

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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Mass Times

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



ST. ROSE OF LIMA CHURCH

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Lewiston, MN 55952

Mass Time

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



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Rushford, MN

Mass Time

10:00 a.m. Sunday
9:00 a.m. Friday
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Second Sunday of Advent, Dec.10

Is 40:1-5, 9-11
2 Pt 3:8-14
Mk 1:1-8

Monday, December 11

Is 35:1-10
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 13

Is 40:25-31
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 14

Is 41:13-20
Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 15

Is 48:17-19
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 16

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Third Sunday of Advent, Dec.17

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11
1 Thes 5:16-24
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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This Week Mass Intentions

Tuesday	December 12	
7:30 am	Holy Trinity	Adoration
8:30 am	Holy Trinity	<i>Dick Hohensee+</i>
Wednesday	December 13	
8:30 am	St. Rose	<i>Daniel Driscoll+</i>
6:30 pm	St Rose	<i>Communal Penance</i>
Thursday	December 14	
8:30 am	St. Rose	<i>65th anniversary of Jane and Duane Hendricks</i>
Friday	December 15	
9:00 am	St. Joseph	<i>Donald & Lauretta Reschke+</i>
10:00 am	Good Shepherd	<i>Katie Kanz Brand +</i>
Saturday	December 16	
4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	<i>Francis, Bob & Glynis Hoffman+</i>
Sunday	December 17	
8:30 am	St. Rose	<i>Jerry Ruhoff+</i>
10:00 am	St. Joseph	<i>Nancy Megal+</i>

Adoration times:

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

Or by appointment.

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 Prayer? Call Rosie Moger 507-429-5525
 Call with all requests and to join the group.



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

Holy Trinity

Giving, December 2, 2023

Church Support..... \$ 1349.00

Liturgical Ministry – December 16, 2023

<u>Lector:</u>	Morwen Gerson
<u>EMHC:</u>	Maureen Speltz
<u>Cantor</u>	Tammy Schmit
<u>Usher</u>	Roger Maschka & Rebecca McCormick
<u>Gifts</u>	Leo & Mary Speltz
<u>Servers</u>	Ashley and Natalie Hoffman
<u>Greeter:</u>	Stacey Glithero and Jodi Rivers

St. Rose

Giving, December 3, 2023

Church Support..... \$ 2087.00

Liturgical Ministry – December 17, 2023

<u>Lector:</u>	Ben Kuhn
<u>EMHC:</u>	Mark Ernster, Suzanne Pilger, Ben Kuhn
<u>Servers:</u>	Harper Randall, Megan Kreidermacher, Brady Kreidermacher, Hayden Randall
<u>Ushers:</u>	Brian Daley, J. R. Caldwell, Patrick Kalmes, Phil Thesing

St. Joseph

Giving, December 3, 2023

Church Support..... \$ 2300.00

Liturgical Ministry –December 17, 2023

<u>Lector:</u>	Karen Eich
<u>Usher & Cross:</u>	Jim & Culhane & Al Schollmeier
<u>Rosary:</u>	Gary Marcoux
<u>Offertory:</u>	Charlie & Edie Mueller
<u>EMHC:</u>	Chuck Ehler
<u>Sacristan:</u>	Jacob Kramer

Tri Parish News and Notes

Available online resources for Advent and Christmas 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.

There will be a **Second Collection on December 16-17 for Retirement Fund for Religious**. Despite the Church's support, many communities still struggle to provide for aging members. With rising elderly costs and a growing population that needs care, we need to be steadfast in supporting them in the constantly changing nature of their retirement needs. We urgently appeal to your help to ensure our women and men religious retirement. With your help, we can continue to support those who have devoted their lives to serving God.

Advent & Christmas Services 2023-2024.

December 13 Wed. Reconciliation at SR 6.30pm for all.

December 16-17 Third Sunday of Advent. Regular Masses.

December 23-24 Fourth Sunday of Advent. Regular Masses.

December 24 Christmas Eve Mass at 4.30pm HT preceded by Christmas Carols.

December 25 Christmas Day Mass, Monday 8.30am at SR; 10.00am at SJ.

December 30-31 Sunday, Feast of the Holy Family: Regular Masses.

January 1 New Year's Day: Mary, Mother of God, Monday Not a Holyday of Obligation

January 6-7 Epiphany of the Lord: Sunday Regular Masses.

Individual Reconciliation Available before and after Masses and by appointment.

Summary of Advent and Christmas Books available at the Narthex to take home and read:

1. The Rocking Chair Prophet: It is a rich exploration of life and the human condition. It's an invitation to rediscover yourself and reorient your life. Mathew Kelly has masterfully woven into the story a piercing wisdom that is thought provoking on a life-changing scale. It is stunning that one book can have something meaningful to say on so many topics.

2. Beautiful Eucharist: It is a stunning collection of life-changing reflections about Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and wonderfully present in our lives. It is an invitation to encounter the life-giving presence of Jesus in the Eucharist so you can be a life-giving presence in the world.

3. This is My Body: It is designed to accompany the Eucharistic revival. Bishop Robert Barron analyses the source and summit of the Christian life according to the categories of meal, sacrifice, and Real Presence. It is meant to understand the sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood more thoroughly, and precisely to fall in love with the Lord more completely.

St. Joseph News and Notes

CMA UPDATE: Amounts updated December 1, 2023; Goal \$9570.00; Received \$9570.00.

Congratulations on achieving the goal!

With tenderness and love we pray for our deceased, Paul Dvorok, Rushford whose funeral on Monday, Dec. 11 at 11.00am. May his loved ones find comfort and reassurance in God, our Father.

Recommended Video:

<https://youtube.com/live/TiGjeK0Iuf0?si=AS-cf1SMJ3RZS0Hr>

This video is "Overcoming Obstacles to Prayer and Holiness" by Fr. Ripperger.

Christmas Flower Once again, we are looking for donations for Christmas flowers for our Sanctuary. If you would like to donate in memory or honor of a loved one, please write on a paper who the donation is from and who you would like listed in memory of the or honor of. You can drop your donation in the weekend collection basket in a separate envelope or you can give to Marcia Siegel or Barb Mensink. This year we hope to make it easier; Marcia has offered to place an order for Christmas flowers according to what donations we receive. Thank you.

The Faith Formation classes at St. Joseph's will be presenting a Christmas Program on Sunday December 17, 2023 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. All classes will be involved. Beth McManimon-Myers's and her daughter Raquela will be directing this program. The program is open to everyone and we're hoping there will be a good turnout to support the students. St Joseph's Church will again be sponsoring a **Christmas Giving Tree** To benefit the children in Fillmore County. There will be a Christmas Tree in Montini Hall with gift tags and directions. The amount suggested was \$50. Thank you for gathering your family together to support this cause.

Holy Trinity News and Notes

Tuesday Mass time change: Mass time Tuesdays 8:30 am. Adoration will begin at 7:30 am.

Baptism: Blessing to Hope Francesca Gust, daughter of Johnathan and Roman Gust at Rollingstone on Saturday, Dec. 9. By Father Steffes.

Thank you sincerely for sharing our sorrow. Your prayers and kindness are deeply appreciated and will always be remembered by the family of Gary Dondlinger.

The Giving tree is up, and tags are going fast. As is tradition for Holy Trinity, we are sponsoring families who are in the Rollingstone Community. If you take a tag, please write your name, number of tags and phone number on the paper next to the tree. For clarification, on the tags that state children's books we are looking for preschool age and younger or Kindergarten and 1st grade to 3rd grade. Please have gifts back to the church by December 18th. The faith formation students will deliver gifts during the Christmas holiday.

Holy Trinity Holiday Choir: Practice will begin on Monday December 4 at 7 pm for the Holy Trinity Holiday Choir. The Choir will sing at Christmas Eve Mass. Practices will be on Monday evening at 7 pm this year. If you have questions, you can contact Tammy Schmit at 689-2469. All voices are welcome. Let's make a joyful noise!

Church Cleaning: we will have a sign-up sheet in the narthex for parishioners to identify which week they will come in to clean the church. It can be a family, friend(s), or solo activity in making our church clean and welcoming. The more people who sign up each week, the less amount of time it takes to do. We will have cleaning supplies and equipment for you to use. A description of what we would like to have done will be available next to the sign-up sheet. We want to thank those who have done this over the past years in the absence of a sign-up sheet. Please be generous with your time to make this happen.

CMA UPDATE: Amounts updated December 1, 2023; Goal \$6606.00; Received \$6658.72.
Thanks for achieving the goal!

St. Rose News and Notes

The Children's Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 17th during the 8:30 am Mass. Practice will be after school on Friday, December 15th. The students will walk over to the church together after school.

Advent Confession Opportunity: Three priests will be available for confession on December 13th at 6:30 pm. All are welcome for reconciliation.

We welcome into the parish community of St. Rose following members Baptized through water and the Holy Spirit on December 2, 2023: **Arianna Lynn Burbach** d/o Vincent Estrada & Jessica Lynn Musel; **Brandon Alexander Sovell**; **Brianna Lynn Sovell**; **Aria Jean Sovell** children of Bryan Wesley Sovell & Sarah Lynn Mendez

Long Term Planning Committee meeting on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 6.00pm

CMA UPDATE: Amounts updated December 1, 2023; Goal \$14,289.00; Received \$16,485.00.
Thank you very much for achieving the goal.

2nd Sunday of Advent December 10, 2023, "Living Beyond Our Failures"

My Brothers and Sisters,

One of the difficulties with which we all have to live is that of personal failure. Allied to this is the discouragement that can come from failure. We have all failed in different ways. Sometimes the failure was caused by the interference of others – Sometimes it was due to circumstances beyond our control – Sometimes it was because of our own lack of preparedness, foresight, ability, or our lack of personal discipline to see things through. Our deepest regret is knowing that: – what we could have done – what we could have been – is no longer possible.

Unfortunately, failure is also a reality in our spiritual life. We all have sinned and made moral mistakes. We have done harm to others, to ourselves – and, perhaps, even to our environment in different ways. And one of the sad aspects of our sins is that we must live with our personal, moral failure. We know that we can never restore or repair some of our broken friendships and relationships!

Fortunately, the scriptures for today provide us with a great deal of hope for our personal brokenness. Isaiah tells a broken and exiled people that they have suffered enough for their personal and national sinfulness. They have lived with their pain and remorse long enough. They are forgiven and they will be restored to their homeland.

However, the prophet speaks, prophetically, of much more than a material, temporal, and geographical restoration. He speaks of something beyond their

lifetimes – beyond time itself. He speaks of a liberator – of a savior who will come. And this liberator-savior will open a passage for them into an eternal lifetime beyond the failure of this life here!

The inauguration of this final, spiritual salvation came with the advent of Jesus. St. Mark relates that John the Baptist proclaimed it at the Jordan River. He was the herald that Isaiah spoke about centuries before. In words similar to those of Isaiah, the Baptist proclaimed that Jesus is the God who has come – For Jesus comes with all the power of the Lord God! Jesus rules with strength – But he also rules with the care and love of a shepherd for his sheep!

It is over 80 miles from Jerusalem to the Jordan River. Nevertheless, people came in droves. They came to hear the exciting news that John proclaimed. However, John also told them that they had to become different themselves. They had to make changes in their hearts and lives.

They couldn't change their past failures and sins – But they could repent of them – They could be sorry for them – And they could begin to live in a different way. It would be a life: – with a new purpose – with a new resolve – with a new commitment for the future! In his later years, St. Peter gained a wonderful perspective on the timelessness of God's realm. There is no time with God. "A thousand years are as one day – and one day, is as a thousand years." What is important is that we learn to live, truly devoted to God and to His ways – in the time we have here. God is patient with us – But we must still change and grow – and continue to improve! What is interesting is that with a passage of time, our own perspectives change.

As we grow older, we realize that there is always something else that must be turned over to God. There is an attitude, a behavior, and willfulness that we must give up. We must do this if we are to be, truly, children of God – and disciples of Jesus!

We all know and understand that we must all meet God and Jesus at our death for our personal judgment. But there will also be a time when the whole world meets its end. Peter reveals that there will be a catastrophic event and the final, universal judgment of everyone! Brothers and Sisters, we are never finished. In this life, we are never through growing. However, because God is merciful, our past failures, mistakes, and sins can be forgiven. However, to grow, we must change. We must become better persons. We must become more like Jesus, himself. He shows us the way to a new life. It is a life beyond our ability to fathom or understand. It is a life that is filled with the Love, the Fire, the Power, and the Glory of God!

So, let us pray, today, that we never let our human weakness, failures, or discouragement keep us from the faith, the trust, and the love that God wants from us with the help of His grace!
Amen.

Dec.10, 2023, Msgr. Russell G. Terra. Stjosephredding.org.