

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

St William's of Norwich Catholic Church

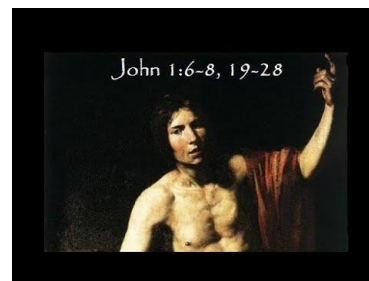
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December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent



John the Baptizer is front and center in our Gospel today. We might ask, “How is John the Baptizer an Advent figure?” We don’t have little figurines of St. John the Baptist that we put in our manger scenes: he was a six-month old baby, of course, when Jesus was born. In today’s Gospel passage, St. John the Baptist is a grown man, who’s not speaking about getting ready for the birth of Jesus. So how is he an Advent figure? What does his message tell us about our spiritual preparation for Christmas?

If we had to sum up John the Baptizer in one word, that word would be... “witness”. To give witness authentically, two things have to be true. You have to know what you’re talking about, and you have to talk truthfully. John the Baptizer was not called to give witness about an event. And neither are we as Christians. John the Baptizer was called to give witness about a person: the person of Jesus Christ. For John the Baptizer to give authentic witness about Jesus, two things had to be the case: (1) he had to know what he was

talking about, and (2) he had to talk truthfully. There are two ways not “to talk truthfully”. The first is “to talk falsely”. The second is “not to talk”, period. And unfortunately, this is the way that most of us fail to give true witness to Jesus. Whenever we pray the Confiteor at the beginning of Mass, what do we say to God? **“I have sinned through my own fault... in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do.”**

Jesus was born into this world to be, for every human being, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. God calls us, as He called John the Baptizer, to give others joyful, truthful witness about the difference that Jesus makes in human life.

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

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

Mass Times:

Dec. 18th Mon. 8:30 AM Mass

Dec. 19th Tue. 6-7 Adoration 7:00 PM Mass

Dec. 20th Wed. 8:30 AM Mass

Dec. 20th Wed. 5:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation St. Rose

Dec. 21st Thur. 8:30 AM Mass

Coffee & Rolls following Mass in Social Hall

Dec. 22nd Fri. 9:30 AM Mass Care Center

Dec. 22nd 5:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation St. William's

Dec. 23rd Sat Mass @ 5:00 PM Hillsboro

Dec. 24th Sun. Mass @ 8:30 AM Argusville

+ Catherine & Rudolf Fritel

Dec. 24th Sun. Mass @ 10:30 AM Mass Hillsboro

Dec. 24th Sun. Mass @ 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Argusville

Dec. 24th Sun. Mass @ 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Hillsboro

Intentions

+Kenneth Vettel

+Rudy Reinbold

+Fr. Arnold Brooks

+Alan Ebertowski

+Faithful Departed

+Jim Beitz

Parishioners

+Tim Fritel

Parishioners



Ministry Schedule:

St Rose of Lima

Care Center: Reader Friday Dec. 22nd Patti Kritzberger
Mass at 9:30 AM

Saturday Dec. 23rd

Mass @ 5:00PM

Lector: Tom Salzwedel

Euch. Ministers: Tom Salzwedel & Leo Paintner

Altar Servers: Hadley & Willow Abentroth

Gift Bearers: Bill & Sheila Cotton Family

Ushers: Bill & Austin Cotton

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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 William's
Sunday Dec. 24th Mass @8:30 AM

Reader: Loralie Fritel

EM: Liz Thompson & Scott Monson

Servers: Maria Fritel & Jo Jo Wilner

Gratitude for Christmas Program

I thank the children and the youth who participated in the Christmas Program on Sunday, December 10th. You brought the Birth of Jesus, the Son of God, and our Savior, to life. I thank Lacee Steinberger and Kaila Wilner for coordinating the Christmas Program with our children and youth. I thank parents and other adults for helping with the decorations, costumes, set up, practice, music, and presentation of the program. When all the children have parts, it helps all of us to know that we are part of the life of Jesus. Thank you, also, to the members of the men's club who made and served the pancake breakfast.--- Msgr. Skonseng

St. Rose of Lima

Sunday Dec. 24th Mass 10:30 AM

Lector: Amber Podoll

Euch: Ken & Cece Cotton

Altar Servers: Jack Podoll, Rowdy Boeddeker, Ava Smith

Gift Bearers: Logan & Spring Boeddeker family

Ushers: Joe & Bridget Hastings

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

St. Rose CCD & DRE corner:

- * Dec 17, Youth Christmas program after 10:30 mass, KC pancake breakfast 9a-1p
- * Dec 20, Wed during CCD: K-6 visit to Care Center, 7-12 Christmas activity
- * Dec 27, Wed: no CCD class, Merry Christmas!
- * Jan 3, Wed: CCD resumes, 3rd gr parent mtg (Eucharist) 6:30-7:30pm

St. Rose Parish Events.

Collection: Dec. 3rd \$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.

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.

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

Thank You: As 2023 comes to a close, Sanford Hillsboro Care Center Activity Department would like to express how very thankful we are for your very kind and generous donations of Bingo quarters throughout the year. The relationships we strive to build with Church and community members of Hillsboro gives us the opportunity to maintain and increase quality of life for our residents, tenants and patients we serve. We are so blessed to have St. Rose of Lima as a partner. With your support we are able to maintain current programs such as weekly Mass and Bingo and the opportunity to develop new programs involving St. Rose's youth. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. We are excited to see what great opportunities the New Year brings. ... Sanford Hillsboro Activity Department

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,

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

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. 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

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.

Prayer and Reflection on the Holy Eucharist

At each and every Mass, the sacrifice of Christ is made present for me, not merely symbolically, but really . . . for me! My Lord and my God, Jesus, thank you for the power of your sacrifice for me and all that it is effecting in my life.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Our women and men religious offer gratitude. A sister shares, “I thank the Lord for all who give. I don’t think we would make it without them.” Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit retiredreligious.org. You may still give a gift. 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.

Special Collection for the Holy Land

Bishop Folda is asking that a second collection be taken up at the Masses this weekend of December 16-17 for humanitarian and parish assistance in the Holy Land. Immediately after the regular parish collection, we will have this special collection for 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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter will be offering marriage retreats at: Mandan (February 9-11), and Valley City (March 22-24). These weekends are private and allow couples to focus just on each other. A communication tool is taught to help spouses get to know themselves better and to grow deeper in their married relationships. Live your best life in love! For more information, call Rob & Angie at (701) 347-1998 or apply at wwme.org.



