

Parish Bulletin for St Rose  
& St William's of Norwich



We would like to welcome you to our parish in Hillsboro, North Dakota and Mission in Argusville. We share resources and are associated with the [Catholic Diocese of Fargo](http://www.catholicdioceseoffargo.org).



#### Parish Office Hours

**St Rose –Thursday**  
9:30 – 11:30

**St Williams - .**

#### Welcome Visitors & New Parishioners

Registration forms are available in the church office and at the Information desk in the hallway. Those of you who are MEMBERS - Please let us know if you have a change of address, or if you have a new phone number. Help us keep costs down by letting us know when you move. Thank you!

#### **HOMEBOUND COMMUNION:**

Homebound parishioners unable to come to Mass should notify the parish office so that Holy Communion may be brought to you.

## St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church

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Parish Office: 701-636-4541

[www.strosehillsboro.church](http://www.strosehillsboro.church)

## St William's of Norwich Catholic Church

107 Drake Ave Argusville, N.D. 58005

Parish Office: 701-484-5211

[www.stwilliamschurch.org](http://www.stwilliamschurch.org)

**December 10, 2023**

**Second Sunday of Advent**



Today's Gospel Reading focuses upon John the Baptist. This passage is the first eight verses of St. Mark's account of the Gospel. It's telling that St. Mark chose John the Baptist to be the first person he describes in his Gospel account.

The message of John the Baptist is founded upon humility. Everything about John speaks to humility: from the place where he dwells—a desert—to his clothing—camel's hair and a leather belt—to his diet of locusts and wild honey. But John's message is even humbler than his dwelling, clothing, and diet. His message demands that those listening make themselves humble.

John's message is a *"baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins."* St. Mark the Evangelist goes on to describe this further: how people *"were going out to [John the Baptist] and were*

*being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.”*

This act of humility—acknowledging one’s sins—is the first step to accepting the gift of Jesus. Every year about this time, you hear the saying that Jesus is “the reason for the season”. True enough. But what’s the further reason? That is to ask: why was Jesus born in Bethlehem? Why did God the Father send His only Child from Heaven down to earth?

The chief reason is summed up in a little saying: “The wood of the crib is the wood of the cross.” What God the Son, as God, could not accomplish from Heaven is to die in order to wash away both your sins, and the punishment that your sins merit. That’s why if you won’t acknowledge your sins as St. John the Baptist demands, you won’t be able to accept Jesus as the gift that God the Father sent Him to be for you.

**Reconciliation: Saturday - 4:00 PM Sunday – 7:30 AM**

By Appt. – Call Msgr. Skonseng @ 636-4541

**Mass Times:**

**Intentions**

Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sun. Communal Reconciliation 7:00 PM	St. Rose	
Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Mon. 8:30 AM Mass		+Fr. Armand Brooks
Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Tue. 6-7 Adoration 7:00 PM	Mass	+Fr. Al Bitz
Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Wed. 8:30 AM Mass		+Frank Witte
Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Wed. 5:30-6:30 Reconciliation at St. Williams		
Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Thur. 8:30 AM Mass		+Daniel & Elizabeth Downs
Coffee & Rolls following Mass in Social Hall			
Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Fri. 9:30 AM Mass	Care Center	+Kenneth Vettel
Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sat Mass @ 5:00 PM	Hillsboro	+Alan Ebertowski
Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Sun. Mass @ 8:30 AM	Argusville	+ Dwayne Huffman
Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Sun. Mass @ 10:30 AM	Mass Hillsboro	Parishioners



**Ministry Schedule:**

**St Rose of Lima**

**Care Center:** Reader Friday Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> Cece Cotton  
Mass at 9:30 AM

**Saturday Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Mass @ 5:00PM**

**Lector: Ken Cotton**

**Euch. Ministers: Ken & Cece Cotton**

**Altar Servers: Aubrey Cotton & Nicholas Wright**

## Church Information

### Staff

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Kirk Howatt

### Marriage:

Contact parish office 6-9 months prior to schedule marriage prep classes.

### Baptism:

Contact parish office during pregnancy to schedule prep classes.

### Joining the Catholic Church:

If you are hoping to become Catholic, please contact Msgr. Skonseng. He will meet with you, discuss the process and help you get started on your journey to becoming Catholic.

**Gift Bearers: Kay Hoff & Jen Johnson**

**Ushers: Jen Johnson & John Wright**

**St William's**

**Sunday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> Mass @8:30 AM**

**Reader:** Nicole Ueckert

**EM:** Karen & Pat Schreiner

**Servers:** Brady Walski & Evelyn Schell

**St. Rose of Lima**

**Sunday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> Mass 10:30 AM**

**Lector:** Student Mass

**Euch:** Chuck Breen Dave Mueller

**Altar Servers:** Archer Kritzberger, Josiah & Anthony Mootz

**Gift Bearers:** Youth

**Ushers:** Cody & Jen Kritzberger

**Money Counters:** Dec. & Jan. Rich & Nancy Gehrke

**St. Rose CCD & DRE corner:**

\* Happy Advent! Youth have advent wreaths (and extra candles if you need a refill from last year) available in back of church for a free will donation.

\* Dec 17, Sun: 10:30 Youth Mass, **11:30 Youth Christmas program**, KC Sausage & Pancake Breakfast 9am-1pm

\* Dec 27, Wed: no CCD class, Merry Christmas!

**St. Rose Parish Events.**

**Collection:** Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> \$1386

**Men's Group:** Meet Wednesday at 6:30AM full breakfast with discussion on the book "Protestantism"

**Food Pantry:** The Food Pantry is looking for any food items anyone can give right now as they are very short on food and other items also. Please consider the needs of others during this Holiday season.

**K-C's Calendars:** The 2024 St. Rose K-C calendars tickets are in and may be purchased; see a K-C member with tickets or Stuart McCoy at NAPA.

Any parishioners who would be interested in some **firewood** please text or call Dave Schill, 701.436.6227

**Flower Fund:** Green sheet of paper on back table for those wishing to donate to our Christmas Fund to help decorate our altar for the season.

**Lost & Found:** There is a pair of "Camouflage bog waterproof" boots left in the center at religious education.

**Altar Society:** There will not be a December altar society meeting. Next altar society meeting will be on Sunday January 16<sup>th</sup> after 8:30 AM Mass with brunch and bingo after our meeting.

**Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick & Suffering** **St. Rose:** Yvonne Anderson, Pennie Feickert, Dennis Goltz, Karen Schumacher, Francis Kritzberger, Elaina Mueller, Deb Kritzberger, Jackie Lovas, Pat Elliot, Cel Baumgartner, Hank Geray, Sarah Cotton, Stacey Paintner, Paul Breen, Bob Tabatt, Lavonne Kozojed

**St. William's :** Mary Sahl, Kathy Anderson, Jeff McKinnon, Ashley Moore, Larry Goldade

### **The Communion Chant or Sung Communion Antiphon**

During Sundays of Advent, we will be introducing the singing of the Communion antiphon. Regarding singing during Communion, The General Instruction of the Roman Missal states: "While the priest is receiving the Sacrament, the Communion Chant is begun, its purpose being to express the spiritual union of the communicants by means of the unity of their voices, to show gladness of heart, and to bring out more clearly the 'communitarian' character of the procession to receive the Eucharist. This singing is prolonged for as long as the Sacrament is being administered to the faithful" (#86). The Communion Chant is the Communion antiphon with its verses. The Communion antiphon is particularly made, we say proper, for each Sunday and Holy Day Mass of the liturgical year and for the time of the Communion during Mass and expresses the meaning and grace of the Holy Eucharist. The Communion antiphon is the repeated refrain of the Communion Chant. We may have the song leader or choir sing the antiphon and all the people repeat it. We may also have the song leader or choir sing the verses and all the people chant the antiphon. There is a Communion antiphon printed for every Mass in the missals. It may be recited by all the people, usually after the priest receives Holy Communion. --- Msgr. Skonseng

### **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

We celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Tuesday, December 12th. This feast recalls the apparitions of Mary at the hill of Tepeyac from December 9-12, 1531, to the native convert, Saint Juan Diego. She was known to the Aztecs as Tecpatlaxope (or de Guadalupe in Spanish), meaning "she will crush the serpent of stone." She was declared patroness of the Americas by Pope Pius XII, and this day was raised to the rank of Feast for all the countries of the Americas by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, March 25, 1999. This information was taken from the Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and Celebration of the Eucharist 2024.

### **Special Collection for the Holy Land**

Bishop Folda is asking that a second collection be taken up on the weekend of December 16-17 for humanitarian and parish assistance in the Holy Land. The funds raised will be sent to the Latin Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. Please write out checks to St. Rose of Lima Church or St. William's Church. The total amount of our collection will be forwarded to the Diocese of Fargo, and then, to the Latin Patriarchate and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

### **Schedule for Holy Day Masses during Christmas**

Solemnity of Christmas, the Nativity of the Lord

Sunday, December 24 5:00 PM St. William's, Argusville

Sunday, December 24 7:00 PM St. Rose of Lima, Hillsboro

Monday, December 25 8:30 AM St. William's, Argusville

Monday, December 25 10:30 AM St. Rose of Lima, Hillsboro

**Note:** The Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24th, and Christmas, December 25th, are both solemnities (holy days) of obligation. The obligation for each solemnity must be fulfilled with a separate Mass. The obligation for the Fourth Sunday of Advent may be fulfilled at any Mass from the evening of Saturday, December 23rd, and throughout the entire day of Sunday, December 24th. The obligation for Christmas may be fulfilled from the evening (after 4:00 pm) of Sunday, December 24th, and throughout Monday, December 25th.

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Sunday, December 31 5:00 PM St. Rose of Lima, Hillsboro

Monday, January 1 8:30 AM St. Rose of Lima, Hillsboro

Monday, January 1 10:30 AM St. William's, Argusville

**Note:** The solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God is not obligatory this year because it falls on a Monday, January 1st, a day after Sunday, December 31st, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The obligation for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph may be fulfilled at any Mass from the evening of Saturday, December 30th, and throughout the entire day of Sunday, December 31st. Although it is not obligatory, you are encouraged for the spiritual benefits for you and others to participate in one of the Masses for Mary, the Mother of God on Sunday evening, December 31st, or Monday, January 1st.

### **Schedule for Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) during Advent**

I will be available for the sacrament of Reconciliation before the 5:00 PM Mass at St. Rose of Lima Church from 4:00 to 4:50 PM on Saturdays in December. I will be available before the 8:30 AM Mass at St. William's Church from 7:30 to 8:20 AM on Sundays in December. On Sunday, December 10th, we will celebrate a Communal Reconciliation Liturgy at 7:00 PM at St. Rose of Lima Church, Hillsboro, with a couple of other priests available for Confessions. We will have Scripture readings and prayers together and individual confession, penance, and absolution. Additional times for Reconciliation will be on Wednesday, December 20th, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at St. Rose of Lima Church, Hillsboro, and Friday, December 22nd, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at St. William's, Argusville. --- Msgr. Skonseng

### **Prayer and Reflection on the Holy Eucharist**

Do I ponder the innumerable graces available through the Holy Eucharist? Grant me the grace of growing in gratitude for the graces of your Body and Blood, Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Retirement Fund for Religious**

Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need – usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously. At St. Rose Parish, you may use the envelope in your box of offering envelopes or use the form at the bottom of the flyer in the bulletin to give your gift. At St. William's Parish, you may use an envelope from those placed on the table at the entrance of the church or the form at the bottom of the flyer in the bulletin to give your gift. Please write checks out to St. Rose of Lima Church or St. William's Church.

