

**2nd Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 6**

Is 40:1-5, 9-11
2 Pt 3:8-14
Mk 1:1-8

Monday, December 7

Is 35:1-10
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 8

Gn 3:9-15, 20
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 9

Is 40:25-31
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 10

Is 41:13-20
Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 11

Is 48:17-19
Mt 11:16-19

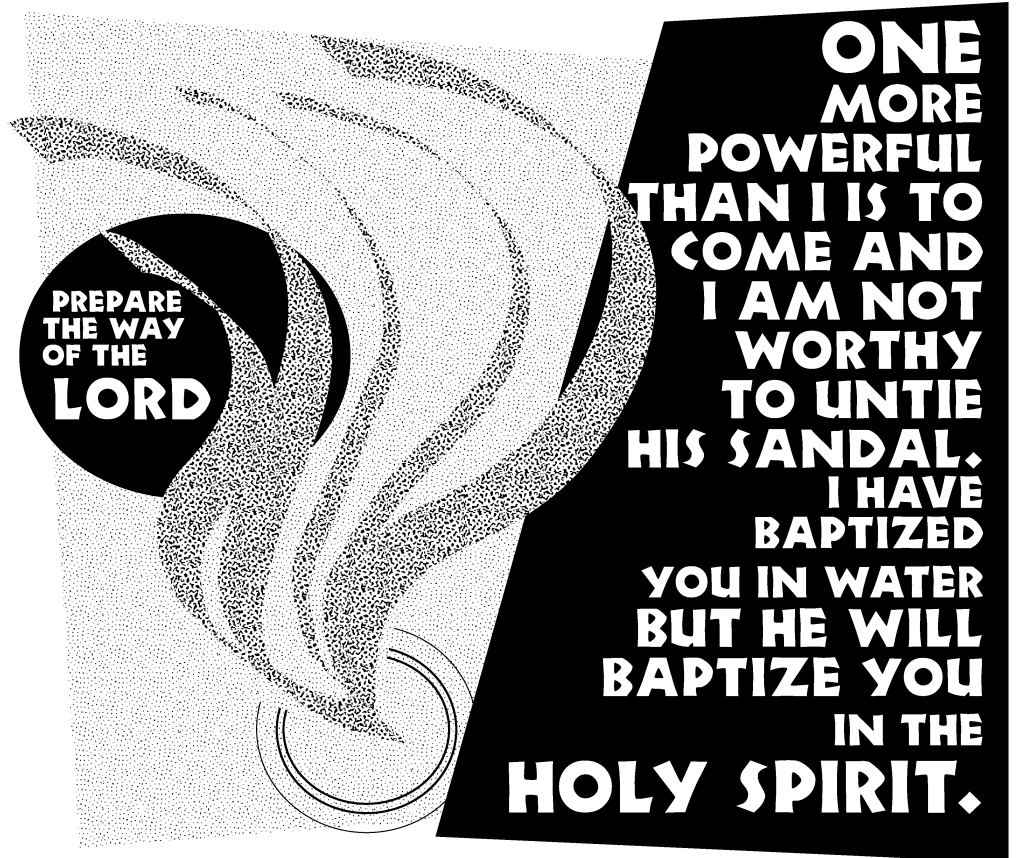
Saturday, December 12

Zec 2:14-17
Lk 1:26-38

**3rd Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 13**

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11
1 Thes 5:16-24
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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December 6, 2020**



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This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday,	December 7	No Mass
Tuesday,	December 8	
8:30 a.m.	Wilson	<i>Parishioners of the Cluster</i>
7:00 p.m.	Lewiston	<i>Steve Thesing+</i>
Wednesday,	December 9	
8:30 a.m.	Lewiston	<i>Jerry Lorenz+</i>
Thursday,	December 10	
8:30 a.m.	Lewiston	<i>Donna Wollack+</i>
Friday,	December 11	No Mass
Saturday,	December 12	
4:30 p.m.	Wilson	<i>Neil Bremer+</i>
Sunday,	December 13	
8:30 a.m.	Lewiston	<i>Parishioners of the Cluster</i>
10:30 a.m.	Altura	<i>Florence Mueller+</i>

St. Rose of Lima

Sacrificial Giving – November 22, 2020

Contribution Total..... \$ 904.00

St. Anthony of Padua

Sacrificial Giving – November 29, 2020

Contribution Total..... \$ 225.00

Immaculate Conception

Sacrificial Giving – November 28, 2020

Contribution Total..... \$ 60.00

Health and Safety Guidelines

- Please leave immediately after Mass, and do not congregate in the narthex or parking lot.
- Wash your hands before attending and use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting.
- People not of the same household must always remain at least six feet apart .
- All attendees must wear masks.

WELCOME TO OUR TRI-PARISH COMMUNITY

New Parishioners are invited to contact the Tri-Parish Office at 507-523-2428 or via email at strose@hbc.com. Normal office hours are Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and Fridays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

BAPTISM: Baptisms are regularly celebrated during Saturday and Sunday Masses and Sunday afternoon. Parents are asked to meet with Fr. Thompson before the baptism of their first child. Please call the St. Rose Rectory to set the date of the baptism.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions are offered every Saturday at St. Rose from 11:00 a.m. to noon, or anytime by appointment with Fr. Thompson.

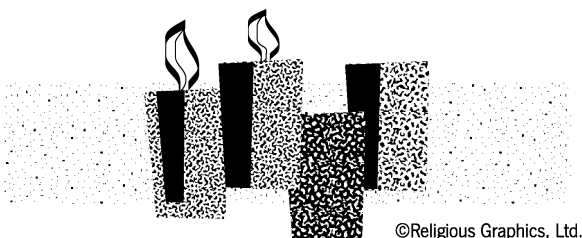
MARRIAGE: Instruction must begin at least six months in advance. Please contact Fr. Thompson to begin the preparation process. An Engaged Encounter or similar course is also required.

RCIA: Those wanting to learn more about our faith or are interested in becoming full members in the Catholic Church please contact the Office.

Prayer Chain: Call Rosie Moger 523-3357 with prayer requests or to join the prayer chain.

Bulletin announcements: Please submit items to the office by Wednesday 11:00 a.m. for publication in the following Sunday bulletin.

You can now make online church support gifts through the Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota for the operations of our parishes. You will receive an electronic acknowledgement for tax purposes. You can give online here: <https://catholicfsmn.org/parish-donations>. If you would prefer to speak to someone directly, please call Monica Herman at (507) 858-127



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Of Interest to All



We are now accepting Christmas decoration donations at all three parishes. This is a wonderful way to

remember/honor loved ones. To donate, simply drop an envelope in the collection basket marked "Christmas Decorations" and be sure to indicate the names of the people you want remembered/honored. Donations must be received by **December 20** in order to be recognized in the bulletin.

A special collection will be taken next weekend for Retirement Fund for Religious (90 percent) and Catholic University (10 percent). The RFR provides funding to any religious institute in the U.S. that is listed in the religious institute section of the OCD with an identifying OCD number, and that has an unfunded past service liability. It distributes direct care, planning and implementation assistance from the fund to religious institutes based on a formula and criteria approved by the conferences of major superiors and bishops. The Catholic University of America, located in Washington, D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church. Founded in 1887, CUA offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere that is grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition. The collection underwrites scholarships to assist financially deserving students in completing their education at CUA in over 50 disciplines.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is the Patronal Feast of the United States and normally a Holy Day of Obligation (though not this year due to the pandemic). There will be Mass to celebrate this solemnity on **Tuesday, December 8** at Immaculate Conception at 8:30 a.m. and St. Rose at 7:00 p.m. Masses are also at Holy Trinity in Rollingstone at 8:00 a.m. and St. Mary in Minneiska at 6:00 p.m.

Pope's Prayer Intention for December: *For a Life of Prayer.* We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



Congratulations to Thomas and Wendy Erdmann, who will celebrate **25 years** of marriage on **December 2.**

We wish you many more years of wedded happiness!

Winona Catholic Daughters Court #191 WILL NOT be meeting for the December 14 meeting due to Covid-19 restrictions. Please watch for information forthcoming in the next newsletter.

The rescheduled Confirmation from this spring will be on **Wednesday, December 9** at 7:00 p.m. at St Rose of Lima. We will once again be collecting donations to help purchase bibles for our confirmation students. Donations can be marked and put in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office.

The use of the wreath and candles during Advent are a longstanding Catholic tradition that was originally adopted by Christians in the Middle Ages as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas. The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ. The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah. The second candle, also purple, represents faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent. On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace.



ADVENT GIVING TREE

Due to the pandemic, we will not have an actual tree this year from which to choose a gift. Instead, donors will need to go on-line to sign up for individuals or families that have asked for help. Once you have registered on the L-A Sharing Tree site, an e-mail will be sent to you with the information. The site became available on **Monday, November 23**. We are asking for everyone to drop their gifts off at the St. Rose church hall *only* on **Sunday, December 20**. Plans are to distribute the gifts on **Monday, December 21**. The website to sign up is: <https://sites.google.com/view/lasharingtree/home>.

Our Charity Fund: This fund responds to needs in our community, making a difference in many lives. Your generosity assists local families directly and long-term. Find envelopes in back of church labeled Charity Fund. You may return these in the collection baskets at Mass or mail to the office.

ATTENTION: SHOPPERS NEEDED! We are getting so many cash donations that we need people willing to shop for gifts. We will give you the money/gift cards and the gift requests, you just go and shop for those items for our families in need. If you are able to volunteer for this important effort, please contact Tom in the office (strose@hbci.com or 523-2428.) Thank you!

Pastor's Perspective: Declutter

Normally, I would think of Spring cleaning as the time to declutter. Advent, though, provides another opportunity to do this. As you prepare the way of the Lord, what is cluttering that way?

First, look at it materially. You've probably already started putting up the decorations. Do you need to keep them all? Are you tripping over other unopened boxes on your way to the ornaments, and do those boxes need to stay around? December is often a time when people go through a lot of items that are used for only a short time each year, and may not have been used for several years. This may provide an opportunity to declutter.

Second, look at your activities. While COVID is preventing us from taking part in many activities, causing sadness and isolation, there may be other activities where we experience relief. Traditions can be good, but some might be burdensome. Is this the year to declutter some of your Advent and Christmas activities?

Third, look at your soul. Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season and provides an opportunity to let go of those things burdening our souls, especially through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. However, this may also be the time to let go of a grudge, reconnect with a family member, or find a way to have a civil conversation with people you normally argue with. What is cluttering your soul?

May this Advent be a time of decluttering, so that you can prepare the way of the Lord!