

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

**503 3<sup>rd</sup> St SE Hillsboro, N.D 58045**

**Parish Office: 701-636-4541**

[www.strosehillsboro.church](http://www.strosehillsboro.church)

## St William's of Norwich Catholic Church

**107 Drake Ave Argusville, N.D. 58005**

**Parish Office: 701-484-5211**

[www.stwilliamschurch.org](http://www.stwilliamschurch.org)

*December 22, 2024*  
*Fourth Sunday of Advent*



The Fourth Sunday of Advent tells us that we are approaching the celebration of Christmas. We have prepared ourselves during Advent for Christ's coming to the world. The readings today are in anticipation of His coming and speak of God's promise of salvation – reiterating the theme of obedience to his Word.

The prophet Micah prophesied the coming of the Messiah, who is Jesus Christ, the new King who will bring peace and security to His people not only in Israel, but “to the ends of the land”. He also foretells the means of Christ's coming – “when she who is to give birth gives birth”, referring to Mary's role in God's divine plan and promise.

Like Mary, through our baptism we are filled with the same Holy Spirit. As we live out our faith in our daily lives, God becomes real in our world today. God asks us to follow Mary's example and say **YES**. Through our YES we can bring the Kingdom of God into our homes, our families, and in our community. We can make God's love real and visible. Just as God called and chose Mary, God calls and chooses each of us today. Let's follow her faithful example through what we say and do. May we bring Jesus into our world today.

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

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

**Mass Times:**

**Intentions**

**Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> Sun. 4:00-7:00 PM Reconciliation at St. William's**

Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> Mon 8:30 AM Mass St. Rose Past & Present K-C Members

**Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> Mon. Reconciliation 5:00-8:00 PM St. Rose**

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Tue. 5:00 PM St. Rose Parishioners

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Tue. 7:00 PM St. William's All people of St. William's

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Wed. 8:30 AM Mass St. William's Parishioners

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Wed. 10:30 AM Mass St. Rose +Fred Forde

Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> Thurs 8:30 AM Mass St. Rose +Faithful Departed

Coffee & Rolls after Mass on Thursday

Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> Fri.. 9:30 AM Mass @ Care Center +Hank Geray

Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> Sat. Mass 5:00 PM St. Rose + Francis Kritzberger

Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> Sun. Mass @ 8:30 AM St. William's + Larry Goldade

Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> Sun. Mass @ 10:30 AM St. Rose Parishioners



### **Ministry Schedule:**

#### **St Rose of Lima**

**Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Mass 5:00 PM**

**Lector:** Rich Gehrke **Euch:** Patti Kritzberger & Joe Hastings

**Altar Servers:** Dylan & Griffin Mitzel

**Gift Bears:** Rocky & Kristi Pastian

**Ushers:** Joe & Bridget Hastings

**Wednesday December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Mass 10:30 AM**

**Lector:** Ken Cotton **Euch:** Ken Cotton & David Mueller

**Altar Servers:** Hannah, Kara, Eddy Mueller

**Gifts Bears & Usher:** David & Jeanna Mueller

**Care Center:** Reader Friday Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>

Cece Cotton Mass @ 9:30 AM

**Saturday December 28<sup>th</sup> Mass 5:00 PM**

**Lector:** Leo Paintner **Euch:** Leo Paintner & Joe Hastings

**Altar Servers:** Archer Kritzberger & Ava Smith

**Gift Bearers & Ushers:** Cody & Jen Kritzberger

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

**Sunday December 29<sup>th</sup> Mass 10:30 AM**

**Lector:** Ken Cotton **Euch:** David Mueller & Ken Cotton

**Altar Servers:** Hannah, Kara, Eddy Mueller

**Gift Bearers & Ushers:** David & Jeanna Mueller

## **Church Information**

### **Staff**

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Lacey Steinberger

(DRE St Williams)

(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.

**St. William's**

**Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Eve**

**Mass 7:00 PM**

**Reader:** Nicole Ueckert **Euch Minister:** Kaila Wilner & Lacey Steinberger

**Altar Servers:** Eli & Owen Steinberger

**Wednesday December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Day**

**Mass 8:30 AM**

**Reader:** Tim Keckler **Euch Minister:** Scott Monson & Julie Keckler

**Sunday December 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Mass @ 8:30 AM**

**Reader:** Loralie Fritel

**Euch. Minister:** Luke & Lacey Steinberger

**Altar Servers:** Maria Fritel & Eli Steinberger

**Gratitude for Christmas Program**

I wish that I could have watched you, children of St. William's Parish, in person. I watched you, Livestreamed, on YouTube. I enjoyed your acting out the Birth of Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Mary, our Savior. I enjoyed all of you in your costumes portraying Joseph, Mary, shepherds, kings, angels, and soldiers, and animals and things of God's creation, donkeys, cows, sheep, and stars. I appreciated the narrators, too. I was thankful for how you helped us to discover Jesus, the newborn King of the universe, and to worship Him with songs, silence, wonder, and awe. I thank all the catechists and parents who helped the children do this Christmas Program for Jesus and for us. I am thankful to the Men's Club for cooking our breakfast of pancakes and sausage. --- Msgr. Skonseng

**St. William's Religious Education**

**Elementary class 6:30-7:30 High school class 6:45-7:45**

**No Classes**

**Additional Times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) before Christmas**

I will be available for the sacrament of Reconciliation on Sunday, December 22nd from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at St. William's, and Monday, December 23rd, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at St. Rose of Lima Church. --- Msgr. Skonseng

**St. Rose Religious Education**

\* Next CCD class is Wed, Jan 8

**Looking for the perfect gift for the young adult in your life???**

**SEARCH for Christian Maturity** is a peer-to-peer ministry, allowing youth (ages 16 and 17) along with young adults (ages 18 and older) to minister to youth and young adults. SEARCH is a way to help you on your journey to discover God, yourself, and a Christian community. This is a time to experience a loving, supportive community of young people who want to learn and experience a closer relationship with God and with others. We have a retreat coming up January 17th-20th, 2025 at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City. More details and the application are at [www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm](http://www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm) or call Dori at 952-210-2219 with questions. Applications are due no later than Monday, December 30th.

**St. Rose Parish Events.**

**Collection:** Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> \$5323 Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> \$1251 Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> \$940

**Men's Group:** No men's group till January 8<sup>th</sup>

**The new Ministry assignment** list for Jan. - March 2025 is on the tables in the back of the church. The list is also posted on the St Rose website and available on Flocknote.

**Communion for the homebound:**

If you know of anyone who is weak of health and would like to receive communion at home, please let us know, as we are starting to resume this practice. Contact Dave Schill 701-436-6227 or Msgr. Skonseng.

**Thank You:**

We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to my husband's care package. Your generosity and kindness provided us with significant strength and hope during this lengthy deployment. We will always be thankful for your generosity. Monica & John Azure

**Up Coming Events:**

Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> : K-C meeting at 7:00PM with supper at 6:30

Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>: K-C pancake breakfast from 9:00 to 1:00

Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> K-C new members initiation after 10:30 Mass.

Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>: K-C Fun night and bean bag toss.

**Coordinator of Religious Education**

St. Rose of Lima Church in Hillsboro, ND, is currently accepting applications for a Coordinator of Religious Education for Pre-K through 12th Grade. This position is part-time and will be responsible for the religious education program and youth activities of the parish. Qualifications for the person applying for this position are actively practicing the Catholic faith, sound knowledge of the Catholic faith, experience in teaching the Catholic faith, ability to organize, ability to communicate well by multiple means of communication, and availability on Wednesday afternoons and evenings and other times as needed. Interested applicants should send: a cover letter addressing the qualifications as listed above, resume, and three professional references with contact information via email to [dennis.skonseng@fargodiocese.org](mailto:dennis.skonseng@fargodiocese.org). If you have any questions regarding this position, please call Msgr. Dennis Skonseng at (701) 636-4541.

**Gratitude for Christmas Program**

I am thankful that I had a front-pew seat to watch you, the children of St. Rose of Lima Parish. I enjoyed your acting out the Birth of Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Mary, our Savior. I enjoyed all of you in your costumes portraying Joseph, Mary, shepherds, wise men, and angels, and God's creatures, sheep, cows, doves, donkey, and camel, and one of God's bright stars in the night sky. I appreciated the Birthday card for Jesus, the narration of the story of His Birth, and the trombone solo. I was thankful for how you helped us to discover the newborn King of the universe and to worship Him with songs, silence, wonder, and awe. I thank all the catechists and parents who helped the children do this Christmas Program for Jesus and for us. I am thankful to the Knights of Columbus for cooking our breakfast of pancakes and sausage. --- Msgr. Skonseng

**Christmas Collection**

The collection at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses will go to St. Rose Parish and be used for the needs of our parish or for charitable causes according to the direction of the Parish Council.

## Thank You from Your Pastor

I thank you for your gifts to me at Christmas. I thank you for the cards, pictures, 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

## Living Our Faith, Building Our Future

Members of St. Rose of Lima Parish and St. William's Parish, I thank those of you who have given gifts to the Campaign: "Living Our Faith, Building Our Future." The money raised from this campaign will be used for the needs of our priests in their retirement, including a new retirement home in Fargo, and for the renovation and future maintenance of the Maryvale Retreat Center near Valley City. As of December 19, 2024, members of St. Rose of Lima Parish have given \$71,791.92 in pledges and gifts toward our goal of \$107,440, which is about 67% of our goal. Members of St. William's Parish have given \$36,400 in pledges and gifts toward our goal of \$54,933, which is about 66% of our goal. Remember that 30% of the money given will be used for the needs of our parishes. If we exceed our goal, 70% will go back to our parishes. So far 31 of the 194 households of St. Rose of Lima Parish and 13 of 62 households of St. William's Parish who were invited to give to this campaign have given gifts. I hope that more members of our parishes will join me and others who have given to this campaign in making a pledge over the course of four years or what time frame which you choose or making a one-time gift. Please put your envelope with your pledge and/or gift in the collection basket at Mass, or mail it in to the Diocese, or give your pledge or gift online. There are extra envelopes with the pledge form attached on the tables in the entrances of the church. For more information, visit [fargodiocese.org/lof](http://fargodiocese.org/lof). --- Msgr. Skonseng

## Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31 5:00 PM St. Rose of Lima, Hillsboro  
Wednesday, January 1 8:30 AM St. Rose of Lima, Hillsboro  
Wednesday, January 1 10:30 AM St. William's, Argusville

<p><b><u>Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick &amp; Suffering</u></b> <b>St. Rose:</b> Yvonne Anderson, Pennie Feickert, Dennis Goltz, Karen Schumacher, Elaina Mueller, Cel Baumgartner, Sarah Cotton, Tom Salzwedel, Marie (Artz) Henderson, Howard Cotton, Dallas Boeddeker, Weston Waters, Deb Kritzberger, Morgan Ptacek, Liz Doherty, Millie Ann McLean, Jack Schummer, Bob Green, Jase Coubal, Kay Hoff, Ken Cotton</p>
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<p><b><u>St. William's :</u></b> Mary Sahl, Kathy Anderson, Jeff McKinnon, Ashley Moore,</p>
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## Prayer and Reflection on the Holy Eucharist

Do I take my redemption for granted, and thus take the gift of the Eucharist for granted? Do I beg God for the grace of redemption to reach every part of my life? Grant, O Lord, that I may enter more profoundly into your Body and Blood that every moment of my life may be imbued with your redeeming love.



# Christmas, the Nativity of the Lord



We celebrate with great joy the Solemnity of Christmas, the Nativity of the Lord, on Wednesday, 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

O come, let us adore Jesus, “Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:5) at our Christmas Masses.

Christmas Vigil, December 24 5:00 PM St. Rose of Lima, Hillsboro  
Christmas Vigil, December 24 7:00 PM St. William’s, Argusville  
Christmas Dawn, December 25 8:30 AM St. William’s, Argusville  
Christmas Day, December 25 10:30 AM St. Rose of Lima, Hillsboro



## The Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025

### Year of Hope

**“Hope does not disappoint” (Romans 5:5).**

The Jubilee Year of Hope begins on December 24, 2024, and ends on December 28, 2025. Here is the Prayer for the Jubilee of 2025.

## The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

