

Sat, Dec 16, 4:00PM (Sacred Heart) † Lorraine Engel Sat, Dec 16, 5:00PM (St. Henry) For the People Sat, Dec 16, 7:00PM (Holy Cross) † Leona Loerzel Sun, Dec 17, 8:00AM (St. Henry) † Margaret & Bob Lucking

Sun, Dec 17, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) † Gordy Rosenthal

Sun, Dec 17, 10:00AM (St. Henry) † Mike Rohde Sun, Dec 17, 10:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Norman Jahnke Tue, Dec 19, 8:45AM (St. Henry) Special Intention -Brett & Elisa Kupferschmid

Tue, Dec 19, 7:00PM (Sacred Heart) † Dorothy & Alois Gerber

Wed, Dec 20, 8:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Rose Guck Wed, Dec 20, 5:15PM (Holy Cross) † Art Riestenberg Thu, Dec 21, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) † Art Anderson Thu, Dec 21, 8:45AM (St. Henry) † Ray Weickert Fri, Dec 22, 8:30AM (St. Lawrence) † John Werner Fri, Dec 22, 8:45AM (St. Henry) † Andy & Elaine Johnson and † Marie Malikowski

Fri, Dec 22, 10:00AM (Perham Living) † Mary Ann Guck

Sat, Dec 23, 4:00PM (Sacred Heart) † John Tschida Sat, Dec 23, 5:00PM (St. Henry) For the People Sat, Dec 23, 7:00PM (Holy Cross) † Marilyn Stenger Sun, Dec 24, 8:00AM (St. Henry) † David Quistorff Sun, Dec 24, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) † Louie Sazama Sun, Dec 24, 10:00AM (St. Henry) † Vincent & Bernadette Guck

Sun, Dec 24, 10:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Rita Yaggie Sun, Dec 24 (Christmas Eve), 4:00PM (St. Henry) † Rita Rotta

Sun, Dec 24 (Christmas Eve), 4:00PM (St. Lawrence) † Russ Kadow

Sun, Dec 24 (Christmas Eve), 4:00PM (Sacred Heart) † Marion Stoll

Sun, Dec 24 (Christmas Eve), 7:00PM (Holy Cross) For the People

Mon, Dec 25 (Christmas Day), 12:00AM Midnight (Sacred Heart) † Marilyn Stenger

Mon, Dec 25 (Christmas Day), 9:00AM (St. Henry) Special Intention for Marie & Ben

Mon, Dec 25 (Christmas Day), 10:00AM (Perham Living) † Marilyn Siebels

Mon, Dec 25 (Christmas Day), 10:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Raymond Bucholz

#### WINTER WEATHER POLICY

When school is cancelled, there will be no Masses or adoration at any of the four NCACC parishes. If school is two hours late, all morning Masses and Adoration will be cancelled, but evening Masses may take place, if weather permits. Please watch for updates on our parish app for Tuesday evening Adoration weather-related cancellations.

# December 17, 2023 Third Sunday of Advent

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Financial Blessing for December 9th			
Adult			
Children107.00 Religious Retire10.00			
Christmas Flowers61.00 Imm. Concep305.00			
Total2,394.00			
Thank you for remembering Holy Cross Church			
with your Stewardship throughout the year.			
Financial Blessing for December 9th & 10th			
Adult1,403.00 Plate1,258.00			
Youth27.00 Elec. Transfers375.00			
Christmas Flowers117.00 All Saints20.00			
Imm. Conception272.25 Christmas4,000.00			
Rel. Ret247.00			
T <b>otal7,719.25</b>			
Thank you for remembering Sacred Heart Church			
with your Stewardship throughout the year.			
Financial Blessing for December 9th & 10th			
Adult9,282.00 Plate1,384.26			
Children's Basket55.10 Imm. Conc2,149.00			
Votives74.65 Candles20.00			
Christmas Flowers45.00 Christmas70.00			
Coffee24.00 Ecce Homo50.00			
Coffee & Donuts108.00 Hall Rent20.00			
Elec. Transfers3,901.00			
Total21,951.50			
Thank you for remembering St. Henry Church			
with your Stewardship throughout the year.			
Financial Blessing for December 10th			
Adult4,055.00 Youth3.00			
Plate407.00 Elec. Transfers465.00			
Christmas250.00 Rel. Ret315.00			
Imm. Conception415.00			
Total5,910.00			

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



#### Parish news & events



The parish of St. Lawrence invites everyone who is interested in helping decorate the church this Christmas with a poinsettia flower to use the "Christmas Flower" envelope provided for you. Envelopes have space for "In Memory of"

or "In Honor of" dedications. Thank you for helping to make our churches beautiful for the birth of our Lord.



#### **FAMILY OUTDOOR FUN UTILITY CART**

\$5 per chance or 3 chances for \$10 You could win the utility

cart along with all its contents. This event is spon-

sored by St. Lawrence Christian Mothers with all proceeds going toward the 2024 Polka Festival. Chances will be sold after Sunday Masses or contact Marlene Boedigheimer at 218-457-1588.



St. Lawrence Christmas Potluck/Bake Sale/ St. Nick Visit Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> (after 10:30AM Mass)

All work groups provide baked goods for the bake sale. A baked dish and dinner rolls will be provided. Parishioners are asked to bring a salad or side dish to share. Please, no desserts, as desserts will be available for purchase at the bake sale.

Court St Rita #409 will be sponsoring the National Catholic Daughters Education contest! The deadline locally is January 31, 2023. Themes this year are: God's love and kindness will shine upon us like the sun that rises in the sky-Luke 1:78 OR How does my love shine for others? All students grade 4-12 are eligible to enter as well as Adult CDA members.

Entry forms and rules are available at St. Henry's office or contact Leanne Stoll, Regent Court St. Rita.



Wed. Dec. 20: All Grades; 6:30-7:30PM

Wed. Dec. 27: No Class Wed. Jan. 3: No Class

**Stephanie VonRuden-Faith Formation Director** 218-298-1050 or Vonruden.27@gmail.com



The Parish of St. Lawrence extends congratulations to **Luther Arron Brunell** son of Jacob Brunell & Olivia Smith who was baptized this week

**Attention Musicians & Singers:** 

The St. Lawrence choir is looking for new members to share their talents during Mass. If you like to sing or can play an instrument (especially piano or keyboard) we need you! Contact Lisa Werner (218-371-7560) or stop in the choir loft after any Mass.



The communities of Perham and New York Mills are blessed with caring volunteers that help at our Food Shelves each week and gener-HUNGRY ous communities that provide gifts of food and money throughout the year. Please keep your

local Food Shelves in your thoughts during this holiday season.



The 2024 Marriage Prep Course will be held at St. Henry on January 28th, 2024 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.

Register now for the first Diocesan Festival of Families at Sacred Heart, Sauk Rapids on February 11, from 10:30AM-3:00PM. Register your family for \$20 at: https://stcdio.org/event/festival-of-families/



Bishop's Annual Appeal: Blessings to you in this third week of Advent as we remember the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus. As you celebrate this season, please consider support-

ing diocesan ministries with a year-end gift. To donate, visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal or mail to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, P.O. Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

Canonical Administrator: Parochial Vicar:

Fr. George Michael, E-mail: gmichaelvc@gmail.com, fathergeorge@ncacc.net

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Deacon Richard Quistorff; Deacon Randy Altstadt



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#### **PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

## SACRED HEART Faith



Wed., Dec. 20: Grades Pre/K-11; 7:00PM; Christmas Fun Night

Wed., Dec. 27: No Class; Christmas Break Wed., Jan. 3: No Class; Christmas Break

Joe & Diane Sazama—Faith Formation Directors 218-849-7520 or woolyacres@arvig.net

#### **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.

The Parish of Sacred Heart extends special congratulations to **Fred & Mary Bauck**Who are celebrating their

50th Anniversary on December 21th

May the Lord bless you.





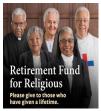
#### Welcome to Jeff & Joan Gontarek

who recently registered as new members of the Sacred Heart parish family.

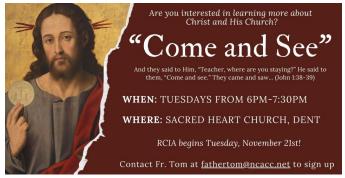
The Clothing Mission at Richville is in need of the following: towels, bedding, winter coats (all sizes), snowpants, and snow boots. Drop off from 12-6pm on Tuesdays at 100 Grove St. Richville, MN 56576.

#### SACRED HEART UPCOMING EVENTS

The parish of *Sacred Heart* invites everyone who is interested in helping decorate the church this Christmas with a poinsettia flower to use the "Christmas Flower" envelope in your envelope box. Envelopes have space for "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" dedications. If you don't have an envelope you can put your request and donation in a white envelope with the name of the persons you are remembering and your name in the collection basket. Thank you for helping to make our churches beautiful for the birth of our Lord.



Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit *retiredreligious.org*.



#### **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; First Friday from 9:00AM-10:00AM at St. Lawrence; Second Thursday from 9:00AM-10:00AM at Sacred Heart; Third Saturday from 6:00PM-7:00PM at Holy Cross. Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 8:15AM-8:45AM; Wednesday, 9:00AM-10:00AM; 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); Michele Hofland & Clint Brandt (Holy Cross)

Northern Cross Area Catholic Community Pastoral Council Members: Dawn Swanz, Michele Hofland, Jason Schik (Holy Cross); Brenda Aschnewitz, John Kratzke, Kenny Moenkendick (Sacred Heart) Tim Graff, Lisa Hemmelgarn, Jason Smith (St. Henry); Sandi Carrlson, Jack Werner, Jerry Guck (St. Lawrence)



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Parish Website: sacredheartstlawrencecatholicchurches.com



#### **PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**



Congratulations to our Calendar Raffle winners this week. 12-13-23-Tom Silbernagel-\$50 and 12-15-23-Julie Loiland-\$100

Calendars will continue to be for sale until the day of our first drawing which will be Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will be available after Mass at St. Henry's on Dec. 16-17, Dec. 23-24 and Dec. 30-31. They are also available at the church offices and school office. Each \$50 calendar gets you entered into a drawing for \$100 every Friday and \$50 every other Wednesday. You can win multiple times. Thank you for supporting St. Henry's Area School.

## Jason Smith, Principal 218-346-6190 or sthenryschool@arvig.net



The Parish of St. Henry extends congratulations to **Emerson Lou Paurus** child of Gage & Anne Paurus who was baptized this week

#### Wedding Banns II

Brady Blasher & Abby Theisen





JCDA December Get-Together

Sunday, December 17 • 3:00-6:00 p.m.
St. Henry's Church Basement
Girls ages 6-18 are invited to join us as we welcome our newly elected officers, make crafts and have some Christmas-themed fun!

Help is needed on Thursday, December 21st at 10:00am to help decorate for Christmas. Also, we need many hands on Sunday, December 24th after the 10:00am Mass to help move poinsettias into



the church. If you can help, please let the Parish Office know. Many hands make light work! Thank you!

A "Widows Walk" is an informal group of Catholic women who meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:00PM in the conference room at St. Henry's Catholic Church. For more information and to RSVP, please contact: Judy Christopherson at 218-298-0797.

## ST. HENRY



Wed., Dec. 20th: Reconciliation

Wed., Dec 27th: No Class (Christmas Break)
Wed., Jan 3rd: Class; 6:30-7:30PM (Parent Night)

We are looking for a 4th grade substitute religious education teacher for January-March. If interested, please talk to Caleb.

#### Caleb Carrlson, Faith Formation Director

Dorothy Day House: Help the homeless in our area by supporting the Dorothy Day House men's shelter in Moorhead, MN. They are currently in need of the following items: Ziploc bags (gallon and sandwich); bath towels, winter hats, gloves and scarves; deodorant, men's underwear, plain white t-shirts, socks (these clothing items preferred to be new); disposable razors; sleeping bags; blankets and hygiene products. They are especially in need of warm hats, gloves, mittens and socks. For more information, see the website at <a href="https://www.churches.united.org">www.churches.united.org</a> or call Teresa Elkin at 218-298-1274 or Cecile Guck at 218-298-4386.

Community Outreach Ministry is in need of twin, full, and queen beds in good condition, end tables, mixers, coffee pots, toasters, pots & pans, and crock pots. Please call Cindy Olson at 218-849-8658 or Teresa Elkin at 218-298-1274.





We have ribs available as a fundraiser! \$20.00/rack again this year. If you would like to purchase some, talk to Ann or Joe.

If you are pregnant or newly postpartum, get registered for *Matres in Servitio Mariae*! We would like to add you to our prayer list and provide the newly postpartum women of NCACC with postpartum "freezer" meals and a small new baby care kit! Questions? Want to volunteer to make meals or donate new/gently used baby items? Contact Krystal Vareberg.



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#### **PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

### HOLY CROSS UPCOMING EVENTS

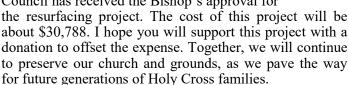
Contribution envelopes for 2024 are in your mailboxes; if you did not receive any talk to Faye.

Anyone interested in helping decorate for Christmas please stay after Mass on December 23rd to help.

Usher sign up sheet is on the table in the entry; please sign up as a family or group.

#### Resurfacing the Parking Lot at Holy Cross

You may have noticed that Holy Cross parking lot is in need of renovation. Our Finance Council has received the Bishop's approval for



May God bless you always. Fr. George

Adoration will be held every third Saturday of the month from 6-7PM.

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



Honoring Marriage Day will be held on May 4th, 2024 at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud for couples celebrating 5, 25, 40, 50 or 60 plus years of marriage in 2024. Please let your parish office know if you are celebrating these anniversary years no later than January 31, so we can send the information to the diocese.

New School Capital Campaign Update		
Complete Project	\$8,100,000.00	
Pledged	\$8,243,008.00	
Pledges to be Received	\$495,877.00	
Received	\$7,747,131.00	
Pledged Monies Received 12-10	\$7,978.00	
Households Contributing	350	

OFFICE HOURS: (HOLY CROSS): Call Faye Hendrickx: (218) 385-3850

(SACRED HEART): Monday, Thursday & Friday: From 9:00

AM-12 Noon, (218) 758-2700

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

12 Noon, (218) 346-7729

(ST. HENRY): Monday-Friday: From 8:30 AM—4:30PM,

(218) 346-4240

Please pray for those in need of healing in our parishes: Ashley Wilkowski, Dean Salo, Diana Billie, Jean Schmitz, Jen Aanenson, Julie Carr, Karen Omberg, Larry Bucholz, Larry Imdieke, Larry Van Watermulen, Lowell Siebels, Lucille Schik, Mike Ruther, Nancy Moris, Paul Juen, Richard Bergeron, Robert Daiker, Ron Bertram, Ron Wallace, Sebastian Mettler, Steve & Sue Loerzel, Sue Kalinoski, Tammy (Steinbach) Coryell

All military personnel, especially: Joseph Fonseca, Derick Burr, Greg Hirschey, Sandra Silbernagel, Nicholas Melz, Luke Potts, Miguel Martinez, Noah Zeleny, Tyler Van Watermulen, Andrew Schlosser, Ed Guck

Always remember in prayer our leaders in faith, especially: Pope Francis, Bishop Patrick Neary, Bishop Emeritus Donald Kettler, Dcn Randy Altstadt, Dcn Richard Quistorff, Fr. George Michael and Fr. Tom Skaja.

#### THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

This week we light the third Candle of the Advent Wreath known as the Shepherd Candle or the Candle of Joy. The third Sunday of Advent is also Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the



experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

#### Text **App** to **88202**

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



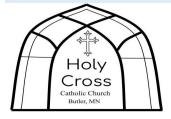
#### Weekly Bulletin Email List

If you would like to have the bulletin emailed to you each week, please let us know by calling or by emailing your parish office.

#### **Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December**

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Readings for the Week				
Monday	Jer 23:5-8	Mt 1:18-25		
Tuesday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a	Lk 1:5-25		
Wednesday	Is 7:10-14	Lk 1:26-38		
Thursday	Sg 2:8-14	Lk 1:39-45		
Friday	1 Sm 1:24-28	Lk 1:46-56		
Saturday	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24	Lk 1:57-66		
<b>Sunday</b> 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16		16		
	Rom 16:25-27	Lk 1:26-38		



#### **Holy Cross Catholic Church of Butler**

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#### Stewardship as a Way of Life

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.



Jesus. —1 Thessalonians 5:16-18