

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

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**Administrative Staff**

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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 22, 2024**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Mass Intentions this Week**

Sat. Dec. 21	4pm STT	The People of the Parishes
Sun. Dec. 22	9am MHR 11am STB	+Elaine (Pon) Hoban ++John & Elaine Zima
Mon. Dec. 23	NO MASS	
Tues. Dec. 24	4pm STT 7pmSTB	+Jim & Irene Mack +Hank & Trula Teiken & Bud Heisler
Wed. Dec. 25	9 am MHR	+Carole Surmon
Thur. Dec. 26	8:30am MHR	+Pat Hoban
Fri. Dec. 27	8:30am MHR	+Clayton Lehrke
Sat. Dec. 28	4pm STT	+John & Ronald Williams
Sun. Dec. 29	9am MHR 11am STB	+James & Grace Fairbanks The People of the Parishes

**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.

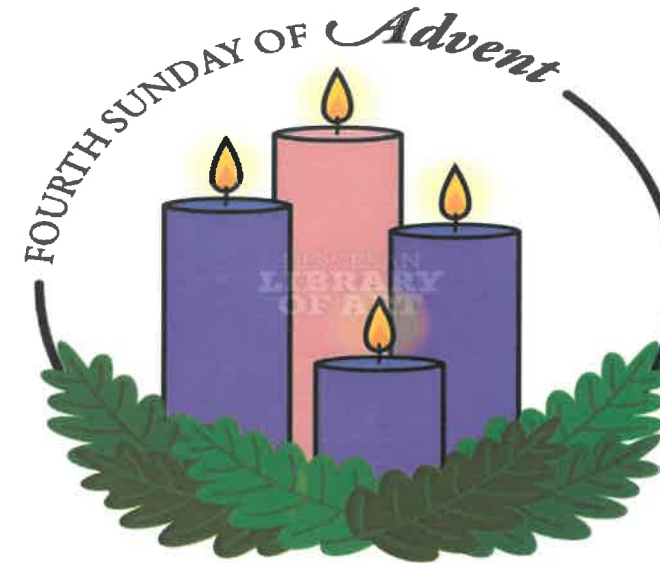
Dec. 14/15

Stewardship	St. Ben	St. Theo	MHR
Envelope	240.00	335.00	747.00
Plate	203.00	30.00	214.00
Votive	15.00		
Ret. Rel.	3.00		20.00
Fuel		100.00	1000.00
Rolls & Coffee			69.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>461.00</b>	<b>465.00</b>	<b>2050.00</b>

**“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? 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.



The fourth and final Sunday of Advent in 2024 will be on Sunday, December 22nd. Advent is the season in which believers eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ’s birth. Reading, prayer, and reflection are ways we can cultivate a sense of holy anticipation this Advent. The fourth Sunday of Advent we meditate on the **peace** that Jesus brings our hearts and our world. Scripture is the place we can find the promises of God. Let us meditate on these truths and allow them to comfort our hearts this Advent season!

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS**

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

December 24<sup>th</sup> – St. Ann, Waubun **5pm**  
 December 25<sup>th</sup> – St. Ann, Waubun **11am**



*Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.*

*Grant us, Lord, as we honor with joyful devotion the Nativity of your Son, that we may come to know with fullness of faith the hidden depths of this mystery and to love them ever more and more. Through Christ our Lord. Amen*



May the wonder of that first Christmas, the joy of God’s abundant blessings and the peace of Jesus’ presence be with you always.

*Fr. Greg, Fr. Matthews & Fr. John*



Duane Lindsay, Dawson Hoban, Maise Blattenbauer, Vaun Borgrud, Sr. Jean Schwartz, Donna Buckanaga, Catherine Nelson, Bruce Engbretson, Kibby Sullivan, Charlie Ketchmark, Bob Johnson, Kurt Halvorson, Tom Doble, Gary Eidem, Janet Edrington, 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.

**WHO AM I? WHO ARE YOU? WHO ARE WE?**

A fun get-away weekend for Catholic Married Couples. Learn about yourself, your spouse, and your marriage.

**2025 RETREAT DATES**

January 10-12 – Maryvale, ND  
 January 31- February 2 – Crookston, MN  
 February 14–16 – Hankinson, ND

[www.sixstonejars.org](http://www.sixstonejars.org)

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

“Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay and You the Potter; we are all the work of 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 April 5-6, 2025 in Brainerd, MN and Nove. 22-23, 2025 in Alexandria, MN. For more information call Miki Schultz @ 507.227.8229 or visit them at northmnwwme.org.



Our sympathy to the family & friends of Bob Solmon who passed away on December 17<sup>th</sup> in Texas. Bob was so gracious last summer to mow the Church lawn at Most Holy Redeemer. May he rest in the peace of Christ.