

The Catholic communities of  
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**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 01, 2024**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Mass Intentions this Week**

Sat. Nov. 30	4pm STT	+Evelyn Leu
Sun. Dec. 01	9am MHR 11am STB	+Vince Lefebvre +Lillian Kahnke
Mon. Dec. 02	NO MASS	
Tues. Dec. 03	8:30 am MHR	+Pat Hoban
Wed. Dec. 04	8:30 am MHR	The People of the Parishes
Thur. Dec. 05	8:30am MHR	+Gladwell Zulu
Fri. Dec. 06	8:30am MHR	+Steve & Shirley Williams
Sat. Dec. 07	4pm STT	The People of the Parishes
Sun. Dec. 08	9 am MHR 11am STB	+Don Dalve, Sr. +Andy & Frances Safar
Holy Day Mass	4pm STT	The People of the Parishes

**ST. THEODORE – PONSFORD**

**Parish Council Meeting** first Saturday every month after Mass.

**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  
 Nov. 16/17 & 23/24

Stewardship	M. H. R	St. Ben	St. Theo
Envelope	1285.00	465.00	770.00
Plate	418.00	179.00	167.00
Votive		29.00	
Rolls & Coffee	87.00		
CHD Coll.	256.00	108.00	192.00
Fuel	150.00	450.00	
TOTAL	2196.00	1231.00	1129.00

**“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” ~ Luke 21:28**

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those that are closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

**NOVEMBER IS THE TIME FOR OUR FIRST FUEL COLLECTION,** thank you for your generosity to this collection.

**DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> IS THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – it is a Holy Day of Obligation.**  
 Mass schedule: STT 4pm Sunday, Dec. 8  
 MHR 9am Monday, Dec. 9 & STB 5pm

**ST. MARY'S MISSION APPEAL – NOVEMBER 30 & DECEMBER 1 RED LAKE, MN**

St. Mary's Mission School provides education to the future generations of the Red Lake Nation. Please give generously. Thank you.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS – December 8th**

*Aging religious need your help.*  
 “Your support acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our Retirement,” says Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart, Sister Celeste Burgos, 80. Donations provide for the care, medicine, and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

**REAL PRESENCE RADIO FUNDRAISER**

*Real Presence Radio invites you to attend the fundraising banquet in Crookston, MN on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Crookston Convention Center. This year's keynote speaker is Joe Heschmeyer.*  
 Kansas City native Joe Heschmeyer is a staff apologist for Catholic Answers. Joe is a popular author, speaker, blogger, and podcaster, located at Overland Park, Kansas. He has a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C., a philosophy degree from Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis, and a theology degree from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

**ANDERSON FUNERAL HOMES – OPEN HOUSE**

All are invited to a **HOLIDAY OF HOPE OPEN HOUSE** at the Anderson Family Funeral Homes. Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> in Twin Valley from 11am-1pm and in Mahanomen 2pm-4m. Everyone is welcome to enjoy holiday refreshments while gathering information on simple, creative, and empowering ways to manage the holiday season when you are missing someone special. Personalized ornaments will be given to every family we have served this year as well as a variety of resources. Please call our offices in Twin Valley @218.584.5166 or Mahanomen @218.935.9000 for more information.



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

You can still register your child by calling Janet. Volunteers are still needed to sit in on classes and help with serving supper. 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 November 2024 is: For anyone who has lost a child: We pray that all parents who

mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.



Advent is a four-week season dedicated to reflective preparation for the arrival, "advent", of Jesus Christ's Nativity at Christmas time as well and Christ's expected return in the Second Coming. During this important event on the church calendar, each week of Advent focuses on a different theme - hope, peace, joy, and love. Christians from all denominations and backgrounds celebrate Advent in different ways but all focus on the anticipation of waiting for the arrival of Jesus.

**ADVENT GIVING PROJECT**

Our parishes will once again be collecting items or monetary donations for Lakes Crisis Center, Detroit Lakes.

**THE LITURGICAL YEAR IS MADE UP OF SIX SEASONS**

- **Advent** - four weeks of preparation before the celebration of Jesus' birth
- **Christmas** - recalling the Nativity of Jesus Christ and his manifestation to the peoples of the world
- **Lent** - a six-week period of penance before Easter
- **Sacred Paschal Triduum** - the holiest "Three Days" of the Church's year, where the Christian people recall the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus
- **Easter** - 50 days of joyful celebration of the Lord's resurrection from the dead and his sending forth of the Holy Spirit
- **Ordinary Time** - divided into two sections (one span of 4-8 weeks after Christmas Time and another lasting about six months after Easter Time), wherein the faithful consider the fullness of Jesus' teachings and works among his people.



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.