

From the desk of Fr. Podraza

p. m. (noon) in Saint Rose Parish Hall. We will have a light meal and a short presentation from Angela Barnell, Knox County Right To Life President. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this Parish event.

God's Acres/God's Workday 2016: Saint Andrew, Bloomfield and Saint Rose, Crofton. "The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God blesses us." "God's Acre contributions can be donated until the end of the year, December. God's Acres envelopes are in our Parish envelope boxes and are on the tables in church for your convenience. Or if you would like to drop an envelope in the collection basket, just mark it "God's Acre" with your name and envelope number. Thank You for your generous spirits.

Saint Rose School: Remember that from faith formation these things happen: to social and taxpayer implications...Our country needs Catholic Schools! Remember: Please share your resources with our students and watch them grow over the years. Thank you and support Catholic education in Crofton please.

School Wish List: Each week we will publish school items needed for teachers and students. This week items: Charging station for Apple MacBooks and Easels (available at Walmart). Please contact Jennifer D. Fiscus, Principal for more information at 402-388-4393.

Divine Mercy: The Lord tells Saint Faustina: "On that day (Divine Mercy Sunday) the very depths of My tender mercy are opened. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. ... On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened." (Diary, 699).

Endowments: "Planning for death is as natural as planning for life. As stated in 1 Timothy 5:8... if anyone does not take care of his own, and especially of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. Having a will is good stewardship. Take care of your family." Contact Ron Worthington, Estate Planning Officer in the Archdiocese of Omaha, at (402) 557-5650 Ext. 1901 or at rcworthington@archomaha.org. to learn more. More next week.

Parish Food Pantry Donations: Donation for December is Peanut Butter and Jelly. Remember that some families live with hunger throughout the year. Donations go to United Methodist food pantry Bloomfield. Thank you for your generosity to all those families in need.

Pray For: "For all families especially those who are struggling to stay together."

Please prayerfully consider remembering our parish with a payable on death designation on your investment/brokerage account.

Prayer Opportunities:
Advent/2016 Prayers: "Almighty Father, the birth of your Son among us is a divine sign of the hope you invest in us. Let us catch something of that hope in our daily life." Amen.

A Prayer for Peace: "God of power and mercy, You destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears that we may all deserve to be called Your sons and daughters. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Wednesday there is Eucharistic Adoration open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in Saint Rose Church. We are invited to spend time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Time spent with the Lord is never wasted time!

2017 March For Life: January 25-30, 2017. High School Pilgrims Check the web site: RespectLifeOmaha.com for more information. This is for any adult, FFY and High School students. The Parishes will help with the costs. Call Father Tim Podraza 402-388-4814.

GOD'S ACRE / WORKDAY: Thanks to all those who gave so generously to this year's collection.
Total given to date: **St. Rose of Lima \$12,643.71**
St. Andrew's \$ 250.89

ST. ROSE CEMETERY MOWING: Needed, a coordinator to inform group leaders of mowing dates. Mowing group list is complete. Contact the parish business office if interested (402) 388-4814.

Pro Life Dinner: Saint Rose Prolife committee has scheduled a Pro Life dinner and presentation for Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 12:00

ST. ROSE - GIFT TO GOD - DECEMBER 11, 2016
Sunday Giving needed weekly - \$5,070.00

Sunday / Holyday	\$ 5,361.14
Plate	\$ 140.00
Children	\$ 48.00
God's Acre	\$ 1,597.32
Christmas	\$ 510.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 615.00

\$29,000.00 Total Borrowed Nov 30

AMOUNT BUDGETED FOR CHRISTMAS: \$18,500.00



ACTIVITIES IN DEC - ST ROSE & ST ANDREW
Eucharistic Adoration (Wednesdays) 9 AM until 10 PM - St. Rose Church
That Man is You—Men's Group will not be meeting until after the holidays.

Dec 18 Advent Penance Service in Hartington, 3:30 PM
Dec 19 SR Bible Study meets at 7:00 PM, (St. Rose Education Center)
Dec 21 SR Choir of Fire Practice, 6:30 PM, (St. Rose Church)
Dec 22 St. Rose School/Crofton Public 12:50 PM early dismissal
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Masses:
 (St. Andrew) 5:00 PM with music prior at 4:15 PM
 (St. Rose) 8:00 PM with music at 7:30 PM by "Fire of Choir"
Dec 25 Christmas Day Mass: (St. Rose) 9:00 AM with music prior at 8:50

NOTICE - The parish business office will be closed for the holidays as follows:
Friday, December 23; Monday, December 26; Friday, December 30 and Monday, January 2.

REFLECTION: It can be a little scary to do as God asks—to give Him the first fruits of our time, talent and treasure. The comforting words the angel spoke to Mary can comfort us, too, when we strive to be good Christian stewards—"Do not be afraid."



ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS:
Thank you for ordering!! A special thank you to the individuals/families that purchased butter braids during our 2016 fundraiser. Over 1276 butter braids were recently delivered to households!! The net profit (including the Forester matching funds project) amounted to **\$6,513.00** and will help fund our lower-grade building window project (south side). Thank you for your continued support of St. Rose School.

100 CLUB WINNERS:
December 4: \$50 - Donald Dose
December 11: \$50 - Card # 1201



Only 13 days left !! St. Rose parish 100 Club cards available for purchase for 2017 drawings at St. Rose school / rectory offices, from volunteer sellers from School Boosters and after weekend Masses in the back of St. Rose church. **Our \$1,000 grand prize winner for 2016 will be announced at 5:30 PM Mass on Saturday, December 31st.**

SR GUILD NEWS:
Division 3 Serves next funeral, Deanna Poppe, Chairman
Division 4 Decorates Church for Christmas, Jenn Haberer, Chairman
Division 12 Cleans church in December, Wendy Wieseler, Chairman
St. Rose Guild Officer elections: December 17 and 18.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
The sick: Allan Arens, Bernadette Tramp, Heather Hegge, Jeanine Johnson, Christy (Tweedy) Hebeisen, Ray Poppe, Craig Gobel, Frances Johnson, Ann Johnson, Sue Sandvig, Shirley (Hegge) Mines, all the troops overseas, and those suffering from natural disasters.
"Heavenly Father accept our prayers offered for them."

READINGS FOR DECEMBER 25, 2016
1st Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm: 98:1-6
2nd Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6 Gospel: John 1:1-18

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue	Dec 20	8:15 am	(SR)	Communion Service <i>NO 10:45 am Mass at Bloomfield Good Samaritan Center</i>
Wed	Dec 21	8:15 am	(SR)	Communion Service <i>NO 8:00 am Mass at St. Andrew's Church</i>
Thu	Dec 22	8:15 am	(SR)	Communion Service
Fri	Dec 23	8:15 am	(SR)	Communion Service
Sat	Dec 24	5:00 pm	(SA)	John & Lena Gilsdorf
		8:00 pm	(SR)	For the People
Sun	Dec 25	9:00 am	(SR)	Shelly (Sandvig) Goeden Brad Schumacher, Arlis Peitz L & D Ron & Sue Sandvig L & D Leonard & Dora Tramp

SA - Saint Andrew's SR - Saint Rose



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 @ 5:00 PM - ST. ANDREW
Singing prior to Mass beginning at 4:15 PM

CELEBRANT: Fr. Thomas Greisen
LECTOR: Ellen Fehringer
EMHC: Cynthia Kumm, Keith & Denise Koertje
SERVERS: McGwire & Mitchell Mackeprang, Madie Ziegler
GREETERS and *VOCATION CROSS: Troy Pinkelman Family and *Bill Schumacher

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 @ 8:00 PM - ST. ROSE
Singing prior to Mass beginning at 7:30 PM

CELEBRANT: Fr. Thomas Greisen
LECTOR: Bob Suing
SET UP: Jay Haberer
SERVERS: Austin & Carter Steffen, Hope Steffen, Rebecca Leader
USHERS: Joe, Roger, & Larry Janssen, Clair Arens
EMHC: Deacon, Jim & Mary A. W., Dawn M., Emily H-Shut-ins
GIFTS: Ashton & Cassie Arens Family

Our apologies—Midnight Mass has been cancelled at St. Andrew's Church due to the Pastor being ill.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 @ 9:00 AM - ST. ROSE
Singing prior to Mass beginning at 8:50 AM

CELEBRANT: Fr. Thomas Greisen
SET UP: John Van Heek
LECTOR: Maxine Steffen
SERVERS: Nate Stevens, Simon McFarland, Emma Neuhalfen, Sarah Kleinschmit
USHERS: Tony, David, & Travis Arens, Ken Wortmann
EMHC: Deacon, Barb L., Ed K., Ed & Arlene S.-Shut-ins
GIFTS: Greg & Bethany Wortmann Family
MONEY: Dave Arens, Craig Wilken, Larry Janssen

CHRISTMAS GIFTS: The 2017 Unity Supper tickets are available for gift giving. These tickets make the perfect gift for your parents, family, friends, neighbors, boss and employees, also as "thank you tokens". Contact Jennifer Fiscus or Mary Thoene at the school/parish office, Pam Goeden (402) 388-4953 or Donna Mae Guenther (402) 388-4738 to buy tickets. Please keep the grand auction and silent auction in mind while doing your holiday shopping.



ST. ANDREW'S - GIFT TO GOD - DECEMBER 11, 2016
Sunday Giving needed weekly - \$1,340.00

Sunday/Holyday	\$ 961.57
Plate	\$ 118.00
Children	\$ 23.25
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 430.50

AMOUNT BUDGETED FOR CHRISTMAS: \$4,000.00

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



ST. ANDREW'S NEWS
CCD: NO Class on Sunday, December 25th and Sunday, January 1st. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !

SA CHRISTMAS FLOWERS Asking for donations of flowers and plants, in memory of loved ones, to help decorate St. Andrew's Church. There is a sheet in the entry of church for parishioners to list their loved ones names and their donors. This list of names will be placed in the church bulletin at Christmas.



OUR CONDOLENCES to the family of Marge Kronberg, mother of Kathy Nielsen, who passed away recently. May Our Heavenly Father welcome her home and comfort those she leaves behind.



MIDNIGHT MASS: Due to the pastor being ill, there will be no midnight Mass at St. Andrew's on Christmas Day. Christmas Eve Mass on December 24th will be celebrated at 5:00 PM as scheduled.

SA / SR PARISH NEWS:
Attention All Parishioners: Sunday Giving Envelopes for 2017 are located at the entrances of SA / SR Churches. If you haven't already done so, please pick yours up and save the church postage mailing them out.

December 31st: Will be the cutoff for all tax deductible donations to the Church. All donations received after this date will be in the 2017 giving year. Please prayerfully consider a generous gift before year's end.

OACCW \$500 Scholarship and RNC \$150 Scholarship for Catholic female Seniors. Applications available through your High School Guidance Counselors. Deadline: January 15, 2017.

Free for the Taking - 2017 Catholic calendars can be found at the church entrances.

Bulletin Announcements: For the next two weeks, please have all bulletin announcements to the parish secretary no later than **Tuesday noon**, December 20th and December 27th. Thank you.

St. Rose - Grade 2 First Reconciliation
Twenty youths from St. Rose Parish celebrated the sacrament for the first time including: Trevor Allen, Madelyn Buschkamp, Lillian Phillips, Elizabeth DeRoos, Luke DeRoos, Bo Drotzmann, Brooklyn Guenther, Asher Haberman, Cameron Hansen, Tyson Jackson, Cole Miller, Jack Miller, Armana Sprakel, Brady Thoene, Jenna Tramp, Trace Tramp, Kolton Vornhagen, Olivia Walter, Brooklyn Wiebelhaus, and Jazzmyn Wieseler.



UPCOMING EVENTS:
THE HOUSE OF MARY SHRINE GIFT SHOP (located about 5 miles west of Yankton on Lewis and Clark Lake) will be open: Saturday, Dec. 17 from 9:30 am to 2 pm; Sunday, Dec. 18 from 1 pm to 3 pm. Mass every Saturday at 9 am at the Shrine, but there will be NO 9 AM MASS on DEC. 24th.