

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

Pastoral Staff

Fr. Greg Gallagher, OMI 618-580-9829 (cell)
 Fr. Mathews Zulu, OMI 202-913-1624 (cell)

OMI Residence

3148 230th Ave Waubun, MN PO Box 128
 Fr. Greg 218-473-2005 ext.105
 Fr. Mathews 218-473-2005 ext. 102
 Fr. John Cox 218-473-2005 ext. 106

Administrative Staff

Darlene Ballard, Secretary
 Don Dalve Bookkeeper-Most Holy Redeemer
 Janet Lhotka-Religious Education Coordinator

Parish Office

106 Ontario St. (PO Box 57) Ogema, MN 56569
 (Office) 218-983-3261 E-mail: owep@arvig.net
 www.whiteearthcatholiccommunity.com
 Office Hours: T-Th 7:30 – Noon

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MHR TUESDAY, JANUARY 14TH.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

☞ Mass Intentions this Week ☞

Sat. Jan. 11	4pm STT	+Agnes Carrier
Sun. Jan. 12	9am MHR 11am STB	+Deceased Milo Hoban Fam. The People of the Parishes
Mon. Jan. 13	NO MASS	
Tues. Jan. 14	8:30am MHR	Laura Hudson
Wed. Jan. 15	8:30 am MHR	+Dave Caspers
Thur. Jan. 16	8:30am MHR	Diane R. & Charles Crommett
Fri. Jan. 17	8:30am MHR	Laura Hudson
Sat. Jan. 18	4pm STT	The People of the Parishes
Sun. Jan. 19	9am MHR 11am STB	+Dan Rousu +Bud Heisler

MOST HOLY REDEEMER – OGEMA

Church cleaners Jan.: Sandi & Bob, Melissa & Jerred, Linda, Margaret, Michelle, Angie & Donna.

Rolls & Coffee: Jan. 19 Group 3 to serve: Barb, Merry, Kelly, Katie, Michelle, Melissa, Linda, Margaret & Angie.

Parish Dinner Date has been set for April 6, 2025.

ST. BENEDICT – WHITE EARTH

Church cleaners Jan: Volunteers

ST. THEODORE – PONSFORD

Parish Council meeting first Saturday every month after Mass.

Jan. 4/5

Stewardship	St. Ben	St. Theo	MHR
Envelope	170.00	140.00	4955.00
Plate	143.00	51.00	117.00
Votive	15.00		
Total	328.00	191.00	5072.00

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...” ~ Luke 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus; immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.



Laura Hudson, Jean Caspers, 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, 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.

This Sunday, January 12th, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the official end of the Christmas season. Through his own baptism, Jesus became a model for all of us on how we can all be baptized as sons and daughters of God. Just as Jesus began his public ministry after being baptized, so too are we called to live out our baptismal promises by living a life of service to God.

Ordinary Time begins on Monday, January 13th.



Feast of the Baptism of the Lord: Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

MONTHLY ROSARY SERVICE

Our next Rosary for Life service will be held on Monday, January 13th, at 3pm at St. Ann Catholic Church in Waubun. All are welcome!

22ND ANNUAL WILD RICE ROUNDUP

Cure your winter blues and join us for a cozy weekend of sharing our experience, strength and hope in Recovery! This event will take place at the Shooting Star Hotel & Event Center on January 31 – February 2, 2025.

For more information, visit www.wildriceroundup.com or call Dan P. 218-401.0585 or Pam A. 612-250-1171

Holy Fathers Prayer Intention for January
Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



Throughout the month of January, we give special honor to the name of Jesus. St. Paul wrote to the Philippians: “At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Phil 2:10-11). We hold the name of Jesus in special reverence. The very name of Jesus is a prayer.

CATHOLIC EXTENSION HONORS JANET LHOTKA

Janet Lhotka, the secretary and bookkeeper of our three parishes and director of our Tekakwitha Center faith formation program, was nominated by the diocese of Crookston for the 2024-25 Lumen Christi Award, given by the Catholic Extension Society. Catholic Extension honored Janet with a \$1000.00 donation to the Tekakwitha Center. We can't say enough about all that Janet has done over decades to build faith in our rural community. Thank you, Janet, from the bottom of our hearts, and congratulations on your well-deserved recognition.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We wish our students, families, and catechists a blessed and Holy New Year.

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.

Saint Anthony, Abbot – Feast Day January 17

Saint Anthony, you spoke of the importance of persevering in our [faith](#) and our practice. Help us to wake up each day with new [zeal](#) for the [Christian life](#) and a desire to take the next challenge instead of just sitting still. [Amen](#)