

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR THE PARISHES OF:  
ST. THEODORE, PONSFORD; MOST HOLY REDEEMER, OGEMA;  
ST. BENEDICT, WHITE EARTH**

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*"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." ~ Luke 1:44*  
*When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Or, do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.*

**\*Advent Giving**

The Assisted Living Staff at Mahnomen Health Center is seeking donations of items for resident activities: movies on DVDs that the residents would like, given or loaned; crafting items; bingo prizes such as candy bars and treats, seasonal knickknacks, small dollar store items for their apartments, inexpensive jewelry and nail polish for the ladies. Our Confirmation Class is taking this on as a project. We'll have baskets in each of our churches. Please give whatever you can. Thank you.

**\*IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES**

Angie Lehrke has decorated one of the trees at the MHR Cemetery, and would like to invite you to remember a loved one this Christmas by writing their name on an ornament. She has put some ornaments in the back of the church (MHR) if you would like to participate. Angie will hang the ornament on the tree for you.

**\*CHURCH SCHOOL**

We are still accepting registrations for the 2021-2022 program. To register your child, contact Janet Lhotka at 218-473-2101.  
There will be no classes on December 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> our next class will be Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.  
We wish our students, families and catechists a blessed and Holy Christmas.

*\*The rights of parents and their primary role in the education of their children in the area of mortality and religion must be safeguarded. It is in the family that peacemakers, tomorrow's promoters of a culture of life and love, are born and nurtured. ~ Joseph Ratzinger (Benedict XVI)*

**\*WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

"Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work your hands." As we begin the waiting of advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are Feb. 11-13, 2022 in Buffalo, MN and Feb. 18-20 in Windom, MN. For more information, call Brent & Tracy Chessen at 612-756-8720.

**\*PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Maureen Sullivan, JD Heisler, Jodi Anderson, Kate Bucholz, Ben Stalberger, Violet Fairbanks, JoAnn Simon, Marie Haverkamp, Jessie & Cherie Johnson, Toney Parker, Tony Parker, Chris Fairbanks, Poncho & Carolyn Williams, Marilyn Willenbring, Mary Stech, Germaine Riegert, Elaine (Pawn) Hoban, Jens Andersen, Diane Johnson, Darwin & Janet Cogger, Dora Theibe, Joe Murphy, Carole Surmon, Della Abrams.  
*\*We ask that you please help us keep our parish family prayer list updated. When we receive a prayer request, the name of individual in need of our prayers will be printed here in the bulletin for three months.*

Please pray for all the sick in our families and our communities.



CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

**\*Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Friday, Dec. 24, Vigil of Christmas**  
4:00 PM – St. Theodore/Ponsford  
5:00 PM – St. Ann/Waubun  
7:00 PM – St. Benedict/White Earth  
7:30 PM – St. Frances Cabrini/Big Elbow

**Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day**  
9:00 AM – St. Anne/Naytahwaush  
9:00 AM – Most Holy Redeemer/Ogema  
11:00 AM – St. Ann/Waubun

**Sunday, December 26, Holy Family**  
9:00 AM – St. Anne/Naytahwaush  
9:00 AM – Most Holy Redeemer/Ogema  
10:00 AM – St. Theodore/Ponsford  
11:00 AM – St. Ann/Waubun  
11:00 AM – St. Benedict/White Earth

**\*PARISH INFORMATION**

**\*Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:** Cindy Hulst @ 218.281.7895 (Safe confidential line, 24/7)  
E-mail: [chulst@crookston.org](mailto:chulst@crookston.org)  
**\*White Earth Suicide Support Hotline:** 888.261.8691  
**\*Please contact Fr. Greg or Fr. Benny** if you know of anyone who would like to be visited, prayed with, or anointed.  
**\*Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Twenty minutes before weekend Masses or by appointment.  
**\*Sacrament of Marriage:** Please contact the Priest one year in advance of the wedding.  
**\*New Parish Members or Newly Married:** The Parish community welcomes you! Registration forms can be found in the back of church or you may call the Parish Office to register.  
**\*Baptisms:** Please make arrangements with the Priest or call the Parish Office.

DECEMBER	Mass	Schedule	Church	INTENTIONS
<b>Weekend: 18</b>	Sat.	4:00pm	St. Theo	+Paul Joyce
<b>19</b>	Sun.	9:00am 11:00am	MHR St. Ben	+James Fairbanks The People of the Parishes
<b>20</b>	Mon.			No Mass
<b>21</b>	Tues.	8:30am	MHR	++Lucille & Bill Haverkamp
<b>22</b>	Wed.	8:30am	MHR	+Donnie Mason
<b>23</b>	Thur.	8:30am	MHR	++Tillie & Rosalie Kraker
<b>Christmas 24</b>	Fri.	4:00pm 7:00pm	St. Theo's St. Ben's	The People of the Parishes +Henry Teiken, Jr. & +Bud Heisler
<b>Christmas 25</b>	Sat.	9:00am	MHR	+Clayton Lehrke
<b>26</b>	Sun.	9:00am 10:00am 11:00am	MHR St. Theo's St. Ben's	The People of the Parishes +Kathy Pachel +Dave Safar

**\*ST. THEODORE - PONSFORD**

**\*Parish Council Meeting:** January 5<sup>th</sup>

**\*MOST HOLY REDEEMER – OGEMA**

**\*Donated Receipts:** "We Care" \$1012.28  
**December Church Cleaners:** Mark & Barb Hoban, Merry & Carl Teiken, Kelly & Mike Mindt, Katie & Phil Shequen, Mike & Joni Zima, Kathy & John Clark.  
**\*Coffee & Rolls: December 19 – Group 3** Barb Hoban, Merry Teiken, Mary Vasecka, Kelly Mindt, Katie Shequen, Michelle Heisler, Melissa Jirava, Linda Jirava, Margaret Lefebvre, Angie Lefebvre.  
**\*Decorating after Mass: December 19**  
**\*Please pick up your new liturgical schedules** – if you didn't get one and would like one there are extras in the back of church.

**\*ST. BENEDICT - WHITE EARTH**

**\*Donated Receipts:** "We Care" \$197.91  
**\*CHURCH CLEANING** – December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00am if you can help it would be greatly appreciated!  
**\*CHRISTMAS EVE** – Cider, coffee & cookies served after Mass! Each family should bring a dozen cookies to share. Thank you.

Stewardship	M.H.R.	ST. BEN'S	ST. THEO'S
<b>DATE</b>	12-12-21	12-12-21	12-11-21
<b>ENVELOPE</b>	990.00	185.00	300.00
<b>PLATE</b>	115.00	85.00	18.00
<b>VOTIVE</b>		20.00	
<b>FUEL COLL.</b>	200.00	220.00	200.00
<b>HOLY DAY</b>	140.00	99.00	107.00
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> COLL.</b>	315.00	123.00	220.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1760.00</b>	<b>732.00</b>	<b>845.00</b>

**\*Religious give thanks.** A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible." Thank you for supporting last week's Retirement Fund for the Religious collection.

*\*May you know peace, love, and light as we celebrate the birth of our lord and saviour, Jesus Christ. Merry Christmas!*

