

Advent Sunday IV and Christmas Week

December 21-27, 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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Lewiston, MN 55952

office@st-rose.org

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

Contact: Arlene 608-406-1124

arlene@st-rose.org

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Dec. 21

IS 7:10-14

ROM 1:1-7

MT 1:18-24

Monday, December 22

1 SM 1:24-28

LK 1:46-56

Tuesday, December 23

MAL 3:1-4, 23-24

LK 1:57-66

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Vigil Mass

IS 62:1-5

ACTS 13:16-17, 22-25

MT 1:1-25

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Day

IS 52:7-10

HEB 1:1-6

JN 1:1-18

Friday, December 26

ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59

MT 10:17-22

Saturday, December 27

1 JN 1:1-4

JN 20:1a, 2-8

Holy Family Sunday, Dec. 28

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14

COL 3:12-21

MT 2:13-15, 19-23

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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Christmas Children program at St Rose of Lima.

For Christ was born in a stable.
Stars shing bright in the night.
Wisemen followed star to Bethlehem.
Shepherds watch their flock.
Cow and Donkey gave them the stable.

Merry Christmas everyone!

This Week's Masses & Intentions

Tuesday December 23

8:00 am Holy Trinity

8:30 am Holy Trinity

Wednesday December 24

4:30 pm Holy Trinity

Thursday December 25

8:30 am St Rose of Lima

10:00 am St. Joseph

Friday December 26

9:00 am St Joseph

10:00am Valey View

Saturday December 27

4:30 pm Holy Trinity

Sunday December 28

8:30 am St. Rose

10:00 am St Joseph

Jim Vogel+

Adoration

Christmas Eve

People of the Parishes

Christmas Day

People of the Parishes

People of the Parishes

NO MASS

NO MASS

Jeanette Lelwica+

Holy Family

Barb Ernster +

Nathan Meschelske+

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 13, 2025

Church Support..... \$ 1476.00

Liturgical Ministry – December 24, 2025

Lector: Bonnie Kalmes

EMHC: Kristi Bonine, Renee Fox, Leo Speltz, Brennan Farley

Cantor: Choir & Tammy Schmit

Usher: Rebecca McCormick, Steve Kalmes

Gifts: Hank & Sally Lettner

Server: Ashley & Natalie Hoffman

Greeters: Rebecca McCormick & Steve Kalmes

Liturgical Ministry – December 27, 2025

Lector: Terry Full

EMHC: Kristi Bonine, Renee Fox, Kayla Farley

Cantor: Theresa Speltz

Usher: Pete Hutkowski & Duane Klein

Gifts: Hank & Sally Lettner

Servers: Grayson & Greenlee Speltz

Greeters: Roger & Jane Maschka

St. Rose of Lima

Giving,December 14, 2025

Church Support.....\$1611.75

Liturgical Ministry – December 28, 2025

Lector: Ben Kuhn

EMHC: Jerry Hennessy, Greg Bronk, Stacy Bronk

Servers: Kyle Ketchum, Leah Kurth, Shawn Kurth
Olivia Kurth

Ushers: Greg Bronk, Phil Thesing,
Joe Daley, Jayden Hansen

St. Joseph

Giving,December 14, 2025

Church Support..... \$1880.00

Liturgical Ministry – December 28, 2025

Lector: Marcie Hosch

Usher & Cross: Steve Feldmeier & Steven Culhane

Rosary: Norb Quella

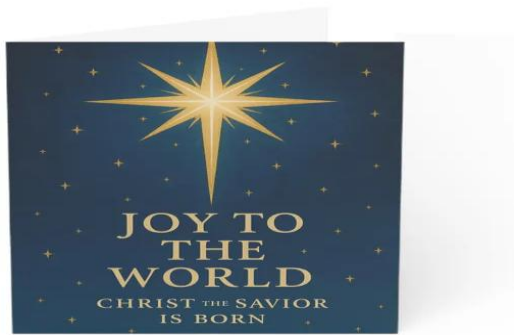
Offertory: Charlie & Edie Mueller

EMHC: Barb Mensink, Johnny Micheel,
Colleen McMannimon

Sacristan: Luanne Dvorak

**No one, whether shepherd or wise man,
can approach God here below except by
kneeling before the manger at Bethlehem
and adoring him hidden in the weakness
of a new-born child (CCC 563).**

Tri-Parish News and Notes



For onto us a child is born....

Christmas Services 2025.

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

December 25 Christmas Day Masses 8:30am at SR; 10:00am at SJ.

St. Joseph News and Notes

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2025 as of Dec 17, 2025: Goal: \$9569.00 Received \$8592.14, To Goal \$976.86.

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.**

Bishop Barron will be celebrating 10.00am Mass at St. Joseph's on Sunday, January 11th.

Holy Trinity News and Notes

Holy Trinity Holiday Choir will hold practices at 7 pm on December 21 for 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.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2025 as of Dec. 17, 2025, Goal \$7,431.00; Received \$7625.00; over Goal \$194.00

St. Rose' News and Notes

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2025 as of Dec. 14, '25, Goal \$15,719.00 Received \$10,675.00; To Goal \$5044.

Bishop Barron celebrates 8.30am Mass on 21st. Join us to prepare for the Lord's coming and the brunch after Mass in the hall.

Thank you for the help and work for the Rib Supper that helped with a generous donation to our faith formation. Greatly Appreciated.

Community News and Notes

Church of the resurrection in Rochester. Fr. Steffes is supporting us in having a Catholic singles event. Catholic singles event 30+ save the date Feb. 14th 5:30-9:00 at the Hilton hotel in downtown Rochester. Please contact for more information.

Mary email mrm.runnergirl@gmail.com 507-269-2979.

Regina email rboehmke@yahoo.com 507-398-7059.

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 <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>.

“Only when Christ is formed in us will the mystery of Christmas be fulfilled in us” (CCC 526).



“Complying with the Voice of God”

Sometimes, people tell us things about ourselves that we don't like to hear. Sometimes we have an intuition about something that we also dislike. However, it's always important to consider seriously what others might say in criticism – And this is also true for what our inner voice suggests to us.

The reason that we resist the truth about ourselves is that it usually means change. It might mean taking action that sets us apart. It might even cost us some friends or a relationship. However, to disregard the truth of anything is always costly – For it jeopardizes our integrity – And our relationship with God as well!

The scriptures for today deal with this same issue – Moreover, the outcome was tragic in one case – and wonderful in the other. In the passage from Isaiah, the Middle East was divided and in serious conflict. The future of the Kingdom of Judah was in peril. Through the prophet Isaiah, God spoke to King Ahaz. He told Ahaz to do nothing and to trust in God. But Ahaz refused to listen. Instead, he made his own plans.

Again, through Isaiah, God told the king to ask for a sign as proof – And, again, Ahaz refused to comply. He said that he did not want to tempt the Lord God. So, God gave that sign anyway. A virgin would conceive and bear a child – The child's name would be Emmanuel – which means “God Is With Us”!

In the ensuing years, the nation suffered tragically under Ahaz. But the son of one of his wives became a much better ruler. He kept the nation from annihilation – And he proved that God continued to be with the Chosen People!

In the Gospel of Matthew, Joseph was faced with a terribly unsettling truth. Mary was pregnant by someone else. It appeared that Mary was an adulteress. Betrothal brought all the obligations and privileges of marriage itself. Therefore, the penalty for adultery was stoning – or something even worse.

However, because Joseph was such a good man, he decided to free Mary. She could marry her paramour and avoid future shame or disdain. But God had an infinitely more, wonderful plan. God spoke to Joseph in a dream with the truth. This child was conceived through the Holy Spirit of God. Mary would have a Son. Joseph was to name him “Jesus” – which means “Savior” – Because he would truly save the world from its sins!

St. Matthew saw this whole scenario as the ultimate fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. The

virgin Mary did conceive and bear a son from God. And Jesus was and truly is “God With Us” in every possible way!

In his Letter to the Romans, St. Paul tells us that he is an apostle for the Gospel – for the Good News of our salvation. It came through Jesus Christ who was foretold by the prophets. That Gospel was proved true because Jesus rose from the dead. Furthermore, we are all called to accept Jesus and his Gospel message. We do this through the obedience of faith. And the obedience of faith means listening to and accepting what God speaks to us within our deepest selves about the Gospel of Jesus.

Brothers and Sisters, our society and our Western culture largely rejects this Gospel. Many even disregard the child who was born to bring us this Gospel. For that Gospel is counter cultural – It is against what many would say is pragmatic and expedient!

Furthermore, that Gospel goes against the grain of our pride, our greed, and our lust. It is against all our sinfulness, our selfishness, our eroticism, and everything else in our bankrupt culture that denies God's existence and will! Nevertheless, we must be more – We must do more – We must become more.

So, let us pray for true discernment – May we always listen to and hear God's voice – May we reject the current ethos – And may the obedience of faith sustain us on our journey with the Son of Man who is the Son of God! Amen.

December 21, 2025, Msgr. Russell G. Terra.

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

May the Peace of God which surpasses all understanding guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. (cf. Phil 4:7)

