

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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Mass Times

8:00 a.m. Tues

4:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil

Office Hours Mondays 10 -Noon



ST. ROSE OF LIMA CHURCH

P O Box 402
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Mass Time

8:30 a.m. Sunday

8:30 am Wednesday, Thursday



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

111 N. Mill St.
Rushford, MN 55971

Mass Time

10:00 a.m. Sunday

9:00 a.m. Friday

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First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 30

IS 2:1-5

ROM 13:11-14

MT 24:37-44

Monday, December 1

IS 4:2-6

MT 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 2

IS 11:1-10

LK 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 3

IS 25:6-10a

MT 15:29-37

Thursday, December 4

IS 26:1-6

MT 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 5

IS 29:17-24

MT 9:27-31

Saturday, December 6

IS 30:19-21, 23-26

MT 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Second Sunday of Advent, Dec. 7

IS 11:1-10

ROM 15:4-9

MT 3:1-12

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

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

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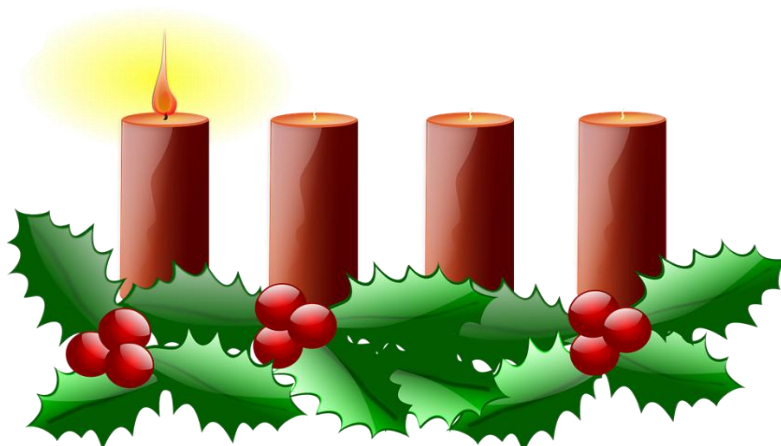
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Loving God,
As we light the first candle of
advent, we welcome the glow
of hope into our hearts. In a
world that often feels uncertain,
remind us that your promises
never fade.



This Week's Masses & Intentions

Tuesday December 2

8:00 am Holy Trinity *Tom & Marlene Lehnertz+*
 8:30 am Holy Trinity **Adoration**

Wednesday December 3

8:30-8:30 St Rose of Lima **Adoration**
 8:30 am St Rose *Deb Koetz+*

Thursday December 4

8:30 am St Rose *Mary Ann Duane +*

Friday December 5

9:00 am St Joseph **Adoration**
 10:00am Good Shepherd *Eric Sauer+
 For the People*

Saturday December 6

4:30 pm Holy Trinity *Ralph & Dorothy Herber+*

Sunday December 7

8:30 am St. Rose *Antoinette Pasche+*
 10:00 am St Joseph *Jim Rislove+*

Adoration times:

St Rose First Wednesday 8:30 am – 8:30 pm
 Holy Trinity Tuesdays 7:00 am – 8:00 am
 St Joseph First Friday 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Reconciliation times:

St Rose: Sunday and Wednesday 8:00 - 8:20 am
 Holy Trinity: Saturday 4:00 - 4:20 pm
 St Joseph: Friday 8:30 - 8:50 am
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.

Anointing of the Sick: The sacrament is available before or after Mass on request or arrangements can be made with Fr. Chinnappa for Hospital or Home Visits.

Need Prayers?

Call Rosie Moger 507-429-5525 St Rose of Lima
 Barb Mensink 507-864-2183 St Joseph
 Paula at Office 507-689-2351 Holy Trinity
 Call with all requests or to join the group.

Prayer Requests: Chuck Woodford, Theresea Elliott, Bill Schultz, Fr. Bill Kulas, Ben Krussell, Ken Vogel, Kevin Ferden, Emersyn Maschka, Gina McRae, Ed Vaughn

Mass Intentions for your loved ones needed?

Please contact Tri-Parish office: **523-2428** or drop \$10 per intention in the offertory basket. Thank you.

Holy Trinity

Giving, November 22, 2025

Church Support..... \$ 780.00

Liturgical Ministry – December 6, 2025

Lector: Rebecca McCormik
EMHC Maureen Speltz, Kayla Farley, Kristi Bobine
Cantor: Tammy Schmit
Usher: Terry Full, Louise Kalmes
Gifts: Mike Hoffman Family
Server Savannah Russell, Preston Farley
Greeter Rebecca McCormick, Jodi Rivers

St. Rose of Lima

Giving,November 23, 2025

Church Support.....\$2358.00

Liturgical Ministry – December 7, 2025

Lector: Ben Kuhn
EMHC: Ben Kuhn, Suzanne Pilger, Mark Ernster
Servers: Grayson Speltz, Greenlee Speltz
 Hailey Larson, Karlie Larson
Ushers: Kenneth Peterson, Karin Peterson
 Joe Daley, Jayden Hansen

St. Joseph

Giving.....November 23, 2025

Church Support.....\$1750.00

Liturgical Ministry – December 7, 2025

Lector: Helen Bollinger
Usher & Cross: Mike and Sandee Jeresek
Rosary: Gary Marcoux
Offertory: Bob and Anne Spartz
EMHC: Mariah Grant, Ray Steichen,
 Therese Vesterse
Sacristan Luanne Dvorak

Your generosity is needed to meet our

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2025 Goals.

See amounts below.

**“A Christian is one who, believing that
 Christ is the Son of God, has that
 Christ-life in his soul”**

Fulton J. Sheen

Tri-Parish News and Notes

Thanks to each and every one of you for the wishes, prayers and weeklong celebrations of my Birthday. I have entered the 75th year which when completed is by church law, the age of retirement for priests. I have reached thus far by the grace of God, your continued support and prayers. My heartfelt thanks for treating me as your own. Fr. C.

A lifetime of Service deserves care in return: "Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community" says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri 73, a member of the sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving on December 14th.



St. Joseph News and Notes

A heads up! St. Joseph CCW annual cookie walk is scheduled for Saturday, **December 6th**. We are looking for bakers, who would like to bake, to help in supporting this special fund raiser. Thank You for your help.

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.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2025 as of Nov. 26, 2025: Goal: \$9569.00 Received \$5,102.14 to goal \$4,466.86.

Holy Trinity News and Notes

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2025 as of Nov. 26, 2025, Goal \$7,431.00; Received \$5,725.00; To Goal \$1706.00

Holy Trinity Cemetery Flowers: This is a reminder to please remove all plastic flowers from the cemetery by December 1st.



iGiveCatholic.org

iGiveCatholic is a bishop-led initiative to bring the Catholic community together to inspire and support generosity through Giving Tuesday, December

2nd. This year, Holy Trinity is participating to raise funds for trimming our large tree. Please donate and reach out to family and friends that might be interested in donating to this cause. The QR code will bring up our giving page or alternatively, go to <https://igivecatholic.org/story/e0021f>.



St. Rose' News and Notes

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2025 as of Nov. 26, '25, Goal \$15,719.00 Received \$10,675.00; To Goal \$5043.00.

Finance Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 4 at 5.30pm.

Soup for the Soul Ladies Social. A laid back morning of fun social and fellowship before the crazy holiday season begins @ Saint Rose of Lima December 6th @10 am. All women from our cluster are welcome. Sign up starting November 16th Call Holly @ 507-273-3676 or Laurie @ 507-523-2430 for more information

"Always Prepared"

In every age, people look forward to the future. Everyone must live in the present. But most have aspirations, hopes, dreams, and real plans for their future years. Most people also know that they must prepare themselves for what lies ahead. It might be graduate school or a PhD. – It might be a special job or occupation – It could be marriage and children – It might even be retirement and old age. Whatever the reason, our future years are dependent upon how we live now in the present.

Unfortunately, however, far too few give serious thought – or any thought at all – to their life after death. The majority in our Western culture and society are immersed only in the here and now. Many do not believe in God – Or, if they do, they don't take the things of God seriously.

All the scriptures for today deal with the manner and the time that God will come for us – and for everyone else. He will come for believers and non-believers alike. But their respective outcomes and futures will be eternally different.

The prophet Isaiah wrote for the people of Judah and Jerusalem. It was during a time of turbulence and war mongering 8 centuries before Christ. What he predicted began to come true with the teaching and ministry of Jesus. People did come from everywhere to hear the words of the Rabbi from Nazareth. Furthermore, he

brought a great peace of heart and soul to those who accepted him and his message. Jesus was the divine Son of God in human form!

However, the words of Isaiah also describe something about the everlasting Kingdom of Heaven. It will continue to be a reality even when this world no longer exists!

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus speaks of his Second Coming. Jesus will come for us, individually, at our own death. But he will also come, dramatically, at the end of the world. It will be what is called: the “End Time” – For it will be the end of human life on our planet. Consequently, Jesus emphasizes how important it is that we be prepared.

The challenge we all face is that we don’t know when Jesus will come. Therefore, we must always be prepared. Accidents, health issues, natural catastrophes like floods, tornadoes, and earthquakes will always take some – and leave others behind. But we have nothing to fear, if our souls are prepared.

In the New Testament reading, St. Paul’s words have special relevance for our Western World today. He tells us to wake up – to be wide-awake and alert. He condemns the self-centered, hedonistic, erotic culture of the Romans. Today his words apply to pornography, human trafficking, and bondage – intimate unmarried relationships, the entire LGBTQ+ culture and lifestyle – drug and alcohol dependency, jealousy, and gossip!

All these sins and activities dehumanize us. They desecrate the image of Himself that God created us to be!

Brothers and Sisters, Advent is the time during which Christians prepare for Christmas. Christmas is much more than just a secular holiday and celebration for us. For true believers, it is remembering when God came into our world to bring us salvation. However, our personal salvation depends upon our personal preparation for it.

Consequently, now is the time for an honest spiritual inventory. Now is the time to break with whatever is ungodly in our lives and hearts. So, let us pray that we find the courage and resolve to do so – And may God give us His grace in abundance for whatever time He has allotted for us! Amen.

November 30, 2025, Msgr. Russell G. Terra.

1. Individual Reconciliation Available before and after Masses and by appointment.
2. Please make use of Preparatory spiritual reading books available at the Narthex.

Advent & Christmas Services 2025.

November 29-30 **First Sunday of Advent:** Regular Masses. Year of Grace 2025 Ends.

December 6-7 **Second Sunday of Advent.** Regular Masses.

December 8 Monday **Immaculate Conception: Holy Day of Obligation** Mass at **SR** 8:30am & at **HT** 10:00am, at **SJ** 5:30pm.

December 10 Wednesday - **Reconciliation at SR** – school break times and from 6:30pm.

December 13-14 **Third Sunday of Advent** – regular Masses. **SJ Reconciliation** after 10:00am Mass.

December 17 **Wednesday Reconciliation at HT** from 6:30pm.

December 20 - 21 **Fourth Sunday of Advent.** Regular Masses.

December 24 **Christmas Eve** Mass at 4:30pm **HT** is preceded by Christmas Carols.

December 25 **Christmas Day** Mass, Thursday 8:30am at **SR**; 10:00am at **SJ**.

December 27-28 Sunday, **Feast of the Holy Family:** Regular Masses.

January 1 Thursday **New Year’s Day:** Mary, Mother of God, Holyday of Obligation. Vigil Mass on Dec.31 at **HT** 6:30pm; Feast day Jan. 1 Mass at **SR** 8:30am; **SJ** 10:00am.

January 3-4 **Epiphany of the Lord:** Sunday Regular Masses.

**“Come, let us climb the LORD’s mountain,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may instruct us in his ways,
and we may walk in his paths.
”For from Zion shall go forth
instruction...First Reading
For Christians in areas of conflict.**

**Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war
or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be
seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.**

THE FIRST PURPLE CANDLE IS THE
“Candle of Hope.”
IT SYMBOLIZES THE HOPE WE HAVE
IN CHRIST AND OUR DESIRE TO
SPEND ETERNITY WITH HIM. DURING
THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT,
WE WAIT FOR JESUS WITH HOPE.