

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

St William's of Norwich Catholic Church

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Parish Office: 701-484-5211

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February 18, 2024

The First Sunday of Lent

In the Gospel today we hear the timeless phrase for Lent: “Repent and believe in the Gospel.” It seems natural in this season to repent and sacrifice. There is something about it that drives us to desire discipline and self-control as we meditate on the passion of our Lord.

However, sometimes we forget the second part of the phrase “believe in the Gospel.” Sometimes we fail in our Lenten attempts of fasting & abstinence. Wow, it shouldn’t be that hard to avoid social media, I should be able to watch less television, I should be able to avoid sweets, the list can go on. When we don’t succeed, we can feel unworthy. We may think that God will be disapproving and disappointed in us, failing to even repent of these small bad habits.

From this perspective Lent, instead of being a time for renewal and refreshment in the Christian life, can be filled with dread. Luckily, the scriptures today remind of a deep, meaningful reality of God’s covenant. Listen how he speaks to Noah in the first reading about the covenant, and how the responsorial psalm recalls the blessings of those who keep his covenant.

Hear again the words of St. Paul in the second reading who is speaking of the new covenant sealed with the Blood of Christ and the salvation that he has won for us. That now, in the new covenant, baptism saves us from our sins and gives us new life. Then Jesus cries out in the Gospel “now is the time of fulfillment.” Such a powerful and consoling message that God has defeated sin and has established his reign on the earth.

Hopefully Lent can be less of a time to feel like we need to earn God’s love, and more of a time to believe in his promises. Our

discipline and sacrifice are but a means to clear our lives of the things that prevent us from loving God with all our heart. To get rid of the things that keep us from imitating the example of our loving Savior and to believe in the Gospel. When we believe in the Gospel we are drawn to live in covenant with God, and so we grow in our capacity to accept his love and imitate Christ's example.

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

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

Mass Times:

Feb. 19th Mon. 8:30 AM Mass

Feb. 20th Tue. 8:30 Mass Adoration 9-10 AM

Feb. 21st Wed. 8:30 AM Mass

Feb. 22nd Thur. 8:30 AM Mass

Rolls & Coffee After Mass on Thursday.

Feb. 23rd Fri. 9:30 AM Mass Care Center

Feb. 24th Sat Mass @ 5:00 PM St. Rose

Feb. 25^h Sun. Mass @ 8:30 AM S. Williams

Feb. 25th Sun. Mass @ 10:30 AM St. Rose

Intentions

+Faithful Departed

Fr. Gerald Myers

+Arlene Adams

+Wilbur & Monica Daniel

+Kenneth Vettel

+Jim Beitz

+Frank Witte

Parishioners



Ministry Schedule:

St Rose of Lima

Care Center: Reader Friday Feb. 23rd Cece Cotton
Mass at 9:30 AM

Saturday Feb. 24th Mass 5:00 PM

Lector: Rich Gehrke

Euch: Rich Gehrke & James Maertens

Altar Servers: Jacob & Alex Dufner

Gift Bearers: Bill & Austin Cotton

Ushers: Bill & Austin Cotton

Money Counters: Feb. & March- Sydney & Jody Schill

Sunday Feb. 25th Mass 10:30 AM

Lector: Anna Mootz

Euch: Ken & Cece Cotton

Altar Servers: Anthony, Josiah, Miguel Mootz

Gift Bearers: Rich & Nancy Gehrke

Ushers: Leo Paintner & Cece Cotton

St. William's

Sunday Feb. 25th Mass @8:30 AM

Church Information

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(Council Chair St Williams)

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.

Reader: Nicole Ueckert **EM:** Scott Monson & Lacey Steinberger

Servers: Tucker Chadduck & Clay Ueckert

Coffee/Rolls & Cleaning: Eric Binstock & Lee Burgad

St. Rose CCD & DRE corner:

St. Rose Parish Events.

Collection: Feb. 11th \$1085 Rel. Ed. \$1500 Ash Wed. \$517 Fish Fry \$1124

Men's Group: Meet Wednesday at 6:30AM full breakfast with discussion on the handout "Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy". .

Change in Time for Mass and Adoration on Tuesday, February 20th

I have changed the time for Mass and Adoration on Tuesday, February 20th, from the regular schedule of Adoration from 6:00 to 7:00 PM and Mass at 7:00 PM to Mass at 8:30 AM and Adoration from 9:00 to 10:00 AM. I am making this change only for this date because I am going to the Operation Andrew Dinner on this evening at Bishop Folda's residence. The Operation Andrew Dinner is for young men who are interested in the priesthood. --- Msgr. Skonseng

Baby Shower: There will be an open house baby shower for Rebecca Waters on Saturday, February 24th from 1-3pm in the St. Rose parish center. Rebecca is registered at Amazon.com
Skip the card and purchase a children's book instead, to help Sam and Becca grow their baby boy's library.

Upcoming events:

March 17th K-C Pancake Breakfast 9:00-1:00

April 7th Installing of new K-C members after Mass with meal and for families.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will take place on Fridays during Lent at 7:00 PM in St. Rose of Lima Church. Let us take up our cross and follow Jesus, the Way to eternal life.

February 25th, 5:30-7:30 Part 3 of "The Mass" video series with Bishop Robert Barron

Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. "The Mass" series will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life. **Accompanying lesson packets can be found in the green folder in the back of the church if you wish to study the materials before the video showing.** Potluck begins at 5:30, followed by the video, lesson, and discussion.

Dates for the remainder of the series: March 10th, March 24th, April 14th

<p><u>Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick & Suffering</u> 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, Paul Breen, Bob Tabatt, Tom Salzwedel, Sarah McWilliams</p>

<p><u>St. William's :</u> Mary Sahl, Kathy Anderson, Jeff McKinnon, Ashley Moore, Larry Goldade</p>
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St. Gianna and Pietro Molla Maternity Home:

All are welcome to attend a parish mission March 10-12th held at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Warsaw, ND. Each evening the mission will begin at 5:15 pm with a simple meal (free will offering), confessions at 6 pm, and a talk at 6:30 pm. Fr. Greg Haman will speak on Sunday, Fr. Joseph Christensen, FMI, on Monday, concluding with Fr. Jeff Eppler on Tuesday.

Meeting for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to Those Who Are Ill and Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, who are willing to take Holy Communion to those who are ill and homebound, please come to this meeting on Sunday, February 18th, at 3:00 PM in the church. The meeting will include prayer, training and instruction, and organization of a schedule of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for taking Holy Communion to those who need and request it. Holy Communion is such a wonderful gift of Jesus. For those who are ill and homebound, Holy Communion gives them grace which they need from Jesus and unites them to Jesus and the Church.--- Msgr. Skonseng

Retrouvaille: A Lifeline for Married Couples

A Retrouvaille weekend will take place on March 2-3 in Fargo. Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises. For more information, call (701) 356-7903 or visit HelpOurMarriage.com.

Cursillo Retreat Coming This Winter

Cursillo is a simple program to help you get to know your Catholic faith and help you grow as a Christian spiritually, mentally, actively and in community with other faith-filled Catholics. Cursillo is offering a men's retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center in Hankinson on February 29-March 3, and a women's retreat at the Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City on March 14-17. For more information, men contact Gary Bausch at (701) 490-0679, and women contact Natasha Volchenko at (701) 849-2040.

Stations of the Cross

. The Foreword to "The Way of the Cross" composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori states:" During the Turkish invasion of the Holy Land in the late Middle Ages, when pilgrims were prevented from visiting its sacred sites, the custom arose of making replicas of those holy places, where the faithful might come to pray. One of the most popular of these devotions was the "Stations of the Way of the Cross", which were imitations of the "stations", or stopping places of prayer on the Via Dolorosa (Sorrowful Way) in Jerusalem. By the late sixteenth century the fourteen stations, as we know them today, were erected in almost all Catholic churches."

Prayer and Reflection on the Holy Eucharist

Ask God for the grace to never be separated from his heavenly feast, here on earth in the Mass and eternally in heaven. Lord, feed me with the Bread of Life that I may have your life now and in eternity.

God's Gift Appeal 2024

The theme for this year is: "Blessed to Give" (Acts 20:35). In a speech in Acts, Saint Paul says: "Keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'" (Acts 20:35). God blesses us with all the good gifts that we have. God gives them to us, and His gifts bring us happiness. So, it is more blessed for us to give because we are giving to others the gifts which God has given us. We are blessing others with God's gifts. At the Masses this weekend, February 17-18, we will watch the video by Bishop Folda in which he proclaims to us many blessings which we receive in the Diocese of Fargo through God's Gift Appeal. The goal of God's Gift Appeal in 2024 is \$3,735,942. The goal for St. William's Parish, Argusville, is \$11,965. The goal for St. Rose of Lima Parish is \$25,478. Our God's Gift Appeal Leader for St. William's is Kirk Howatt. Our God's Gift Appeal Leader for St. Rose is Cecilia Cotton. I am thankful to both of them for agreeing to be leaders for the appeal again this year. Here are five easy ways to give your gift. 1. Drop off your envelope at Mass in the collection. 2. Give online at fargodiocese.org. 3. Text desired amount to 855.850.8463. 4. Mail to 5201 Bishops Blvd. S, Suite A, Fargo, ND 58104. 5. Download the app from the App Store or Google Play. --- Msgr. Skonseng