

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2020**

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Sunday, December 13**

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

Monday, December 14

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 15

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13
Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 16

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25
Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday, December 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10
Mt 1:1-17

Friday, December 18

Jer 23:5-8
Mt 1:18-25

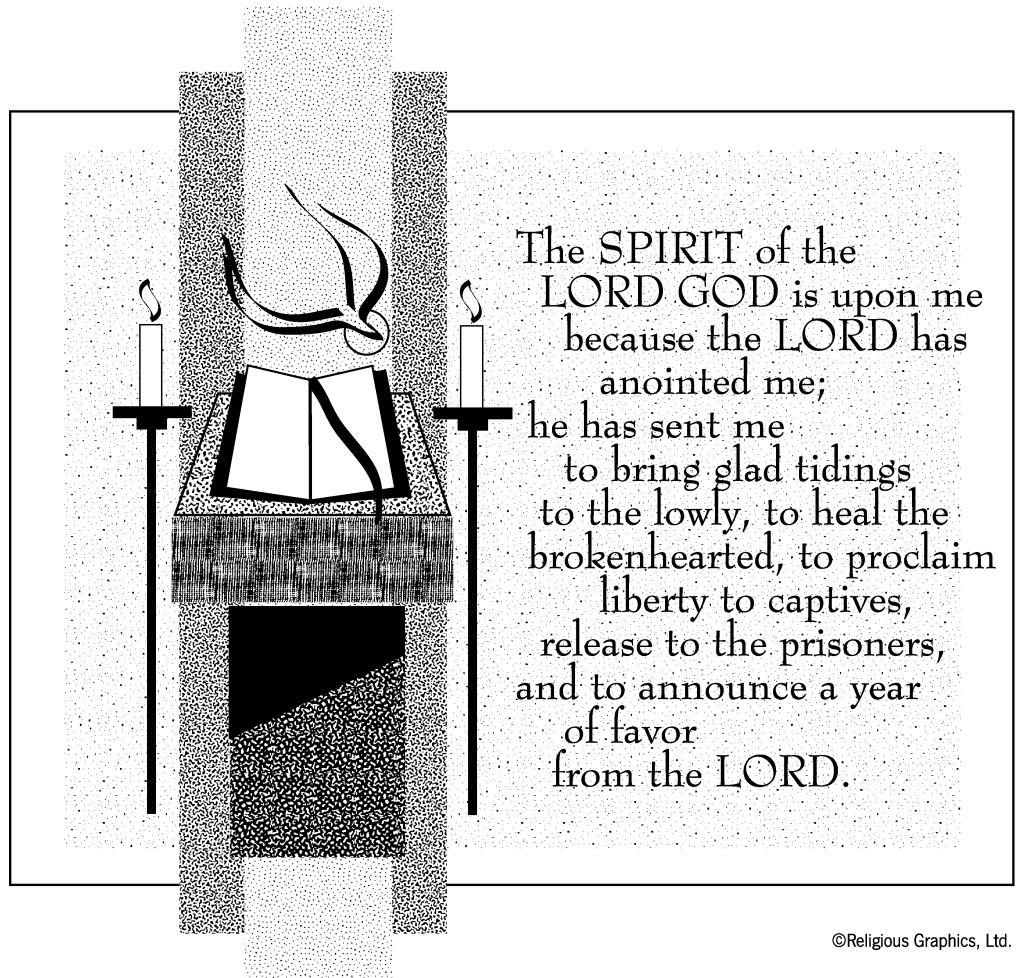
Saturday, December 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
Lk 1:5-25

4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 20

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Rom 16:25-27
Lk 1:26-38



SAINT ROSE OF LIMA

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, December 14	No Mass
Tuesday, December 15	No Mass
Wednesday, December 16	
8:30 a.m. Lewiston	<i>Steven Thesing+</i>
Thursday, December 17	
8:30 a.m. Lewiston	<i>Donna Wollack+</i>
Friday, December 18	
8:30 a.m. Altura	<i>Irvin Nunemacher+</i>
Saturday, December 19	
4:30 p.m. Wilson	<i>Sandy Stiever+</i>
Sunday, December 20	
8:30 a.m. Lewiston	<i>Melvin and Anna Brand+</i>
10:30 a.m. Altura	<i>Parishioners of the Cluster</i>

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.

St. Rose of Lima

Sacrificial Giving – November 29, 2020

Contribution Total..... \$ 1,937.98

St. Anthony of Padua

Sacrificial Giving – December 6, 2020

Contribution Total..... \$ 460.00

Immaculate Conception

Sacrificial Giving – December 5, 2020

Contribution Total..... \$ 376.00

Health and Safety Guidelines

- Please do not attend if you are feeling even the slightest bit ill or are in a high-risk category.
- 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.

Coming Soon: A new way to give online, including by texting! More details in future bulletins.

REJOICE
for the LORD is near!

Of Interest to All

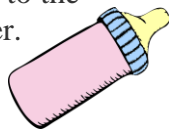


We are now accepting **Christmas decoration donations** at all three parishes. This is a wonderful way to remember/honor loved ones. To donate, simply drop an envelope in the collection basket marked “Christmas Decorations” and be sure to indicate the names of the people you want remembered/honored. Donations must be received by **December 20** in order to be recognized in the bulletin.

The St. Anthony rib dinner was again a smashing success! 335 drive-thru meals were served, and the profit for our faith formation fund was **\$3,794.28!** Fun facts: 13 roasters were used and 20 pumpkin cakes were made by 16 families. Thanks to all who bought tickets, worked, or donated. It couldn't be done without everyone pulling together to make this work in these strange times!

Happy “Super Golden” Birthday to Theresa Sanow, who celebrated 60 years on **December 9!** Here's wishing you many more years to come!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Baby Bottle Campaign in October. Our three parishes raised **\$1,380.30** to assist pregnant women and newborn babies.



Virtual Adult Faith Formation DVD Study Series: “Romans.” Discover what it means to “be saved.” This study will help you make sense of the difficult passages regarding faith, works of the law, and justification. It will give you an authentically Catholic, comprehensive, and simple way to understand this challenging epistle. (Format: Workbook, Virtual Discussion, Online videos.) **Tue PM 6:30 – 7:30** or **Wed AM 9:30 – 10:30.** Eight Sessions: January 5 to February 24. **Cost:** \$26.95 (plus tax & ship). **Deadline: Wednesday, December 16.** Register Online at cascwinona.org. Contact: Donna 507-454-1296.

Christmas/New Year's Masses

December 24

4:00 p.m. – Immaculate Conception, Wilson
6:00 p.m. – St. Rose of Lima, Lewiston
8:00 p.m. – St. Anthony of Padua, Altura

December 25

9:00 a.m. – St. Rose of Lima, Lewiston

January 1 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

9:00 a.m. – St. Rose of Lima, Lewiston

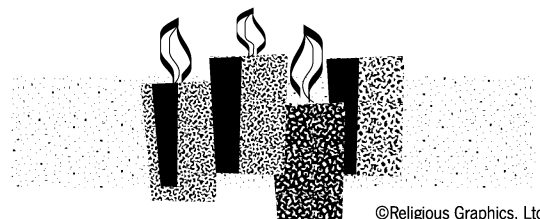
Note: The 6:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve and 9:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas morning will each be live streamed. Go to our website, www.st-rose.org.

In order to assure there is space for everyone, we are asking those planning to attend Christmas Masses to register by going to our website (www.st-rose.org) and clicking on “Christmas Mass Sign-up” or calling the office at 523-2428.

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.

We are looking for accompanists/cantors for the Christmas Eve Masses in Altura and Lewiston, and the Christmas morning mass in Lewiston. If you are willing to help, please contact Tom in the office no later than **Wednesday, December 16.**

Life in the Spirit seminar, hosted by the Lumen Christi prayer group, welcoming the entire diocese, starting **January 6.** Would you like to deepen your relationship with the Holy Spirit? Would you like to learn about and identify the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that you have been given? Join us for a (free) Life in The Spirit seminar, using “The Wild Goose” series by Father Dave Pivonka, starting Wednesday, January 6 and ending February 17. We will meet online via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Zoom login information will be sent upon registration. Contact Joshua for more information and to register: (218) 349-9660 or jjj3279@aol.com.





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.

Pastor's Perspective: This and That

- Last weekend, both Immaculate Conception and St. Anthony met after their Masses. The topic of our conversations was the long-discussed mergers of these parishes. Please watch for more details after Christmas for what this means for our cluster. For St. Anthony, we discussed merging with St. Rose after their last parish Mass on June 13, 2021 (their patronal feast day). Immaculate Conception has not set a date for their last Mass, but will merge with St. Rose by June 2022.
- I noticed a very intriguing, celestial story in the Star Tribune on Monday. It was reported that on December 21, we are in for a treat: the "Christmas Star" will appear. A bright light will show in the sky that night as Saturn and Jupiter align close enough to appear as a new star in the sky. This will be the first time such a sight has been seen since 1226; so be sure to get out and look for it! By the way, an even rarer occurrence once occurred, resulting in an even brighter star when the star Regulus joined with Jupiter and Venus. When? A little over 2,000 years ago.
- Finally, I would like to thank those who have already registered for their Christmas Mass. This process will help each parish be prepared for whatever size crowd may attend. If you have not yet registered, please do so at your earliest convenience. The Christmas day Mass will probably have the lowest attendance, so keep that in mind when considering which Mass you will attend. Until then, watch that Christmas star grow brighter!