

DECEMBER 25TH, 2022

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

# THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY AND SAINT ANN

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## THE WEEK'S LITURGIES

Mon.	Dec 26		No Public Mass
Tue.	Dec 27	12:00 p.m.	Mass, Stanley <i>+Don, +Betty Kudrna</i>
		12:30 p.m.	Adoration, Stanley
		3:00 p.m.	Chaplet, Benediction
Wed.	Dec 28	6:15 a.m.	1 hr. Adoration, Stanley
		7:15 a.m.	Mass, Stanley <i>+William, +Mary Zarak</i>
Thu.	Dec 29	6:15 a.m.	1 hr. Adoration, Stanley
		7:15 a.m.	Mass, Stanley <i>+Bill, +Darlene Zarak</i>
Fri.	Dec 30	7:15 a.m.	Mass, Stanley <i>+VJ, +Lil Kubik</i>
Sat.	Dec 31	5:00 p.m.	Mass, Stanley <i>+Doreen Altenburg</i>
Sun.	Jan 1	8:30 a.m.	Mass, Stanley <i>+Rosie Wentz</i>
		11:00 a.m.	Mass, Stanley <i>All Parishioners</i>

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available 4:15 to 4:50 p.m. on Saturdays and 7:45 to 8:20 a.m. on Sundays in Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Church. It is available 10:20 to 10:50 a.m. at St. Ann on Sundays. It's also available 15 minutes prior to weekday Masses, or by appointment anytime.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

+Dorothy Korte, Tom Pearson, Carmen Ruud, Tilman Jones, Allie Weldon, Lynn Petz, Pat Brown, Charrie Lamping, Jim & Doris Walter, Doris Bures, Linda Holte & +Jim Gangl.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Merry Christmas to you all! I've noticed a trend in recent years of Non-Catholic churches skipping worship on Christmas Eve and even on Christmas Day itself. The reasoning, I think, is that people want to gather with their families. Gathering with families is certainly a noble thing to do. But it seems that families ought to gather *around* something (or someone) more important than themselves, something or someone who is the source of unity and hope for them all. When we cut out the center, we end up gathering to worship ourselves, not the Lord. So, what is it that gathers us together *at this time*? Not just vaguely in this winter season, but on *this exact day*, as Christians have gathered for centuries? Of course, this is when we celebrate the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ!

Contrast this idea of skipping worship on Christmas (and a Sunday this year) in churches with the Catholic practice of Advent. We have spent four weeks quietly preparing our hearts through repentance, confession, and through prayer, for the arrival of this day. And the very moment that day arrives, we can't help but celebrate! Right at midnight! Why else would we flock to our church at midnight? We can't

wait! The birthday of our beloved Jesus is *finally* here! And we can't help but celebrate throughout the day, and beyond. Contrary to the secular idea that Christmas ends on December 25th, the Catholic calendar reminds us that this season extends all the way through the Baptism of the Lord, which we celebrate on January 9th. So don't put away your decorations just yet!

We gather this weekend as families, but specifically, we gather around the altars of our churches, because it is Jesus that is meant to be the center of our lives. May our worship of him be fittingly offered.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who has helped make our worship of the Lord on this holy day as beautiful as possible. Thank you to our altar servers, musicians, lectors, ushers, greeters, those who decorated the churches, and so on. May God reward your generosity! Merry Christmas to you all

-Fr. Jason Signalness

## NEWS & EVENTS

**Welcome!** If you're visiting our churches this weekend, we're happy you are here! Know that you are always welcome. If you are interested in making this your church home, talk to the parish office or to Fr. Jason directly. The contact information is at the top of this bulletin. We're happy to help!



**You've got a gift!** Pick up your free copy of *The Art of Living: The Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love* by Dr. Edward Sri, a gift to you from Fr. Jason. In this book, Dr. Sri shows us that the virtues are the basic life skills we need to give the best of ourselves to God and to the people in our lives. In short, the practice of the virtues gives us the freedom to love.

**Usher in 2023 with Jesus:** Eucharistic Adoration will commence at the end of the 5 p.m. Mass at Holy Rosary on New Year's Eve and will conclude with benediction just after midnight on January 1st, 2023. Anyone is welcome to drop in anytime during adoration, but we do ask a few people to sign up for a time slot to ensure Jesus is not left unattended. This is an excellent way to spend time in prayer reviewing 2022 and praying for a blessed new year. Even if you've never been to adoration before, just drop in for some quiet time with Jesus. Bring your family!

**St. Gianna's Giving Tree at Holy Rosary** is a parish project which provides gift cards for Saint Gianna's Maternity Home in Warsaw, ND. To participate, take an ornament. On the back of the ornament is a label with the gift card that you may donate. Bring the purchased gift card and drop off at the church office. If the office is closed, slip it under the door.

**Baby Shower:** You're invited to a baby shower at Holy Rosary on Friday, December 30th from 7-9 p.m. for Rebecca and Cody's baby girl due in February. For more information see the invitation in the parish entryway. Please join us! Merry Christmas.

**North Dakota March for Life is January 20:** The third annual North Dakota March for Life is Friday, Jan. 20. New this year is a holy hour led by Bishop Kagan the evening prior on Thursday, Jan. 19 at 8 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. Friday's activities begin with Mass with Bishop Kagan at 10:45 a.m. at the Cathedral. Following Mass, march (or drive) to the steps of the N.D. State Capitol building with the rally beginning at 12:30 p.m. For more information, go to [bismarckdiocese.com/ndmfl](http://bismarckdiocese.com/ndmfl) or contact Amanda at [ajensen@bismarckdiocese.com](mailto:ajensen@bismarckdiocese.com).

**Make a Difference Scholarship:** Queen of the Most Holy Rosary would like to present a \$500 scholarship to a Stanley High School senior. Applications are available in the gathering space. Application deadline is March 31st.

**From today's Office of Readings, an excerpt from a sermon by Saint Leo the Great, pope:** *Christian, remember your dignity*

Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness.

No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all. Let the saint rejoice as he sees the palm of victory at hand. Let the sinner be glad as he receives the offer of forgiveness. Let the pagan take courage as he is summoned to life.

In the fullness of time, chosen in the unfathomable depths of God's wisdom, the Son of God took for himself our common humanity in order to reconcile it with its creator. He came to overthrow the devil, the origin of death, in that very nature by which he had overthrown mankind.

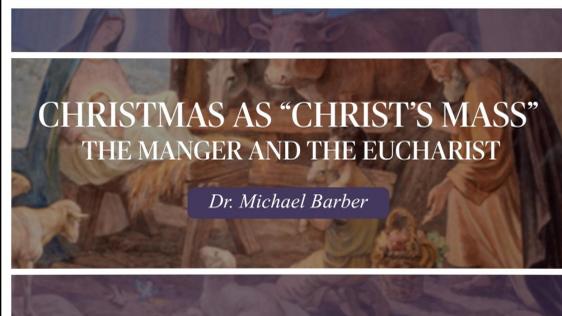
And so at the birth of our Lord the angels sing in joy: Glory to God in the highest, and they proclaim peace to his people on earth as they see the heavenly Jerusalem being built

from all the nations of the world. When the angels on high are so exultant at this marvelous work of God's goodness, what joy should it not bring to the lowly hearts of men?

Beloved, let us give thanks to God the Father, through his Son, in the Holy Spirit, because in his great love for us he took pity on us, and when we were dead in our sins he brought us to life with Christ, so that in him we might be a new creation. Let us throw off our old nature and all its ways and, as we have come to birth in Christ, let us renounce the works of the flesh.

Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom.

Through the sacrament of baptism you have become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not drive away so great a guest by evil conduct and become again a slave to the devil, for your liberty was bought by the blood of Christ.



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**Prayer for the Return of Non-Practicing Catholics:** O Good Shepard, you never cease to seek out the lost, to call home the stray, to comfort the frightened, and to bind up the wounded. I ask you to bring all our fallen away brothers and sisters back to the practice of the Faith, and to remove all obstacles that prevent them from receiving your abundant mercy, which flows sacramentally through the heart of your Holy Church. Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, their Guardian Angels, their Patron Saints and the ever-prayerful St. Monica, may you pardon their sins and unshackle them from whatever hinders them from their freedom to come Home. For you, O Good Shepard, have loved us to the end and offered yourself to the Father for the salvation of all. Amen.

## ST ANN CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS

+Kinney Family, +Rehak Family

## HOLY ROSARY CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS

+Dennis Wentz, +Rosie Wentz, +Arlin Wentz,  
+Merrill Kuster, +Lois Kuster,  
+Philip Lenertz, +Catherine Lenertz,  
+Pat Lenertz, +Marcy Zaback,  
+Carmie Streeper, +Phillip Ruland,  
+Shirley Hellman, +Michael Croteau,  
+Bernard Fenstermacker, +Bernice  
Fenstermadker, +Ray Fenstermacker,  
+Arlene Nelson, +Virgil Wilhelmi,  
+Pius Rohrich, +Alvina Rohrich,  
+Bob Rohrich, +Kandy Hollekim,  
+Andy Dunham, +Lyne Enget, +Jan Enget,  
+Dale Enget, +Gene Bieri, +Jack Nichols,  
+LaVon Nichols, +Ruth Larson,  
+LeRoy Larson, +Christian Hoseth,  
+Violet Hoseth, +Carl Arndt, +Maria Arndt,  
+Wendelin Walter, +Margaret Walter, +Goria  
Walter, +Leo Walter, +Leo Vachal

## SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS

### *Holy Rosary, Saturday, Dec. 31, 5:00 p.m.*

Greeter: Doris Walter  
Lector: Denise Hanson  
Ushers: Galen Kudrna  
Rhett Hanson  
Servers: Serafina Beehler  
Connor Gustavson  
Rosary: Kelly Gustavson

### *Holy Rosary, Sunday, Jan. 1, 8:30 a.m.*

Greeter: Wyatt Goettle Family  
Lector: Lynette Vachsl  
Ushers: Andy Domben  
Wyatt Nichols  
Servers: Tylada Nichols  
Landon Goettle  
Rosary: Steve Martens

### *Collection Counters, Tues Dec. 27, 1:00 p.m.:*

Barb Meiers & Brenda Jarmin

### *Saint Ann, Sunday, Jan. 1, 11:00 a.m.:*

Ushers: Ron Fritel  
Bruce Debilt  
Lector: Dennis Hanna  
Servers: Evelyn Lebrun  
Sophie Lebrun  
Greeters: Brad & Annie Lebrun

## LAST WEEK'S GIVING

### *Queen of the Most Holy Rosary*

	<i>Last Week</i>	<i>Needed</i>
Adult Collection.....	\$3297	..... \$3295
Loose Collection.....	\$72	..... \$212
Maintenance Fund.....	\$0	..... \$313
Social Concerns .....	\$0	..... \$261
Total .....	\$3369	..... \$4081

### *Church of Saint Ann*

	<i>Last Week</i>	<i>Needed</i>
Weekend Collection....	\$1595	..... \$845

## ONLINE GIVING

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recurring donations to support the  
work of our parishes at**

<http://holyrosarystanley.com>.