



**February 8, 2026**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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  
 Tue, Feb 10, 8:45AM (St. Henry) † Bob Starzl  
 Tue, Feb 10, 7:00PM (Sacred Heart) † Gracie Langlie  
 Wed, Feb 11, 8:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Mary Perius & † Jim Vetter  
 Wed, Feb 11, 5:15PM (Holy Cross) Christian Mothers  
 Thu, Feb 12, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) † Don & Dorothy Weickert  
 Thu, Feb 12, 8:45AM (St. Henry) Deceased Members of Joe & Teresa Ingebrand Family  
 Fri, Feb 13, 8:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Duane Anderson  
 Fri, Feb 13, 10:00AM (Perham Living) † Christine Wasche  
 Sat, Feb 14, 5:00PM (St. Henry) † Joe & Delores Wasche  
 Sat, Feb 14, 7:00PM (Holy Cross) All Married People  
 Sun, Feb 15, 8:00AM (St. Henry) † Jim & Marion Bucholz  
 Sun, Feb 15, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) † John Gerber  
 Sun, Feb 15, 10:00AM (St. Henry) For the People  
 Sun, Feb 15, 10:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Jessie Erickson

**Financial Blessing for January 31st**

Adult.....	1,060.00	Plate.....	35.00
Youth.....	5.00	Votives.....	17.00
Cen. MN Cath.....	100.00		
			<b>Total.....1,217.00</b>

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

**Financial Blessing for February 1st**

Adult.....	1,200.00	Plate.....	308.00
Youth.....	53.00	Elec. Transfers.....	645.00
Cen. MN Cath.....	156.00	Candles.....	21.00
			<b>Total.....2,383.00</b>

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

**Financial Blessing for January 31st & February 1st**

Adult.....	9,782.00	Plate.....	721.50
Children's Basket.....	48.10	Elec. Transfers....	4,868.00
Other.....	2,511.40		
			<b>Total.....17,931.00</b>

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

**Financial Blessing for February 1st**

Adult.....	1,855.00	Youth.....	8.00
Elec. Transfers.....	1,571.97	Plate.....	450.00
Votives.....	90.00	Cen. MN Cath.....	85.00
			<b>Total.....4,059.97</b>

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



**Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule:**  
**February 18th**  
 8:30 AM: St. Lawrence  
 8:45 AM: St. Henry  
 5:15 PM: Holy Cross  
 7:00 PM: St. Henry

**BULLETIN DEADLINE: Tuesday Noon**

**Prayer for Married Couples**  
 Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with His Church. Look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase Your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of Your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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



# ST. LAWRENCE UPCOMING EVENTS

## ST. LAWRENCE



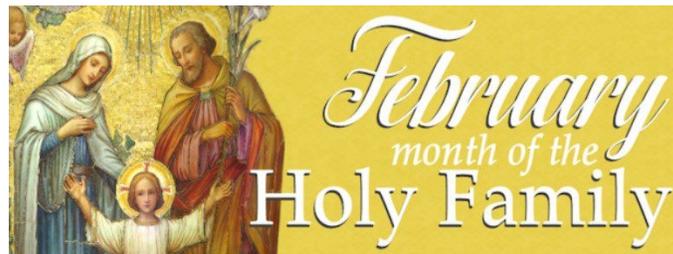
Faith Formation

**Wed., February 11:** All Grades; 6:30-7:30PM  
**Wed., February 18:** Ash Wednesday-No Class  
**Wed., February 25:** All Grades; Stations of the Cross at 6:30PM followed by class.

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



**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.



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.

### 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.

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



### Catholic Men's Conference

Deepen your personal relationship with God and find practical habits to strengthen your hope at the upcoming Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, February 28, 2026. This event is open to all men, whether practicing Catholics or those seeking to deepen their faith. Discover how to live as a man of hope in today's world. Register at: <https://stcdio.org/event/catholic-mens-conference-2026/>

**Diocesan Festival of Families on February 22 at St. Francis Xavier in Sartell (9:00AM-3:00PM:** Don't miss out! Registration is filling fast. Join Bishop Neary and hundreds of Catholics to celebrate the role of family and enjoy activities specifically designed for you! Register your family for only \$25. For more information and to register go to: <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.

**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>
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**St. Lawrence Catholic Church of Rush Lake**  
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 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!

**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



**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](https://buytickets.at/reallifecatholic/1765324)



**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE**  
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).

# FAITH Formation SACRED HEART

**Wed., February 11:** 1-11; 7:00PM; 2nd Grade Reconciliation Learning Centers  
**Wed., February 18:** No Class-Ash Wednesday  
**Wed., February 25:** 1-11; 7:00PM; Stations @ 8:00PM.  
**Sat., February 28:** Grade 2 & Family; 9:00AM; First Reconciliation.

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



Sacred Heart invites all to a **Fat Tuesday Celebration** on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> after the 7:00PM Mass. Bring your favorite dish to share and join the fun.

**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 winners this week. 2-4-26-Kathy Sim-\$50 and 2-6-26-Jeff and Kate Mosca -\$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.

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

**Wed., February 11:** No Class  
**Wed., February 18:** All Grades; Ash Wednesday Mass at 7PM  
**Wed., February 25:** All Grades; 6:30-7:30PM

**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).

There will be a **Perham Area Knights of Columbus** meeting at 7:00 pm Tuesday, February 10th, in St. Henry's Church Basement. Men interested in joining the Knights are welcome to attend.

**The saying goes “when the going gets tough, the tough get going.”** Do you know what to do in times of trouble? **CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA** is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for March 20-22, 2026, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) for more information and to register for retreats.

**Navigating Your Grief Monthly Support Group**

No one should have to face grief alone. This group offers a safe, caring space to share, listen, and find support with others who understand. Whether your loss is recent or years past, you are welcome here.

Join our open group on the third Thursday of each month from 2-3pm in our Elevate Conference Room (318 6th Ave SW, Perham). The sessions will be hosted by Vivie Hospice. Registration is not required.

For more information or questions, contact Vivie at 320-759-4935 or [trisha.zimmerman@vivie.org](mailto:trisha.zimmerman@vivie.org).

**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.



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.

Church cleaners for February are: Jayne Hofland, Kendra Peeters, Mandy Peeters, and Tery Peeters.

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

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



## Faith Formation Schedule

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

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

**Wednesday**

**Wed., Feb 25:** Class 4:15-5:15PM; Evening Class 6:40-7:40PM



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

### Valentine's Day Family Spaghetti Dinner

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

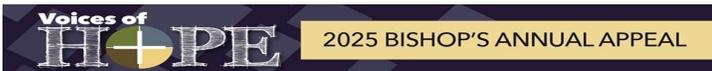
6:15 to 7:15PM

Free Will Offering

Sponsored by Holy Cross Faith Formation Youth



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.



**Bishop's Annual Appeal – Hearts of Mercy: This is Announcement Week!** Please take this opportunity to read the insert in this weekly bulletin to learn more about the diocesan ministries that continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. They are not possible without your help. Please keep them thriving.

**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, Sue Kalinoski

**All military personnel, especially:** Derick Burr, Greg Hirsche, 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.*



*Calvary appreciates your support of the Sick prob program. Thank you!!  
 Over 150 kids are fed during the school year with over 100 in the summer.  
 We could not do it without you! In Christ,  
 Kay Harper  
 bookkeeper etc*

**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>	\$373,586.00
<b>Received</b>	\$7,972,156.00
<b>Monies Received 02-01</b>	\$50.00
<b>Households Contributing</b>	350

### Readings for the Week

<b>Monday</b>	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13	Mk 6:53-56
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30	Mk 7:1-13
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Kgs 10:1-10	Mk 7:14-23
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Kgs 11:4-13	Mk 7:24-30
<b>Friday</b>	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19	Mk 7:31-37
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34	Mk 8:1-10
<b>Sunday</b>	Sir 15:15-20	1 Cor 2:6-10
	Mt 5:17-37	



**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>

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 <p>From our family to yours.</p>	 <p>Becky King Rep since 2005 (218) 841-4600 BKing@catholicunited.org</p>	 <p>Knights of Columbus Perham Area Council 1773 Join the Knights at kofc.org/joinus</p>	 <p>Preschool to 6th Grade 218-346-6190</p>
<p><b>CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS</b> COURT ST. RITA PERHAM, MN</p> <p>Serving the community for 105 years</p> <p><b>To JOIN, CONTACT REGENT LEANNE STOLL</b> AT 218-758-3050</p>	<p><b>FLORENCE HAMMERS</b> <b>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>
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**Stewardship as a Way of Life:**

*“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 5:16*

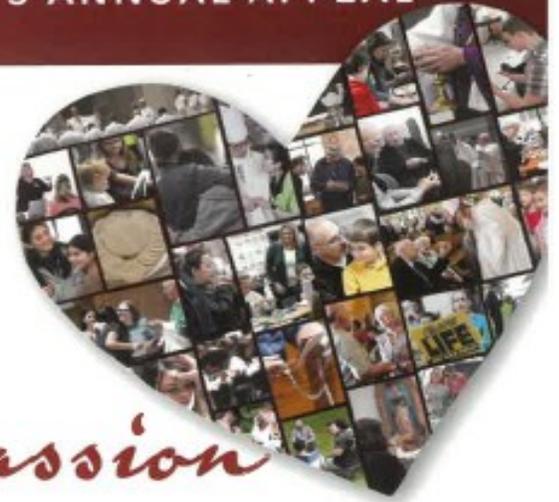
The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourage more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God’s gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them, and they don’t put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

Let YOUR light  
Shine BEFORE OTHERS  
that they may see your  
GOOD DEEDS  
AND  
your glorify  
FATHER  
in heaven



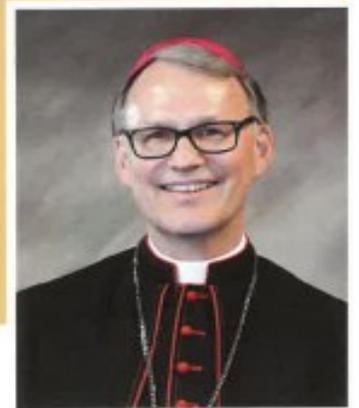
MATTHEW 5:16

# Hearts of MERCY *Agents of Compassion*



In every parish, in every pew, in every ministry across our diocese, the call of Christ is the same: to be agents of compassion, to walk with one another in accompaniment and to open our hearts in mercy. This year, the 2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal invites us to see formation not as a program, but as a way of life – shaping disciples who reflect the love of Jesus in all they do.

*Ministries supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal seek to ignite faith by serving more than 125,000 Catholics across the Diocese of Saint Cloud.*



+PATRICK M. NEARY, C.S.C.  
Diocese of Saint Cloud

## HEARTS OF MERCY...

FORMING PASTORAL LEADERS.



*"Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." – Mark 16:15*

Pastoral leaders dedicate themselves to equipping parishes, schools and ministries with the tools they need to grow in faith. From catechist training to youth ministry support to adult faith formation, they are agents of compassion – ensuring that leaders are prepared to accompany the faithful with wisdom and mercy.

*Sara Michaelson, diocesan superintendent of schools, walks alongside principals through accreditation as well as the daily joys and challenges of school leadership. Pictured with Kristie Harren, principal of Sacred Heart School in Freeport, Sara regularly visits educators in Catholic schools across the diocese to offer guidance, encouragement and support.*

## HEARTS OF MERCY...

FORMING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES.



*"All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization."* — Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel

Formation does not stop with staff. It lives in the pews, in the daily lives of ordinary disciples. Parents teaching their children to pray. Parishioners visiting the homebound. Volunteers serving meals to the hungry. Each act of mercy, each moment of accompaniment, is a witness to Christ's compassion. Together, diocesan staff and parishioners form one body, one mission, one Church, living out the Gospel in word and deed.

*The Diocese of Saint Cloud works with local, regional and national Catholic experts to support strong leadership and faith formation. By training local leaders, these programs help people in the pews grow confident in sharing their faith in daily life. Events like the one shown here in Sauk Rapids with national family consultant Denise Utter give ministers, teachers, and families practical strategies they can use and*

*adapt to meet the unique needs of their faith communities.*

## HEARTS OF MERCY...

FORMING AGENTS OF COMPASSION.

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*

— 1 Peter 4:10

This Annual Appeal is more than a request for support. It is an invitation to join in the mission of compassion. Your gift strengthens formation programs, supports ministries and empowers both diocesan staff and parishioners to be agents of mercy in a world that longs for hope. When we give, we form hearts. When we form hearts, we transform lives.

*When donors and the faithful in the pews support the formation of pastoral leaders, they themselves become agents of compassion. Your generosity equips priests, deacons, seminarians and lay ministers to accompany others with mercy, ensuring that Christ's love shines in every parish and community. Here, Deacon Dan Dullinger ministers to the elderly through his work as a chaplain.*



**As we look to the future, let us walk together as agents of compassion and accompaniment, with hearts of mercy. With your prayer, your generosity and your witness, the love of Christ will continue to shine in every corner of our diocese.**

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