# 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.

### 2St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church

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Parish Office: 701-636-4541 www.strosehillsboro.church

# St William's of Norwich Catholic Church

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Parish Office: 701-484-5211

www.stwilliamschurch.org

June 25, 2023

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time** 



Have you ever wondered how God handles all the prayers He receives? With billions of people praying to God, does He hear mine? According to Jesus, the Father hears them all. Everything in your life is important to the Father because you are important to Him. He cares about even the smallest things that life throws at you. Despite billions of people with billions of prayers, this does not weaken His resolve to will the very best for only you. We hear in today's Gospel from Matthew; "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet, not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows."

I share a story I read from a Catholic priest: During World War II, my father served as a lance corporal in the U.S. Marines stationed in Panama. One night, he was the sergeant of the guard and was awakened by the sound of machine gun fire in the distance. He immediately mobilized his troops, fearing that the enemy had launched an attack.

However, when they arrived at the sentry's post where the gunfire was coming from, they found that the guard was firing his weapon wildly into the air at mosquitos that were driving him crazy.

My father relieved the guard and took up his place, among the mosquitos. A few days later, my father's unit was scheduled to ship out to the states to prepare for deployment to Europe. However, my father contracted malaria from the mosquitos and was hospitalized.

The rest of his company deployed on Navy transport ships for Europe. Two days after leaving port, the ships carrying my father's mates were all sunk. Over 1,000 men died. There were no survivors. If my father had not contracted malaria, he would have died. It's incredible to think that I am here today because of a mosquito bite. Everything in God's creation, no matter how small, no matter how annoying, has a purpose. And every little thing matters."

I have three beliefs that gives me peace, especially when life's storms toss me around:

- 1) God watches over me;
- 2) God cares for me; and
- 3) God has a plan for me.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday - 4:00 PM Sunday - 7:30 AM By Appt. – Call Msgr. Skonseng @ 636-4541

Mass Times: Intentions

June 26<sup>th</sup> Mon. 8:30 AM Mass +Roger – Rosia & SonnyBoeddeker June 27<sup>th</sup> Tue. Adoration 4:00-5:00 PM Mass 5:00PM Supper 5:30 – 6:30 Blessing of crops. St. Rose +Wilbur & Grace Cotton

June 28<sup>th</sup> Wed. 8:30 AM Mass +Edward Adams June 29<sup>th</sup> Thur. 8:30 AM Mass +Plyllis Mactell

Coffee & Rolls served after Mass in social hall.

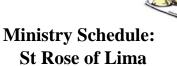
June 30<sup>th</sup> Fri. 9:30 AM Mass Care Center + Joe Pulskamp

July 1<sup>st</sup> Sat Mass @ 5:00 PM Hillsboro + Ben Cotton

July 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. Mass @ 8:30 AM Hillsboro Parishioners

July 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. Mass @ 10:30 AM Argusville +Mary Howatt





Care Center: Reader Friday June 30th Cece Cotton

Saturday July 1st Mass @ 5:00PM

Lector: Tom Salzwedel

**Euch. Ministers:** Tom Salzwedel & Teri Wright **Altar Servers:** Hadley & Willow Abentroth **Gift Bearers:** Bill & Sheila Cotton family

**Ushers:** Bill & Austin Cotton

## **Church Information**

#### **Staff**

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#### **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 William's

Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass 10:30 AM

**Reader:** Volunteers **EM.** Volunteers

**Servers:** Volunteers

St. Rose of Lima

Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass @8:30 AM

Lector: Amber Podoll

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

Altar Servers: Jack Podoll – Rowdy Beoddeker & Ava Smith

Gift Bearers: Logan & Spring Boeddeker family

Ushers: Leo Ackerman & David Mueller

Money Counters: June-July Rich & Nancy Gehrke

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

High School Girls' Summer Club meets this Thurs, Jun 22 from 2-3pm in St Rose Parish Center. Come learn about leadership, dignity, illumination art activities, prayer and social time, in a fun, relaxed group setting!

#### St. Rose Parish Events.

Collection St. Rose: June 11th \$2570 June 18th \$1166

#### **Prayerful Remembrance of Kenneth Vettel**

Kenneth Vettel, member of St. Rose of Lima Parish, died on June 19, 2023. St. Rose Parish extends our sympathy to Delores, his wife, Ernie, his son, and his entire family. Please pray that God may grant him eternal life, and that the perpetual light of Christ may shine upon him. Pray that God may comfort all his family.

Men's Group: Meet Wednesday at 6:30AM full breakfast with discussion on the book of Judaism.

**Stipends**: Stipends are getting low so please consider having a Mass said for a loved one of yours or for someone living with health problems.

**Birthday**: The family of Joe Pulskamp would like to honor him with a card shower in celebration of his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 29, 2023. Greeting may be sent to him at: 12 3<sup>rd</sup> St. SE Apt 2 Hillsboro, ND 58045

**60th Wedding Anniversary:** Congratulations to Eugene and Margaret Beitz on their 60th Wedding Anniversary! We rejoice with them and thank God for their sixty years of marriage, their witness to us of their faithfulness and love, and their blessings of children and grandchildren. God bless them with many more happy years together!

**50th Wedding Anniversary:** Congratulations to Richard and Bonnie Mueller on their 50th Wedding Anniversary! We rejoice with them and thank God for their fifty years of marriage, their witness of faithfulness and love, and their blessings of children and grandchildren. God bless them with many more happy years together!

**64th Wedding Anniversary:** Congratulations to Jim and Luverve Vettel on their 64th Wedding Anniversary! We rejoice with them and thank God for their sixty four years of marriage, their witness of faithfulness and love, and their blessings of children and grandchildren. God bless them with many more happy years together!

#### Thank You to St. Rose of Lima Parish Members

Melissa Stern, Community Health Worker for Sanford in Hillsboro, thanks the members of St. Rose of Lima Parish for the donation of money to purchase punch cards for rides for the Kiwanis. Melissa is coordinating rides for people who need them in our community. You can help by volunteering to drive, donating toward the cost of punch cards for rides on the Senior Transport van, or donating gas cards in increments of \$5-\$10.

#### **Welcome to Father Pribula**

I will be away for a BE (Beginning Experience) Weekend on June 23-25. Father Duane Pribula, a retired priest of the Diocese of Crookston, will substitute for me to celebrate the Masses and the sacrament of Reconciliation. Please welcome Father Pribula and pray for him for good health and joy and peace in his priestly service. Please pray for those on the BE Weekend, who are experiencing grief from divorce, separation, or the death of a spouse, that God may grant them healing and a new beginning in life. I will be gone from Friday afternoon, June 23rd, until Sunday evening, June 25th. If there is an urgent need, you can leave a message for me at the Franciscan Retreat Center at 701-242-7195. --- Msgr. Skonseng

#### **Sacrament of Marriage**

Congratulations to Kylie Jo Pastian and Derek Grogan who received the sacrament of Marriage on June 16, 2023 at St. Rose of Lima Church! We pray that Christ may give them grace to live united in mutual faithfulness and love. We pray that God may bless them with the gift of children and the joys of marriage and family life.

#### **Blessing of Crops**

The St. Rose Knights of Columbus are working with me to go out to the fields and have the blessing of crops on Tuesday, June 27th. The schedule for this day will be Adoration from 4:00 to 5:00 pm, Mass at 5:00 PM, Supper at 5:30 PM, and Blessing of the Crops after supper. We will arrange for a bus to take us from one field to another. All members of St. Rose Parish are welcome to participate in any of the events of this day as you are able and as you wish. It has been the tradition of the Church to bless the crops in the fields in our rural areas and churches. Since we are living in a rural community and many of our members of St. Rose of Lima Parish are farmers, I hope that you will participate in the blessing of the crops. Let us praise God, the Source of all our blessings. --- Msgr. Skonseng

#### Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick & Suffering

<u>St. Rose</u>: Yvonne Anderson, Frank Witte, Erica Kritzberger, Pennie Feickert, Dennis Goltz, Darin Kolness, Karen Schumacher, Peggy Eblen, Francis Kritzberger, Elaina Mueller, Deb Kritzberger, Tom Cotton

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

#### **Summer Women's Retreat**

A reflection on the life and faith of St. Teresa of Calcutta through prayer, dialogue, adoration and input sessions will be led by Sr. Anne Germaine Picard, SMP and Sharon Eversvik, SMP Associate. "The fruit of silence is prayer. The fruit of prayer is faith. The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service. The fruit of service is peace." The retreat begins at 7:00 pm on Friday and concludes by 1:00 pm on Sunday. The retreat will take place on July 7-9 at Maryvale, Valley City, ND. Register online under upcoming retreats at Maryvale Retreat Center by June 30th. The suggested donation for the weekend is \$130.00.

#### **Sixth Annual Rural Life Celebration**

Please join the parishioners of St. Joseph's in Devils Lake on Sunday, July 2, 2023 at Terry and Paulette Haman's Farm, 9361 46th St. NE, Crary, ND 58327. Guests may begin to arrive at 1:30 pm. Blessing of land, animals, and farm machinery will begin at 2:00 pm followed by a 2:30 pm Mass on the farm. A meal and entertainment will follow. The farm is located .25 miles North and .5 miles east of Crary. For more information visit www.fargodiocese.org/rural-life. Please RSVP at: (701) 662-7558 or stjosephchurch@gondtc.com. Remember to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. You may also bring a container of soil from your fields or garden to be blessed. This event is FREE

#### Putt 4 a Purpose - Golf Event

Bishop John Folda invites you to Putt 4 a Purpose, at the 17th Annual Bishop's Charity Golf Classic, benefiting Seminarian Education and Youth Programs. Join the fun and fellowship by heading to Rose Creek Golf Course in south Fargo on Monday, August 7th for a round of golf, dinner and prizes. Register three golfers and bring your Priest, Deacon or Seminarian as your 4th player for free! Register online at www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose. If you are not a golfer, please consider sponsoring a priest or seminarian or a hole on the golf course. Your contribution will help support the event and defray costs. Register online at: www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose. There are information and registration forms at the entrance of the church. For further information, please contact Steve Schons in the Stewardship and Development Office, at 701-356-7926 or email steve.schons@fargodiocese.org.

If anyone is interested in sponsoring our team at the Put 4 a Purpose, please contact Msgr. For details. Looking for a couple of golfers to join our team here at St. Rose in the Put 4 a Purpose on Aug 7<sup>th</sup>. Contact Msgr. Skonseng or Leo Paintner



## **Religious Freedom Week**

June 22 was the Feast of Saint Thomas More, the patron saint of lawyers, politicians, and public servants. It is also the start of Religious Freedom Week. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops launched the week as an opportunity to pray, reflect, and act to promote religious freedom.

Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. Going deeper, religious freedom is fundamental to what it means to be a human being.

The USCCB has provided a prayer and a reflection for each day of Religious Freedom Week. The prayer intentions are provided below. More information and materials can be found at: <a href="https://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek">www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek</a>.

North Dakota has had its own problems with religious freedom. Too often, our Native American brothers and sisters had — and still have — their religious practices and beliefs suppressed, ignored, or ridiculed. State law included anti-Catholic statutes such as the anti-clerical garb law and a law prohibiting tax assistance to religious-affiliated hospitals. The state's constitution still contains the notorious Blaine Amendment that was forced on the state's founders by anti-Catholic politicians as a condition of statehood.

During this last legislative session, however, the state enacted substantial protections for religious freedom. House Bill 1136 ensured that government entities cannot substantially burden a person's exercise of religion unless the government entity has a compelling governmental interest and uses the least restrictive means of furthering that interest. This is the highest level of protection available by law and until this year, North Dakota did not provide it to its residents. To find out more about HB 1136, read the Conference's testimony or watch it on the Legislative site. (The video has additional comments not included in the written testimony.)