

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 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

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Mass Time

8:30 a.m. Sunday

8:30 am Wednesday, Thursday



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Rushford, MN 55971

Mass Time

10:00 a.m. Sunday

9:00 a.m. Friday

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Second Sunday of Advent, Dec. 7

IS 11:1-10

ROM 15:4-9

MT 3:1-12

Monday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception

GN 3:9-15, 20

EPH 1:3-6, 11-12

LK 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 9

IS 40:1-11

MT 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 10

IS 40:25-31

MT 11:28-30

Thursday, December 11

IS 41:13-20

MT 11:11-15

Friday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17

JDT 13:18bcde, 19

LK 1:26-38

Saturday, December 13

SIR 48:1-4, 9-11

MT 17: 9a, 10-13

Third Sunday of Advent, Dec. 14

IS 35:1-6a, 10

JAS 5:7-10

MT 11:2-11

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God is patient. Show us your wisdom in time, that we may grow to expect your action on your time. Teach us to be gentle and patient with ourselves. Make us receptive to your timing in others. Help us see the long view when we are caught in frustration of waiting. Amen.



This Week's Masses & Intentions

Monday	December 8	
8:30 am	St Rose of Lima	<i>Deb Koetz+</i>
10:00 am	Holy Trinity	<i>Jim Vogel+</i>
5:30 pm	St. Joseph	<i>The People of the Parishes+</i>
Tuesday	December 9	
8:00 am	Holy Trinity	<i>Gary & Ann Galewski+</i>
8:30 am	Holy Trinity	Adoration
Wednesday	December 10	
8:30 am	St Rose of Lima	<i>Clarence and Mary Muller</i>
Thursday	December 11	
8:30 am	St Rose of Lima	<i>Dean and Edith Holm+</i>
Friday	December 12	
9:00 am	St Joseph	<i>Forrest Sauer+</i>
10:00am	Valley View	<i>James and Shirley Speltz+</i>
Saturday	December 13	
4:30 pm	Holy Trinity	<i>David Taylor+</i>
Sunday	December 14	
8:30 am	St. Rose of Lima	<i>Cornelia Kryzer +</i>
10:00 am	St Joseph	<i>Tom Hovde+</i>

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

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

Holy Trinity

Giving, November 29, 2025

Church Support.....No Mass... \$.00

Liturgical Ministry – December 13, 2025

Lector:	Maureen Speltz
EMHC:	Renee Fox, Rebecca McCormick, Chris Klein
Cantor:	Tammy Schmit
Usher:	Terry Full, Louise Kalmes
Gifts:	Steve & Bonnie Kalmes
Server:	Charlie & Juniper Lingen
Greeter:	Jeanette Borger, Terry Full

St. Rose of Lima

Giving,November 30, 2025

Church Support.....\$.992.00

Liturgical Ministry – December 14, 2025

Lector:	Eric Speltz
EMHC:	Jerry Hennessy, Stacy Bronk, Greg Bronk
Servers:	Dylan Duncanson, Bridget Duncanson Megan Kreidermacher, Brady Kreidermacher
Ushers:	Brenda Knutson, Amie Miller Julie Haake, Jill Pashe.

St. Joseph

Giving.....November 30, 2025

Church Support..... \$745.00

Liturgical Ministry – December 14, 2025

Lector:	Jacob Kramer
Usher & Cross:	Jim Culhane, Gary Marcoux
Rosary:	Barb Mensink
Offertory:	Jim and Mary Reinhardt
EMHC:	Linda Atkinson, Marv and Marcie Hosch
Sacristan	Jacob Kramer

Your generosity is needed to meet our

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2025
Goals by Dec. 31. See amounts below.

“It is our loves and desires that determine our pains. If our supreme love is the pleasure of the body, then our greatest pain is loss of health; if our supreme love is wealth, then our deepest worry is insecurity; if our supreme love is God, then our greatest fear is sin” Fulton J. Sheen, Way to Happiness, p.70

Tri-Parish News and Notes

Advent Reconciliation Services: Please make use of the opportunity for reconciliation at St. Rose on Wednesday Dec. 10 from 6.30pm; Wednesday Dec. 14 at Holy Trinity from 6.30pm and Dec. 14 and 21 at St. Joseph's after 10.00am Mass.

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

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.

The Preschool through 7th grade Faith Formation students will present their **Christmas program Sunday**, December 21st following the Sunday Mass. Treats will be served in Montini Hall after the program.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2025 as of Dec. 2, 2025: Goal: \$9569.00 Received \$5,102.14 to goal \$4,466.86.

Holy Trinity News and Notes

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2025 as of Dec 2, 2025, Goal \$7,431.00; Received \$5,725.00; To Goal \$1706.00

St. Nicholas Potluck Tonight December 6th after Mass we will have our St. Nicholas Potluck in the 4Bingo and a visit from St. Nicholas! A Free Will Offering will be accepted. Please come join us.

Holy Trinity Holiday Choir will begin practices at 7 pm on December 7 and be every week (DEC14, DEC 21) until Christmas. Practice will be about an hour. All are welcome to join. We will be singing on Christmas Eve at 4:30 at Holy Trinity. Contact Tammy Schmit if questions 507-689-2469.

Giving Tree: Holy Trinity Faith Formation will be sponsoring the Giving Tree along with your participation. This year we will be supporting our own

homebound and people in need along with a family in our Trip-Parish area. Please take a tag if you are able to help. Return the gifts back to church by 12/13/25.

St. Rose' News and Notes

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2025 as of Dec 2, 25, Goal \$15,719.00 Received \$10,675.00; To Goal \$5043.00.

Faith Formation Christmas Program is Dec 14th after Mass. Practice is Friday Dec 12 at 3 to 5 pm.

Lewiston-Altura Sharing Tree: Drop off Dec 14th noon till 4, Pickup Monday Dec 15th 3-6 in the hall.

Thank you to all who helped with the joint fund raiser (rib dinner) that we had with Our Savior's Moravian Church. The profit for each parish was \$1971.66. This will help with expenses incurred with our Faith Formation Program. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Community News and Notes

Sweet Treat Sale: St. Charles Catholic Daughters is sponsoring their annual "Sweet Treat" sale on Saturday, December 20th from 8:30 am to 10:30 am at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, St. Charles, Minnesota. Christmas cookies, candies, and fancy bars will be available for sale by the pound. Decrease your holiday stress by allowing us to do your holiday baking for you.

All are invited to a community gathering at **St. Paul's Church in Minnesota City** on Sunday, December 14 at 1:00. It will be potluck - bring a dish to share. Coffee and milk will be provided. Hope to see you there.

Homeschool Mass: Bishop Barron will celebrate a Mass for homeschool families on Thursday, January 15 at 4:30pm at St. Pius X Catholic Church (1315 12th Ave NW, Rochester). Fellowship and Dinner will be served after Mass. Please see the courier for more info.

Men's Conference: The Man of God Men's Conference will take place Saturday, February 21 at the Church of the Ss. Peter and Paul in Mankato. Registration is now available! <https://www.dowr.org/event-details/3997>.

Married Couples Retreat: Becoming One - Marriage Retreat – February 27-March 1, Alverna Center, Winona. Registrations are already coming in and rooms are filling up! Register here: <https://www.dowr.org/event-details/3786>.

"Admitting the Truth about ourselves"

One of the aspects of our human nature is that we can see the flaws and deficiencies in other people. On the other hand, we usually fail to see the shortcomings in ourselves. It's so easy to see the faults and sins of others – while being completely unaware of our own!

What is noteworthy is that very often, we project our own, denied faults upon others when we judge and criticize them. We can see this in the

political world around us which is in such disarray. Heads of state, political parties, and other groups often condemn their opponents. Yet, this can be for the same flaws that they deny in themselves. And today, all this rhetoric has escalated almost to the point of military hostility and warfare.

In the Gospel of Matthew, John the Baptist called for everyone to repent. The Lord God was about to make His appearance. And people needed to be prepared. John called them to acknowledge their sins – He called them to repentance and change. Because there was no other way to escape the wrath of God that was coming.

John especially singled out the Pharisees and the Sadducees. They were wealthy – They were in leadership positions – They lived comfortable, insulated lives. But they had no care or concern for all the problems of ordinary people. Consequently, they needed to humble themselves, acknowledge their sins, and repent with everyone else.

The One who was coming was searching for goodness and truth. This was a real generosity toward others – and sincere honesty about oneself. The baptism he would bring was the fire of God's cleansing grace, along with the wisdom and love of the Holy Spirit!

The passage from Isaiah speaks of Jesus, 7 centuries before his birth. Jesus would be filled with all the gifts of the Holy Spirit. His delight would be in the fear of the Lord. But this fear was not a paralyzing dread – Instead, it would be a profound sense of awe and reverence for God and for His divine majesty. This, certainly, was the way that Jesus lived his life. It continues to be a model for every one of us to emulate and follow.

Additionally, unlike ourselves and our leaders, Jesus would not judge by appearance or hearsay. He would judge the poor and the afflicted with justice. But the ruthless and hardhearted would be heart-struck by the words that he would speak for God!

If everyone could live the Gospel path of Jesus, the world would be a different place – a better place. Isaiah writes of this in his description of the peace-filled kingdom of the entire Earth. The wolf and the lamb – The leopard and the kid – The calf and the young lion – The cow and the bear – All in harmony with a child to guide them! All this symbolizes what would happen if everyone accepted what God wants for our lives and hearts!

But tragically, so many refuse. So many remain unchanged – So many can't admit the truth about themselves – So many resist radical

conversion in their attitudes and beliefs – And so many even deny that God exists!

Brothers and Sisters, in 18 days we will especially remember when Salvation was born into our world. The Savior lived for God, his Father – He died so that he could bring us back with him to the Father.

So, let us search our hearts and souls for the truth about ourselves – Let us discover and own up to whatever is still hidden or denied within us – And may we delight in the awe and majesty veiled in the Infant that will be born to us on Christmas Day!

December 7, 2025 Msgr. Russell G. Terra.

Advent & Christmas Services 2025.

December 8 Monday **Immaculate Conception: Holy Day of Obligation** Mass at SR 8.30am & at HT 10.00am, SJ 5.30pm.

December 10 Wednesday - **Reconciliation at SR** – school break times and from 6.30pm.

December 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. Reconciliation after 10 am Mass at SJ.

December 24 **Christmas Eve** Mass at 4.30pm HT 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, 2026 Thursday **New Year's Day: Mary, Mother of God, Holy day of Obligation.** Vigil Mass on Dec. 31 at HT 4.30pm; Feast day Jan. 1 Mass at SR 8.30am; SJ 10.00am.

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

1. Individual Reconciliation Available before and after Masses and by appointment.

2. Please make use of Preparatory spiritual reading books available at the Narthex.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? Ps.42:2