

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 08, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat. Dec. 07	4pm STT	+Agnes Carrier
Sun. Dec. 08	9am MHR 11am STB 4pm STT	+Dennis Paesler +Richard (Ducky) Heisler The People of the Parishes
Mon. Dec. 09	9am MHR 5pm STB	The People of the Parishes +Mike Heisler, Sr.
Tues. Dec. 10	8:30 am MHR	+Deceased Milo Hoban Fam.
Wed. Dec. 11	8:30 am MHR	+Evelyn & Bill Buhl
Thur. Dec. 12	8:30am MHR	+Agnes Carrier
Fri. Dec. 13	8:30am MHR	+Gail & Patricia Teiken
Sat. Dec. 14	4pm STT	+Gen Cluckey
Sun. Dec. 15	9am MHR 11am STB	+Kenneth Leu 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.

Nov. 30/Dec. 1

Stewardship	M. H. R	St. Ben	St. Theo
Envelope	767.00	115.00	285.00
Plate	85.00	150.00	33.00
Votive		14.00	
St. Mary' Mission	178.00		
Fuel	100.00		
Thanksgiving	455.00		
TOTAL	1585.00	279.00	318.00

“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...” ~ Philippians 1:9-10

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that “gift” truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your “obligation” to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less “stuff” and spend more time with those you love.

DECEMBER 9TH IS THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – it is a Holy Day of Obligation.
Mass schedule: St. Theodore - 4pm Sunday, Dec. 8
Most Holy Redeemer - 9am Monday, Dec. 9
St. Benedict - 5pm Monday, Dec. 9

ST. MARY'S MISSION APPEAL

Thank you for your generosity to St. Mary's Mission Appeal.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS – This weekend.

Aging religious need your help. 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 generously.

REAL PRESENCE RADIO FUNDRAISER

Real Presence Radio invites you to attend the fundraising banquet in Crookston, MN on Tuesday, December 10th at the Crookston Convention Center. This year's keynote speaker is Joe Heschmeyer.



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**



2ND SUNDAY OF Advent

On this Second Sunday of Advent light two violet candles on your Advent Wreath and ask God for the strength to be like John the Baptist, preparing the way of the Lord.

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.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe is also referred to as the **Virgin of Guadalupe** and refers to a title given to Mary, the mother of Jesus by the Catholic Church. In December 1531, Mary appeared to a man of Aztec descent in Mexico City. Our Lady of Guadalupe refers specifically to the experience of one man in Mexico. When Mary first appeared to this man, she asked that he build a shrine to her on the spot of her appearance. Our Lady of Guadalupe or the Virgin of Guadalupe remains a symbol of religious worship and national pride to the people in Mexico today.



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.

Jesus, stay hidden no longer but reveal yourself to me in my daily life.