

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](#).



#### 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

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Parish Office: 701-484-5211

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**December 3, 2023**

**First Sunday of Advent**



This cycle of the liturgical year begins and ends with Mark 13 and a focus on the end of the present order of things. It may seem strange to begin the year with such a reflection. Is Advent not a time of preparation for Christmas, for the coming of the Christ child into the world? Mark has no account of the birth of Jesus. His gospel begins with the immediate preparation for the adult ministry of Jesus. From the very outset, his interest is in the coming of God's reign of justice and compassion. That is, in fact, what Advent is about: living in hopeful expectation that God's dream for a transformed world might be realized.

Advent is about recognizing our own tendency to be less than vigilant and even to turn away when our presence is most needed. It is about allowing the grace of God to take hold in our hearts, keeping us watchful for the sake of those on the edge and for the sake of a regenerated people of God. As the Responsorial Psalm for today proclaims; **“Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.”**

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

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

**Mass Times:**

Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> Mon. 5:30 PM Mass

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> Tue. 7:00 PM Mass

Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> Wed. 8:30 AM Mass

Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Thur. 8:30 AM Mass

Coffee & Rolls following Mass in Social Hall

Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Thurs. 7:00 PM Mass for the Immaculate Conception Pauline Slovarp

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> Fri. 7:30 AM Mass Immaculate Conception Parishioners

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> Fri. 9:30 AM Mass Care Center Parishioners

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> Fri. 7:00 PM Mass St. Williams Immaculate Conception

+Homer & Charlotte Morgan

Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Sat Mass @ 5:00 PM Hillsboro +Jim Beitz

Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> Sun. Mass @ 8:30 AM Argusville Msgr. Skonseng

Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> Sun. Mass @ 10:30 AM Mass Hillsboro Parishioners

Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> Sun. Communal Reconciliation 7:00 PM St. Rose



**Ministry Schedule:**

**St Rose of Lima**

**Care Center:** Reader Friday Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> Megan Breen

Mass at 9:30 AM

**Thursday Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Immaculate Conception Mass @ 7:00 PM**

**Lector:** Leo Paintner

**Servers:** Hannah & Kara Mueller

**Euch:** Leo Paintner & David Mueller

**Gifts & Ushers:** John & Teri Wright

**Saturday Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Mass @ 5:00PM**

**Lector:** Teri Wright

**Euch. Ministers:** Teri Wright & Joe Hasting

**Altar Servers:** Dylan & Griffin Mitzel

**Gift Bearers:** Dawn & Gavin Vadnie

**Ushers:** Leo Paintner & John Wright

**St William's**

**Sunday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> Mass @ 8:30 AM**

**Reader:** Chris Walski

**EM:** Lisa Tschida & Liz Thompson

**Servers:** Brady Walski & Evelyn Schell

**Cleaning:** Shelley Metzger & Laura Larson

**Intentions**

+Kenneth Vettel

Sarah Cotton

+John Ackerman

Parishioners

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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.

## St. Rose of Lima

**Sunday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Mass 10:30 AM**

**Lector: Rich Gehrke**

**Euch: Rich Gehrke & Paul Geray**

**Altar Servers: Jacob, Alex, Carter Dufner**

**Gift Bearers: Rocki & Kristi Pastian**

**Ushers: Greg & Kari Cotton**

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

### St. Williams Parish Events.

Kirk:. I will try to figure out how to post this on flock note.... Nicole Ueckert, Poinsettias Flyer

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

- \* Dec 3, Sun: Christmas caroling, all welcome! Meet outside Plummer House to sing from 4-5pm. Then we'll drive around community spreading joy! We'll finish with a taco supper, cocoa and dessert at church. Call Andrea 319-505-7632 anytime to find our location & join in later.
- \* 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 6, Wed: students have reconciliation opportunity during CCD time
- \* 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:** Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> \$204 Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> \$2143

**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.

### **Making Room for Donated Piano**

The piano in the Parish Center is not able to stay in tune, and we are removing it. St. Rose Parish is blessed to be given a used piano from Bonnie Mueller. The piano originally belonged to her grandmother. It is in beautiful condition and plays well. We thank Bonnie for this piano. It will replace the worn out piano. If you would like the wood from the piano which we are removing or the piano bench, please contact Julie Zerface at 701-430-3347.

**Faithful Departed:** A list of all those faithful departed who we remembered in November is on the back table for you viewing.

## **Adoration**

On this Sunday, December 3rd, we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the prayer after Communion at the 10:30 AM Mass. After the prayer after Communion, I will expose the Blessed Sacrament, and we will be in the presence of Jesus, adoring Him and praying to Him. Adoration will last a half hour. You can pray for a few minutes and go, or you can pray for the whole half hour and receive the Benediction at the conclusion. During the Eucharistic Revival, all parishes in the United States are encouraged to deepen their faith in and devotion to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. --- Msgr. Skonseng

## **Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

I have been given delegation by Bishop Folda to commission the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion whom the Bishop has appointed. The commissioning will take place during the Masses this weekend, December 2-3. We ask God to bless them as they assist the Bishop, priests, and deacons in distributing the Body and Blood of Christ for the spiritual nourishment of the people at Mass and those who are homebound. --- Msgr. Skonseng

## **God's Gift Appeal 2023**

I thank you who have given to God's Gift Appeal in 2023. The God's Gift Goal for St. William's Parish is \$11,174.00. The amount which the members of St. William's Parish have pledged is \$9,960.00, which is about 89% of our goal. The God's Gift Appeal Goal for St. Rose of Lima Parish is \$25,217.00. The members of St. Rose of Lima Church have pledged \$23,340.00, which is about 93% of our goal. It would be great, if you who have not yet given a gift to God's Gift Appeal could still give a gift in 2023 to help us reach our goals for St. William's and St. Rose of Lima Parishes. --- Msgr. Skonseng

<p><b><u>Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick &amp; Suffering</u></b> <b><u>St. Rose:</u></b> 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</p>
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<p><b><u>St. William's :</u></b> Mary Sahl, Kathy Anderson, Jeff McKinnon, Ashley Moore, Larry Goldade</p>
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## **Advent**

We observe the season of Advent beginning this Sunday, December 3rd. During Advent, we prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ our Lord. We prepare for His first coming at His incarnation which we celebrate on Christmas, the Birth of Christ. We also prepare for His second and final coming at the Last Judgment. "Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight" (Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, 39). A few ways to observe Advent are to participate in daily Mass, pray prayers around an Advent wreath at home, pray with booklets with daily Advent reflections, a daily Rosary contemplating the mysteries of Christ and interceding for the salvation of people throughout the world, go to the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), and go to computer internet sites or cell phone applications with daily Scripture readings and prayers for Advent. You can use Bishop Folda's reflections for the Sundays of Advent which we will insert in the bulletins.

## **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

We celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Friday, December 8th. Regarding the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Pius proclaimed in 1854: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #491, p. 124). This is a Holy Day of Obligation. The times of the Masses are printed in the Mass times for the week of December 4-10 and in the schedule for Holy Day Masses below. Reconciliation will be available starting an hour before these Masses. Let us ask for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary that Jesus Christ our Lord may make us holy and immaculate by His great grace.

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

### **Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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

Friday, December 8 7:30 AM St. Rose of Lima, Hillsboro

Friday, December 8 7:00 PM St. William's, Argusville

### **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

### **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

## **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

## **Retirement Fund for Religious**

You can help. "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next Sunday, December 10th. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously. For more information, see the flyer in the bulletin. 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.

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

Does my life center on our Eucharistic Lord? My Savior, let me never be without you, nor live apart from you in the Eucharist.

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## **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

## **Made for Greatness Men's Winter Retreat**

This retreat for men will take place on January 19-21, 2024, at Maryvale, Valley City. It will be particularly focused on equipping men to be dynamic, godly leaders in their homes. Internationally renowned speaker, author, husband, and father, Devin Schadt, will unpack the means for men to lead their families to the fullness of life that God intends for them. In addition to profound insights and transformative sacramental encounters, this retreat will feature lots of meat, adult beverages, times of recreation, and will forge lasting bonds of brotherhood. Made for Greatness retreats commonly fill up months in advance, so secure your spot today at [www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-winter](http://www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-winter). Contact Brad Gray at (701) 356-7903 with any questions you might have.

## **March for Life: Washington, DC**

The Dobbs decision a little over a year ago reversed 50 years of legalized abortion under Roe v. Wade. This was a great victory, and we are very thankful for this important decision for life. However, Dobbs did not outlaw abortion, it merely said that each state can decide their own abortion laws and regulations. Because of that, we still march to raise awareness to the dignity and value of life. This year's march will look different for the Diocese of Fargo. Historically, we have flown, but to reduce costs we will partner with the Diocese of Bismarck and take a bus. Trip details for the March for Life are: it is for all 9-12 grade students, it will take place on January 15-20, 2024, at Washington, DC, and it costs \$675.00/person (scholarships available). To learn more, visit [www.fargodiocese.org/marchforlife](http://www.fargodiocese.org/marchforlife).

