

December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat, Dec 23, 4:00PM (Sacred Heart) † John Tschida
 Sat, Dec 23, 5:00PM (St. Henry) For the People
 Sat, Dec 23, 7:00PM (Holy Cross) † Marilyn Stenger
 Sun, Dec 24, 8:00AM (St. Henry) † David Quistorff
 Sun, Dec 24, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) † Louie Szama
 Sun, Dec 24, 10:00AM (St. Henry) † Vincent & Bernadette Guck
 Sun, Dec 24, 10:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Rita Yaggie
 Sun, Dec 24 (Christmas Eve), 4:00PM (St. Henry) † Rita Rotta
 Sun, Dec 24 (Christmas Eve), 4:00PM (St. Lawrence) † Russ Kadow
 Sun, Dec 24 (Christmas Eve), 4:00PM (Sacred Heart) † Marion Stoll
 Sun, Dec 24 (Christmas Eve), 7:00PM (Holy Cross) For the People
 Mon, Dec 25 (Christmas Day), 12:00AM Midnight (Sacred Heart) † Marilyn Stenger
 Mon, Dec 25 (Christmas Day), 9:00AM (St. Henry) Special Intention for Marie & Ben
 Mon, Dec 25 (Christmas Day), 10:00AM (Perham Living) † Marilyn Siebels
 Mon, Dec 25 (Christmas Day), 10:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Raymond Bucholz
 Tue, Dec 26, 8:45AM (St. Henry) No Mass
 Tue, Dec 26, 7:00PM (Sacred Heart) No Mass
 Wed, Dec 27, 8:30AM (St. Lawrence) Special intention-Zoe McAvoy
 Wed, Dec 27, 5:15PM (Holy Cross) Living & Deceased Christian Mothers
 Thu, Dec 28, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) † Pete Harthun
 Thu, Dec 28, 8:45AM (St. Henry) No Mass
 Fri, Dec 29, 8:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Leo & Theresa Doll
 Fri, Dec 29, 8:45AM (St. Henry) Deceased Relatives of the Wegscheid Family
 Fri, Dec 29, 10:00AM (Perham Living) † Duane Perszyk
 Sat, Dec 30, 4:00PM (Sacred Heart) † David & Marion Jaroszewski
 Sat, Dec 30, 5:00PM (St. Henry) † Urban Fritz
 Sat, Dec 30, 7:00PM (Holy Cross) Joe & Clara Riepe's Anniversary
 Sun, Dec 31, 8:00AM (St. Henry) Special Intention
 Sun, Dec 31, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) † Bob Riestenberg
 Sun, Dec 31, 10:00AM (St. Henry) For the People
 Sun, Dec 31, 10:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Joyce Guck



Financial Blessing for December 16th

Adult.....	760.00	Plate.....	51.00
Children.....	4.00	Religious Retire.....	55.00
Christmas Flowers.....	36.00	Votives.....	2.00
		Total.....	908.00

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

Financial Blessing for December 16th & 17th

Adult.....	1,383.00	Plate.....	527.00
Youth.....	37.00	Elec. Transfers.....	125.00
Christmas Flowers.....	50.00	Rel. Ret.....	95.00
Imm. Conception.....	75.00	Christmas.....	580.00
		Total.....	2,872.00

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

Financial Blessing for December 16th & 17th

Adult.....	6,635.00	Plate.....	1,153.25
Children's Basket.....	90.75	Imm. Conc.....	78.00
Votives.....	24.00	Rent Income.....	100.00
Christmas Flowers.....	5.00	Christmas.....	5,610.00
Donation.....	50.00	Elec. Transfers....	3,901.00
		Total.....	17,647.00

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

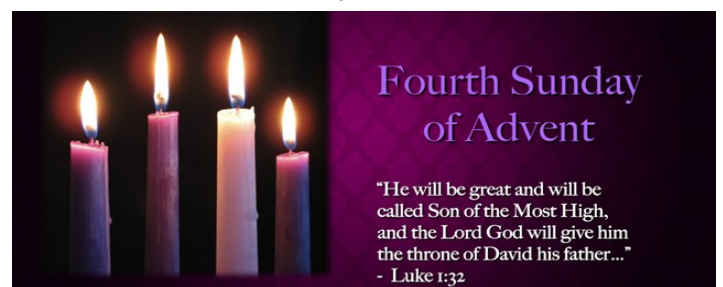
Financial Blessing for December 17th

Adult.....	9,636.00	Youth	17.00
Plate.....	5,649.15	Elec. Transfers.....	455.00
Christmas	100.00	Imm. Conc	80.00
Christmas Flowers.....	716.00		
		Total.....	16,653.15

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

PLEASE NOTE...

All NCACC parish offices will be closed and there will be no adoration at St. Henry on December 25th and 26th. Adoration will begin at 9:00am on December 27th. There will be no Mass at St. Henry or Sacred Heart on December 26th, and there will be no Mass at St. Henry on December 28th.



ST. LAWRENCE UPCOMING EVENTS



FAMILY OUTDOOR FUN UTILITY CART

**\$5 per chance or
3 chances for \$10**

You could win the utility cart along with all its contents. This event is sponsored by St. Lawrence Christian Mothers with all proceeds going toward the 2024 Polka Festival. Chances will be sold after Sunday Masses or contact Marlene Boedigheimer at 218-457-1588.

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.



CHECK YOUR MAILBOX FOR THE 2024 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES. PLEASE PICK THEM UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

A Christmas Prayer of Good Wishes

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ Child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

Author Unknown



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.

Wed. Dec. 27: No Class

Wed. Jan. 3: No Class

Wed. Jan 10: All Grades; 6:30-7:30PM

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

ECCE HOMO MEN'S EVENT

BEHOLD THE MAN
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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:

September 2023: St. Henry, Perham
October 2023: St. Lawrence, Rush Lake
November 2023: Holy Cross, Butler
December 2023: Sacred Heart, Dent
January 2024: St. Henry, Perham
February 2024: St. Lawrence, Rush Lake
March 2024: Holy Cross, Butler
April 2024: Sacred Heart, Dent

If you have any questions, contact Gregory at 763-227-6670, or Fr. Tom at 218-298-0585.



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.



Bishop's Annual Appeal: Blessings to you in this fourth week of Advent as we contemplate the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." Please take a moment to pray for the people of our diocese and all who serve to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota.

Canonical Administrator: Fr. George Michael, E-mail: gmichaelvc@gmail.com, fathergeorge@ncacc.net
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Deacons: Deacon Richard Quistorff; Deacon Randy Altstadt



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SACRED HEART



Wed., Dec. 27: No Class; Christmas Break
Wed., Jan. 3: No Class; Christmas Break
Wed., Jan. 10: Grades 1-11; 7:00PM

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

“Seeds to Grow” Sacred Heart “Seeds to Grow” is for those who are sick, injured or are in need of financial assistance due to their medical circumstances. If you know of anyone who needs our help, please submit a request to Sacred Heart Church, Dent, or call Mary at 218-758-2032. Request forms are available on the Sacred Heart bulletin board.



Weekly Bulletin Email List

If you would like to have the bulletin emailed to you each week, please let us know by calling or by emailing your parish office.

SACRED HEART UPCOMING EVENTS

Baby Jesus Shower

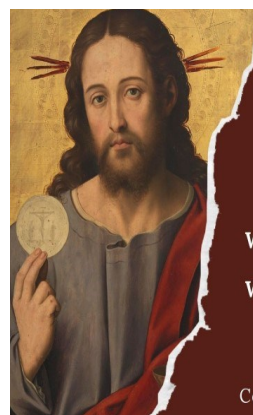


Sacred Heart Christian Mothers are collecting baby items to be donated to the needy. Items can be placed under the tree in the gathering space.

CHECK YOUR MAILBOX FOR THE 2024 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES. PLEASE PICK THEM UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.



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.



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 winner this week. 12-22-23-Kristie Todd-\$100.



Calendars will continue to be for sale until the day of our first drawing, which will be Wednesday, January 3rd. They will be available after Mass at St. Henry's on Dec. 16-17, Dec. 23-24 and Dec. 30-31. They are also available at the church offices and school office. Each \$50 calendar gets you entered into a drawing for \$100 every Friday and \$50 every other Wednesday. You can win multiple times. Thank you for supporting St. Henry's Area School.

Merry Christmas, everyone. We appreciate your prayers and support for the school.

Jason Smith, Principal
218-346-6190 or sthenryschool@arvig.net

The Parish of St. Henry extends special congratulations to Ron & Sharon Loerzel who recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary May the Lord bless you.



Wedding Banns III

Brady Blasher
& Abby Theisen



We are looking for people to commit to spending a scheduled hour a week with Jesus in the **Blessed Sacrament at Adoration** at St. Henry. The hours we could really use a guardian are:

- Monday from 3-4pm
- Tuesday from 2-3pm
- Tuesday from 6-7pm
- Wednesday from 6-7am
- Wednesday from 2-3pm



Please prayerfully consider giving Jesus an hour of your week in Adoration. If you would be interested in taking a time slot (even on a substitute basis), please call the parish office at 218-346-4240.

A "Widows Walk" is an informal group of Catholic women who meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:00PM in the conference room at St. Henry's Catholic Church. For more information and to RSVP, please contact: Judy Christopherson at 218-298-0797.

- Wed., Dec 27th:** No Class (Christmas Break)
- Wed., Jan 3rd:** Class; 6:30-7:30PM (Parent Night)
- Wed., Jan 10th:** Class; 6:30-7:30PM

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 religiously@st-henrys.org



Dorothy Day House: Help the homeless in our area by supporting the Dorothy Day House men's shelter in Moorhead, MN. They are currently in need of the following items: Ziploc bags (gallon and sandwich); bath towels, winter hats, gloves and scarves; deodorant, men's underwear, plain white t-shirts, socks (these clothing items preferred to be new); disposable razors; sleeping bags; blankets and hygiene products. **They are especially in need of warm hats, gloves, mittens and socks.** For more information, see the website at www.churches.united.org or call Teresa Elkin at 218-298-1274 or Cecile Guck at 218-298-4386.

Community Outreach Ministry is in need of twin, full, and queen beds in good condition, end tables, mixers, coffee pots, toasters, pots & pans, and crock pots. Please call Cindy Olson at 218-849-8658 or Teresa Elkin at 218-298-1274.



We have ribs available as a fundraiser! \$20.00/rack again this year. If you would like to purchase some, talk to Ann or Joe.

*The Northern Cross ACC Parishes wish to extend deepest sympathy to family and friends of **Norb Ruther & Martha Wilkowski** who passed away recently.*

May Norb & Martha 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

CONGRATULATIONS to Ryatt Wade Kern; son of Ethan & Aynsley Kern who was baptized here this past week. Congratulations to the family.

THANK YOU to all those who bought cookies from the Christian Mothers bake sale. They made \$425.00.

Contribution envelopes for 2024 are in your mailboxes; if you did not receive any; talk to Faye.

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.

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



Honoring Marriage Day will be held on May 4th, 2024 at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud for couples celebrating 5, 25, 40, 50 or 60 plus years of marriage in 2024. Please let your parish office know if you are celebrating these anniversary years no later than January 31, so we can send the information to the diocese.

New School Capital Campaign Update

Complete Project	\$8,100,000.00
Pledged	\$8,243,848.00
Pledges to be Received	\$495,877.00
Received	\$7,747,971.00
Pledged Monies Received 12-17	\$840.00
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



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Parish Website: <https://www.parishfaith.com/holy-cross---butler>

Please pray for those in need of healing in our parishes: Ashley Wilkowski, Dean Salo, Diana Billie, Jean Schmitz, Jen Aanenson, Julie Carr, 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.

A Christmas Prayer

Lord, we welcome You into our hearts and homes.

Bless us with Your peace,

fill us with Your joy,

surround us with your love.

We celebrate You

and thank You for coming into our world.

Amen



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.



Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December

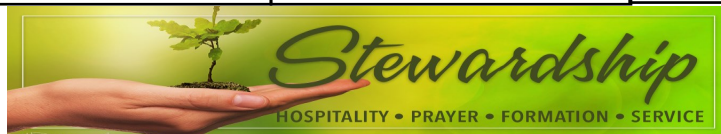
We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Readings for the Week

Monday	Is 52:7-10	Heb 1:1-6	Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59	Mt 10:17-22	
Wednesday	1 Jn 1:1-4	Jn 20:1a and 2-8	
Thursday	1 Jn 1:5—2:2	Mt 2:13-18	
Friday	1 Jn 2:3-11	Lk 2:22-35	
Saturday	1 Jn 2:12-17	Lk 2:36-40	
Sunday	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14	Col 3:12-21	LK 2:22-40

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Stewardship as a Way of Life:

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

