

The Catholic communities of
Most Holy Redeemer, Ogema
St. Benedict, White Earth
St. Theodore, Ponsford

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Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, please contact Cindy Hulst, LSW, the diocesan Victim's Assistance Coordinator at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

Marriage: Please make an appointment to see the Pastor twelve months prior than the intended date of Celebration.

Baptisms: Baptisms are scheduled as we have candidates. Please call the parish office to register yourself or your child.

Reconciliation: Before Mass or anytime by appointment with a priest.

JOB OPENING

Secretary/Bookkeeper position, flexible hours, approximately 8 to 12 hours a week. Duties include: The weekly bulletin, paying bills, Mass intentions, WE Care receipts, counting collection, Certificates, recording Baptisms, Funerals, Marriages, etc., balancing check books and data entry for finances. Call the office for more details.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat. Dec. 14	4pm STT	+Gen Cluckey
Sun. Dec. 15	9am MHR 11am STB	+Kenneth Leu The People of the Parishes
Mon. Dec. 16	NO MASS	
Tues. Dec. 17	8:30 am MHR	+Evelyn Leu
Wed. Dec. 18	8:30 am MHR	+Steve Lefebvre
Thur. Dec. 19	8:30am MHR	Special Intention
Fri. Dec. 20	8:30am MHR	+Elaine Hoban
Sat. Dec. 21	4pm STT	The People of the Parishes
Sun. Dec. 22	9am MHR 11am STB	+Elaine (Pon) Hoban ++John & Elaine Zima

MOST HOLY REDEEMER – OGEMA

Church cleaners Dec.: Mark & Barb, Merry & Carl, Kelly & Mike, Katie & Phil, Mike & Joni, Kathy & John.
Rolls & Coffee: December 15 Group 2 to serve –Julie, Joni, Jackie, Amanda, Theresa, Tracy, Tanya, Kami.
Parish Dinner Date has been set for April 6, 2025.

ST. BENEDICT – WHITE EARTH

Church cleaners Dec.: Confirmation students & Sue Baker

ST. THEODORE – PONSFORD

Parish Council meeting first Saturday every month after Mass.

Dec. 7/8

Stewardship	M. H. R	St. Ben	St. Theo
Envelope	365.00	40.00	120.00
Plate	165.00	85.00	132.00
Votive	21.00		
Ret. Rel.	292.00	194.00	260.00
Fuel	100.00	100.00	120.00
TOTAL	922.00	419.00	632.00

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." ~ Philippians 4:6

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Thank you for your generosity to this collection.

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love." ~ Hamilton Wright Mabie

Note from Jodi Flugel: The Flugel girls will be doing the music on Christmas Morning at MHR and would like to invite any other youth to join them! They will practice on Saturday, December 21st 3:00pm at the church for anyone that would like to sing with them.



Janet Lhotka, Religious Education Coordinator (church) 218.473.2101 or (cell) 218.261.0753.

Volunteers are still needed to sit in on classes and help with serving supper. Parish Members, please let Janet know if you would like to donate bars or cookies for the evening classes.



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

Pope Francis' prayer intention for December 2024: *May this jubilee year strengthen our faith and help us to recognize Christ in the midst of our lives. Transform us into pilgrims who bring Christian hope to the world.*

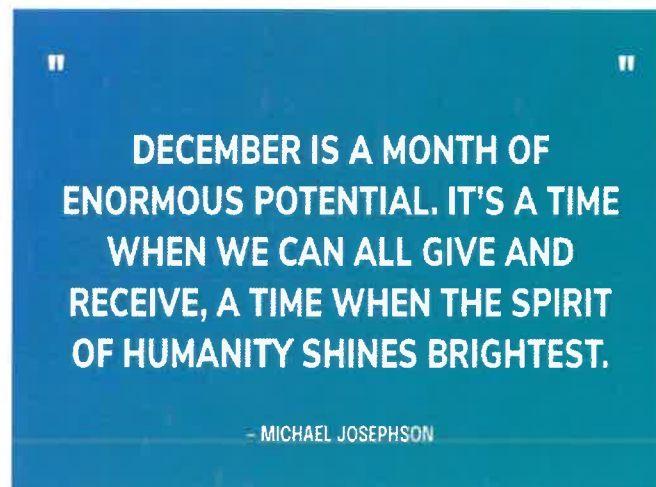
RECONCILIATION SERVICE

December 14 & 15 after Mass
 Private reconciliation before Mass or by appt.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

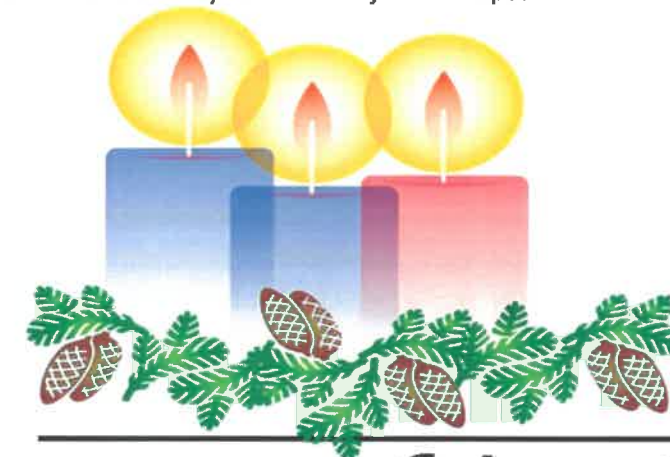
December 24th – St. Theodore, Ponsford 4pm
 December 24th – St. Benedict, White Earth 7pm
 December 25th – Most Holy Redeemer, Ogema 9am

December 24th – St. Ann, Waubun 5pm
 December 25th – St. Ann, Waubun 11am



GAUDETE SUNDAY – DECEMBER 15

During the season of Advent, we await the celebration of Christ's birth and His coming again at the end of time. Over four weeks, we prepare our hearts for Christmas in penitential reflection. But in the middle of the season, Gaudete Sunday calls us to rejoice in hope!



THIRD SUNDAY OF Advent

Heavenly Father, this third week of Advent, let us remember that the good news of Jesus' birth brings us great joy this Christmas season. Our joy isn't dependent on what is going on in our lives, in our world, or the people that we are with. It doesn't depend on the gifts we give or the gifts we find under the tree. No earthly thing can ever give us complete joy. Our joy comes from you. That joy that flooded the hearts of the shepherds, the angels, the wise men, the hosts of heaven, and Mary and Joseph is the joy that still has the power to overwhelm our hearts with rejoicing.

ADVENT GIVING PROJECT

Our parishes will once again be collecting items or monetary donations for Lakes Crisis Center, Detroit Lakes. Their most needed items at this time are elementary boy toys and activities, children's shampoo & body wash, women's feminine products, deodorant, adult shampoo/conditioner/body wash, hair brushes, boy clothing/shoes, bath towels, washcloths, and kids arts and crafts kits.



Duane Lindsay, Dawson Hoban, Maise Blattenbauer, Vaun Borgrud, Sr. Jean Schwartz, Donna Buckanaga, Catherine Nelson, Bruce Engebretson, Kibby Sullivan, Charlie Ketchmark, Bob Johnson, Kurt Halvorson, Tom Doble, Gary Eidem, Janet Edrington, Bob Solmon, Mike Swan, Carrie Ann Penney, Norma Walgren, Harper Anderson, Patty Pachel, Jeff Larson, Dan Gendreau, Maureen Sullivan, Violet Fairbanks, Jessie & Cherie Johnson, Buster Parker, Tony Parker, Chris Fairbanks, Carolyn Williams, Mary Stech, Germaine Riegert, Lois Bement, Mary Zortman, Mary Heisler, Dean & Louise Christianson, Special Intention, and all our service men and women, especially those who are actively serving overseas.