

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2024



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

87 Main Street
Rollingstone, MN 55969
507-689-2351

office@htpm.us

Mass Times

8:30 a.m. Tues,
4:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil
Office hours Wednesday 10-Noon



ST. ROSE OF LIMA CHURCH

180 S. Fremont St.
Lewiston, MN 55952

Mass Time

8:30 a.m. Sunday
8:30 am Wednesday, Thursday



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

111 N. Mill St.
Rushford, MN

Mass Time

10:00 a.m. Sunday
9:00 a.m. Friday
Contact: Arlene 608-406-1124
arlene@st-rose.org

Fifth Sunday, February 4

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
Mk 1:29-39

Monday, February 5

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 6

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 7

1 Kgs 10:1-10
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, February 8

1 Kgs 11:4-13
Mk 7:24-30

Friday, February 9

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, February 10

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34
Mk 8:1-10

Fourth Sunday, February 11

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46
1 Cor 10:31-11:1
Mk 1:40-45

Tri-Parish Church cluster web site: st-rose.org

Pastor: Rev. Chinnappa Pothireddy – frchinnappa@htpm.us; 507-523-2428

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Office Hours T, W, Th 9:00 to 11:00

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This Week Masses & Intentions

Monday	February 5	<i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday	February 6	
07:30 am	Holy Trinity	Adoration
08:30 am	Holy Trinity	Communion Service
Wednesday	February 7	
8:30 am-8:30	St Rose	Adoration
8:30	St Rose	Communion Service
Thursday	February 8	
8:30 am	St. Rose	<i>Bob Kanz +</i>
Friday	February 9	
9:00 am	St. Joseph	<i>John & Selina Nikunen +</i>
10:00 am	Good Shepard	<i>Joann Ziegeweid +</i>
Saturday	February 10	
4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	<i>Cletus & Lillian Kaiser +</i>
Sunday	February 11	
8:30 am	St. Rose	<i>Elmer Fabian +</i>
10:00 am	St. Joseph	<i>Joanne Quella +</i>

Adoration times:

St Rose First Wednesday	8:30 am – 8:30 pm
Holy Trinity Tuesdays	7:30 am – 8:30 am
St Joseph First Friday	9:30 am - 10:30 am

Reconciliation times:

St Rose 8 - 8:20 am Sunday and Wednesdays
Holy Trinity 4 - 4:20 pm Saturday
St Joseph 8:30 - 8:50 am Friday
<i>Or by appointment.</i>

NEW PARISHIONERS are invited to contact the Tri-Parish Office at 507-523-2428 or office@st-rose.org.

BAPTISM - Baptisms are regularly celebrated during Saturday and Sunday Masses or by appointment. Parents are asked to meet with Fr. Chinnappa before the baptism of their first child. Please call the Tri-parish office to set the date of the baptism.

MARRIAGE - Instruction must begin at least six months in advance. Please contact Fr. Chinnappa to begin the preparation process. An Engaged Encounter or similar course is also required.

Need Prayers?

Call Rosie Moger 507-429-5525
Call with all requests or to join the group.

Prayer Requests: *David Taylor, Becky Haxton, Chuck Woodford, Jim Vogel, Theresea Elliott, Bill Schultz, Steve Rader, Father Bill Kulas, Bishop Harrington*

Holy Trinity

Giving, January 27, 2024

Church Support..... \$ 768.00

Liturgical Ministry – February 10, 2024

<u>Lector:</u>	Morwen Gerson
<u>EMHC:</u>	Terry Full
<u>Cantor</u>	Theresa Speltz
<u>Usher</u>	Roger Maschka, Rebecca McCormick
<u>Gifts</u>	Steve and Bonnie Kalmes
<u>Server</u>	Grayson and Greenlee Speltz
<u>Greeter:</u>	Jeanette Borger and Louise Kalmes

St. Rose

Giving, January 28, 2024

Church Support..... \$ 2758.00

Liturgical Ministry – February 11, 2024

<u>Lector:</u>	Ben Kuhn
<u>EMHC:</u>	Mark Ernster, Suzanne Pilger
	Ben Kuhn
<u>Servers:</u>	Lidia Pilger, Kyli Ketchum, Haley Larson, Karlie Larson
<u>Ushers:</u>	Brenda Knutson, Amie Miller, Julie Haake, Jill Pasche

St. Joseph

Giving, January 28, 2024

Church Support..... \$ 840.00

Liturgical Ministry – February 11, 2024

<u>Lector:</u>	Jo Bingaman
<u>Usher & Cross:</u>	Steve Calhane
	David U'Ren
<u>Rosary</u>	Jacob Kramer
<u>Offertory</u>	Charlie and Edie Mueller
<u>EMHC:</u>	Marv Hosch
<u>Sacristan:</u>	Jacob Kramer

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=B4aThz9CPqQ&si=z4luflQZNpRqz7y> Hi parishioners. Please enjoy "How Christian Civilization Has Been Destroyed, and How... Fast forward 15 min. To avoid the introduction, lecture ends at the 60 min. mark.

Fr. Chinnappa will be on vacation from January 15 to February 7, 2024. During this time Fr. Kevin Stolt will sub for weekends at St. Rose & Holy Trinity and Fr. Matt Fasnacht at St. Joseph's.

Tri Parish News and Notes

Available online resources for **Ordinary Time through Formed Subscription** that has been renewed and is free to all parishioners. I encourage you to, please, make use of the free resource. Please go to: <https://signup.formed.org/> to subscribe. If you have questions about how Formed works, please call the office for help.

St. Joseph News and Notes

The St. Joseph CCW will be sponsoring another **bake sale**. It is scheduled for Saturday, February 10th, beginning at 9AM. We will feature Valentine's Day gifts and goodies, please stop and pick up a treat for your loved one, a neighbor or a friend. Thank you for your support and for reaching out to others.

St. Joseph Parish Envelopes for 2024 are available for you in Montini Hall. If you don't see your name on a box of envelopes, please get in touch with Arlene at 608-406-1124 or email at arlene@st-rose.org. Thank You for picking up your parish envelopes.

Holy Trinity News and Notes

Let's Kick Off Super Bowl Sunday

With a **Mardi Gras Brunch!!** Sunday morning **Feb. 11th** from 9:30 to 11:30 At Holy Trinity Community Center Breakfast from 9:30 to 10:00 (free will offering) Games from 10:00 to 10:30, Bingo from 10:30 to 11:15, Wrap Up and Prizes awarded from 11:15 to 11:30. All are Welcome to join us! Come Join us for Food, Fun and Festivities!!

Spaghetti Dinner—Thursday, March 7th More information on these events will be shared in the coming weeks. Everyone is welcome! If you have questions, please contact Bonnie Kalmes 450-6378.

Season 2 of *The Chosen*: We will be offering Season 2 of *The Chosen* during the Lenten and Easter season at the HTCC. We will be offering two different days and times. Sundays beginning at 1 pm and Thursdays beginning at 8:45 am. Sessions run approximately 1.5 hours, but end times may vary dependent on the discussion following each episode. Please use the sign-up sheet located in the HT Narthex or contact Becky McCormick at 507-689-0398. More Information to follow.

The Mass Intention Book for 2024 is now full. Future Mass intentions may be sent to St. Rose or another parish for Masses said there. Holy Trinity can not accept Mass intentions until later next winter.

St. Rose News and Notes

Souper Bowl Fundraiser: Sunday Feb. 11, 2024 St Paul's Church in Lewiston. To help April and Andrew Holverson. April was diagnosed with MS 21 years ago, it is now ravaging her body at a rapid rate and her only option is stem cell transplant. Please help support our local.

Community News

Marriage Encounter: "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." - *Colossians 3:12*. Experience these at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next available **Weekends** are Feb 16-18, 2024 in WINDOM, MN and Apr 27-28, 2024 in Owatonna, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: southmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229

Court St. Charles Catholic Daughters are once again sponsoring 6 Sunday afternoons of card playing starting January 21st through February 25th. Card playing will begin at 1:00pm with lunch served at 4:00pm. We will meet in the Senior Center at City Hall. The cost is \$5 per person with prizes awarded! Cancellations due to weather will be on KTTC.

Trauma Reboot: Feb 18 – May 12 (not Easter Sunday) Sundays from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the religious ed center next to the Holy Redeemer Church 18 East 2nd St Eyota, MN Contact Marilyn Baker-mkbak7@gmail.com

Monthly ***Holy Hour of Prayer for Americans, Our Country, and our Church*** held on the first Saturday of every month at 8:40 am at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Winona, preceded by the 8:00 am *Mass for the Sanctity of Life & Marriage*. Come join us for a beautiful Rosary and hour of prayer. Invite your family and friends!

NEXT, a day for juniors and seniors to explore what life will be like after high school and how to step into a life of fulfillment, is being offered at St. Thomas More Newman Center in Mankato February 24th. See

<https://dowr.my.canva.site/next> for more info.



Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota offers respectful, compassionate, and **professional Mental Health Clinical Counseling services** to help individuals, couples and families deal with a variety of concerns. We accept most insurances or offer a sliding fee. 507-287-2047.

Happy World Marriage Day - Feb. 12! Celebrate your sacrament by signing up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next

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Good evening, readers. The Courier’s February 2024 issue is now available online. https://issuu.com/diocesefwinona/docs/february_p_r_oof_for_page_1_33b42757b90312?fr=xIAEoAT3NTU1

Changes in the Church

Most anybody who graces the doors of our churches these days does not have to look far to see the changes that have happened over time – some of them rather drastic. This past year, for example, saw “The Hill” at Good Counsel in Mankato vacated, where the School Sisters of Notre Dame had lived and served for well over 100 years. Some parishes have closed and churches have been sold. Yet, the gift of faith is as available to everyone as ever.

While the financial reality of most parishes has, through the generosity of parishioners, held steady, the number of people in the pews has shrunk. This is, in part, due to people not returning to church after COVID, but the trends have been heading in the same direction much longer than that. The decreases that we experience are also due to a smaller pool of Catholics (we have historically held steady at about 130,000 Catholics in the Diocese but now we have about 114,000). This should not be surprising, as many rural communities have seen similar decreases in their overall population. Yet, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Life in Christ is as available to everyone as ever.

The numbers that I will now share do not paint a pretty picture. However, hopefully this data will help you to see that any decrease you are noticing in your own parish is not unique. A prayer that I frequently recall is for the priests, deacons and staff in the parishes: “O Lord, do not let them be discouraged by lack of interest or discouraging results.” Our parish staffs, led by your pastors, work hard to stop the flow out of the Church and even to increase its reach. Thankfully, the work of the Church is not limited to the work of “professionals.” The call of the baptized to live out your new life in Christ as priest, prophet and king remains as available to you as ever. Come, Lord Jesus!

Now, on to the data. What I will share is not every data point available, but these are telling numbers that may help to understand the reality in your parish even better. The numbers

reflect our most recent published data in 2022. Next week I will publish some data on the October Mass count.

As you can see, every category has decreased except for the number of permanent deacons and extern (especially international) priests. The decrease in religious sisters reflects the move of many School Sisters of Notre Dame to a care facility in Shakopee. The overall decrease in clergy and religious is primarily due to far more deaths than new members. Students in Faith Formation includes those in parish catechesis and Catholic Schools, pre-school through grade 12. As you can see, the number of Confirmations and weddings are decreased dramatically.

We do not place our trust in numbers. We do not place our trust in pamphlets or better bulletins. Our faith is in God, and God is in you through Baptism. Pray for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit that all Catholics in our Diocese may know and experience the great gift of life found only in our Triune God, and that those gifts would fill us to the point of overflowing into the lives of others.

CATEGORY	2009	2022
Diocesan priests	115	77
Religious priests	8	6
Extern priests	13	17
Permanent Deacons	12	37
Religious Sisters	387	175
Religious Brothers	21	13
Parishes	114	98
Students in Faith Formation	17,755	12,310
Confirmations	1,621	1,057
Weddings	545	221

When you look at these numbers, things may appear rather desperate. I assure you, though, that we are not the ones who are desperate, not when we are able to live this life in Christ. However, if I were reading this, I would want something to *do* about this data. Otherwise, it is tempting to despair. Keep reading the e-Courier and look for an article by Susan Windley-Daoust that will offer several suggestions; many of which are already being implemented around the diocese.

The Very Reverend William D. Thompson is the Vicar General, Judicial Vicar, and Moderator of the Curia for the Diocese of Winona-Rochester.