



January 4, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord

Financial Blessing for December 27th

Adult.....	1,190.00	Plate.....	40.00
Youth.....	42.00	Votives.....	10.00
Rel Retirement.....	40.00	Christmas.....	2,455.00
Christmas Plate.....	684.00		

Total.....4,461.00

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

Financial Blessing for December 27th & 28th

Adult.....	1,311.00	Plate.....	2,792.00
Youth.....	152.52	Elec. Transfers.....	310.00
Votives.....	185.00	Christmas.....	2,966.00
Cath Mn Central.....	17.00	Rel. Retirement.....	50.00
Cath Relief Services.....	50.00	Fuel & Heat.....	50.00
World Mission Sunday.....	50.00	Cemetery Fund.....	25.00

Total.....7,958.52

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

Financial Blessing for December 27th & 28th

Adult.....	18,017.00	Plate.....	6,486.58
Children's Basket.....	285.00	Elec. Transfers.....	4,221.00
Christmas.....	11,733.00	Votives.....	57.00
Imm. Conception.....	20.00	Misc.....	382.28
Marriage Prep.....	350.00	Bulletin Sponsors.....	250.00

Total.....41,801.86

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

Financial Blessing for December 28th

Adult.....	7,120.00	Youth.....	33.25
Elec. Transfers.....	435.00	Plate.....	589.00
Imm Conception.....	40.00	Christmas.....	1,825.00
Rel. Retirement.....	50.00	Christmas Flowers.....	9.00
Religious Ed.....	150.00		

Total.....10,251.25

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



Children's Collections: The January Children's Collections will be designated to the Tom and Geetha Chitta- Foundation for Children in Need. Thousands of children are assisted through schools in **India**-children who are orphaned due to HIV/AIDS; trafficking;... Geetha is also a doctor and she does facial reconstruction surgeries for cleft palates and such. Amazing missionaries!

Sat, Jan 3, 5:00PM (St. Henry) † Roy Scheidecker
Sat, Jan 3, 7:00PM (Holy Cross) † Bruce Hendrickx
Sun, Jan 4, 8:00AM (St. Henry) Living & Deceased
Members of the Wegscheid Family
Sun, Jan 4, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) † Chase Nundahl
Sun, Jan 4, 10:00AM (St. Henry) † Joseph Hofmann &
† Michael Lex
Sun, Jan 4, 10:30AM (St. Lawrence) For the People
Tue, Jan 6, 8:45AM (St. Henry) No Mass
Tue, Jan 6, 7:00PM (Sacred Heart) † Robert Herges
Wed, Jan 7, 5:15PM (Holy Cross) † John Rohr
Wed, Jan 7, 8:30AM (St. Lawrence) No Mass
Thu, Jan 8, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) No Mass
Thu, Jan 8, 8:45AM (St. Henry) † Grace Wegscheid
Fri, Jan 9, 8:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Teresa Peterson
Fri, Jan 9, 10:00AM (Perham Living) Deceased Mem-
bers of Joe & Teresa Ingebrand Family
Sat, Jan 10, 5:00PM (St. Henry) Special Intention - Ja-
nuszewski Family
Sat, Jan 10, 7:00PM (Holy Cross) † Pete & Agnes
Hofland
Sun, Jan 11, 8:00AM (St. Henry) For the People
Sun, Jan 11, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) † Marilyn Stenger
Sun, Jan 11, 10:00AM (St. Henry) Living & Deceased
Members of Sts. Agnes & Mary Mission Circle
Sun, Jan 11, 10:30AM (St. Lawrence) Schnabel & Lim-
mer Families



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 in February.

CHECK YOUR MAILBOX FOR THE 2026 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES. PLEASE PICK THEM UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.



**St. Lawrence
Parish Life Committee Meeting
Sunday, January 11th
after Mass**



The **2026 Marriage Prep Course** will be held at St. Henry on **January 25th, 2026 from 8:00AM-4:00PM.** For more information or to register, please contact St. Henry's Parish Office.

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/stedio>

Wed., January 7: All Grades; 6:30-7:30PM
Sat., January 10: Grade 2, First Reconciliation, 9:00AM

Wed., January 14: All Grades; 6:30-7:30PM

Stephanie VonRuden-Faith Formation Director
218-298-1050 or steph@ncacc.net

The Feast of the Epiphany commemorates the visit of the wise men to worship the baby Jesus. Tradition tells us that their names were Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. The men were astrologers who were looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah. This was prophesied in the Book of Micah. According to the Gospel narratives, the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh with them. These gifts were very meaningful. Gold was a precious and expensive gift, and showed how important Jesus was. Frankincense is a sweet perfume which was often burned in the temple to worship God. It was a sign that Jesus should be worshipped. Myrrh was used to keep things fresh, and it was used by the women to anoint Jesus' body when he died. By bringing it as a gift to Jesus, the wise men foretold His suffering and death.



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.

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.



Pastor:	Fr. Omar Guanchez, E-mail: fatheromar@ncacc.net	Em: 218-346-4240 *Press 7
Parochial Vicar:	Fr. Nathaniel Daubner, E-mail: fathernathaniel@ncacc.net	Phone: 218-758-2888 (landline)
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Office Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00AM-Noon
Email: sandi@ncacc.net
Parish Website: sacredheartstlawrencecatholicchurches.com



SACRED HEART UPCOMING EVENTS



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.

Sacred Heart Christian Mothers Coffee & Rolls

Sunday, January 11th
(after 8:30AM Mass)
All are welcome!



Sunday, January 18
1:00 PM



Sacred Heart Church of Dent, MN.
FOOD/FUN/CASH PRIZES/DOOR PRIZES
Hosted by Sacred Heart Christian Mothers

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"Seeds to Grow" Sacred Heart "Seeds to Grow" is for those who are sick, injured or are in need of financial assistance due to their medical circumstances. If you know of anyone who needs our help, please submit a request to Sacred Heart Church, Dent, or call Mary at 218-758-2032. Request forms are available on the Sacred Heart bulletin board.

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
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Dent, MN 56528

Phone: (218) 758-2700

Office Hours: Monday and Thursday 9:00AM-1:00PM

Email: sandi@ncacc.net

Parish Website: sacredheartstlawrencecatholicchurches.com



FAITH
Formation

SACRED HEART

Wed., January 7:

1-11; 7:00PM

Wed., January 14:

1-11; 7:00PM; Rosary @ 8:00PM

Diane Sazama-Faith Formation Director
218-849-7520 or email woolyacres@arvig.net



It has been a tradition in the Catholic Church to hand out blessed chalk at the Masses for **Epiphany**, and then use the blessed chalk as part of blessing one's home in the New Year. The home blessing can be done as follows: Use the blessed chalk to write: 20+C+M+B+26 above the doorways: 2026 for the year; C, M, B for the 3 Magi—Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar – and for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, Latin for "May Christ Bless this House." As you are writing, pray the following prayer: *Lord God of heaven and earth, You revealed Your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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.

Congratulations to our Calendar Raffle winner this week. 12-26-25-Kelsey and Mike Wiskow -\$100 and 12-31-25-Joe Byer-\$50



If you are interested in enrolling your preschooler at our preschool for the fall of 2026-27, please reach out to Miss Missy at mmickelson.sthenryschool@arvig.net. We have a 3-year-old program and a 4-5 year-old program. Our preschool fills up fast, so reach out as soon as you can.

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



Catholic Daughters Court St. Rita #409 will have their monthly meeting on **January 6th at 7pm at St. Henry's**. All women are welcome to come to a meeting if interested in checking out the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

Honoring Marriage Day will be held on May 2nd, 2026 at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Sartell, MN, for all married couples. Couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60, and 60 plus years of marriage in 2026 will receive special recognition. 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.



The Parish of St. Henry
extends congratulations to
Ariana Salguero Herrera

daughter of Erick Wilfredo Salguero Santa
Maria & Gabriela Alejandra Herrera Maneia
who received the Sacrament of Baptism
last weekend



REBOOT event with Chris Stefanik will be held at the Wadena Memorial Auditorium on Wednesday, February 11th, 2026. Chris is an incredibly dynamic and energetic speaker with a beautiful message of joy! We invite you to join us for this life-changing event! Tickets are on sale now and can be found by scanning the QR code or by visiting <https://buytickets.at/reallifecatholic/1765324>.



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Northern Cross Area Catholic Community

St. Henry



Wed., January 7:

All Grades; 6:30-7:30PM

Wed., January 14:

All Grades; 6:30-7:30PM

Michelle Sazama, DRE
218-849-9660 or michelle@ncacc.net



Steubenville Youth Conference 2026 registration is OPEN for students currently in **8th-12th Grade!** Join us in Rochester, MN, June 12th-14th. **Spaces are limited.** Register via the **Northern Cross Youth Group Facebook page** or contact Michelle (michelle@ncacc.net). Watch the bulletin and your email for meeting dates and time. To financially support our students (tax-deductible), drop off donations marked "Steubenville Youth Conference" at any parish office or collection basket. Thank you for all the support you give to the Youth in our Parishes!

Education Contest

The 2025-2026 National Catholic Daughters Education Contest themes this year are: The Least of These; Matthew 25:40 or The Least of These; Lifting Others Up. Youth grades 4-12 are invited to submit an entry. Local Court St. Rita #409 is hosting the contest. Forms will be available at each parish or by calling Leanne Stoll, 758-3050. The deadline is February 1st. Cash awards are given for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.

Special thanks to Fr Omar and Fr Nathaniel for the funeral service and all the prayers and visits for Sue. Also, a big thank you to Deacon Randy and Deacon Richard. Special thanks to everyone for all the prayers over the past 4 years.

-From the Family of Sue Loerzel



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.

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NCACC

Northern Cross Area Catholic Community

HOLY CROSS NEWS

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

2026 Contribution envelopes are in your mailboxes.

Usher sign up sheet for 2026 is on the table in the entry. Sign up as a family, group, etc.

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

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

Faith Formation Schedule

Wed., Jan 7: Class 4:15-5:15PM

Wed., Jan 14: Class 4:15-5:15PM; Evening Class 6:40-7:40PM



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, January 17th** 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.

Cemetery News

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

Voices of Hope - Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025: Blessings to you In the New Year! We are very grateful to those of you who have already supported diocesan ministries in 2025 through the Appeal. As of December 22, the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2025 has raised \$1,532,689 toward our goal of \$1,500,000 (102.18%). This was made possible through the generous donations of 6,902 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. Your support of these vital ministries make a real difference in people's lives. Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal

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



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

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.

January is dedicated as the Month of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. This month reminds us of the power of Jesus' name.



The "Jesus Prayer"

"O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

Invocation of the Holy Name of Jesus

"Blessed be the most holy Name of Jesus without end!"

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January For Prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

New School Capital Campaign Update

Complete Project	\$8,100,000.00
Pledged	\$8,339,177.00
Pledges to be Received	\$374,119.00
Received	\$7,965,058.00
Monies Received 11-17	\$54,200.00
Households Contributing	350

Readings for the Week

Monday	1 Jn 3:22-4:6	Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday	1 Jn 4:7-10	Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday	1 Jn 4:11-18	Mk 6:45-52
Thursday	1 Jn 4:19-5:4	Lk 4:14-22
Friday	1 Jn 5:5-13	Lk 5:12-16
Saturday	1 Jn 5:14-21	Jn 3:22-30
Sunday	Is 42:1-4, 6-7	Acts 10:34-38
	Mt 3:13-17	



Holy Cross Catholic Church of Butler
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Parish Website: <https://www.parishfaith.com/holy-cross---butler>

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*"We have seen His star in the East,
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord."
Matthew 2:2*



Stewardship as a Way of Life:

*"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."
Matthew 2:11*

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.



Matthew 2:11

And when they came into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.