



# December 21, 2025

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat, Dec 20, 4:00PM (Sacred Heart) † John Gerber  
 Sat, Dec 20, 5:00PM (St. Henry) † Christine Wasche  
 Sat, Dec 20, 7:00PM (Holy Cross) † Rose Guck  
 Sun, Dec 21, 8:00AM (St. Henry) † Orris & Eleanor Olson  
 Sun, Dec 21, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) † Gracie Langlie  
 Sun, Dec 21, 10:00AM (St. Henry) For the People  
 Sun, Dec 21, 10:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Eva Lamb  
 Sun, Dec 21, 11:45AM (St. Henry - Spanish Mass) Special Intention—Elena Sandoval  
 Tue, Dec 23, 8:45AM (St. Henry) † Andy & Elaine Johnson and † Marie Malikowski  
 Tue, Dec 23, 7:00PM (Sacred Heart) † John Tschida  
 Wed, Dec 24, 4:00PM (St. Henry) † Rita Rotta  
 Wed, Dec 24, 4:00PM (Sacred Heart) † Laurence & Marilyn Stenger  
 Wed, Dec 24, 6:00PM (St. Lawrence) † Leo & Theresa Doll  
 Wed, Dec 24, 7:00PM (Holy Cross) † Roger & LaVerne Hendrickx  
 Thu, Dec 25, 8:45AM (St. Henry) For the People  
 Thu, Dec 25, 10:30AM (St. Henry-Spanish Mass) Special Intention - Immigrants and Their Needs  
 Fri, Dec 26, 8:30AM (St. Lawrence) No Mass  
 Fri, Dec 26, 10:00AM (Perham Living) Communion Service  
 Sat, Dec 27, 4:00PM (Sacred Heart) † David & Marion Jaroszewski  
 Sat, Dec 27, 5:00PM (St. Henry) Families of Roman & Kathy Walz  
 Sat, Dec 27, 7:00PM (Holy Cross) Clara & † Joe Riepe 59th Anniversary  
 Sun, Dec 28, 8:00AM (St. Henry) † Al Stigman  
 Sun, Dec 28, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) † Josh Hanson  
 Sun, Dec 28, 10:00AM (St. Henry) † George Altstadt  
 Sun, Dec 28, 10:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Beverly Schwartzfisher  
 Sun, Dec 28, 11:45AM (St. Henry - Spanish Mass) For the People

### CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Wednesday, Dec 24 4:00 PM-Sacred Heart, Dent  
 Wednesday, Dec 24 4:00 PM-St. Henry, Perham  
 Wednesday, Dec 24 6:00 PM-St. Lawrence, Rush Lake  
 Wednesday, Dec 24 7:00 PM-Holy Cross, Butler

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Thursday, Dec 25 8:45AM-St. Henry, Perham  
 Thursday, Dec 25 10:30AM-St. Henry, Perham (Spanish)

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, Dec 31 5:15PM-Holy Cross, Butler  
 Wednesday, Dec 31 7:00PM-St. Lawrence, Rush Lake  
 Thursday, Jan 1 8:30AM-Sacred Heart, Dent  
 Thursday, Jan 1 10:30AM-St. Henry, Perham

### Financial Blessing for December 13th

Adult.....	1,380.00	Plate.....	76.00
Imm Conception.....	15.00	Youth.....	28.00
Votives.....	32.00	Rel Retirement.....	10.00
<b>Total.....</b>		<b>1,541.00</b>	

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

### Financial Blessing for December 13th & 14th

Adult.....	2,258.00	Plate.....	647.00
Youth.....	22.00	Elec. Transfers.....	595.00
Christmas Flowers.....	100.00	Christmas.....	10.00
Imm Conception.....	622.00	Rel. Retirement....	277.00
<b>Total.....</b>		<b>4,531.00</b>	

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

### Financial Blessing for December 13th & 14th

Adult.....	11,462.00	Plate.....	1,242.90
Children's Basket.....	82.75	Elec. Transfers....	4,221.00
Christmas Flowers.....	20.00	Votives.....	72.00
Imm. Conception.....	170.00	Christmas.....	110.00
Bulletin Sponsors.....	750.00	Coffee.....	48.00
Initial Offering.....	10.00	Donuts.....	153.00
<b>Total.....</b>		<b>18,341.65</b>	

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

### Financial Blessing for December 14th

Adult.....	2,450.00	Youth.....	5.00
Elec. Transfers.....	220.00	Plate.....	626.00
Imm Conception.....	318.00	Christmas.....	135.00
Rel. Retirement.....	430.00	Christmas Flowers..	317.00
<b>Total.....</b>		<b>4,501.00</b>	

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

### St. Henry's Adoration Schedule Update:

Please note the following changes to the Adoration schedule due to the upcoming holidays. Eucharistic Adoration will **END** on Thursday, December 18th at 5:00PM and will **RESUME** on Monday January 5th at 9:00AM. Thank you for your understanding.

PLEASE  
NOTE...

**BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER 28 & JANUARY 4 BULLETINS IS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18.**

# ST. LAWRENCE UPCOMING EVENTS



**BLACKSTONE GRILL RAFFLE!**  
\$5 per chance or 3 chances for \$10  
You could win this Blackstone grill along with all its contents. The raffle is sponsored by St. Lawrence Christian Women with all proceeds going toward the 2026 St. Lawrence Festival. Chances will be on sale after Mass, in the parish office, or contact Marlene Boedigheimer at 218-457-1588. Drawing will be in February.

The Parish of St. Lawrence extends congratulations to **Summer Josephine Hugbsch**

Daughter of Josh Anderson & Kimberly Hugbsch who received the Sacrament of Baptism on December 14th



Requirements for having your first child baptized are: registration at a parish and attendance of a pre-baptism class. This class is normally offered on the 3rd Saturday of each month. The next class will be offered on **Saturday, January 17th** at 9:00AM in

St. Henry's conference room. If you want your child baptized but have not yet attended the required class, please call the parish office at 218-346-4240. Pre-registration is required.

*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.*



## Cemetery News

Rick Guck is the sexton of St Lawrence Cemetery. Please, contact Rick (218-849-5488) or the parish office (218-346-7729) with any questions regarding cemetery plots.

# ST. LAWRENCE



Faith Formation

**Wed., December 24: No Class; Christmas Break**

**Wed., December 31: No Class; Christmas Break**

**Wed., January 7: All Grades; 6:30-7:30PM**

**Sat., January 10: Grade 2, First Reconciliation, 9:00AM**

**Wed., January 14: All Grades; 6:30-7:30PM**

**Stephanie VonRuden-Faith Formation Director**  
**218-298-1050 or steph@ncacc.net**



## A Christmas Prayer

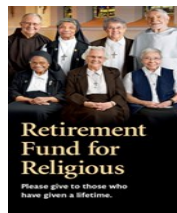
Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.  
†Amen.

## WINTER WEATHER POLICY

When school is cancelled due to weather, there will be no Masses, no Adoration, and offices will be closed at all the NCACC parishes. If school is two hours late, Adoration will begin at noon and all morning Masses will be cancelled, but evening Masses may take place, if weather permits. For any other weather related announcements refer to My parish app or the NCACC Facebook page.



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**St. Lawrence Catholic Church of Rush Lake**

**46404 County Highway 14**

**Perham, MN 56573**

**Phone: (218) 346-7729 Fax: (218) 346-5946**

**Office Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00AM-Noon**

**Email: [sandi@ncacc.net](mailto:sandi@ncacc.net)**

**Parish Website: [sacredheartstlawrencecatholicchurches.com](http://sacredheartstlawrencecatholicchurches.com)**





# 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.

**"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.



**Cemetery News** Tim Stoll (218-841-4251) and John Kratzke (218-758-2275) (Sacred Heart) and Mark Riestenberg (218-731-2867) (St. Joseph) are the sextons of Sacred Heart and St. Joseph Cemeteries. Please, contact them or the parish office (218-758-2700) with any questions regarding cemetery plots.

**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; Third Saturday from 6:00PM– 7:00PM at Holy Cross. Tuesday & Thursday, 8:15AM-8:45AM; 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); Dawn Swanz & Jason Schik (Holy Cross)

**Northern Cross Area Catholic Community Pastoral Council Members:** Chelsey Hendrickx, Dawn Swanz, Dan Schik (Holy Cross); Brenda Aschnewitz, Mark Riestenberg, Kenny Moenkendick (Sacred Heart) Gina Cavanagh, Ken Guck, Jason Smith (St. Henry); Sandi Carrlson, Jack Werner, Caleb Carrlson (St. Lawrence)



## SACRED HEART

**Wed., December 24:**

**No Class; Christmas Break**

**Wed., December 31:**

**No Class; Christmas Break**

**Wed., January 7:**

**1-11; 7:00PM**

**Wed., January 14:**

**1-11; 7:00PM; Rosary @ 8:00PM**

**Diane Sazama-Faith Formation Director**

**218-849-7520 or email [woolyacres@arvig.net](mailto:woolyacres@arvig.net)**



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

**Eugene Klinnert**

*who passed away recently.*

*May Eugene know eternal peace and joy in heaven and may God grant comfort to his family and friends.*

The **2026 Marriage Prep Course** will be held at St. Henry on **January 25th, 2026 from 8:00AM-4:00PM**. For more information or to register, please contact St. Henry's Parish Office.



# MERRY Christmas



**Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Dent**

**36963 State Highway 108**

**Dent, MN 56528**

**Phone: (218) 758-2700**

**Office Hours: Monday and Thursday 9:00AM-1:00PM**

**Email: [sandi@ncacc.net](mailto:sandi@ncacc.net)**

**Parish Website: [sacredheartstlawrencecatholicchurches.com](http://sacredheartstlawrencecatholicchurches.com)**



Congratulations to our Calendar Raffle winner this week. 12-17-25-Joan Stenger-\$50 and 12-19-25-Mary Bennett-\$100



Calendars are available after Masses at St. Henry's and in the school and church offices for \$50 each. Each purchase gives you the opportunity to win \$100 every Friday and \$50 every other Wednesday, and you can win multiple times. 225 calendars are available. They will be available until January 2<sup>nd</sup> or until they are sold out. They make great gifts. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

If you are interested in enrolling your preschooler at our preschool for the fall of 2026-27, please reach out to Miss Missy at [mmickelson.sthenryschool@arvig.net](mailto:mmickelson.sthenryschool@arvig.net). We have a 3-year-old program and a 4-5 year-old program. Our preschool fills up fast, so reach out as soon as you can.

**Jason Smith, Principal**  
218-346-6190 or [sthenryschool@arvig.net](mailto:sthenryschool@arvig.net)

**"Come All Who Are Burdened" a Healing Retreat (sponsored by Jesus Heals)**

Topics such as the healing power of the Eucharist and Reconciliation. Time for private prayer in adoration throughout the retreat weekend.

When: January 23 at 1PM - January 25 at 3PM

Where: Nazareth Retreat House in Crookston, MN

For more information or to register visit [crookston.org/attend-a-retreat](http://crookston.org/attend-a-retreat)

**Upcoming Women's Retreat: Women of Valor**

When: January 30 - February 1, 2026

Where: Sisters of St. Francis Retreat & Conference Center Hankinson, ND

Cost: \$300 Includes accommodations and meals

To Register visit [www.ecclesiadomestica.net](http://www.ecclesiadomestica.net) or email [ecclesiaretreats@ecclesiadomestica.net](mailto:ecclesiaretreats@ecclesiadomestica.net)

**St. Henry**



**Wed., December 24:** No Class  
**Wed., December 31:** No Class  
**Wed., January 7:** All Grades; 6:30-7:30PM

**Michelle Sazama, DRE**  
218-849-9660 or [michelle@ncacc.net](mailto:michelle@ncacc.net)



**Steubenville Youth Conference 2026 registration is OPEN** for students currently in **8th-12th Grade!** Join us in Rochester, MN, June 12th-14th. **Spaces are limited.** Register via the **Northern Cross Youth Group Facebook page** or contact Michelle ([michelle@ncacc.net](mailto:michelle@ncacc.net)). Watch the bulletin and your email for meeting dates and time. To financially support our students (tax-deductible), drop off donations marked "Steubenville Youth Conference" at any parish office or collection basket. Thank you for all the support you give to the Youth in our Parishes!

May God Bless you during this Advent Season,  
Michelle Sazama DRE St. Henry's



*The Northern Cross ACC Parishes  
wish to extend deepest sympathy to  
family and friends of  
**Susan Loerzel**  
who passed away recently.  
May Susan know eternal peace  
and joy in heaven and may God  
grant comfort to her family and friends.*



Help is needed at St. Henry on Sunday, December 21st at 1:00PM to decorate our church for Christmas. Many hands make light work! Thank you!

Text App to 55321  
to download our parish app!  
Search for "Northern Cross Area Catholic Community"



**Cemetery News** Mike Johnson (St. Stan) (218) 849-0501 and Ron Berns (St. Henry) (218) 298-0545 are the sextons of St. Stan and St. Henry Cemeteries. Please contact them with any questions regarding cemetery plots.



**St. Henry's Catholic Church of Perham**  
234 2nd Ave SW  
Perham, MN 56573  
Phone: (218) 346-4240  
Email: [chelsey@ncacc.net](mailto:chelsey@ncacc.net)

# HOLY CROSS NEWS

Adoration is held on the third Saturday of the month at 6:00PM.

Thank you to all who supported the Christian Mother's Cookie Sale. We made \$366.

2026 Contribution envelopes are in your mailboxes.

Usher sign up sheet for 2026 is on the table in the entry. Sign up as a family, group, etc.

Next Saturday after Mass anyone would like to decorate the church for Christmas is welcome to help.

Are you looking for something new to pass away the day? Go to St. John's (Corliss) Tuesday at 1:00 and play whist. Everyone welcome.

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



## Faith Formation Schedule

**Wed., Dec 24:** No CCD; Christmas Break

**Wed., Dec 31:** No CCD; Christmas Break

**Wed., Jan 7:** Class 4:15-5:15PM

**Wed., Jan 14:** Class 4:15-5:15PM; Evening Class 6:40-7:40PM



**Children's Collections:** The January Children's Collections will be designated to the local Backpack Program.

## Cemetery News

Sexton for Holy Cross cemetery is Edgar Hendrickx who can be contacted at 298-2434 or 385-3850.



2025 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

**Voices of Hope - 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.

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

(218) 385-3850

**(SACRED HEART):** Monday & Thursday : From 9:00 AM-

1:00PM, (218) 758-2700

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

12 Noon, (218) 346-7729

**(ST. HENRY):** Monday-Friday: From 8:30 AM—1:00PM,

(218) 346-4240



**Please pray for those in need of healing in our parishes:** Joyce (Huebsch) Bauer, Kathi Schmitz, Keith Friedsam, Dave Hammers

**All military personnel, especially:** Derick Burr, Greg Hirschey, Sandra Silbernagel, Nicholas Melz, Miguel Martinez, Noah

Zeleny, Tyler Van Watermulen, Andrew Schlosser

*Always remember in prayer our leaders in faith, especially: Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Patrick Neary, Bishop Emeritus Donald Kettler, Dcn Randy Altstadt, Dcn Richard Quistorff, Fr. Omar Guanchez, and Fr. Nathaniel Daubner.*



**REBOOT** event with Chris Stefanik will be held at the Wadena Memorial Auditorium on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Chris is an incredibly dynamic and energetic speaker with a beautiful message of joy! We invite you to join us for this life-changing event! Tickets are on sale now and can be found by scanning the QR code or by visiting <https://buytickets.at/reallifecatholic/1765324>.



## Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December For Christians in Areas of Conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

## New School Capital Campaign Update

<b>Complete Project</b>	\$8,100,000.00
<b>Pledged</b>	\$8,339,177.00
<b>Pledges to be Received</b>	\$374,119.00
<b>Received</b>	\$7,965,058.00
<b>Monies Received 11-17</b>	\$54,200.00
<b>Households Contributing</b>	350

## Readings for the Week

<b>Monday</b>	1 Sa1:24-28	Lk 1:46-56
<b>Tuesday</b>	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24	Lk 1:57-66
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 62:1-5	Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
	Mt1:1-25	
<b>Thursday</b>	Is 52:7-10	Heb 1:1-6
	Jn 1:1-18	
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59	Mt 10:17-22
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Jn1:1-4	Jn 20:1a and 2-8
<b>Sunday</b>	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14	Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
	Mt 2:13-15, 19-23	



**Holy Cross Catholic Church of Butler**  
57189 Co. Hwy 62 New York Mills, MN  
Phone (218) 385-2201 or (218) 385-3850  
Email: faye@ncacc.net

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

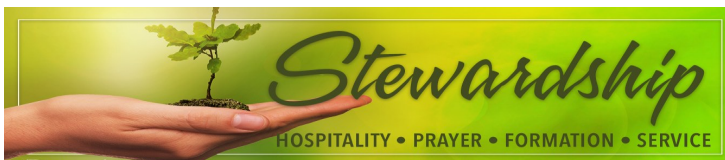


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*“Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;  
and His name will be called Emmanuel” Isaiah 7:14*



### Stewardship as a Way of Life:

*“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.” Matthew 1:24*

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

**WHEN JOSEPH WOKE UP,  
HE DID AS THE ANGEL OF  
THE LORD HAD  
COMMANDED HIM, AND  
EMBRACED MARY AS HIS  
WIFE.**

**- MATTHEW 1:24**