

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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## St William's of Norwich Catholic Church

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*December 24, 2023*

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*



A lesson we could take from today's readings for Mass, is first of all to *listen* to what God's will is in any given situation. That is so hard to do, because we want to do all the talking. Some of us are not very good listeners when we are around other people, let alone listening to God in prayer or for the Holy Spirit to speak to us during our day. We are too busy thinking about what else we need to be doing. We should think about following the examples of those in all the Readings, by setting aside a little time for quiet prayer and contemplation. We could try to be a little more aware of God's presence when we pray, and not do all the talking. God may have something to say to us too!

As we celebrate the Annunciation of the Lord and peer into the home of Nazareth where the angel Gabriel came to announce that

the Savior was to be conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of Mary, let us see it as an invitation to deeper prayer.

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

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

**Mass Times:**

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Sun. Vigil Mass 5:00PM St. Williams

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Sun. Vigil Mass 7:00PM St. Rose

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Mon. 8:30 AM Mass St. Williams

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Mon. 10:30 AM Mass St. Rose

Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> Tue. 6-7 Adoration 7:00 PM Mass

Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> Wed. 8:30 AM Mass

Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> Thur. 8:30 AM Mass

Coffee & Rolls following Mass in Social Hall

Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> Fri. 9:30 AM Mass Care Center

Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> Sat Mass @ 5:00 PM St. Rose

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> Sun. Mass @ 8:30 AM St. Williams  
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Dec. 31<sup>s</sup> Sun. Mass @ 10:30 AM Mass St. Rose

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> Sun. Mass @ 5:00PM St. Rose- Vigil- Mary Mother of God -  
- Lorraine Reinpold

Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> Mon. Mass @ 8:30 St. Rose- Mary Mother of God -----  
- Parishioners

Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> Mon. Mass @ 10:30 St. Williams- Mary Mother of God  
..... + Joe & Helen Gergel

**Intentions**

Parishioners

+Allura Sortland

Parishioners

+Ben Cotton

+George Beach

Crotty Family

+Doug Ackerman

+Kenneth Vettel

+Arlene Adams

+Catherine & Rudolf

Parishioners



**Ministry Schedule:**

**St Rose of Lima**

**Care Center:** Reader Friday Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> Colette Cotton  
Mass at 9:30 AM

**Sunday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Vigil Nativity of the Lord. 7:00 PM**

**Lector:** Teri Wright

**Euch:** Teri Wright & Joe Hastings

**Altar Servers:** Ayva & Gabriella McNamera & Nicholas Wright

**Gifts:** Dawn & Gavin Vadnie

**Ushers:** Joe & Bridget Hastings

**Monday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Nativity of the Lord 10:30 AM Mass St. Rose**

**Lector:** Paula Suda

**Euch:** Paula Suda & David Mueller

**Altar Servers:** Morgan Ptacek, Jillian & Gracie Mueller

**Gifts:** Eric & Grace Ptacek family

**Ushers:** Jen Johnson & David Mueller

**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.

**Saturday Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Mass @ 5:00PM**

**Lector:** Rocki Fiebiger

**Euch. Ministers:** James Maertens & Dave Schill

**Altar Servers:** Jillian, Cade, Gracie Mueller

**Gift Bearers: & Ushers:** Leo Ackerman & Jen Johnson

**St William's**

**Sunday. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Vigil Nativity of the Lord. 5:00PM Mass**

**Volunteers:**

**Monday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Nativity of the Lord. 8:30AM Mass**

**Volunteers:**

**Sunday Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> Mass @8:30 AM**

**Reader:** Allen Burgad

**EM:** Lacee Steinberrger & Kaila Wilner

**Servers:** Eli Steinberger & Clay Ueckert

**Monday Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> Mary the Mother of God 10:30AM Mass**

**Volunteers:**

**St. Rose of Lima**

**Sunday Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> Mass 10:30 AM**

**Lector:** Patti Kritzberger

**Euch:** Paul Geray & Patti Kritzberger

**Altar Servers:** Jacob & Bryce Miller

**Gift Bearers:** Greg & Kari Cotton

**Ushers:** Greg & Kari Cotton

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

**Sunday Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> Vigil Mass Mary Mother of God 5:00 PM**

**Lector:** Tammy Kaufman

**Euch:** Tammy Kaufman & Rich Gehrke

**Altar Servers:** Josiah, Anthony & Miguel Mootz

**Gift Bearers:** Jeff & Rita Mootz

**Ushers:** Cody & Jen Kritzberger

**Monday Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> Mary the Mother of God 8:30 AM Mass**

**Lector:** Dave Mueller

**Euch:** Teri Wright & Dave Mueller

**Altar Servers:** Alex & Jacob Dufner, Archer Kritzberger

**Gift Bearers:** Joe & Bridget Hastings

**Ushers:** John & Nicholas Wright

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

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

\* Jan 3, Wed: CCD resumes, 3<sup>rd</sup> gr parent mtg (Eucharist) 6:30-7:30pm

## **St. Rose Parish Events.**

**Collection:** Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> \$2304 Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> \$1165 Holy Land Collection \$664

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

**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. The first drawing will be Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> after 8:30 Mass and breakfast.

**Altar Society:** 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.

### **Thank You to Bill Kritzberger**

The members of St. Rose Parish thank Bill Kritzberger for beautifully restoring the figures and stable of our outdoor Nativity scene.

**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



### **Christmas, the Nativity of the Lord**

We celebrate the Solemnity of Christmas, the Nativity of the Lord, on Monday, December 25th. In the Birth of Christ, the Word became flesh (John 1:14) so that we might share in the divine nature. The eternal Son of God became a little child so that we might become children of God. "Christmas is the mystery of this 'marvelous exchange': O marvelous exchange! Man's Creator has become man, born of the Virgin. We have been made sharers in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share our humanity" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #526, p. 133). Let us rejoice at the Birth of Christ because in Christ, we receive grace upon grace. In Christ, we who are sinners become saints. In Christ, we receive the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. In Christ, we are merciful as our heavenly Father is merciful. In Christ, we receive eternal life. We praise you, "Jesus, Lord at thy birth" (Silent Night)! --- 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.

## **Christmas Gift to Parishioners**

On this Christmas, the members of St. Rose of Lima and St. William's Parishes will receive a gift from the parishes. The gift is the book, Beautiful Eucharist, by Matthew Kelly. It is to help us participate in the Eucharistic Revival which is taking place throughout the Catholic Church in the United States. The book is made up of reflections on the Holy Eucharist by several Catholics to tell us how Jesus is wonderfully present in the Eucharist to nourish and transform our lives. One book will be given for each household.

## **Declaration of the Holy See, "On the Pastoral Meaning of Blessings"**

If you would like to read the declaration, "On the Pastoral Meaning of Blessings," approved by Pope Francis, which explains the meaning and under what circumstances a blessing may be given by priests and deacons to couples in irregular situations and couples of the same sex, you may pick up a copy on the table near the entrance of the church. You may also read the declaration on the Vatican website.

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

Pray for the grace to grow in appreciation for the gift of the institution of the Eucharist by which you participate in the Passover of the Lamb of God. Lord God, may I grow to give you due honor and glory in thanksgiving for the eternal and loving sacrifice of your Son, the true Lamb.

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

Bishop Folda asked all parishes of the Diocese to take up a special collection at the Masses on 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. You may still give a gift to this collection. 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.

## **Gratitude for the Youth Mass and Christmas Program**

I thank Andrea Dufner and Julie Zerface, the catechists, those who did the decorations of the church, and all who assisted in the celebration of the Youth Mass and the preparation and presentation of the Christmas Program by the children for the parishioners. I thank the youth and children who did liturgical ministries for the Mass. I thank the children for the beautiful Christmas Program, "The Very Best Gift of All". In playing the parts of Mary and Joseph, angels, shepherds, wise men, animals, and other parts such as inn keepers, gifts, the stable, the star, and the little drummer boy you brought the Birth of Jesus to life for all of us. The music helped all of us to give joyful praise to Jesus who was born to be the King and Savior of us and people of all nations. I thank the Knights of Columbus for serving a good-tasting and filling breakfast of pancakes and sausages. --- Msgr. Skonseng

## **Christmas Collection**

The collection at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses will go to St. Rose Parish and be given to charitable causes. We will focus on the local needs of Hillsboro and the surrounding area. A few service organizations to whom we will give donations are the Hillsboro Kiwanis Food Pantry, Hillsboro Backpack. Program, Relate Center in Grand Forks, Women's Care Center in Fargo, and Saint Gianna and Pietro Molla Maternity Home in Warsaw.

## **Thank You from Your Pastor**

I thank you for your gifts to me at Christmas. I thank you for the cards, baked goods, gifts of money, offerings of Masses, prayers, and other gifts that you have given to me. I thank you for the love and support that you have given me. I thank God for all the members of St. Rose of Lima Parish and St. William's Parish for your faith, hope, and love which are centered on Christ and for the gifts and talents which you offer in service of our parishes and in carrying out the mission of Christ in our world. I thank God for you and ask God to bless you with the peace of Christ and the joy of the Holy Spirit. --- Msgr. Skonseng