

# Our Parish Communities

November 29, 2020  
First Sunday of Advent



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Deacon: Deacon Mark Stenger

Secretary : Sandi Kollar  
Pastoral Council President: Kenny Moenkedick  
Religious Coordinator: Joe & Diane Sazama  
Trustees: Brenda Aschnewitz  
Jan Januszewski  
Music Director: Diana Porath  
Christian Mothers/Women: Cindy Kratzke  
Seeds to Grow: Rita York  
Cemetery Coordinators: Tim Stoll (Dent)  
John Kratzke (Dent)  
Mark Riestenberg (St. Joseph)

## St. Lawrence Church in Rush Lake

Secretary: Jeannie Guck  
Sandi Kollar  
Pastoral Council President: Mark Murdock  
Religious Coordinator: Sandi Carrlson  
Trustees: Jack Werner  
Andy Klinnert  
Christian Mothers/Women: Lisa Werner  
Parish Life: Lisa Werner  
Music Director: Russ Kadow  
Cemetery Coordinators: Rick Guck & Loren Guck  
Liturgy: Patty Doll

**OFFICE HOURS (SACRED HEART): Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays: From 9:00 AM-12 Noon, (218) 758-2700**

**OFFICE HOURS (ST.LAWRENCE): Tuesdays & Wednesdays: From 9:00 AM-12 Noon, (218) 346-7729**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Contact the Pastor, (218) 758-2888**

**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.

**PARISH WEBSITE:** [sacredheartstlawrencecatholicchurches.com](http://sacredheartstlawrencecatholicchurches.com)

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## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

### St. Lawrence Mass Schedule:

**Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 10:30AM** †John Werner/For the People

**Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 4:00PM** †LeRoy Wegscheid

**Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:30AM** †Joyce Guck

**Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 8:30AM** †Al Winkels

**Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 10:30AM** †Jane Hofland

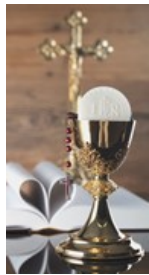
**Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 4:00PM** For the People

### FINANCIAL BLESSING (ST. LAWRENCE)

Adult.....	\$1578.00
Loose.....	143.00
Online.....	110.00
All Saints Day.....	35.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1866.00</b>
<b>Polka Festival Fund.....</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>



*Thank you for remembering St. Lawrence church with your stewardship throughout the year.*



### Spiritual Communion Prayer

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You". Amen

### Readings for the First Sunday of Advent

*Isaiah 63:16-19; 64:2-7; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37*



### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Sacred Heart: Saturday, 4:00PM; Sunday, 8:30AM  
St. Lawrence: Sunday, 10:30AM; Sunday, 4:00PM

*"I will thank You, Lord, with all my heart,  
for You have heard the words of my mouth."  
Psalm 138:1*

**Sunday TV Mass For the Diocese of St. Cloud can be found at [www.stcdio.org/tvmass](http://www.stcdio.org/tvmass).**

### Sacred Heart Mass Schedule:

**Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> 4:00PM** †Joe & †Deloris Wasche

**Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 8:30AM** †Frances O'Keefe

**Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> 8:30AM** †Duane Kroseman

**Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 7:00PM** †John Tschida

**Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:30AM** †Faye Stevens-LaMoreaux

**Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 4:00PM** †Don Seifert

**Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 8:30AM** Healing for Rita Kuester

### FINANCIAL BLESSING (SACRED HEART)

Adult.....	\$2209.00
Youth.....	1.00
Loose.....	317.00
Online.....	150.00
Votive Lights.....	110.10
Christmas Flowers.....	20.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2807.10</b>



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### SACRED HEART AND ST. LAWRENCE ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation to Sacred Heart or St. Lawrence churches. Getting started is easy—just visit our website at [sacredheartstlawrencecatholicchurches.com](http://sacredheartstlawrencecatholicchurches.com) and click on the "Give Now to Sacred Heart" button for Sacred Heart or click on the "Give Now to St. Lawrence" button for St. Lawrence found in the welcome section of the website.

Fr. George



Little Blue Books for Advent & Christmas are available for you to pick up in the Entrances of both St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart Churches.

2021 calendars are also available in the churches entrances.

### **BULLETIN DEADLINE:**

**Wednesday Noon**

**All in-person Faith Formation classes and youth gatherings have been suspended until the end of the year per order of Bishop Kettler. Parents please continue to help your children grow in faith at home through prayer and their religion books.**



**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November**  
*Universal-Artificial Intelligence:* We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



### Blessing of an Advent Wreath

*The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent. When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.*

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

*Our help is in the name of the Lord.*

Response (R/.) *Who made heaven and earth.*

Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9:1-6 or Isaiah 63:16-19 or Isaiah 64:2-7 is read:

Reader: *The Word of the Lord.*

R/. *Thanks be to God.*

With hands joined, the leader says:

*Lord our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ:*

*He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,*

*He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,*

*He is the Savior of every nation.*

*Lord God, let Your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

R/. *Amen.*

The blessing may conclude with a verse from

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

—From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

**Becoming Eucharist** – Mealtime Table Talk for Families, the newest resource from Catholic Education Ministries, offers family reflection questions based on the Lectionary readings for each Sunday of the month. The monthly printable and downloadable page is available at <http://familytogether.stedio.org>. This is a great resource for families to use and form their faith lives together.

### Prayer Corner

*Please pray for those who are ill, and all of our parishioners and visitors in need of prayer, that they may have an abundance of comfort in God's healing, especially:*

**Lois Porath**  
**Elaine Pietsch**

**Lupe Scott**  
**Joel Carlson**



*Always remember in prayer our blessed leaders in faith, especially: Pope Francis, Bishop Donald Kettler, Fr. Matthew Kuhn, Dcn Randy Altstadt, Dcn Richard Quistorff, Dcn Mark Stenger and Fr. George.*



### Prayer for Health Care Workers

Almighty God, whose beloved Son Jesus Christ, went about doing good, and healing all manner of illness and disease: continue, we beseech you, His gracious work among us especially during this Corona Virus Pandemic. Grant to physicians, nurses, and all health care professionals, wisdom and skill, sympathy, and patience; keep them safe and preserve them from all contagion. Cheer, heal and sanctify the sick, and send down your blessing on all who care for them healer, Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

by J. Augustine DiNoia



**Advent Resource – Strong Catholic Family Faith**, sponsored by the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership, has many links to resources for the Advent season for families, schools, and parishes at:

<http://www.catholicfamilyfaith.org/for-families.html>.

This website is also full of resources on the Catholic faith, the Liturgical Year, Sacraments, parent resources and more.

**2021 Marriage Prep Course Weekend:** The Marriage Prep Course weekend will be held at the St. Henry's Area School library on January 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The fee is \$175.00 per couple. For more information, or to register, please contact the St. Henry's Parish Office for a registration form.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** Our mission is to be His heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. The ministries supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal are at the heart of this mission. They provide assistance, education and pastoral care to people throughout our diocese. **We are Church together.** Please consider a gift at [www.stedio.org/appeal](http://www.stedio.org/appeal).

**Stewardship as a Way of Life:** "Take heed, watch and pray; for 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 time, 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.



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I am so honored and pleased to report that our Steeple Repair project is complete! Through your generosity, I am also delighted to be able to say that the project was paid in FULL (\$39,337.20) by your contributions. THANK YOU! Hammers Construction did a fantastic job and even gave us an unexpected 10% discount as a donation to our church. Thank you Hammers Construction! We even have a little excess left over in our Building Fund to be used for future projects. The total project expense was \$43,708; donation of 10% was \$4,370.80.

St. Lawrence Church has been a landmark and sign of stability in our community for many generations. The church steeple can be seen from the parking lot, the highway, the Ottertail River, the air, the woods, and the many neighboring houses and farms. The bells that are housed in the steeple can be heard for miles as well. Whenever one of us leaves here, be it for a vacation, a season, or a more permanent move, we know as we make our return trip that as soon as that steeple comes into view, we are almost home. Thanks to your contributions and dedication we hope that our church and its steeple will continue to guide us and our children home for many more years.

In these difficult and uncertain times, you were willing to dig deep into your pockets and bank accounts to preserve our little country church. This is nothing short of a miracle! Considering the fact that we are unable to fill our church due to Covid-19 fears and restrictions, the success of this project clearly illustrates that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is living in each of us. We continue to hope and pray for an end to the pandemic so that we may once again come together in a full church to praise God and celebrate with each other.

Please remember to feed the hungry woodpeckers if you see them searching for food far away from our steeple.

May God bless you all this Thanksgiving and in the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons.

Fr. George

*Advent Week 1:  
We wait with hope*

**St. Henry's Area School**

We will continue to be open for grades Preschool-6<sup>th</sup> after Thanksgiving until Christmas Vacation that begins on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. We are finding that the students aren't the ones getting sick and feel that it is important to have that face-to-face instruction for as long as we can safely. We continue to thank you for your continued prayers and support. That being said, we will have a two-week distance learning period from Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>-Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> to allow families to monitor their health after the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

The 2021 Fundraising Calendars are at the printers and will be available shortly. They will be available after Saturday and Sunday Masses at St. Henry's and with board member help, it will be available at St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart as well. They will be available in the church office and the school office as well. They are \$50 and with the purchase, you will be entered into the weekly drawings for \$100 and biweekly drawings for \$50. You can win multiple times. We are hoping to sell 250 calendars. Your odds of winning are pretty good, and your purchase will help with many things at the school. Thank you for your support.

**Congratulations to our calendar raffle winner:  
November 27<sup>th</sup>, Colman & Erica Silbernagel—\$100**

#### **New School Capital Campaign Update:**

Goal Phase II	\$7,500,000.00
Goal Phase I	\$6,100,000.00
Pledged	\$5,440,459.00
Needed	\$2,059,541.00
Received	\$4,759,373.00
Pledged Received 11-22	\$2,281.00



#### **Christmas Poinsettias & Wreaths**

The Knights of Columbus will be selling poinsettias & wreaths. Profits will go to Stanislaus Communications, the provider of our 100.3 FM radio station. Place your order with any Knight or online at parishfaith.com. Dates for pick up will be December 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> in the St. Henry Narthex. Place your order by November 30<sup>th</sup>. Contact: Michael Mettler at 218-346-7030.



*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.*

**Natural Family Planning Classes:** A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in **Wadena** on Friday, November 27 & December 18 at 5:30 p.m.



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