

NEWS FOR OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES

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DECEMBER 17TH 2017– 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This Week

12/17 Third Sunday of Advent

- Wknd Rdgs. & Reflections– Sacred Heart 9:15a

12/18 Monday

- Monthly Confessions/Adoration Badger 6:30-9p

12/19 Tuesday

- Mass & Adoration– Sacred Heart 10:45-11:45a

12/20 Wednesday

- Mass– St. Mary's 9a
- Religious Ed– Sacred Heart (gr K-11)

12/21 Thursday

- Christmas Eve Choir Practice– Sacred Heart 5-6p
- Confession/Mass/Ador– Sacred Heart 6-8p

12/22 Friday

- Mass- LifeCare 10a

12/23 Saturday

- Confessions - Roseau 9-10 am
- Confessions - Falun -- 11am - Noon
- Confessions - 3:00 - 4:45 PM at Roseau
- Falun Sunday Mass– St. Philip's 7p

12/24 Fourth Sunday of Advent **Christmas Eve**

- Christmas Eve Mass– St. Philip's 4:30 pm
- Christmas Eve Mass– Sacred Heart 9 pm

12/25 Sunday **Christmas Day**

- Mass– St. Mary's 8:45a
- Mass– Sacred Heart 10:30a

SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR PRACTICE

Thursday, December 21 from 5-6 pm, at the church
We will be singing at Mass in Roseau on Christmas Eve.

Father would enjoy a bigger choir for Christmas Eve.
What a wonderful gift we could give him. If you enjoy singing, please come and join in.

NO AUDITIONS NEEDED!



Preparing for Advent- (week4)

Snow Globe– snow globes often symbolize innocence, therefore, metaphorically representing the purity and redemption of the advent season.

Activity Ideas:

- Give communion to those that are not able to attend Mass.
- Deliver Giving Tree gifts.
- Visit people in the hospital/nursing homes.



December 24, 2017 - 4th Sunday of Advent

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!"- LUKE 1:28

Faith is a gift from God. Take time in silence and thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others.



Weekend Readings & Reflection

With the many distractions that bombard us daily, how can we stay focused and watch for Christ during Advent? This **Sunday we will explore the Nativity narrative in Luke's Gospel** that serves as a vivid example of how to prepare our hearts with true humility so that "watching" for Jesus is an active reality. Presented by Dr. Edward Sri. **Join us at Sacred Heart on Sunday at 9:15am to refocus your Advent!**



Homily Notes Visit our website at www.roseaucatholic.org to see Homily Notes from last weekend's Mass.

“Come Lord, make your dwelling in us.”

MASS SCHEDULE and INTENTIONS for December 19-December 24

Tuesday, Dec 19	Sacred Heart	10:45am	+John I. / Dolores O.
Wednesday, Dec 20	St. Mary's	9:00am	+Rembert Sand / Shirley Kleinwachter
Thursday, Dec 21	Sacred Heart	6:30pm	+Anton Hodik / Kathy & David Schafer
Friday, Dec 22	LifeCare	10:00am	+Wallace Kleinwachter / Fr. John Kleinwachter
Saturday, Dec 23	Sacred Heart	5:00pm	+Patrick Johnson / Pat Czeh
	St. Philip's	7:00pm	Spec. Intentions of Fr. Jerry Foley / Toni Peterson
Sunday, Dec 24	St. Mary's	8:45am	++John & Rosie Ignaszewski / Philamay Monsrud
	Sacred Heart	10:30am	++Babe & Ethel Fortier / Pat Czeh
Christmas Eve Mass	St. Philip's	4:30p	For all parishioners.
Christmas Eve Mass	Sacred Heart	9:00pm	The Poor Souls / Fran & Ann Rentfrow

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FORMED --- *Your Catholic Faith on Demand*

Formed has been added as a tool for all our parishioners to use to access information on their Catholic faith. You can access the link by following the details below or through our website at www.roseaucatholic.org

1. <https://formed.org/>
2. Click on blue box 'Enter Code'
3. Enter code: **7QK6ZV**
4. Enter your personal information and create your account
5. ENJOY!



Retirement Fund for Religious Thank you for your generosity in donating to our retired brothers, sisters, and priests.



LifeCare Pregnancy Center

"Open your hearts & empty your pockets. Help fill a jar to donate towards our ministry of life"

We have a jar in the back of **Sacred Heart Church** where you can add your **loose change** to help raise money for the LifeCare Pregnancy Center.



The **Roseau Area Food Shelf** would like to **THANK YOU** for your donation of **14 lbs.** of food in the month of **November!**

Does anyone have Communion Pyxes at home?

Many have brought communion to persons at home. Please check around to see if you have them. If you do, please return to the church. Thank you! -Fr. John

Thank you to:

- **John and Jan Anderson** for installing two new towel dispensers.
- **Eric Klein** for putting a new weather-stripping on the garage door.
- **Val and JoMar Bernat and Ron Schwehr** for cleaning snow off the steps and sidewalks.
- **Lynn Kartes and Caleb Mellstrom** for working the light bar over the altar at Roseau.

Note from Fr. John My deepest thanks to all who put together the celebration of my 40th anniversary last weekend, and to all who attended, and to all who sent card, prayers and gifts. God bless you all in a special way!

Capital Campaign Update

- We will be meeting with new parishioners soon to explain the building plan and finances with them.
- **Good News!** We received some new contributions and now have **\$506,125** in cash on hand towards our goal of **\$650,000** (half of the total estimated cost of the project) required of us by the diocese before we can begin construction this spring.

Dec 10, 2017	Sacred Hrt	St. Mary's	St. Philips
Adults	1493.00	(26) 803.00	900.00
Youth	2.00	0.00	0.00
Loose Plate	319.00	86.05	11.00
Bldg Maint.	25.00	0.00	0.00
Relig Retirement	1113.00	281.00	0.00
Christmas Flwrs	65.00	0.00	0.00
Youth Ministry	145.00	0.00	0.00
Total	3162.00	1170.05	911.00
Direct Deposit	805.00	-	-

SACRED HEART, ROSEAU

Roseau Religious Education Update

Dec. 20-- RE all grades (K-11)

Jan. 10- Pizza sales Fundraiser will start

Thank you for all those: teachers, adult volunteers, and students for participating in the Pay It Forward Night. We made blankets, sang carols at the nursing homes, and rang the bell at SuperOne and ShopKo.

BUILDING RENOVATION TEAM

The building committee met with the architect Michael Johnston via satellite to view the new schematic drawings. The team came up with several changes that Mike will incorporate into the 3D model that will be viewed at our next meeting on Jan. 2nd.. In the meantime, Val Bernat and Eddie Desrosier will lead a tour with engineers that will be up to measure up the current spaces and utilities. Anyone interested can walk along with them.

Committee Members are Bill Miller, Eddie Desrosier, Ericka Vasko, Jason Dahl, James Johnson, Jimmy Mack, John Anderson, and Judy Hanson

Sacred Heart Financial Council Mtg. Minutes 12/10/17

1. Reviewed the latest financial report. We are on budget. Will have Ann make some adjustments to the reports so that they are more helpful and show comparisons to previous years.

2. Discussed the need for a new "light bar" above the altar. Will try to get an estimate of costs for some lighting improvements to see whether we can cover them with parish maintenance funds at this time. This is something that the building maintenance committee can look into.

3. The Capital Campaign is less than \$150,000 away from its goal of an estimated \$650,000 needed to allow us to go ahead with the building this coming year. The CC will be making another report and appeal to parishioners in the coming days.

4. The building renovation team continues to work the architect on details regarding the renovation. HVAC and electrical engineers will be inspecting our building soon in order to provide information about our needs to the architect.

5. New hand towel dispensers have been installed in a couple of the bathrooms. Some carpets in the house and offices were shampooed by Adam Erdmann (Thanks).

6. Agreed that a 5-day parish mission and spiritual renewal March 17-21, 2018 for various parish groups in our parishes was doable at a total cost of \$6,000. Some funds in dedicated accts., help from other parishes and free-will offering will help cover costs.

7. Next meeting -- Mon. Feb. 12 at 5:15 pm.

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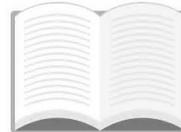
Lunch List:

- January 1st CHRISTMAS PARTY

Upcoming Events:

- **Epiphany/Christmas Church** gathering will be held on Jan. 7th after Mass in the church basement. We will be serving pizza, chicken, beverages, ice cream. Playing a few games of bingo. See you there!

ST. MARY'S PARISH, BADGER



BIBLE STUDY WITH BOOK **(EVERYBODY NEEDS FORGIVENESS)**

Starting at the Badger Creek Apartments **January 8th** at **9:30am**. Discussion will be about the many ways

that people need forgiveness in their lives.

If you have any questions contact **Delores Walsh #218-528-3638**

Everyone is welcome!

Agassiz Valley Tec- to Encounter Christ

"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it bears much fruit." ~John 12:24

A time for talk, praise and worship, and Adoration!

Sunday, January 21, 2018

Grade 7 and up

St. Andrew's Catholic Church

1418 Main Street

Hawley, MN 56549

The Symbolism of the Candy Cane

Turned upside down, the cane makes a "J" for Jesus who was born on Christmas Day.

Turn it upright like the Good Shepherd's staff who pleads to the Father on your behalf.

At the top you'll see the saving crook, used on the lost sheep He never forsook.

The stripes whisper softly "By his stripes we are healed," and the red represents His blood that was spilled.

The white gives us hope to become pure as He, by forsaking our sins, white as snow they will be.

The peppermint oil that flavors this treat, is known for its strong healing properties.

Now each time you see the striped candy cane, remember, dear child, He knows your name. -- Alana Lee



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Adorned

Women Mentoring Women the Titus 2 Way Ladies, please join us as we watch portions of the **Revive '17 Conference...Adorned**.

Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth and her friends teach about pursuing God's pattern of discipleship and mentoring. Through this set of messages on Titus 2 and original skits, you'll be challenged to live (and thrive) in community. As we live out Christ's beauty before a dying world, we become more and more adorned with the gospel-together.

First Baptist Church

Saturday, January 13th

8:30 am-2:30 pm

Snacks and beverages provided.

Please bring your own lunch.

NOW HIRING!

Our Northland Diocese newspaper is seeking freelance journalists! Freelancers will attend diocesan and parish events, conduct research, and write articles as assigned. High resolution photos will be expected to accompany written articles. Work will be submitted to *Our Northland Diocese* via e-mail by pre-established deadlines. Freelancers will work for the newspaper as independent contractors. Possession of a valid driver's license and the ability to travel independently in the diocese is a must. Visit www.crookston.org/employment for full details or contact Janelle Gergen with inquiries at jgergen@crookston.org or 218-281-4533.

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www.crookston.org/ond

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Lesson in Pluralism

"Mom, guess what? We learned to make babies today," said the second-grader as she returned home from school.

"That's interesting," replied her mother trying to keep her cool. "How do you make babies?"

"It's simple," said the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es.'" -Rebecca Martin, Blair, OK



Catholic.Bible

"Prayer is the beginning and the end. Reading the Bible is not like reading a novel or a history book. It should begin with a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to the Word of God. Scripture reading should end with a prayer that this Word will bear fruit in our lives, helping us to become holier and more faithful people."

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has acquired the domain **Catholic.Bible**. This tool links you to Little Rock Scripture Study for National Bible Week and other resources. It also has the Daily Readings and Scripture from the USCCB website. To take your faith a little deeper, you can also access Lectio Divina.



How to find Christmas Peace

"How to find Christmas peace in a world of unrest? You cannot find peace on the outside, but you can find peace on the inside, by letting God do to your soul what Mary let Him do to her body namely, let Christ be formed in you." ~Archbishop Fulton Sheen

"The Virgin Mary teaches us what it means to live in the Holy Spirit and what it means to accept the news of God in our life. She conceived Jesus by the work of the Holy Spirit, and every Christian, each one of us, is called to accept the Word of God, to accept Jesus inside of us and then to bring him to everyone...May Mary help you to be attentive to what the Lord asks of you, and to live and walk forever with the Holy Spirit!"

~Pope Francis

Why do Mummies like Christmas so much?

Because of all the wrapping.

Questions for the Road Home ????????

"So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, ' make straight the way of the Lord."

----- John 1:22-23

John denies any special role for himself and instead portrays himself as pointing toward the "one who is coming after me." John models the kind of attitude and behavior that each individual Christian and each Christian community are called to imitate. All that we do is meant to point to Christ and to direct others to Christ, not to call attention to ourselves or to heighten our own importance.

- How would I describe my mission in life?
- How did I come to recognize that Jesus was the Messiah?
- In what ways do my attitude and actions point to Jesus Christ?
- Does our parish feel like it has a mission? Why or why not?