

# February 1, 2026

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, Jan 31, 5:00PM (St. Henry) † Dave Stigman  
 Sat, Jan 31, 7:00PM (Holy Cross) † Renee Doll  
 Sun, Feb 1, 8:00AM (St. Henry) For the People  
 Sun, Feb 1, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) † Gordon Dykhoff  
 Sun, Feb 1, 10:00AM (St. Henry) † Renee Doll  
 Sun, Feb 1, 10:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Steve Doll  
 Mon, Feb 2, 10:00AM (St. Henry) † Joyce Doll  
 Tue, Feb 3, 8:45AM (St. Henry) No Mass  
 Tue, Feb 3, 7:00PM (Sacred Heart) † Terry Strehlow  
 Wed, Feb 4, 8:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Rita Yaggie  
 Wed, Feb 4, 5:15PM (Holy Cross) † Nick Rohr  
 Thu, Feb 5, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) † Frank Herges  
 Thu, Feb 5, 8:45AM (St. Henry) † Jim & Margaret Huebsch  
 Fri, Feb 6, 8:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Nick Hofland  
 Fri, Feb 6, 10:00AM (Perham Living) † George Altstadt  
 Sat, Feb 7, 5:00PM (St. Henry) † Marie Malikowski  
 Sat, Feb 7, 7:00PM (Holy Cross) † Joe Ebner  
 Sun, Feb 8, 8:00AM (St. Henry) † Lorie Siebels & † Larry Kempenich Jr.  
 Sun, Feb 8, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) † Kelly Wagenman  
 Sun, Feb 8, 10:00AM (St. Henry) For the People  
 Sun, Feb 8, 10:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Joe Schwartz-fisher

**Financial Blessing for January 24th**

Adult.....	590.00	Plate.....	26.00
Votives.....	9.00		
			<b>Total.....625.00</b>

*Thank you for remembering Holy Cross Church with your Stewardship throughout the year.*

**Financial Blessing for January 25th**

Adult.....	1,690.00	Plate.....	449.50
Youth.....	16.50	Elec. Transfers.....	275.00
Votives.....	109.00		
			<b>Total.....2,540.00</b>

*Thank you for remembering Sacred Heart Church with your Stewardship throughout the year.*

**Financial Blessing for January 24th & 25th**

Adult.....	6,928.00	Plate.....	1,415.50
Children's Basket.....	45.81	Elec. Transfers....	4,868.00
Other.....	1,827.25		
			<b>Total.....15,084.56</b>

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

**Financial Blessing for January 25th**

Adult.....	1,525.00	Youth.....	8.00
Elec. Transfers.....	240.00	Plate.....	442.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	70.00	Cen. MN Cath.....	17.00
Fuel & Heat.....	100.00		
			<b>Total.....2,402.00</b>

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



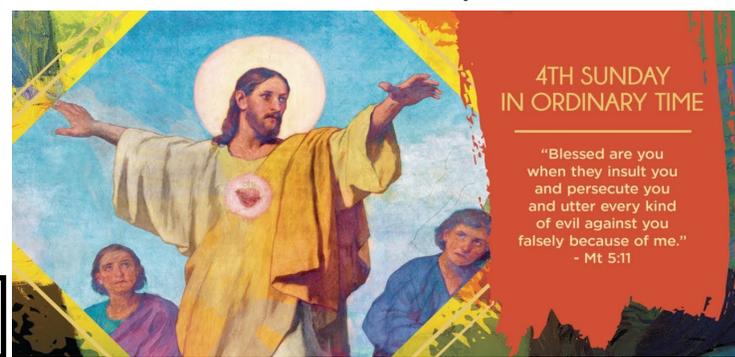
Through the generosity of the January children's collections we donated \$460.07 to the Tom and Geetha Chitta- Foundation for Children in Need in India.



Candlemas Day is on February 2nd. It is another name for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Mass is at 10:00AM at St. Henry's. Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple for the

rites of purification and dedication. On Candlemas, many Christians receive blessed candles that are used for the rest of the year in their homes and serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ, who referred to Himself as the Light of the World. Candlemas Day was also important in the lives of farmers. An old English song went as follows: "If Candlemas be fair and bright, / Come, Winter, have another flight. / If Candlemas brings clouds and rain, / Go, Winter, and come not again." So, if the bright sun "overshadows" the brightness of Candlemas Day, there will be more winter. However, if the light of Candlemas Day radiates through the gloom and darkness of the day, the end of winter is near.

The feast of St. Blaise, patron saint of throat ailments, is on Tuesday, February 3rd. Fr. Omar and Fr. Nathaniel will be blessing throats at the 7:00PM Mass at Sacred Heart, Dent on that day.



**BULLETIN DEADLINE: Tuesday Noon**

# ST. LAWRENCE UPCOMING EVENTS

## ST. LAWRENCE



**BLACKSTONE GRILL RAFFLE!**  
**\$5 per chance or 3 chances for \$10**  
 You could win this Blackstone grill along with all its contents. The raffle is sponsored by St. Lawrence Christian Women with all proceeds going toward the 2026 St. Lawrence Festival. Chances will be on sale after Mass, in the parish office, or contact Marlene Boedigheimer at 218-457-1588. Drawing will be on February 15th.

**Wed., February 4: All Grades; 6:30-7:30PM; Adoration**

**Wed., February 11: All Grades; 6:30-7:30PM**

**Stephanie VonRuden-Faith Formation Director**  
 218-298-1050 or [steph@ncacc.net](mailto:steph@ncacc.net)

**ST. LAWRENCE**  
**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY LUNCH**  
 Sunday, February 15  
 (after 10:30AM Mass)



**Children's Collections:** The February Children's Collections will be designated for the New York Mills Backpack Program.

A great New Year resolution is to TAKE time for yourself. Take time now and register for a **Lenten Retreat**. The upcoming Lenten Retreat "*Praying for the Prodigal*" will be held Saturday, March 14, 2026, at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Morris, MN and includes speakers, Jason Prigge and Roxane Salonen, the Chaplet to St. Monica, Mass, and of course, lunch. Fee is \$25 by March 2 or \$30 at the door. Feel free to invite your spouse and friends.

**Diocesan Festival of Families:** Join us at St. Francis Xavier in Sartell on February 22 from 9:00AM-3:00PM for a day of family fun and learning. Parents will choose which breakout sessions to attend while children and teens are engaged in their own learning. Then parents and children will reunite for whole family activities! Enjoy the day together while celebrating our Catholic faith. Register your family for only \$25 at: <https://stcdio.org/event/2026-festival-of-families/>

### WINTER WEATHER POLICY

When school is cancelled due to weather, there will be no Masses, no Adoration, and offices will be closed at all the NCACC parishes. If school is two hours late, Adoration will begin at noon and all morning Masses will be cancelled, but evening Masses may take place, if weather permits. For any other weather related announcements refer to My parish app or the NCACC Facebook page.

### Super Bowl Party

The St. Lawrence Saints Relay for Life Team will be hosting their 16th annual Super Bowl Party at the home of Albert & Lisa Werner on Sunday Feb 8th at 4:30pm. \$20 will get you a square on the board. Another \$10 will get you in for a great evening of food, fun, and friendship. All are invited. Contact Ruth (218-731-1426) or Kayla (218-371-8237) for details.



**St. Lawrence Café**  
**Open Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**  
 Bring a dish to share and join us for breakfast after the 8:30AM Mass.

### Catholic Men's Conference

The Annual Catholic Men's Conference is less than one month away! Be a part of a day of life-changing inspiration designed to strengthen your faith and connect with other men. The conference will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. John's University in Collegeville. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your relationship with the Lord through inspiring speakers and opportunities for prayer, Reconciliation, and Mass. Register at: <https://stcdio.org/event/catholic-mens-conference-2026/>

### Cemetery News

Rick Guck is the sexton of St Lawrence Cemetery. Please, contact Rick (218-849-5488) or the parish office (218-346-7729) with any questions regarding cemetery plots.

<b>Pastor:</b>	<b>Fr. Omar Guanchez, E-mail: <a href="mailto:fatheromar@ncacc.net">fatheromar@ncacc.net</a></b>	<b>Em: 218-346-4240 *Press 7</b>
<b>Parochial Vicar:</b>	<b>Fr. Nathaniel Daubner, E-mail: <a href="mailto:fathernathaniel@ncacc.net">fathernathaniel@ncacc.net</a></b>	<b>Phone: 218-758-2888 (landline)</b>
<b>Deacons:</b>	<b>Deacon Richard Quistorff; <a href="mailto:deaconrichard@ncacc.net">deaconrichard@ncacc.net</a></b>	<b>Phone: 720-688-1015</b>
	<b>Deacon Randy Altstadt; <a href="mailto:deaconrandy@ncacc.net">deaconrandy@ncacc.net</a></b>	<b>Phone: 218-457-0925</b>
<b>Business Manager:</b>	<b>Ann Koll; <a href="mailto:ann@ncacc.net">ann@ncacc.net</a></b>	<b>Phone: 218-346-4240</b>



**St. Lawrence Catholic Church of Rush Lake**  
 46404 County Highway 14  
 Perham, MN 56573  
 Phone: (218) 346-7729 Fax: (218) 346-5946  
 Office Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00AM-Noon  
 Email: [sandi@ncacc.net](mailto:sandi@ncacc.net)  
**Parish Website: [sacredheartstlawrencecatholicchurches.com](http://sacredheartstlawrencecatholicchurches.com)**



# SACRED HEART UPCOMING EVENTS



**Sacred Heart Christian Mothers  
Coffee & Rolls**  
Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>  
(after 8:30AM Mass)  
All are welcome!

Beginning Experience, a non-profit Christian Support Group for Divorced, Widowed or Separated people, begins a 10 Week Session "COPING WITH LIFE ALONE" Monday, March 9, 2026 in Fergus Falls. This group is not a dating club, we are here to help others that have suffered a loss. All facilitators are volunteers who have experienced a divorce, been widowed or are separated from their partner. Call 218-560-1686 to sign up and for more information. (If there's no answer leave your name and phone number and we will call you back).



**Plan with Faith, Live with Mercy**  
Bishop Neary is inviting all parishioners to take part in a new diocesan initiative to help Catholics prepare for the future with confidence and care. Through a partnership with MyCatholicWill.com, the Diocese of Saint Cloud is offering free access to a trusted online platform where you can:

- Create a Last Will and Testament
- Plan a funeral rooted in Catholic tradition
- Consider a bequest to your parish or diocesan ministries

This is a simple and meaningful way to care for your loved ones and live out our call to stewardship. For more information, visit <https://mycatholicwill.com/stcldio>



## SACRED HEART

**Wed., February 4:** 1-11; 7:00PM; Color Rosary at 8:00PM  
**Wed., February 11:** 1-11; 7:00PM; 2nd Grade Reconciliation Learning Centers

**Diane Sazama-Faith Formation Director**  
218-849-7520 or email [woolyacres@arvig.net](mailto:woolyacres@arvig.net)



**Sacred Heart Church of Dent Parish Bingo**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15; 1:00 PM**  
in the Sacred Heart Social Hall  
**FOOD/FUN/CASH PRIZES/DOOR PRIZES**  
Hosted by Sacred Heart Christian Mothers

**Singers Wanted for Community Lenten Cantata**  
Rehearsals will begin soon for the Community Lenten Cantata. Adam Tervola Hultberg will be our director, and we will sing the cantata "On a Hill Too Far Away". Performance dates are Sunday, March 29 at 3:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in New York Mills and Wednesday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Perham. All are invited to join us! Our first rehearsal will be at 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 15, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Perham. If interested, just show up on February 15.

**Cemetery News** Tim Stoll (218-841-4251) and John Kratzke (218-758-2275) (Sacred Heart) and Mark Riestenberg (218-731-2867) (St. Joseph) are the sextons of Sacred Heart and St. Joseph Cemeteries. Please, contact them or the parish office (218-758-2700) with any questions regarding cemetery plots.

**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; Third Saturday from 6:00PM– 7:00PM at Holy Cross. Tuesday & Thursday, 8:15AM-8:45AM; 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); Dawn Swanz & Jason Schik (Holy Cross)

**Northern Cross Area Catholic Community Pastoral Council Members:** Chelsey Hendrickx, Dawn Swanz, Dan Schik (Holy Cross); Brenda Aschnewitz, Mark Riestenberg, Kenny Moenkendick (Sacred Heart) Gina Cavanagh, Ken Guck, Jason Smith (St. Henry); Sandi Carrlson, Jack Werner, Caleb Carrlson (St. Lawrence)



**Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Dent**  
36963 State Highway 108  
Dent, MN 56528  
Phone: (218) 758-2700  
Office Hours: Monday and Thursday 9:00AM-1:00PM  
Email: [sandi@ncacc.net](mailto:sandi@ncacc.net)  
**Parish Website:** [sacredheartstlawrencecatholicchurches.com](http://sacredheartstlawrencecatholicchurches.com)



Congratulations to our Calendar Raffle winner this week. 1-30-26-Jim and Peg Riepe -\$100



**Fun Fair 2026**

We will be having our Fun Fair at the school on Sunday, March 15 from 11-2:30. We are in need of donations for our auctions and to offset expenses. If you are able to help, please let us know by contacting Jason at 218-346-6190 or [sthenryschool@arvig.net](mailto:sthenryschool@arvig.net). You can also just stop by the school as well. Thanks for your assistance, and we hope to see you at the Fun Fair on March 15.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Catholic Schools' Week a success. Thank you for volunteering and praying for our school.

**Jason Smith, Principal**  
218-346-6190 or [sthenryschool@arvig.net](mailto:sthenryschool@arvig.net)



*The Northern Cross ACC Parishes wish to extend deepest sympathy to family and friends of **Larry VanWatermulen** who passed away recently. May Larry know eternal peace and joy in heaven and may God grant comfort to his family and friends.*



**Catholic Daughters Court St. Rita #409** will have their monthly meeting at 7pm February 3rd in the St. Henry's church basement. All women interested in joining are welcome to attend.

**join us for**  
*fellowship*  
**COFFEE**  
*and*  
**DONUTS**  
**2nd Sunday**  
**of every month**  
**after 8 & 10 am Mass**

**Coffee is available for purchase at St. Henry!** We offer medium roast ground, French roast beans, and dark roast ground for \$12 for a 1-pound bag. We purchase the coffee from the Church of Saint Andrew, Elk River, who grinds and roasts the coffee beans purchased directly from the farmers in Guatemala.



**Wed., February 4:** All Grades; 6:30-7:30PM  
**Wed., February 11:** No Class  
**Wed., February 18:** All Grades; Ash Wednesday Mass at 7PM

**Michelle Sazama, DRE**  
218-849-9660 or [michelle@ncacc.net](mailto:michelle@ncacc.net)

**Catholic Schoolhouse**, a new local homeschool program, is currently registering families for the 2026/2027 academic year in Wadena. More than an academic co-op, Catholic Schoolhouse is a structured program meeting weekly for homeschoolers that includes chorus, two hours of classroom instruction, hands-on science, art projects, and opportunities for socializing after class. Interested families, please contact Morgan Roth at [morganroth0904@gmail.com](mailto:morganroth0904@gmail.com).

**Join the Team at Love INC!** Our partners at Love INC of Greater East Otter Tail County are growing! They are currently seeking a **Connection Center Coordinator** to join their mission of mobilizing local churches to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ. If you have a heart for relational ministry and serving our neighbors, view the full job description and application details by emailing Emily at [director.loveinceot@gmail.com](mailto:director.loveinceot@gmail.com).



Requirements for having your first child baptized are: registration at a parish and attendance of a pre-baptism class. This class is normally offered on the 3rd Saturday of each month. The next class will be offered on **Saturday, February 21st** at 9:00AM in St. Henry's conference room. If you want your child baptized but have not yet attended the required class, please call the parish office at 218-346-4240. Pre-registration is required.

Text **App to 55321** to download our parish app! Search for "Northern Cross Area Catholic Community"



**Cemetery News** Mike Johnson (St. Stan) (218) 849-0501 and Ron Berns (St. Henry) (218) 298-0545 are the sextons of St. Stan and St. Henry Cemeteries. Please contact them with any questions regarding cemetery plots.

**St. Henry's Catholic Church of Perham**  
234 2nd Ave SW  
Perham, MN 56573  
Phone: (218) 346-4240  
Email: [chelsey@ncacc.net](mailto:chelsey@ncacc.net)

# HOLY CROSS NEWS

Adoration is held on the third Saturday of the month at 6:00PM.

Holy Cross Fish Fries will be February 20th & 27th. Sign up sheets are out if you are able to help.

**Games Night** after Mass on February 7. Bring a snack to share.

Whist at St. John's (Corliss) Tuesday at 1:00PM.

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



## Faith Formation Schedule

**Wed., Feb 4:** Class 4:15-5:15PM

**Wed., Feb 11:** Class 4:15-5:15PM

**Wed., Feb 18:** Class 4:15-5:15PM; Ash Wednesday



Take the night off from cooking and support the Holy Cross, Butler youth.

**Valentine's Day Family Spaghetti Dinner**  
**Wednesday, February 11, 2026**  
**6:15 to 7:15PM**

**Free Will Offering**

**Sponsored by Holy Cross Faith Formation Youth**



**Hearts of Mercy - Bishop's Annual Appeal:** The 2026 Appeal launches soon.

· **Announcement Weekend is February 7 - 8:** You will receive bulletin inserts highlighting diocesan ministries and be asked to consider a gift to support these ministries on Commitment Weekend.

· **Commitment Weekend is February 14 - 15:** This is your opportunity to support diocesan ministries with a 2026 gift to the appeal. You may bring the envelope you receive in the mail or use a response envelope that will be provided at Mass. Both will be gratefully received in the offertory.

**OFFICE HOURS: (HOLY CROSS):** Call Faye Hendrickx:

(218) 385-3850

**(SACRED HEART):** Monday & Thursday : From 9:00 AM-

1:00PM, (218) 758-2700

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

12 Noon, (218) 346-7729

**(ST. HENRY):** Monday-Friday: From 8:30 AM—1:00PM,

(218) 346-4240



**Holy Cross Catholic Church of Butler**  
 57189 Co. Hwy 62 New York Mills, MN  
 Phone (218) 385-2201 or (218) 385-3850  
 Email: faye@ncacc.net

**Parish Website:** <https://www.parishfaith.com/holy-cross---butler>



**Please pray for those in need of healing in our parishes:** Joyce (Huebsch) Bauer, Kathi Schmitz, Keith Friedsam, Dave Hammers, Sue Kalinoski

**All military personnel, especially:** Derick Burr, Greg Hirschey, Sandra Silbernagel, Nicholas Melz, Miguel Martinez, Noah

Zeleny, Tyler Van Watermulen, Andrew Schlosser  
*Always remember in prayer our leaders in faith, especially: Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Patrick Neary, Bishop Emeritus Donald Kettler, Dcn Randy Altstadt, Dcn Richard Quistorff, Fr. Omar Guanchez, and Fr. Nathaniel Daubner.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving for the healing of Teresa and also Pete. Thank You Jesus!

*Dear God, we thank you for the gift of healing as we continue to pray for the healing of all those who are sick at this time.*

**Community Outreach Ministry** is in need of queen beds in good condition, small couch, dressers, kitchen table & chairs for families in our area. Please call Cindy Olson at 218-849-8658 if you have these items.

**Cemetery News** Sexton for Holy Cross cemetery is Edgar Hendrickx who can be contacted at 298-2434 or 385-3850.

### Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

### New School Capital Campaign Update

<b>Complete Project</b>	\$8,100,000.00
<b>Pledged</b>	\$8,345,742.00
<b>Pledges to be Received</b>	\$373,636.00
<b>Received</b>	\$7,972,106.00
<b>Monies Received 01-26</b>	\$150.00
<b>Households Contributing</b>	350

### Readings for the Week

<b>Monday</b>	Mal 3:1-4	Heb 2:14-18
	Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32	
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3	Mk 5:21-43
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17	Mk 6:1-6
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12	Mk 6:7-13
<b>Friday</b>	Sir 47:2-11	Mk 6:14-29
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Kgs 3:4-13	Mk 6:30-34
<b>Sunday</b>	Is 58:7-10	1 Cor 2:1-5
	Mt 5:13-16	

Please let the advertisers know you saw their ad in the bulletin.

 <p>100 Jake Street, Perham, MN (218) 346-5175 www.SchoenebergerFH.com</p>	<p><b>ALL CREATURES VETERINARY HOSPITAL</b> 905 Jenny Ave, Perham, MN 56573 218-346-PETS (7387)</p> <p>Dr. Raeanna Tisdell-Covington, DVM Dr. Ciarrin Sailer, DVM Dr. Darl Enga, DVM Dr. Lani Vincent, DVM</p> <p>allcreaturesperham.com</p>		
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<p>CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT ST. RITA PERHAM, MN</p> <p>Serving the community for 105 years</p> <p>To JOIN, CONTACT REGENT LEANNE STOLL AT 218-758-3050</p>	<p><b>FLORENCE HAMMERS RENTAL PROPERTIES</b> Perham, MN 218-346-6770</p>	<p><b>FIVE STAR STORAGE</b> East Industrial Park, Perham Secure Location, Rodent Deterrent Call for your inside or secure outside storage needs. 218-346-7925</p>	 <p>255 3rd Ave SE Perham, MN 56573 218-346-6250 www.overlandinsurance.com</p>
 <p>5:30 am - 3 pm (Mon-Sat) 8 am - 2 pm (Sun) 136 W. Main St Perham (218) 346-5920</p>	 <p>Open 24 hours a day 7 days a week</p> <p>Keystone Inc. 211 Market Drive Perham, MN 56573 Phone: 218-346-6750 Fax: 218-346-6752 thefreshplace.com</p>	 <p>www.hci-mn.com 218-346-2195</p>	<p><b>ROHDE INSURANCE SERVICES</b> Writing all lines of insurance.</p>  <p>WESTERN MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF MINNESOTA 218-739-3295</p> <p>Mickey Rohde, Dianne Rohde-Szarke &amp; staff</p>
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**Stewardship as a Way of Life:**

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:3*

The phrase “poor in spirit” can be confusing. Think of it in this sense – poor in spirit means depending on God’s providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthy things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs.



**Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

*Matthew 5:3*

# HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR VALENTINE

AND FIND VALUE AND PEACE DURING THE  
PROCESS

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LOOKING TO MEET OTHER FAITHFUL,  
SINGLE CHRISTIANS?

IF YOU ARE IN YOUR 20'S OR 30'S, PLEASE JOIN  
US FOR AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP, LEARNING,  
AND MEANINGFUL CONNECTION WITH OTHER  
CHRISTIANS,

**LOCATION: ST. HENRY'S CHURCH BASEMENT  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH  
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM  
PROGRAM STARTS AT 6:30**

**EVENING PRESENTERS:  
DEACON MICK AND ELIZABETH FROSLEE**

**PULLED PORK SANDWICHES AND COLESLAW WILL  
BE SERVED**

**IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE BRING A DISH TO  
SHARE**

**BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED**

**OPEN TO EVERYONE NO MATTER WHERE YOU  
ARE ON YOUR DATING JOURNEY. PLEASE  
RSVP BEFORE FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> FOR MEAL  
PLANNING OR IF WE NEED TO RESCHEDULE  
DUE TO WEATHER, BY CONTACTING  
MICHELLE AT MICHELLE@NCACC.NET,**

February 01, 2026  
Bulletin

A couple of weeks ago, some representatives from our ACC, including Dcn Randy, Fr Nathaniel and myself, attended an important meeting in St Cloud. We had a conversation with the diocesan committee that is assisting the Bishop in the restructuring of the diocese. The need of restructuring parishes in the Diocese of St Cloud has been initiated mainly by our shortage of priests. The number of active priests will continue to decline within the next decade, as the number of newly ordained will not keep up with the number of retirees. Unfortunately, our ACC will also suffer the impact of this, as they are projecting to only have 1 priest for our faith communities. The diocesan committee does NOT know when exactly there will be only one priest available to serve our faith communities of Sacred Heart in Dent, Holy Cross in Butler, St Lawrence in Rush Lake and St Henry's in Perham. I don't know when this will happen either but I have a feeling that it could happen when Fr Nathaniel receives his next assignment.

In an ideal world, each church would have a priest. The Diocese of St. Cloud would have at least 131 priests to take care of the 131 parishes that make up our Diocese. Unfortunately, we have a little over 50 active priests and it could go down to 40 within the next 7-10 years. Less priests means fewer Masses since each one of us can only do so much. In our ACC, one priest will say 7 Masses a week instead of the 14 Masses we are used to (4 weekday Masses and 3 weekend Masses). This number of Masses is what most priests in America generally do. Important to note that Church Law limits the number of Masses a priest offers daily to keep him from burnout.

I think it's important to prepare the best we can for the future changes and it would be amazing if they never get to happen; but the truth is that we don't have all the priests we need. Sadly, many other dioceses are

facing this same challenge. The solution is to pray for more vocations and to promote them in our families. Priests come from families like yours! This trend can be reversed!

In the meantime, let us support each other in prayer and ask for the gift of understanding and strength. This is the Church of God and God will always be with His Church. May the Lord Jesus bless you and keep you in His care!

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On a different note, several parishioners have expressed to me the desire to help immigrants from our communities that may be struggling financially because they are afraid to go to work. I do know a few that are in that situation and assisting them at this time of need has been in my heart also. Our faith impels us to be in solidarity with our neighbors and the Beatitudes, which is the Gospel reading of this 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time describes what makes us blessed. I'd like to give you the opportunity to donate toward this current need. You can drop your donation in an envelope with the word "Immigrant" on it. The Church will use the funds to help local immigrant families with utility expenses. I will make sure it gets to the families I know. Thank you for your prayerful support and concern for those in need.

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