

December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat, Dec 20, 4:00PM (Sacred Heart) † John Gerber
 Sat, Dec 20, 5:00PM (St. Henry) † Christine Wasche
 Sat, Dec 20, 7:00PM (Holy Cross) † Rose Guck
 Sun, Dec 21, 8:00AM (St. Henry) † Orris & Eleanor Olson
 Sun, Dec 21, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) † Gracie Langlie
 Sun, Dec 21, 10:00AM (St. Henry) For the People
 Sun, Dec 21, 10:30AM (St. Lawrence) † Eva Lamb
 Sun, Dec 21, 11:45AM (St. Henry - Spanish Mass) Special Intention—Elena Sandoval
 Tue, Dec 23, 8:45AM (St. Henry) † Andy & Elaine Johnson and † Marie Malikowski
 Tue, Dec 23, 7:00PM (Sacred Heart) † John Tschida
 Wed, Dec 24, 4:00PM (St. Henry) † Rita Rotta
 Wed, Dec 24, 4:00PM (Sacred Heart) † Laurence & Marilyn Stenger
 Wed, Dec 24, 6:00PM (St. Lawrence) † Leo & Theresa Doll
 Wed, Dec 24, 7:00PM (Holy Cross) † Roger & LaVerne Hendrickx
 Thu, Dec 25, 8:45AM (St. Henry) For the People
 Thu, Dec 25, 10:30AM (St. Henry-Spanish Mass) Special Intention - Immigrants and Their Needs
 Fri, Dec 26, 8:30AM (St. Lawrence) No Mass
 Fri, Dec 26, 10:00AM (Perham Living) Communion Service
 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 Schwartzfischer
 Sun, Dec 28, 11:45AM (St. Henry - Spanish Mass) For the People

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Wednesday, Dec 24 4:00 PM-Sacred Heart, Dent
 Wednesday, Dec 24 4:00 PM-St. Henry, Perham
 Wednesday, Dec 24 6:00 PM-St. Lawrence, Rush Lake
 Wednesday, Dec 24 7:00 PM-Holy Cross, Butler

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Thursday, Dec 25 8:45AM-St. Henry, Perham
 Thursday, Dec 25 10:30AM-St. Henry, Perham (Spanish)
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

Financial Blessing for December 13th

Adult.....	1,380.00	Plate.....	76.00
Imm Conception.....	15.00	Youth.....	28.00
Votives.....	32.00	Rel Retirement.....	10.00
		Total.....	1,541.00

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

Financial Blessing for December 13th & 14th

Adult.....	2,258.00	Plate.....	647.00
Youth.....	22.00	Elec. Transfers.....	595.00
Christmas Flowers.....	100.00	Christmas.....	10.00
Imm Conception.....	622.00	Rel. Retirement....	277.00
		Total.....	4,531.00

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

Financial Blessing for December 13th & 14th

Adult.....	11,462.00	Plate.....	1,242.90
Children's Basket.....	82.75	Elec. Transfers....	4,221.00
Christmas Flowers.....	20.00	Votives.....	72.00
Imm. Conception.....	170.00	Christmas.....	110.00
Bulletin Sponsors.....	750.00	Coffee.....	48.00
Initial Offering.....	10.00	Donuts.....	153.00
		Total.....	18,341.65

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

Financial Blessing for December 14th

Adult.....	2,450.00	Youth.....	5.00
Elec. Transfers.....	220.00	Plate.....	626.00
Imm Conception.....	318.00	Christmas.....	135.00
Rel. Retirement.....	430.00	Christmas Flowers..	317.00
		Total.....	4,501.00

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.

**PLEASE
NOTE...**

BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER 28 & JANUARY 4 BULLETINS IS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18.

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.

The Parish of St. Lawrence
 extends congratulations to
Summer Josephine Huebsch
 Daughter of Josh Anderson & Kimberly Huebsch
 who received the Sacrament of Baptism
 on December 14th



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.

The communities of Perham and New York Mills are blessed with caring volunteers that help at our Food Shelves each week and generous communities that provide gifts of food and money throughout the year. Please keep your local Food Shelves in your thoughts during this holiday season.



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.

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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

Parish Website: sacredheartstlawrencecatholicchurches.com

ST. LAWRENCE



Faith Formation

Wed., December 24: No Class; Christmas Break

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

A Christmas Prayer

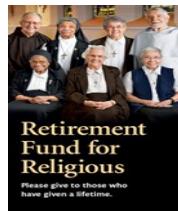
Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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.



Thank you very much for your donations to the Religious Retirement Fund. Your gift directly impacts thousands of senior religious, providing the support they need in their later years. Learn more at retiredreligious.org.



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.



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 Aschnerwitz & 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 Aschnerwitz, 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

Parish Website: sacredheartstlawrencecatholicchurches.com



**FAITH
Formation**

SACRED HEART

Wed., December 24:

No Class; Christmas Break

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**



*The Northern Cross ACC Parishes
wish to extend deepest sympathy to
family and friends of
Eugene Klinnert*

*who passed away recently.
May Eugene know eternal peace
and joy in heaven and may God
grant comfort to his family and friends.*

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.



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



Congratulations to our Calendar Raffle winner this week. 12-17-25-Joan Stenger-\$50 and 12-19-25-Mary Bennett-\$100



Calendars are available after Masses at St. Henry's and in the school and church offices for \$50 each. Each purchase gives you the opportunity to win \$100 every Friday and \$50 every other Wednesday, and you can win multiple times. 225 calendars are available. They will be available until January 2nd or until they are sold out. They make great gifts. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

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

“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

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 or email ecclesiaretreats@ecclesiadomestica.net



Wed., December 24: No Class
Wed., December 31: No Class
Wed., January 7: 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!

May God Bless you during this Advent Season,
Michelle Sazama DRE St. Henry's



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



Help is needed at St. Henry on Sunday, December 21st at 1:00PM to decorate our church for Christmas. Many hands make light work! Thank you!

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
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HOLY CROSS NEWS

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

Thank you to all who supported the Christian Mother's Cookie Sale. We made \$366.

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.

Next Saturday after Mass anyone would like to decorate the church for Christmas is welcome to help.

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 24: No CCD; Christmas Break

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 January 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.



2025 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Voices of Hope - Bishop's Annual Appeal: Blessings to you in this fourth week of Advent as we contemplate the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." Please take a moment to pray for the people of our diocese and all who serve to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota.

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 Hirshey, 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.



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



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

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 Sa1:24-28	Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24	Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday	Is 62:1-5	Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Thursday	Mt 1:1-25	
	Is 52:7-10	Heb 1:1-6
	Jn 1:1-18	
Friday	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59	Mt 10:17-22
Saturday	1 Jn 1:1-4	Jn 20:1a and 2-8
Sunday	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14	Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
	Mt 2:13-15, 19-23	

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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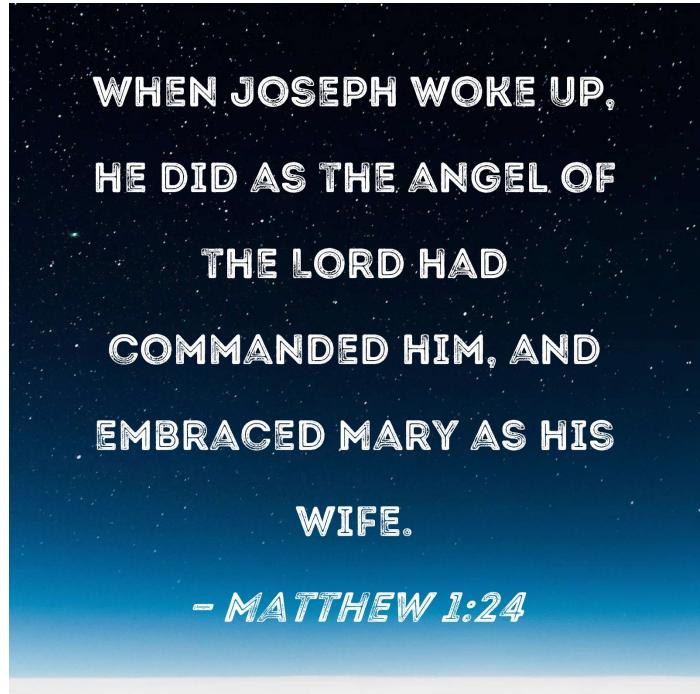
“Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and His name will be called Emmanuel” Isaiah 7:14



Stewardship as a Way of Life:

“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.” Matthew 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.



REVISED
NCACC CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE 2025
Churches of Sacred Heart, St. Lawrence, St. Henry & Holy Cross

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

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CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Thursday, Dec 25	8:45AM-St. Henry, Perham
Thursday, Dec 25	10:30AM (Spanish)-St. Henry, Perham

**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
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