

Our Parish Communities

December 20, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Advent



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Pastoral Council President: Kenny Moenkedick
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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
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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

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

St. Lawrence Mass Schedule:

Sunday, December 20th 10:30AM *Karen Omberg (healing)/For the People*

Sunday, December 20th 4:00PM *†Fr. Jerry Nordick*

Wednesday, December 23rd 8:30AM *†John Werner*

Thursday, December 24th 3:00PM *†Jim Boedigheimer*

Thursday, December 24th 5:00PM *Karen Omberg (healing)*

Friday, December 25th 10:30AM *†Raymond Bucholz*

Sunday, December 27th 10:30AM *†Syl Helmin*

Sunday, December 27th 4:00PM *†Maggie Siebels*

FINANCIAL BLESSING (ST. LAWRENCE)

Adult.....	\$3002.00
Loose.....	886.00
Online.....	110.00
Immaculate Conception.....	225.00
Religious Retirement.....	247.00
Christmas Flowers.....	232.00
Total	\$4702.00



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 Fourth Sunday of Advent

*2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Romans 16: 25-27; Luke 1:26-38*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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



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

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesday Noon

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule:

Saturday, December 19th 4:00PM *†John Tschida*

Sunday, December 20th 8:30AM *†Todd Boedigheimer*

Monday, December 21st 8:30AM *†Delores Szama*

Tuesday, December 22nd 7:00PM *†Josh Hanson*

Thursday, December 24th 2:00PM *†Rose Guck*

Thursday, December 24th 4:00PM *†Bud & †Barb Honer*

Friday, December 25th 8:30AM *For the People*

Saturday, December 26th 4:00PM *†Joe & †Deloris Wasche*

Sunday, December 27th 8:30AM *†Lucille Schmitz*

FINANCIAL BLESSING (SACRED HEART)

Adult.....	\$1278.00
Loose.....	377.00
Online.....	200.00
Religious Retirement.....	255.00
Christmas.....	125.00
Votive Lights.....	117.11
Immaculate Conception.....	110.00
Christmas Flowers.....	40.00
Total	\$2502.11



Thank you for remembering Sacred Heart church with your stewardship throughout the year.

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



THE 2021 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES ARE IN YOUR MAIL BOXES AT BOTH ST. LAWRENCE AND SACRED HEART. PLEASE PICK THEM UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

Parish Offices will be closed on Friday, December 25th, Christmas Day

Faith FORMATION SACRED HEART

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 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.



Wedding Banns II

Angela Berry
&
Brady Ballard

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.



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.



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*



Bishop's Annual Appeal: Blessings to you and those you love on this fourth Sunday of Advent. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, let us remember that even in difficult times there is much to be grateful for, and know that you are being lifted up in prayer. We are the Church 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
Jim Stenger

Lupe Scott
Joel Carlson
Karen Omberg



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.



Thanks for Giving! "We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year," says a Catholic sister. "Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters." Thank you for donating to last week's collection.



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.



NORTHERN CROSS AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Thursday, Dec 24	2:00 PM - Sacred Heart, Dent
Thursday, Dec 24	4:00 PM - Sacred Heart, Dent
Thursday, Dec 24	3:00 PM - St. Lawrence, Rush Lake
Thursday, Dec 24	5:00 PM - St. Lawrence, Rush Lake
Thursday, Dec 24	3:00 PM - St. Henry's, Perham
Thursday, Dec 24	5:00 PM - St. Henry's, Perham
Thursday, Dec 24	7:00 PM - Holy Cross, Butler

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Friday, Dec 25	8:00 AM - St. Henry's, Perham
Friday, Dec 25	8:30 AM - Sacred Heart, Dent
Friday, Dec 25	10:00 AM - St. Henry's, Perham
Friday, Dec 25	10:30 AM - St. Lawrence, Rush Lake



Merry Christmas



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The Roman Church has been singing the “O” Antiphons since the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They use the ancient biblical

imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment of Old Testament and present day hopes. Their repeated use of the imperative “Come!” embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

December 17:

O Wisdom of our God Most High,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18:

O Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19:

O Root of Jesse’s stem,
sign of God’s love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!

December 20:

O Key of David,
opening the gates of God’s eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21:

O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22:

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23:

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!

—From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

The 2021 Fundraising Calendars are here. They will be available after week-end Masses until the New Year. They will also be available in the Sacred Heart, St. Lawrence, and St. Henry’s church offices 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.

Our students will be completing a 2-week distance learning period after Christmas vacation with the hopes of proactively keeping Covid out of the building following the holidays. We will return to school on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

Congratulations to our calendar raffle winners:

December 16th, Deacon Richard & Jean Quistorff—\$50
December 18th, Wanda Braun—\$100



**FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT
THE ANGEL CANDLE**

The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent His only Son to earth to save us because He loves us!

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.” (John 3:16-17)



A Christmas Prayer for God’s Blessing

Heavenly Father
help us to honor the birth of Jesus.
May we join in the praises of angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and the worship of the wise men.
May the Light of Your Son shine forth in this world.
May His peace take away our anxiety and fear.
Help us to forgive and to be forgiven.
Teach us to love one another as You love us. Amen.



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.



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