UPCOMING EVENTS

Ribs for \$20.00 rack are now for sale and can be picked up on October 7th.

Next Saturday, there will be Gummi Bears available for a donation to help support Habitat for Humanity.

Cards will be played every Thursday at 1:00 pm.



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 approved the resurfacing project and is waiting for the Bishop's approval. 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



Upcoming Baptism Class

Requirements for having your first child baptized are: registration at a parish and attendance of a pre-baptism class. This class is normally offered every two months. A class will be offered on **Saturday, October 21st**, from 9:00 am-12:00 pm in St. Henry's conference room. If you want your child baptized but have not yet attended the required class, please register at 346-4240. Pre-registration for the class is required.

As part of the Eucharistic Revival's Year in the Parish, all present Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, as well as those considering this ministry, are invited to a free workshop offered by the diocesan Office of Worship. This 90-minute workshop will include formation and training essential to serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. There are 10 opportunities across the diocese during September & October. Please see the website <https://stdcio.org/eucharistic-revival/> for more information.



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

Amy Thompson, Ashley Wilkowski, Barb Jarchow, Dean Salo, Diana Billie, Jean Schmitz, Jesse Erickson, Jim Guck, Joe Berns, Julie Carr, Kacie (Pikula) Derkacht, Karen Omberg, Larry Bucholz, Larry Imdieke, Lucille Schik, Mike Ruther, Paul Juen, Richard Bergeron, Robert Daiker, Ron Bertram, Ron Wallace, Sebastian Mettler, Steve & Sue Loerzel, Sue Kalinoski, Tammy (Steinbach) Coryell

All military personnel, especially: Derick Burr, Martin Ara, Greg Hirschey, Sandra Silbernagel, Nicholas Melz, Luke Potts, Zoe McAvoy, Jason Richter, Miguel Martinez, Steven Sundberg, 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.

New School Capital Campaign Update

Complete Project	\$8,100,000.00
Pledged	\$8,224,345.00
Pledges to be Received	\$552,715.00
Received	\$7,671,630.00
Pledged Monies Received 09-17	\$3,983.00
Households Contributing	350

...to serve the poor is to go to God...
- St. Vincent de Paul

Feast Day: September 27

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for September

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Readings for the Week

Monday	Ezr 1:1-6	Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20	Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	Ezr 9:5-9	Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	Hg 1:1-8	Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14	Jn 1:47-51
Saturday	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a	Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday	Ez 18:25-28	Phil 2:1-11
	Mt 21:28-32	

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(218) 385-3850

(SACRED HEART): Monday, Thursday & Friday: From 9:00

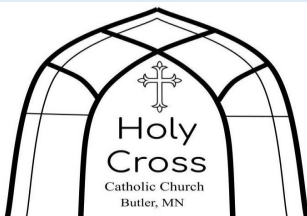
AM-12 Noon, (218) 758-2700

(ST.LAWRENCE): Tuesday & Wednesday: From 9:00 AM-

12 Noon, (218) 346-7729

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

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Stewardship as a Way of Life:

“Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last”.

Matthew 20:16

You’ve heard the saying “it’s not where you start, but how you finish. “This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live “God-centered” lives and not “self-centered” lives.

