

December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

Sat, Dec 16, 4:00PM (Sacred Heart) † Lorraine Engel
 Sat, Dec 16, 5:00PM (St. Henry) For the People
 Sat, Dec 16, 7:00PM (Holy Cross) † Leona Loerzel
 Sun, Dec 17, 8:00AM (St. Henry) † Margaret & Bob Lucking
 Sun, Dec 17, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) † Gordy Rosenthal
 Sun, Dec 17, 10:00AM (St. Henry) † Mike Rohde
 Sun, Dec 17, 10:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Norman Jahnke
 Tue, Dec 19, 8:45AM (St. Henry) Special Intention - Brett & Elisa Kupferschmid
 Tue, Dec 19, 7:00PM (Sacred Heart) † Dorothy & Alois Gerber
 Wed, Dec 20, 8:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Rose Guck
 Wed, Dec 20, 5:15PM (Holy Cross) † Art Riestenberg
 Thu, Dec 21, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) † Art Anderson
 Thu, Dec 21, 8:45AM (St. Henry) † Ray Weickert
 Fri, Dec 22, 8:30AM (St. Lawrence) † John Werner
 Fri, Dec 22, 8:45AM (St. Henry) † Andy & Elaine Johnson and † Marie Malikowski
 Fri, Dec 22, 10:00AM (Perham Living) † Mary Ann Guck
 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 Sazama
 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

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.

Financial Blessing for December 9th

Adult.....	1,801.00	Plate.....	110.00
Children.....	107.00	Religious Retire.....	10.00
Christmas Flowers.....	61.00	Imm. Concep.....	305.00
Total.....		2,394.00	

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

Financial Blessing for December 9th & 10th

Adult.....	1,403.00	Plate.....	1,258.00
Youth.....	27.00	Elec. Transfers.....	375.00
Christmas Flowers.....	117.00	All Saints.....	20.00
Imm. Conception.....	272.25	Christmas.....	4,000.00
Rel. Ret.....	247.00		
Total.....		7,719.25	

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

Financial Blessing for December 9th & 10th

Adult.....	9,282.00	Plate.....	1,384.26
Children's Basket.....	55.10	Imm. Conc.....	2,149.00
Votives.....	74.65	Candles.....	20.00
Christmas Flowers.....	45.00	Christmas.....	70.00
Coffee.....	24.00	Ecce Homo.....	50.00
Coffee & Donuts.....	108.00	Hall Rent.....	20.00
Elec. Transfers.....	3,901.00		
Total.....		21,951.50	

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

Financial Blessing for December 10th

Adult.....	4,055.00	Youth	3.00
Plate.....	407.00	Elec. Transfers.....	465.00
Christmas	250.00	Rel. Ret.....	315.00
Imm. Conception	415.00		
Total.....		5,910.00	

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



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. 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



The Parish of St. Lawrence extends congratulations to **Luther Arron Brunell** son of Jacob Brunell & Olivia Smith who was baptized this week



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.



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.



St. Lawrence Christmas Potluck/Bake Sale/ St. Nick Visit
Sunday, December 17th
(after 10:30AM Mass)

All work groups provide baked goods for the bake sale. A baked dish and dinner rolls will be provided. Parishioners are asked to bring a salad or side dish to share. Please, no desserts, as desserts will be available for purchase at the bake sale.

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.



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.

Register now for the first Diocesan **Festival of Families** at Sacred Heart, Sauk Rapids on February 11, from 10:30AM-3:00PM. Register your family for \$20 at: <https://stcdio.org/event/festival-of-families/>



Bishop's Annual Appeal: Blessings to you in this third week of Advent as we remember the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus. As you celebrate this season, please consider supporting diocesan ministries with a year-end gift. To donate, visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal or mail to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, P.O. Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

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SACRED HEART



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

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.

The Parish of Sacred Heart extends special congratulations to

Fred & Mary Bauck

Who are celebrating their

50th Anniversary on December 21st

May the Lord bless you.



Welcome to Jeff & Joan Gontarek

who recently registered as new members of the Sacred Heart parish family.

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.

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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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.



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

Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit retiredreligious.org.

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



Congratulations to our Calendar Raffle winners this week. 12-13-23-Tom Silbernagel-\$50 and 12-15-23-Julie Loiland-\$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.

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



The Parish of St. Henry extends congratulations to **Emerson Lou Paurus** child of Gage & Anne Paurus who was baptized this week

Wedding Banns II

Brady Blasher
& Abby Theisen



JCDA December Get-Together
Sunday, December 17 • 3:00-6:00 p.m.
St. Henry's Church Basement
Girls ages 6-18 are invited to join us as we welcome our newly elected officers, make crafts and have some Christmas-themed fun!

Help is needed on Thursday, December 21st at 10:00am to help decorate for Christmas. Also, we need many hands on Sunday, December 24th after the 10:00am Mass to help move poinsettias into the church. If you can help, please let the Parish Office know. Many hands make light work! Thank you!



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. 20th: Reconciliation
Wed., Dec 27th: No Class (Christmas Break)
Wed., Jan 3rd: Class 6:30-7:30pm (Parent Night)

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.

If you are pregnant or newly postpartum, get registered for *Matres in Servitio 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.



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HOLY CROSS UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Anyone interested in helping decorate for Christmas please stay after Mass on December 23rd to help.

Usher sign up sheet is on the table in the entry; please sign up as a family or group.

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.



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.

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

This week we light the third Candle of the Advent Wreath known as the Shepherd Candle or the Candle of Joy. The third Sunday of Advent is also Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.



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



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	\$8,243,008.00
Pledges to be Received	\$495,877.00
Received	\$7,747,131.00
Pledged Monies Received 12-10	\$7,978.00
Households Contributing	350

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.

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.

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



Holy Cross Catholic Church of Butler

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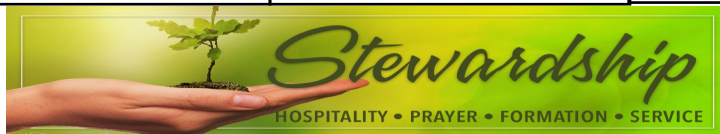
Parish Website: <https://www.parishfaith.com/holy-cross---butler>

Readings for the Week

Monday	Jer 23:5-8	Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a	Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday	Is 7:10-14	Lk 1:26-38
Thursday	Sg 2:8-14	Lk 1:39-45
Friday	1 Sm 1:24-28	Lk 1:46-56
Saturday	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24	Lk 1:57-66
Sunday	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16	
	Rom 16:25-27	Lk 1:26-38

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Stewardship as a Way of Life

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”
1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.



Always be full of joy. Pray constantly. Give thanks in everything for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. —1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

NCACC CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE 2023

Churches of Sacred Heart, St. Lawrence, St. Henry, & Holy Cross

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Sunday, Dec 24 4:00 PM-Sacred Heart, Dent
Sunday, Dec 24 4:00 PM-St. Lawrence, Rush Lake
Sunday, Dec 24 4:00 PM-St. Henry, Perham
Sunday, Dec 24 7:00 PM-Holy Cross, Butler

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Monday, Dec 25 12:00 AM (Midnight)-Sacred Heart, Dent
Monday, Dec 25 9:00 AM-St. Henry, Perham
Monday, Dec 25 10:00 AM-Perham Living, Perham
Monday, Dec 25 10:30 AM-St. Lawrence, Rush Lake

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

Monday, Jan 1 7:00 PM-St. Henry, Perham



All Are Welcome

Hey everyone,

Whether you're ready or not, Christmas is right around the corner! As you probably know, it falls on a Monday this year, immediately following the fourth Sunday of Advent. Christmas is one of the most important feasts of the year, and because of this, it's one of the holy days of obligation.

The reason why I'm writing this letter is to clear up any confusion you might have: while Christmas falls on a Monday, it does not take away the usual Sunday obligation.

While there will be a lot of different Mass times from December 23rd to December 25th, it is not possible to fulfill both obligations with a single Mass. In other words... no double-dipping: two obligations means two Masses.

So what's the game plan for this weekend? According to "The Pillar," a Catholic media journal (which I'd recommend: see www.pillaratholic.com), there are five options for this weekend in order to fulfill both obligations:

1. **Two for Two:** a morning Mass on Sunday and a morning Mass on Christmas Day. This is the simplest option and the easiest to remember.
2. **"Vigil" All the Way:** a Saturday anticipatory Mass and the Christmas Eve Mass. Also pretty self-explanatory.
3. **The Long Weekend:** a Saturday anticipatory Mass and a morning Mass on Christmas Day. This gives you a nice little break between Masses.
4. **Super Sunday:** a morning Mass on Sunday and the Christmas Eve Mass on the same day. This option would give you a taste of what it's like to be a priest or deacon 😊
5. **Double Christmas:** This is interesting... Catholics are obliged to attend Mass every Sunday, including the fourth Sunday of Advent. *And* we are obliged to go to Mass for the feast of Christmas. Those two obligations are distinct, and have to be met separately—but there's no rule mandating that the Mass we attend for our Sunday obligation actually be celebrated liturgically for the fourth Sunday of Advent. In other words, you could attend back-to-back Christmas Eve Masses on Sunday evening, or a Christmas Eve Mass followed by the midnight Mass or the Mass on Christmas Day, and you will have satisfied both your Sunday and Christmas Day obligations.

I hope this clarifies things as we approach the beautiful feast of Christmas. Please keep us priests and deacons in your prayers, that we remain joyful and full of peace, especially with such a full weekend.

Peace,
Fr. Tom

P.S. If you haven't been to a midnight Mass before, you should consider stopping by Sacred Heart in Dent at 12am on Christmas. It's one of my favorite nights of the year!



PATRICK  MURPHY

'tis the season

Friday, December 22, 2023
7:00 P.M.

St. Henry's Catholic Church
Perham, MN

Free will offering to help support
the Fellowship Hall/Gymnasium
sound system