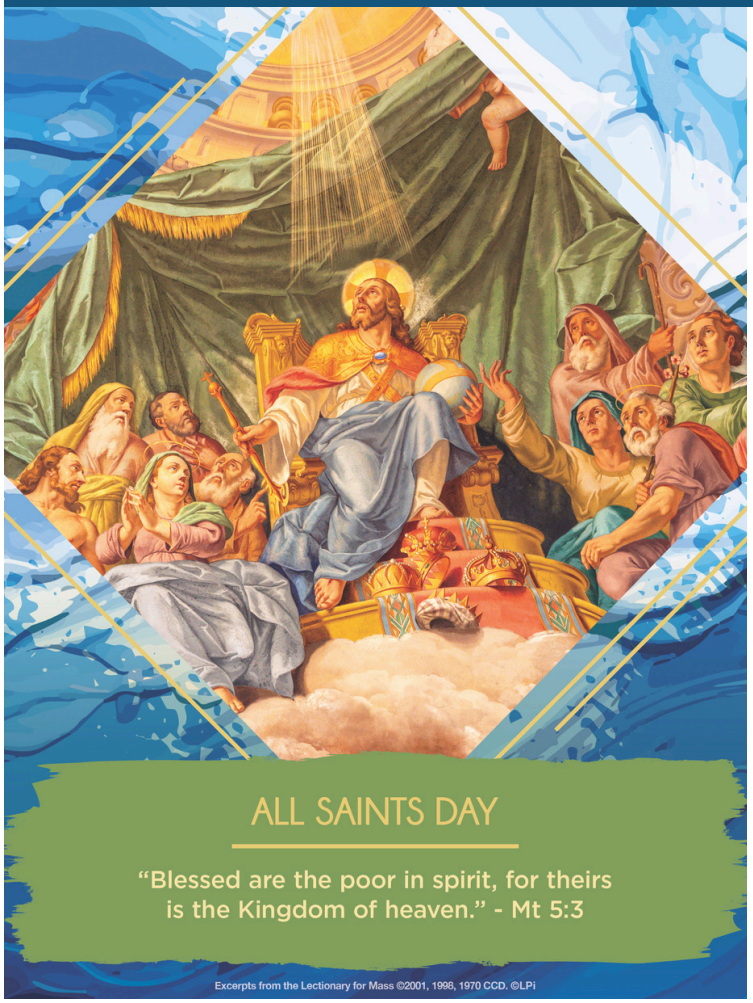
NORTHERN CROSS AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

NOVEMBER 1, 2026 | ALL SAINTS' DAY



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Fostering the Domestic Church: Remembering Our Family

The Church celebrates All Saints Day this Sunday, November 1, and All Souls Day this Monday, November 2. These special days invite us to remember the heroes of our faith, celebrate the saints who have gone before us, and pray for our loved ones who have died. Our faith reminds us that our family is much bigger than the people who gather around our dinner table or sit beside us at Mass. We belong to a great family of faith that includes the saints in heaven, our brothers and sisters throughout the world, and those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. We are connected through Christ, and we continue to love and pray for one another.

All Saints Day gives us an opportunity to look to the saints as examples of how to live lives of faith, hope, and love. All Souls Day reminds us to pray for our loved ones who have died and to place our hope in God's promise of eternal life. Both celebrations invite us to remember that the love we share in Christ does not end with death.

Our families are also places where faith and memories are passed from one generation to the next. Sharing stories about grandparents, parents, relatives, and friends helps children understand where they come from and how the lives of those who came before them continue to shape their own. These stories can also open the door to conversations about faith, the importance of prayer, and the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Family Goal: Remember and Pray Together

Take some time this week to sit down with your family and share stories about loved ones who have died. What do you remember about them? What did they teach you about faith, love, or how to live well? If you have pictures, prayer cards, or other keepsakes, consider bringing them to your gathering. After sharing your stories, take a moment to pray for these loved ones by name. By remembering, sharing, and praying together, we help our children discover that they belong to a family of faith that reaches across generations and is held together by the love of Christ.

-By Deacon John Bell

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BULLETIN DEADLINE: MONDAYS AT NOON

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 31
5:00pm | St. Henry | Members of Catholic United Financial
7:00pm | Holy Cross | For the People
Sunday, November 1
8:00am | St. Henry | † Michael Doll
8:30am | Sacred Heart | † Ardis Nelson-Hansen, Russell Nelson & Cullen Hansen
10:00am | St. Henry | Family of Barb Martodam
10:30am | St. Lawrence | † Leo & Theresa Doll
Monday, November 2 - All Souls' Day
8:45am | St. Henry | All the Faithful Departed
Tuesday, November 3
8:45am | St. Henry | Special Intention
7:00pm | Sacred Heart | † Sue Kalinoski
Wednesday, November 4
8:30am | St. Lawrence | † Mary Perius & † Jim Vetter
5:15pm | Holy Cross | Members of Catholic United Financial
Thursday, November 5
8:30am | Sacred Heart | † Frank & Eleanor Hammers
8:45am | St. Henry | † Terrie Menze
Friday, November 6
8:30am | St. Lawrence | No Mass
10:00am | Perham Living | No Mass
Saturday, November 7
5:00pm | St. Henry | Mass of Remembrance | For the People
7:00pm | Holy Cross | † Eugene Klinnert
Sunday, November 8
8:00am | St. Henry | † Arnold & Delores Lachowitzer
8:30am | Sacred Heart | † Kelly Wagenman
10:00am | St. Henry | † Joe Berns
10:30am | St. Lawrence | † John Werner

BAPTISM

Contact the parish offices. Requirements for having your first child baptized are: registration at a parish and attendance of a pre-baptism class. The pre-baptism class is typically offered the 3rd Saturday of the month. Pre-registration is required.

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the parish offices.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Contact the parish offices.

OCIA (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

OCIA is the process established by the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Classes typically begin in the fall. If interested, please contact Father Nathaniel.

MASS SCHEDULE



HOLY CROSS

WEEKEND MASS:
Saturday: 7:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASS:
Wednesday: 5:15 PM



SACRED HEART

WEEKEND MASS:
Sunday: 8:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASS:
Tuesday: 7:00 PM
Thursday: 8:30 AM



ST. HENRY

WEEKEND MASS:
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS:
Tuesday & Thursday: 8:45 AM
Friday at Perham Living: 10:00 AM



ST. LAWRENCE

WEEKEND MASS:
Sunday: 10:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASS:
Wednesday: 8:30 AM
Friday: 8:30 AM

CONFESSIONS/ADORATION SCHEDULE

CONFESSION TIMES

Holy Cross
½ hour before weekday Masses
3rd Saturday of the month | 6:00PM - 7:00PM
Sacred Heart
½ hour before weekday Masses
St. Henry
½ hour before weekday Masses
Saturday | 4:00PM - 4:45PM
St. Lawrence
½ hour before weekday Masses

ADORATION

St. Henry Adoration Chapel
Monday | 9:00AM - 5:00PM
Tuesday 9:30AM - Wednesday 5:00PM
Thursday | 9:30AM - 5:00PM
Holy Cross
3rd Saturday of the month | 6:00PM - 7:00PM
Sacred Heart
2nd Thursday of the month | after 8:30AM Mass
St. Lawrence
1st Friday of the month | after 8:30AM Mass

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

FOR THE WEEK OF 10/25/26

Holy Cross

Adult	$1,175.00
Plate	$294.00
Children/Other	$27.10
Weekly Total	***$1,496.10***

Sacred Heart

Adult	$1,263.00
Plate	$1,501.00
Children/Other	$194.01
Electronic Transfers	$275.00
Weekly Total	***$3,233.01***

St. Henry

Adult	$5,037.00
Plate	$1,570.00
Children/Other	$239.00
Electronic Transfers	$3,145.20
Weekly Total	***$9,991.20***

St. Lawrence

Adult	$2,615.00
Plate	$512.00
Children/Other	$55.45
Electronic Transfers	$685.00
Weekly Total	***$3,867.45***



School Capital Campaign Update

Received 10-25	$1,390.00
Pledges to be Received	$370,668.00

Thank you for remembering our parish families with your Stewardship throughout the year. Your gifts are greatly appreciated!

PRAYER LIST

SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Joyce (Huebsch) Bauer
Kathaleen Zeise
Kathi Schmitz
Dave Hammers
Keith Goeller
Lori Nuytten
Maya Blickenstaff Vukelic
Mike Hendrickx
David Huwe
Suzanne Schornack
Jeremy Hammers
Willow Swanz
Joe Jarozewski
Tanner Wegscheid

MILITARY

Derick Burr
Sandra Silbernagel
Nicholas Melz
Miguel Martinez
Noah Zeleny
Tyler Van Watermulen
Andrew Schlosser

LEADERS IN FAITH

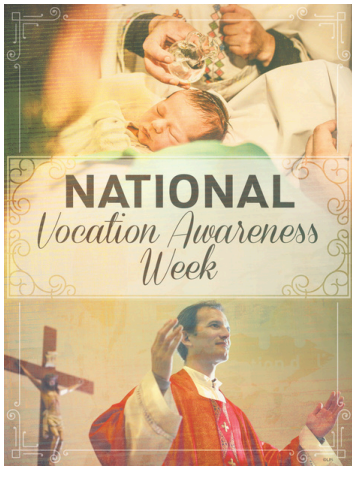
Pope Leo XIV
Bishop Patrick Neary
Bishop Emeritus Donald Kettler
Deacon Randy Altstadt
Deacon John Bell
Deacon Richard Quistorff
Father Omar Guanchez
Father Nathaniel Daubner

SYMPATHY TO:

Family & Friends of Joe Berns who passed away on Oct. 20th

WELCOME TO:

New Members Earl & Donna Samuelson



WEEKLY READINGS

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Monday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17-4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-1

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Sunday: All Saints; Daylight Saving Time Ends; National Vocation Awareness Week
Monday: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
Tuesday: St. Martin de Porres, Religious; Election Day
Wednesday: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Next Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

DIOCESAN NEWS & AREA EVENTS

Bishop's Annual Appeal – Hearts of Mercy: Our diocesan Tribunal is a quiet but profound voice of hope, assisting those who seek healing, clarity, and reconciliation through the annulment process. This ministry walks compassionately with individuals as they seek to strengthen their lives with the sacraments. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports this ministry of justice and mercy. Make a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

Stewardship as a Way of Life: *"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." - Matthew 23:12*
The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions are the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety, and depression than ever before. The lives of the saints show that the key to a happy life are relationships. Relationships with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

Care for Creation: Caring for God's Creation is one of the seven central themes of Catholic social teaching, and it holds particular significance for our diocesan community. The natural world is not separate from us; it is the very place where we encounter God's generosity and where we live out our call to love our neighbor. Learn more at https://stcdio.org/care-for-creation/ or use your smart phone.

Singers Wanted for Community Christmas Cantata
This year's Community Christmas Cantata, "*God Came Near*", will take place on Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13. Choir practices begin on Sunday, November 1st at 3:30PM. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Perham.
The choir will practice every Sunday afternoon thereafter at 3:30PM, with practice locations alternating between St. Paul's in Perham and Trinity Lutheran in New York Mills. All who love to sing are encouraged to join us at the first practice on November 1st!

Healing the Whole Person Retreat - Dec. 4-6, 2026 in Alexandria, MN
Join us on this journey to wholeness as we enter into the heart, face the pains and wounds within, and allow Christ's divine love to bring the healing we ardently desire. What to expect? Video presentations from Dr. Bob Schuchts and Sr. Miriam James Heidland- SOLT of the JPII Healing Center, reflection and small group discussion, prayer, communal meals and fellowship, and to experience Jesus in His mission of spiritual, emotional and physical healing! Scan QR code for more information and registration.

PATHWAYS TO WELLNESS GROUP

WELLNESS MINUTE

Saints are companions in prayer; people who experienced illness, anxiety, grief, and limitation, yet found hope and purpose in God.They remind us that caring for mind, body, and soul belongs together. Catholics don't worship saints; that is reserved for God alone. Saints are models of Christian life, and we ask them to intercede or pray for us. This is similar to asking a friend or family member to pray for us during a critical situation. The distinction is Catholics believe saints can intercede on their behalf with God due to their closeness to Him. When praying, try the following:

- Take three slow breaths and remember that you are not alone in your struggles.
- Ask a saint to pray for you to God. St. Dymphna is known for her anxiety and mental-health issues, while St. Padre Pio offers encouragement to "pray, hope, and not to worry."
- Choose one small act of self-care today: Better sleep, more movement, or a healthy meal.

Praying with the saints offers comfort and spiritual union, but it is not a replacement for medical care or crisis support. Seek professional help as needed. Read more about the Saints, their struggles, and calls to grace at Franciscan Media (https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/).

NCACC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catholic Daughters of the Americas® Court St. Rita #409 will be handing out Gummi Bears for a donation to Habitat for Humanity after all Masses on November 7th and 8th.



Box of Joy Reminder
It's time to finish your shopping for the Boxes of Joy! Please return them to your parish by November 2nd. Thank you to all who participated in this ministry.
Northern Cross ACC Contact: (Butler, Dent, Perham, Rush Lake) Carol Peeters, peeterscarol19@hotmail.com, 218-371-1817
Note: Text messages preferred over email





Fireside Chat with Father
The next gathering for middle school youth in grades 6-8 will be held on **Monday, November 2nd from 6:30-8:30PM** at the St. Henry's Rectory (247 1st Ave South, Perham) Please meet at St. Henry's Church in case of rain. Join us for a faith based chat with Father Nathaniel, yard games, and food! Please bring a friend!

Poinsettias & Wreaths: Council 1773 of the Knights of Columbus are offering Poinsettia plants and wreaths in a fundraiser supporting Catholic radio in our community, 100.3 FM. You can buy a memorial to help decorate a church or bring it home! Make checks payable to "Knights of Columbus." A limited number of poinsettias and wreaths have been ordered and we will take orders while supplies last. You can use the link below, or email michael.j.mettler@gmail.com. Pickups will be available starting November 25th. https://forms.gle/GY3Xj2HBLz2XmxYPA

The **2027 Marriage Prep Course** will be held at St. Henry on January 17, 2027 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.

St. Henry's Area School
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SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our Calendar Raffle winners this week: 10-28-26-Connie Anderson-$50 and 10-30-26-Derek Riepe-$100

We are still in need of 25 $100 donations for prize money for our 2027 calendar. If you'd like to help us out, you can make your donation by placing it in an envelope marked "calendar" and putting it in the collection. All donations need to be received by the end of November 9th to be printed on the calendar. If you'd like to use this donation as a memorial, please include the name(s) of those you'd like us to remember. I will put their name(s) in the square. Calendars will go for sale for $50 late November and early December. These fundraisers are used to offset expenses for the school, and any help would be greatly appreciated.

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HOLY CROSS

Cards will be played every Thursday at 1:00PM. Everyone is invited.

SACRED HEART

RADA Cutlery Sale
Sacred Heart Christian Mothers will be selling RADA cutlery again this year at the Perham Christmas Plus Bazaar held at the Prairie Wind Middle School on Saturday, November 7th from 9:00AM to 4:00PM

Sacred Heart Christian Mothers Coffee & Rolls on Sunday, November 8 (after 8:30AM Mass) All are welcome!

NEW CARDS & GAMES GROUP
Looking for a fun way to start your week and beat those winter blues? Join us Monday morning, November 9th (10-noon), in the Sacred Heart church social hall for cards and games. BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverage)! Games and goodies are on us! Come ready to play, laugh, and enjoy some fun with your parish friends!

All are invited to join the Sacred Heart Faith Formation classes on Wednesday, November 11th for the Patriotic Rosary at 7:00PM. The Perham area Knights of Columbus will lead the rosary. Supper will be served following the recitation of the rosary.



ST. HENRY

Catholic Daughters Court St. Rita #409 will have their monthly meeting **Tuesday, November 3rd at 6:30pm** in St. Henry's Church Basement. All Catholic women interested in CDA are invited to attend. Contact Regent Lynn Schwanke @ 320-248-8820 for more information.

On Saturday, November 21st from 9:00 am—12:00 pm, there will be a Holiday Bake, Craft & Gift Sale in the St. Henry's Church basement. All parishioners are encouraged to bring items. Please no home canned goods.

ST. LAWRENCE

Pillow Drive
St. Lawrence Outreach Ministry will be collecting "new pillows in their original plastic wrap" to be given to area people in need and facing serious transitions in their lives. Please bring your "new pillows in their original plastic wrap" to St. Lawrence by Nov. 15. There will be a Pillowcase envelope attached to one of the pillow carts in the hall if you prefer to donate $ for us to purchase pillows. Thank you and God Bless you!!



St. Lawrence Annual Turkey Bingo
Sunday, November 8 at 1:00PM
$5 per card-21 games.

ADDITIONAL NCACC ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Souls' Day - Monday, November 2
Mass at 8:45AM at St. Henry's

Grieving Potluck Meals
All Northern Cross ACC parishioners who are grieving the loss of a loved one are invited to attend one of the 2 annual Grieving Potluck Meals that will be offered this year. Please bring a favorite dish of your loved one to share.

- November 7 at 4:30PM at Holy Cross, Butler
- November 11 at St. Lawrence, Rush Lake after the 8:30AM Mass

Cemetery Blessings Schedule:

- November 1: St. Lawrence/Our Lady of the Miracles Cemeteries by Deacon John Bell after Sunday Mass
- November 2: St. Henry and St. Stanislaus by Fr. Omar and Fr. Nathaniel after 8:45AM Mass (~10am)
- November 5: Sacred Heart by Fr. Omar after 8:30AM Mass
- November 7: Dora Cemetery by Fr. Nathaniel at 10AM
- November 7: St. Joseph Cemetery by Fr. Omar at 10AM
- November 7: Holy Cross Cemetery by Fr. Nathaniel at 6PM

FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

November 4

- **Holy Cross**
  - 4:15-5:15PM - Grades 1-6
  - 6:30-7:45PM - Grades 7-11
- **Sacred Heart**
  - 7:00-8:15pm - Grades Pre/K-11; Safe Environment
- **St. Henry**
  - 6:30-7:30PM - Grades K-11
- **St. Lawrence**
  - 6:30-7:30PM - Family Faith Formation

November 8

- **St. Henry**
  - 9:00AM-Noon - Confirmation Class

November 11

- **Holy Cross**
  - 4:15-5:15PM - Grades 1-6
  - 6:30-7:45PM - Grades 7-11
- **Sacred Heart**
  - 7:00pm - All Students; Patriotic Rosary & Supper
- **St. Henry**
  - 6:30-7:30PM - Grades K-9
- **St. Lawrence**
  - No Class





HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

FOR THE PROPER USE OF WEALTH

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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