

Our Parish Communities

December 6, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent



St. Lawrence Catholic Church
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Sacred Heart Catholic Church
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Sacred Heart Church in Dent

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Secretary : Sandi Kollar
Pastoral Council President: Kenny Moenedick
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

November 29th, 2020, First Sunday of Advent MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

St. Lawrence Mass Schedule:

- Sunday, December 6th 10:30AM** *fJane Hofland*
- Sunday, December 6th 4:00PM** *For the People*
- Tuesday, December 8th 8:30AM** *Special Intention*
- Wednesday, December 9th 8:30AM** *fBuster Fiedler*
- Friday, December 11th 8:30AM** *fRita Yaggie*
- Sunday, December 13th 10:30AM** *fLeRoy Wegscheid*
- Sunday, December 13th 4:00PM** *fBud & fBarb Honer*

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule:

- Saturday, December 5th 4:00PM** *fDon Seifert*
- Sunday, December 6th 8:30AM** *Healing for Rita Kuester*
- Monday, December 7th 8:30AM** *fLeRoy Wegscheid*
- Tuesday, December 8th 7:00PM** *Living & fDeceased Christian Mothers*
- Thursday, December 10th 8:30AM** *The Kaminski Family*
- Saturday, December 12th 4:00PM** *fDeland Porath*
- Sunday, December 13th 8:30AM** *fXavier Villarreal*

FINANCIAL BLESSING (ST. LAWRENCE)

Adult.....	\$2228.00
Loose.....	366.00
Online.....	540.00
Total	\$3134.00
Building Fund.....	\$3000.00



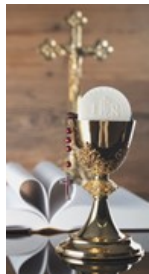
Thank you for remembering St. Lawrence church with your stewardship throughout the year.

FINANCIAL BLESSING (SACRED HEART)

Adult.....	\$1118.00
Loose.....	273.00
Online.....	500.00
Thanksgiving (Food Shelf).....	558.00
Christmas Flowers.....	20.00
Total	\$2469.00



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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 Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 85:9-14; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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



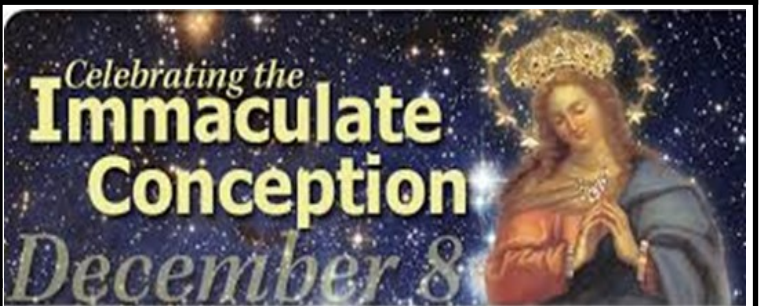
*Words of Wisdom: “Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.”
- Pope Francis*

Sunday TV Mass For the Diocese of St. Cloud can be found at www.stcdio.org/tvmass.

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 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



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.

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** **Ellen Doll** **Lupe Scott**
Elaine Pietsch **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.**



Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December

Evangelization-For a life of prayer: We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



**SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT
THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE**

God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready". Help us to be ready to welcome

YOU, O GOD! "As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: 'A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all mankind will see God's salvation. '(Luke 3:4-6)



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

Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.



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.

2021 Marriage Prep Course Weekend: The Marriage Prep Course weekend will be held at the St. Henry's Area School library on January 29th & 30th, 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.



On Sunday, December 6th we celebrate St. Nicholas' feast day. St. Nicholas was a bishop who had a reputation as a generous and secretive gift giver. He was officially recognized as a saint in 800 and in the 1200s Catholics in France began celebrating Bishop Nicholas Day on December 6th. Over the centuries, his popularity continued to grow, and St. Nicholas Day became a time to spread acts of kindness in his honor. It is also important to pray to St. Nicholas asking him to intercede for you. He is the patron saint of children, merchants, travelers, sailors, brides and grooms, bankers, New York City, Greece, and Russia.

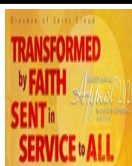
"Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God."
Baruch 5:5; 4:36



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation for the purchase of flowers to be used to decorate our churches for Christmas you may use the "Christmas Flowers" envelope available in your contribution envelope box (Sacred Heart) or the church entrances

(St. Lawrence) or you may mail in your donation to the Sacred Heart (36963 State Highway 108, Dent, MN 56528) or St. Lawrence (46404 County Highway 14, Perham, MN 56573) church office. Please note if you would like your donation to be "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" a loved one. Thank you.



Bishop's Annual Appeal: Blessings to all of you in this season of Advent. As of November 30, the Appeal raised \$1,244,850 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$1,300,000. **Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.** Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs? Visit www.stcdio.org/appeal.



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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



There will be a virtual Holy Family Council of Catholic United Financial meeting on Monday, December 14th at 7pm. Email Jason at sthenryschool@arvig.net for the link to the meeting.

St. Henry's Area School The 2021 Fundraising Calendars are at the printers and will be available shortly. They will be available after weekend Masses. They will also be available in the St. Henry's church office and the school office. 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 winners:
December 2nd, Jessie Erickson—\$50
December 4th, Roger & Carol Haugrud—\$100

New School Capital Campaign Update:

Goal Phase II	\$7,500,000.00
Goal Phase I	\$6,100,000.00
Pledged	\$5,494,074.00
Needed	\$2,005,926.00
Received	\$4,823,863.00
Pledges Received 11-29	\$64,490.00



Stewardship
a way of life

Stewardship as a Way of Life:

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." — Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well.

The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

My spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

For He has looked with favor on His lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

The Almighty has done great things for me,
And holy is His Name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him,
In every generation.

He has shown the strength of His arm.

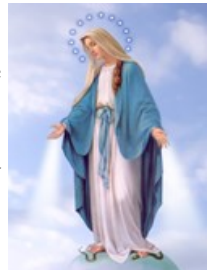
He has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their throne,
And has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
And the rich He has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of His servant Israel,
For He has remembered His promise of mercy.

The promise He made to our fathers,
To Abraham and his children forever.



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