

The Catholic communities of

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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.

Prayer Chain: To be a member or place an intention, contact Rose Mary Simon, 218-473-2147

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7-8, 2024



Dear Jesus,

you entered our world
on Christmas
as the Prince of Peace.

This Advent,
as we strive to become
the-best-version-of-ourselves,
fill us with
a deep and abiding peace.

Help us share that peace
with everyone we encounter,
especially those who need it most.

Amen.

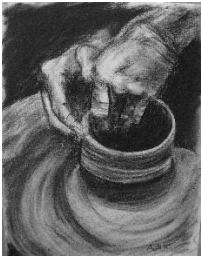
Advent Prayers, www.dynamiccatholic.com

✿ Mass Intentions this Week ✿

Dec 7	Sat	5 PM (W) 7:30 PM (BEL)	Int. of Colleen Borgrud† Mary Paulson†
Dec 8	Sun	9 AM (NTW) 11:00 AM (W)	John Spalla† People of the Parishes
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception			
Dec 9	Mon	5 PM (W)	People of the Parishes
Dec 10	Tue	8 AM (W)	Decease Missionary Oblates†
Dec 11	Wed	8 AM (W)	Butch Klinkhammer†
Dec 12	Thu	8 AM (W)	People on Our Prayer List
Dec 13	Fri	8 AM (W)	Al Yochum†
Dec 14	Sat	5 PM (W) 7:30 PM (BEL)	People of the Parishes Roberta Blattenbauer-Goldstein†
Dec 15	Sun	9 AM (NTW) 11:00 AM (W)	Francis Gleason† Madeline Benson†

Scripture Reflection

Read Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11



In his letter to the Christians at Philippi, a city in Macedonia, Paul makes two things clear. The first is his great love and affection for the Philippians, who have helped him in his ministry. The second is his hope that they will continue to become more and more like Christ. Paul is

looking forward to Jesus' second coming, "the day of Christ." And he wants to make sure that all Christ's followers will be ready to receive him when he comes. What will you do during this second week of Advent to show that you, too, are becoming more like Christ?



We remember in our prayers...

Germaine Riegert, Linda Schumann, Joyce Klinkhammer, Owen Bendickson, Jeannie Williams, Ron Bastyr, Robert Blaeser, Diane Mattsen, Rita Carlson, Lucas Peterson, Gary Williams, Janine Madison, Charlotte Borseth, Henry Rivers, Katie Lombardo, David Farm, Dawn Necas, Brian Smith, Richard Brudevold, Stanley Heisler, Ginny Sahli, Corey Hoseth, Joyce (Toczek) Santjer, Paul & Barbara Brehm, Jeffrey Gieseke, Lois Bement, Tim Staffenhagen, Orville Staffenhagen, George Bauer, Richard LaFriniere, Katelyn Lorsung, Paul Bisek, Ted Holl, Jeff Larson, Sandy Pavek, Colleen Borgrud, Mike Fosness, Gary & Vaun Borgrud, Kerry Ann Kenney, Betty Schoenborn, Jacques Rolland, Yvonne Bregel, David Riegert, Tayvis Zima, Norma Stalboerger, Gabe Brisbois, Peg Braaten, Lily Thronson, and Louis "Skip" Stuvland

Stewardship

Thank you for your financial support of our parish ministry. Last weekend the offering totals were:

St. Ann (W): Adult \$975; Plate \$82; Fuel \$315; CCHD \$10; Food Shelf \$20; Total \$1402.

St. Frances Cabrini (BEL): Adult \$100; Plate \$212; CCHD \$5; Total \$317.

St. Anne (NTW): Adult \$535; Plate \$105; SMM \$25; Total \$665.



2nd Collection this weekend: Support those who have given a lifetime. Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service - praying, teaching, and caring for those in need - usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give to the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Thank you for your generosity.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception



December 8th falls on a Sunday this year. The Second Sunday of Advent takes precedence. The U.S. Bishops uphold this as a Holy Day of obligation, however, because Mary, under this title, is Patroness of the United States. They have transferred the solemnity this year to Monday, December 9th.

One Mass for the Cluster will be offered on **Monday, December 9th, 5pm at St. Ann's Church in Waubun, preceded by the Rosary at 4:30pm.**

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

2025 Extension Society Calendars are available at our church entrances. Please take one home today with our best wishes for a blessed new year.



Christmas Mass Schedule

December 21 & 22, Advent IV

Weekend Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24, Vigil of Christmas

5:00 PM – St. Ann/Waubun

7:30 PM – St. Frances Cabrini/Big Elbow Lake

Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day

9:00 AM – St. Anne/Naytahwaush

11:00 AM – St. Ann/Waubun

December 28 & 29, Feast of the Holy Family

Weekend Mass Schedule

Advent Giving Project 2024

For unto us a child is born...

This year our giving will benefit individuals and families served by the **MOMS program**. Located in Naytahwaush, the Maternal Outreach and Mitigation Services (MOMS) Program offers holistic medical and emotional support for pregnant women with a history of substance abuse. It aims to help women be healthy during and after pregnancy.

Items needed to assist this ministry include: baby blankets, baby bottles, diapers, Huggies Baby Wipes, sleepers, baby powder, baby rash ointment, toys (ages 1-3), crib sheets, and personal care items for the moms.

The youth in our Tekakwitha Center program will be helping with this project. By participating, you are accompanying them, too.

There will be designated places in each of our churches for you to bring your donations.

Religious Education

Parish Members: If you would like to donate cookies or bars for the evening session contact Janet.



Volunteers are needed to sit in with classes, to substitute for catechists who have to miss a session, and to serve supper. Please prayerfully consider joining our Tekakwitha Center team. We will train and mentor. **Contact Janet, 218-473-2101 or 218-261-0753.**

St. Ann – Waubun – Parish News



Christmas Flowers: We will again be ordering poinsettias for Christmas. If you would like to donate \$10 in honor or memory of a loved one please fill out the form located in the church entry. Forms are due by December 9th. Please give your form to Jean Horack, drop it in the collection, or mail to the Parish Office



Save the date for the French Toast Breakfast, February 9th. More details to come.

Holiday Hope Open House

Anderson Family Funeral Home

All are invited to a **Holiday of Hope Open House** at the Anderson Family Funeral Homes. Sunday, December 8, 2024, in Twin Valley from 11:00am – 1:00pm and in Mahanomen 2:00pm – 4:00 pm. 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 at 218-584-5166 or in Mahanomen at 218-935-9000 for more information.



Company Is Coming

Based on Luke 3:1-6

A voice of one calling in the desert, Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. *Luke 3:1-6*

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FORGIVENESS	PREPARE	CAESAR	JUDEA
REPENTANCE	BAPTISM	DESERT	PHILIP
STRAIGHT	GALILEE	ROUGH	VOICE
CROOKED	SMOOTH	PILATE	JOHN
CALLING	JORDAN	HEROD	SINS

St. Anne – Naytahwaush – Parish News

Bishop Andrew Cozzens will be our celebrant at Mass next **Sunday, December 15, at 9:00am**. Please make every effort to be here and invite others. This is an opportunity for us to put our best face forward. Bishop will be going to St. Ben's in White Earth for the 11:00am Mass, so we will have just a brief time with him following Mass here. As you know, Bishop is a good homilist. We look forward to his Advent message.

This Advent, prepare for the birth of Jesus as Mary did.

Cecilia Pigg for Aleteia, published on 12/3/24



I often get to Christmas feeling as though I've failed at Advent. I've usually done lots of physical preparation — bought gifts, planned meals, cleaned and decorated, you name it. As far as spiritual preparation goes, though, whatever I have attempted feels woefully inadequate. I've tried Advent journals, little Advent penances, and adding prayers to my day. Even if I have been moderately successful at keeping whatever practice I intended, I still feel that my physical preparation for the holiday has consumed my life much more than any spiritual preparation has.

Then I started reflecting recently on what Mary's Advent might have been like. What was her preparation for birthing the savior of the world like? How would she have gotten ready physically and spiritually for the birthday of all birthdays?

Mary's preparation would have included getting ready for a big trip and lots of travelling. She most likely spent a good amount of time packing and arranging things for traveling with Joseph for the census. On top of that she was in her third trimester of pregnancy. She didn't have a nice, restful do-nothing last bit of pregnancy, nesting cozily at home among people she knew and loved.

Plus, if she experienced any third trimester discomfort, it is possible that her preparations were more physically challenging and exhausting (not to mention stressful — imagine traveling to a new destination among many strangers for a government-mandated event). With all the outside challenges around her, she somehow managed to keep her focus on the little boy, the Messiah, who kicked and tumbled inside her.

If your Advent is full of hustle and bustle and travel, or if you are struggling physically while trying to somehow prepare your heart and home for Christmas, you're in good company. I've always thought that my Advent should look like a scene from a Christmas card, where the shepherds are sitting mesmerized by the angels, or where the Holy Family is gazing intently at their newborn son. In these moments, everyone's focus is totally on the grandeur of heaven and the glory of God.

In reality, though, those moments are bookended by other moments. Moments when the sheep need to be redirected along the road to Bethlehem or when Mary and Joseph need to stop to eat and sleep so they don't pass out.

This isn't to say that there's no point in trying to do something special spiritually to prepare for Christmas. Rather, the hope is that my expectations of what Advent

should look like might become more realistic. I want a way to center each day of Advent on what matters most. I want a way to keep the point of all the preparations in mind, without it becoming overwhelming or unreasonable.

That desire brought me back to Mary. She was very familiar with scripture. She breathed the Psalms day in and day out. So, I've been thinking, why can't I try to be like her in that way?

For this Advent, I want to breathe scripture. I will choose a verse at the beginning of the day (most likely a line that sticks out to me from a Psalm in Morning Prayer), and I will chew on it until evening. It will need to be short, so I can easily memorize it and pray it on repeat throughout the day.

This month, I have a baby kicking me day in and day out, so this little one's movements can be my reminder to breathe out my verse of the day in prayer. Lots of other moments could be a reminder though: mealtimes, a sticky note on my laptop or phone, a holy card in my car, etc.

Mary, help me live Advent well. Help me prepare my heart while I prepare my home, and the countless other things this season seems to require.

Cecilia Pigg is a staff writer for *Aleteia*, the on-line Catholic news and information publication. Visit www.aleteia.org.

December 10 International Human Rights Day

In 1945, when World War II ended, world leaders realized that new and better ways of solving disputes among nations must be found. They created the United Nations to provide a forum where countries can debate peacefully, rather than take up arms to settle grievances. The United Nations works for peace. It works against hunger, disease, and poverty. In 1948, after much hard work, the United Nations produced a document called the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Delegates from member nations all over the world hammered out their definition of 30 rights that all human beings need to live a decent life. The Declaration says that everyone on the planet, regardless of race, sex, language, or religion, has a right to certain basic freedoms. Among these freedoms are the right to life, health care, education, privacy, freedom from imprisonment without trial, to leave and reenter their country, to seek protection in another country if they are persecuted in their own.

Each of these freedoms is being denied to some of the world's citizens even as we celebrate the Declaration today. The United Nations will continue working for these basic human rights. They will also work to get the Declaration into the hands of people everywhere. People need to know that they deserve these rights and that the United Nations has pledged to uphold them.