



December 28, 2025

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

### Financial Blessing for December 20th

Adult.....	3,552.00	Plate.....	37.00
Youth.....	5.00	Votives.....	18.00
Rel Retirement.....	10.00	Donation.....	2,000.00
Votives.....	18.00		

**Total.....5,622.00**

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

### Financial Blessing for December 20th & 21st

Adult.....	4,863.00	Plate.....	761.00
Youth.....	20.00	Elec. Transfers.....	225.00
Christmas Flowers.....	20.00	Christmas.....	525.00
Imm Conception.....	60.00	Rel. Retirement.....	25.00

**Total.....6,499.00**

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

### Financial Blessing for December 20th & 21st

Adult.....	6,678.00	Plate.....	724.25
Children's Basket.....	36.75	Elec. Transfers....	4,221.00
Christmas Flowers.....	10.00	Votives.....	71.00
Imm. Conception.....	50.00	Christmas.....	1,635.00
Initial Offering.....	10.00		

**Total.....13,436.00**

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

### Financial Blessing for December 21st

Adult.....	2,120.00	Youth.....	20.00
Elec. Transfers.....	380.00	Plate.....	655.00
Imm Conception.....	110.00	Christmas.....	70.00
Rel. Retirement.....	10.00	Christmas Flowers..	315.00
Votives.....	178.00	Memorial.....	2,000.00

**Total.....5,858.00**

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

### St. Henry's Adoration Schedule Update:

Please note the following changes to the Adoration schedule due to the upcoming holidays. Eucharistic Adoration will **END** on Thursday, December 18th at 5:00PM and will **RESUME** on Monday January 5th at 9:00AM. Thank you for your understanding. All Northern Cross ACC parish offices will be closed for the New Year holidays on Wednesday, December 31st, Thursday, January 1st, and Friday, January 2nd. A blessed New Year to all!

**PLEASE  
NOTE...**

Sat, Dec 27, 4:00PM (Sacred Heart) † David & Marion Jaroszewski  
Sat, Dec 27, 5:00PM (St. Henry) Families of † Roman & Kathy Walz  
Sat, Dec 27, 7:00PM (Holy Cross) Clara & † Joe Riepe 59th Anniversary  
Sun, Dec 28, 8:00AM (St. Henry) † Al Stigman  
Sun, Dec 28, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) † Josh Hanson  
Sun, Dec 28, 10:00AM (St. Henry) † George Altstadt  
Sun, Dec 28, 10:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Beverly Schwartzfisher  
Sun, Dec 28, 11:45AM (St. Henry - Spanish Mass) For the People  
Tue, Dec 30, 8:45AM (St. Henry) † Adeline Dykhoff  
Tue, Dec 30, 7:00PM (Sacred Heart) † David Jaroszewski  
Wed, Dec 31, 5:15PM (Holy Cross) † John & Eileen Hendrickx & † David Meyer  
Wed, Dec 31, 7:00PM (St. Lawrence) For the People  
Thu, Jan 1, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) † Fr. Leo Otto  
Thu, Jan 1, 10:30AM (St. Henry) † Cecilia Winkels  
Fri, Jan 2, 8:30AM (St. Lawrence) † David Huebsch  
Fri, Jan 2, 10:00AM (Perham Living) † Margaret Van Erp  
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

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, Dec 31 5:15PM-Holy Cross, Butler  
Wednesday, Dec 31 7:00PM-St. Lawrence, Rush Lake  
Thursday, Jan 1 8:30AM-Sacred Heart, Dent  
Thursday, Jan 1 10:30AM-St. Henry, Perham



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

# ST. LAWRENCE UPCOMING EVENTS



**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.**



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.

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



## 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>

# ST. LAWRENCE



Faith Formation

**Wed., December 31: No Class; Christmas Break**

**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](mailto:steph@ncacc.net)



## 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.



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**Perham, MN 56573**

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**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



## 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.

**"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.



The Feast of the Holy Family occurs in the heart of the Church's Christmas season to remind us of the importance of family, not just on holidays, but every day of the year. The Holy Family-Jesus, Mary and Joseph-is such an important role model. Together the three show us that for a family to be a safe haven in a broken world, obedience to God must first be at the center of our individual lives. Mary's "yes" to God's request to

become the mother of the Savior changed history: Joseph's prompt response to God's command rescued Jesus from Herod's attempt to kill him. And Jesus' obedience to the will of the Father brought salvation to the entire world. It was through obedience that Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were able to become a truly holy family: As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, let us ask ourselves how our own families can more closely model the Holy Family so that we can become witnesses of God's love to families all over the world.



FAITH  
Formation

## SACRED HEART

**Wed., December 31:**

**No Class; Christmas Break**

**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](mailto:woolyacres@arvig.net)



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.

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## 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



**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. 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](mailto: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](mailto:sthenryschool@arvig.net)

### "Come All Who Are Burdened" a Healing Retreat (sponsored by Jesus Heals)

Topics such as the healing power of the Eucharist and Reconciliation. Time for private prayer in adoration throughout the retreat weekend.

When: January 23 at 1PM - January 25 at 3PM

Where: Nazareth Retreat House in Crookston, MN

For more information or to register visit [crookston.org/attend-a-retreat](http://crookston.org/attend-a-retreat)

### Upcoming Women's Retreat: Women of Valor

When: January 30 - February 1, 2026

Where: Sisters of St. Francis Retreat & Conference Center Hankinson, ND

Cost: \$300 Includes accommodations and meals

To Register visit [www.ecclesiadomestica.net](http://www.ecclesiadomestica.net) or email [ecclesiaretreats@ecclesiadomestica.net](mailto:ecclesiaretreats@ecclesiadomestica.net)



The Parish of St. Henry  
extends congratulations to

**Easton Russell Bussé**  
son of Parker & Steph Bussé  
-and-

**Ellis Robert Palubicki**  
son of Nic & Anne Palubicki  
who received the Sacrament of Baptism  
last weekend



**REBOOT** event with Chris Stefanik will be held at the Wadena Memorial Auditorium on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 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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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



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.



**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**  
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# HOLY CROSS NEWS

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

2026 Contribution envelopes are in your mailboxes.

*Thank you* Thank you to all those who helped decorate the church after Mass on Saturday.

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

Are you looking for something new to pass away the day? Go to St. John's (Corliss) Tuesday at 1:00 and play whist. Everyone welcome.

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



## Faith Formation Schedule

**Wed., Dec 31:** No CCD; Christmas Break

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

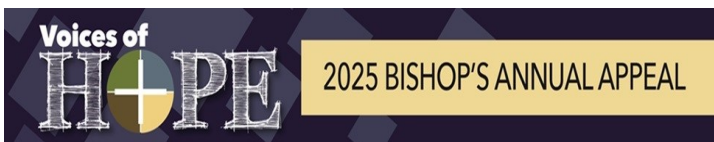
**Wed., Jan 14:** Class 4:15-5:15PM; Evening Class 6:40-7:40PM



**Children's Collections:** The December Children's Collections will be designated to the local Backpack Program.

## 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:** Thank you so much for your support of diocesan ministries through your prayers and gifts in 2025. May you be blessed with peace and joy in the new year.

**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

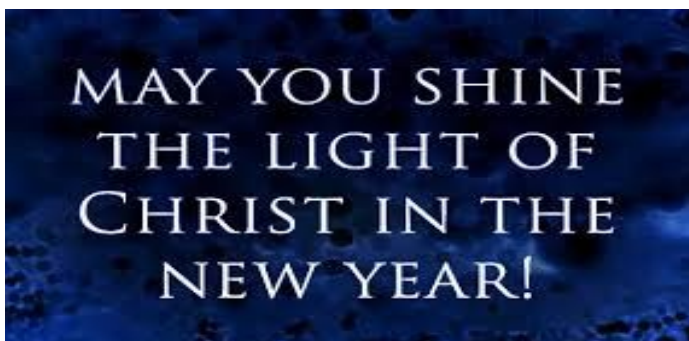


Please pray for those in need of healing in our parishes: Joyce (Huebsch) Bauer, Kathi Schmitz, Keith Friedsam, Dave Hammers

**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.*



## Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December For Christians in Areas of Conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

## New School Capital Campaign Update

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

## Readings for the Week

<b>Monday</b>	1 Jn 2:3-11	Lk 2:22-35
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Jn2:12-17	Lk 2:36-40
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Jn 2:18-21	Jn 1:1-18
<b>Thursday</b>	Nm 6:22-27	Gal 4:4-7
	Lk2:16-21	
<b>Friday</b>	1 Jn 2:22-28	Jn 1:19-28
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Jn 2:29-3:6	Jn 1:29-34
<b>Sunday</b>	Is 60:1-6	Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
	Mt 2:1-12	



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



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### Stewardship as a Way of Life:

*"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."*

*Colossians 3:17*

Giving thanks to God and using our words and actions to give all glory to God is the foundation of living a stewardship lifestyle. We were made in God's image and likeness, gratitude and generosity is in our DNA. As beloved sons and daughters of God, we are all part of God's family. Using our gifts to help others is our gift back to God and helps grow the Body of Christ here on earth and establishes a pathway to Heaven for each of us.

