

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 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

180 S. Fremont St.

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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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Third Sunday of Advent, Dec. 14

IS 35:1-6a, 10

JAS 5:7-10

MT 11:2-11

Monday, December 15

NM 24:2-7, 15-17a

MT 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 16

ZEP 3:102, 9-13

MT 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 17

GN 49:2, 8-10

MT 1:1-17

Thursday, December 18

JER 23:5-8

MT 1:18-25

Friday, December 19

JGS 13:2-7, 24-25a

LK 15:5-25

Saturday, December 20

IS 7:10-14

LK 1:26-38

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Dec. 21

IS 7:10-14

ROM 1:1-7

MT 1:18-24

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- The **third Sunday of Advent**, so called from the first word of the Introit at Mass to Rejoice). The **3rd** candle in the *Advent Wreath* is called the “Shepard's Candle,” and rose is the liturgical color for joy.

This Week's Masses & Intentions

Tuesday December 16

8:00 am Holy Trinity

8:30 am Holy Trinity

Wednesday December 17

8:30 am St Rose of Lima

Thursday December 18

8:30 am St Rose

Friday December 19

9:00 am St Joseph

10:00am Good Shepherd

Saturday December 20

4:30 pm Holy Trinity

Sunday December 21

8:30 am St. Rose of Lima

10:00 am St Joseph

David Taylor+

Adoration

Helen Kreidermacher+

Bernie Siebenaler+

Nejedto Family Deceased +

James & Shirley Speltz+

LaVern Scherbring+

Parishioners

Eileen Dvorak Jacobson+

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, December 6, 2025

Church Support..... \$ 2653.00

Liturgical Ministry – December 20, 2025

Lector: Theresa Speltz

EMHC Brennan Farley, Aden Nofsinger, Leo Speltz

Cantor: Tammy Schmit

Usher: Pete Hutkowski, Duane Klein

Gifts: Duane Klein, Chris Klein

Server Melanie Nofsinger, Preston Farley

Greeter Jeanette Borger, Louise Kalmes

St. Rose of Lima

Giving,December 7, 2025

Church Support.....\$2343.00

Liturgical Ministry – December 21, 2025

Lector: Jo Stejskal

EMHC: Shelly DePestel, Dean DePestel, Kelly Dahl

Servers: Damian Gossen, Clara Gossen,

Allyn Gossen, Lincoln Puetz

Ushers: Brian Daley, JR Cardwell,

Patrick Kalmes, Phil Thesing

December 25th

Lector: Rick Speltz

EMHC: Jerry Hennessy, Suzanne Pilger, Ben Kuhn

Servers: Alyssa Hansen, Kaylee Hansen,

Brooklyn Hansen, Lydia Pilger

Ushers: Tim Hennessy, Cory Schmitz,

Ken Peterson, Karin Peterson

St. Joseph

Giving,December 7, 2025

Church Support..... \$1595 .00

Liturgical Ministry – December 21, 2025

Lector: Anne Spartz

Usher & Cross: Marv & Marcie Hosch

Rosary: Al Schollmeier

Offertory: Helen & Terence Bollinger

EMHC: Chis Hammell, Jo Bingaman & Steven Feldmeier

Sacristan Mike & Sandee Jerecek



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

St. Joseph News and Notes

Congratulations on being received into the catholic faith Community, the Body of Christ, through Baptism of **Macey Rose Lynch** d/o Coleton Hunter Lynch and Clara Rose Wieser on Sunday Dec.14.

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.

Fr. Will Thompson will be celebrating 10.00am Mass at St. Joseph's on Sunday, 21st. **There will be confessions from 9:30 to 9:50am and after Mass.**

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.

Thanks to your generosity and support of the Confirmation class service project, St Joseph Parish contributed the following items to Winona Birthright Center - 2117 diapers, 44 packages of baby wipes, 63 pairs of socks, 12 baby bath items, 6 bath toys, a bottle brush, and 3 blankets. The volunteers at Birthright were extremely grateful for these donations. Thanks! The Confirmation class, and Al & Nancy Schollmeier

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2025 as of Dec 05, 2025: Goal: \$9569.00 Received \$8592.14 to goal \$976.86.

Holy Trinity News and Notes

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2025 as of Dec 5, 2025, Goal \$7,431.00; Received \$6925.00; To Goal \$506.00

Holy Trinity Holiday Choir will hold practices at 7 pm on December 14 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 with question: 507-689-2469.

Reconciliation – This Advent the sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on **Wednesday, December 17th at 6:30 pm** to help us prepare for a Holy Christmas. Please come and encounter Christs healing Grace. [The USCCB has an examination of conscience online](#) to help you prepare.

Thank you to all who attended the St. Nicholas Potluck; it was a wonderful time. See you in February for our Mardi Gras Party!

St. Rose' News and Notes

Bishop Barron will be celebrating 8:30am Mass at St. Rose on Sunday, December 21. Join us to prepare for the Lord's coming and the brunch after Mass.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2025: Dec 5, 2025, Goal \$15,719.00 Received \$10,675.00; To Goal \$5043.00.

Community News and Notes

More People in Our Pews; More Priests at Our Altars: A Post Synodal Exhortation by Bishop Robert Barron. This past weekend, Bishop Barron released his Post-Synodal Letter, "More People in Our Pews, More Priests at Our Altar. In this letter, he offers a clear and heartfelt reflection on the fruits of our recent diocesan synod, highlighting the themes, hopes, and pastoral priorities that will guide our mission in the months and years ahead. You can read the letter here or download it below. A printed version of the letter will also be available at every parish in the diocese at Christmas, so all the faithful may read and reflect on his message during the Christmas season. We invite you to read the letter and join us in praying for the continued renewal of our local Church as we seek to follow Christ with greater conviction and unity.

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.

Resurrection in Rochester Singles Event: Fr. Steffes is supporting us in having event on February 14th 5:30-9:00 at the Hilton hotel in downtown Rochester. Please contact Mary or Regina for more information. Mary email mrm.runnergirl@gmail.com 507-269-2979 or Regina email rboehmke@yahoo.com 507-398-7059.

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>.

"Our Expectations and God's Divine Plan"

We certainly live during unsettling times. Everywhere we look, there is trouble in our world. It used to be that First World Countries were mostly unaffected – unless there was a worldwide war. But now we have government shutdowns, economic disagreements, political polarization and violence, financial hardship, homelessness, and increasing moral degeneracy everywhere in our land!

At times like this, people look for a great leader. They look for someone to put things aright and in order. But no such leaders can be found. For even the best leaders are flawed. And their best efforts will be thwarted by resistant money and power. The Chosen People were beset with

similar problems, in the passage today, from Isaiah.

Even worse times lay ahead for them. However, the prophet had a vision and revelation of a better world. With beautiful imagery, Isaiah described a world almost beyond belief. He described what life would be like when the Messiah came. He also described something about the Kingdom of Heaven in all its glory!

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus inaugurates the Reign of God in the human heart. However, Jesus was not all that many hoped for. Perhaps, Jesus wasn't even what John the Baptist believed he would be. On the other hand, perhaps John did know – But he wanted his disciples to discover who Jesus was for themselves.

Consequently, when Jesus was questioned about his identity and role, he recalled the prophecy of Isaiah – “The blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead rise, and the poor hear good news.” And that good news was the Gospel about salvation and the Kingdom of Heaven!

Furthermore, Jesus added that people would be blessed if they were able to accept him for who and what he really was – This was instead of what they, wrongly, assumed or hoped. Then Jesus said a startling thing. He said that John the Baptist was the greatest person who was ever born up to that moment. However, the least person in the Kingdom of Heaven was, somehow, even greater!

But Jesus was speaking of two different realities. The first was material – and limited by time and space. The other was spiritual. It is in an unimaginable realm. It infinitely surpasses anything we have here. With his execution and death, Jesus entered that eternal realm. And he is, most probably, far greater than the least of the others who are there!

St. James wrote his Epistle to all the new Christians who had been dispersed throughout the Middle East. They had fled from the persecution in Jerusalem and the Holy Land. It was against all the followers of Jesus and his Gospel. St. James urges them to be patient – and to wait for the time when Jesus would come again. Because, in those days, most believed that the Second Coming was imminent.

Brothers and Sisters, Jesus will “finally come” when God determines that he will. In the meantime, the words of St. James apply to us as well. Many might hope that God would intervene in our troublesome and unsettling times today –

Because unfortunately, no human leader can do all that needs to be done – for we are all flawed and imperfect.

Nevertheless, we can make a difference. We can bring courage, hope, peace, and inner joy to those around us – We can reach out to the vulnerable in our sphere of influence – We can refuse to complain about the defects and shortcomings of others. And at this season, we can help others understand that the Child whose birth we honor, is infinitely more than what he appears to be!

Finally, let us never forget that God created us for eternal joy and happiness. It will come for us according to God's unfolding plan – in His divine time for each of us. May we always rejoice that God has destined us for infinitely more than anything we have here! Amen.

December 14, 2025, Msgr. Russell G. Terra.

Advent & Christmas Services 2025.

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

December 20-21 **Fourth Sunday of Advent.** Regular Masses. SJ Reconciliation after 10am Mass.

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 Thursday **New Year's Day: Mary, Mother of God, Holyday 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.*

Come, Lord Jesus and save us.

“It is one of the paradoxes of Christianity that the only things that are really our own when we die is what we gave away in His name. What we leave in our wills is snatched from us by death; but what we give away is recorded by God to our eternal credit, for only our works follow us. It is not *what* is given that profits unto salvation; it is *why* it is given” Fulton J. Sheen, *Seven Virtues*, p72.