


From the desk of Fr. Podraza  **HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017:** I pray that you and your families experience a year 2017 filled with good health, happiness and God's many blessings! God Bless You. Father Tim Podraza.

I want to update you concerning my health. I have what is called "Charcot" (Charkoo). My arch in my left foot has fallen causing swelling and pooling of blood in the foot. This combination pushes the bones in the foot apart and can damage bones in the foot. The healing process will be slow. I am wearing a foot boot and using a scooter to keep weight off the foot for two months. The goal is to reduce the swelling and clear out the blood so that the foot bones can settle down. I want to thank everyone for your cards, personal notes, gifts, meals and prayers. Thank you so much. I hope to be back to work soon. God Bless You. Father Tim Podraza.

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God: "The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed." Luke 2:16-21.

Thank You: Congratulations on your achievement during the 2016-2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. I wanted to commend the parishioners for exceeding the goal for Saint Andrew Parish-Bloomfield and Saint Rose of Lima-Crofton. The Annual Appeal enriches the lives of many in our archdiocese. I am deeply grateful to you for all you have done to ensure those in your parishes and our archdiocese sharing our story of faith. May God continue to bless you all with joy and peace in His abundant love. Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend George J. Lucas Archbishop of Omaha.

Seminary Collection: The Seminary Collection will be held the weekend of January 7-8, 2017. The Archdiocese of Omaha is currently blessed with twenty-seven men studying for the Priesthood. We humbly ask for your continued prayers, sacrifices and generous financial support. Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend George J. Lucas Archbishop of Omaha.



Envelopes for this collection are located in your 2017 Sunday envelope boxes. If you haven't picked your box up, they are located at the SA/SR church entrances.


Pro Life Dinner: Saint Rose Pro Life committee has scheduled a Pro Life dinner and presentation for Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 12:00 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 Acre/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 Acre 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: Many ask, Father why do we do this all the time? The answer is easy We do this because we are Catholic. We share our gifts God has given us with others... More next week. 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: Clipboards, Headphones (over the ear). Please contact Jennifer D. Fiscus, Principle for more information at 402-388-4393.

Divine Mercy The Lord tells Saint Faustina: "I also promise victory over enemies already on earth, especially at hour of death. I myself will defend it as My own glory." (Diary, 48). More next week.

The 2017 Unity Supper dinner tickets are for sale. \$30.00 in advance and \$35.00 at the door. Contact Mary Thoene at the parish office (402) 388-4814, Pam Goeden (402) 388-4953 or Donna Mae Guenther (402) 388-4738 to buy tickets. 

ST. ROSE - GIFT TO GOD - DECEMBER 25, 2016
Sunday Giving needed weekly - \$5,070.00

Christmas	\$ 13,822.00	\$29,000.00	Total Borrowed Dec 1
Sunday	\$ 3,720.00	-4,500.00	Paid back from Xmas
Children	\$ 84.00	\$24,500.00	Total Borrowed Dec 31

Annual Seminary Collection: Jan. 7 & 8
 **Note: Remainder of Xmas giving paid December bills /payroll.
AMOUNT BUDGETED FOR CHRISTMAS: \$18,500.00
Please be generous in your Sunday / New Year's giving this year!


ACTIVITIES IN JANUARY - 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 late January.
St. Rose Bible Study Group will meet on Mondays beginning January 9th.

- Jan 3 SR Unity Supper Meeting, 7:00 PM, (St. Rose Education Center)
- SR School Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, (St. Rose Education Center)
- Jan 4 SA Altar Society Meeting, (St. Andrew's Church)
- Jan 5 St. Rose School / Crofton Public School resumes
- Jan 8 **Annual Seminary Fund Collection**
SA CCD Class, 9:00-10:15 AM, (St. Andrew's)
Prolife Dinner with speaker Angela Barnell, 12 noon, (St. Rose Hall)
- Jan 9 SR Ladies Guild Meeting, 7:00 PM, (St. Rose Church Family Room)
- SR Bible Study resumes, 7:00 PM, (St. Rose Education Center)
- Jan 11 SR Choir of Fire Practice, 6:30 PM, (St. Rose Church)
- SA Pastoral / Finance Council Meeting will be rescheduled**
SR CCD / FFY Class, 7:30 PM
- Jan 15 SR Choir of Fire to Sing at 8:30 AM Mass, (St. Rose Church)
- Jan 28 SA/SR Liturgy Meeting, 9:00 AM, (St. Andrew's Church)
- St. Rose School Junior High Basketball Tourney, (Crofton Elementary)
- Jan 29 St. Rose Catholic Schools Week Breakfast, (St. Rose Hall)

NOTICE - The parish business office will be closed for the holiday on Monday, January 2nd.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS:

Last Chance - 100 Club Card sales end December 31st !! St. Rose parish 100 Club cards available for purchase for 2017 drawings after Saturday night Mass, December 31st, in the back of St. Rose church. The first drawing will take place this Sunday, January 1st. Watch the church bulletin each Sunday for winners. Complete report of sales in next week's bulletin.


 **100 CLUB WINNERS:**
 December 25: \$50 - Larry Leader
 December 31: \$1,000 - winner to be announced at 5:30 Mass

- Jan. 3 - St. Rose Teacher In-service
- St. Rose School Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Education Center
- Jan. 5 - St. Rose School / Crofton Public School Resumes


SR GUILD NEWS:

Division 3 Serves next funeral, Deanna Poppe, Chairman
Division 1 Cleans Church in January, Jan Hoebelheinrich, Chairman

Guild officer election results: Kristi Steffen, Vice-President; Helene Hegge, Secretary. Ladies guild president for 2017, Brenda Maibaum. Thanks to all for your stewardship and service.

 **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 JANUARY 8, 2017
1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 **Psalm:** 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 **Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

 **MASS INTENTIONS**

Tue	Jan 3	8:15 am (SR)	Communion Service <i>NO 10:45 am Mass at Bloomfield Good Samaritan Center</i>
Wed	Jan 4	8:15 am (SR)	Leon Gobel
Thu	Jan 5	8:15 am (SR)	Communion Service <i>NO 8:00 am Mass at St. Andrew's Church</i>
Fri	Jan 6	8:15 am (SR)	Ray, Katie, Kevin Keiser and Sally Bart
Sat	Jan 7	5:30 pm (SR)	Lorene Ausdemore <i>NO confessions prior to 5:30 PM Mass</i>
Sun	Jan 8	8:30 am (SR)	Brad Schumacher
		10:30 am (SA)	SA/SR Parishioners <i>NO confessions after 10:30 AM Mass</i>

SA - Saint Andrew's SR - Saint Rose



Attention St. Rose EMHC's: There has been an adjustment made to the ministry list and extra EMHC's have been added each weekend. Counting the priest, we will need 7 EMHC's each Saturday and Sunday (3 bread and 4 wine cups). Please check your Sunday bulletin weekly for EMHC assignments.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 @ 5:30 PM - ST. ROSE


- SETUP: Rosanne Hoebelheinrich
- LECTOR: Marnie & Rose Schieffer
- EMHC: Deacon Frank & Mary, Jim & Mary Ann W., Nancy S., Laveria M.-Shut-ins
- SERVERS: Tuff Foxhoven, Jace Foxhoven
Lauren Buschkamp, Vanessa Sprakel
- USHERS: Gary Leader, Joe Leader, Alex Leader, Logan Leader
- GIFTS: Bob & Mardy Mackeprang

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8 @ 8:30 AM - ST. ROSE

- SETUP: Barb Lange
- LECTOR: Arlene Steffen
- SERVERS: James Allen, Jack Drotzmann
Elizabeth Wortmann, Haligh Guenther
- USHERS: Ashton Arens, Dan Arens, Neal & Jake Neuhalfen
- EMHC: Deacon, Dick W., Maxine S., Deb K., Barb L., Rosanne H.-Shut-ins
- GIFTS: Bill & Rachel Guenther
- MONEY: Rosanne Hoebelheinrich, Karen Leader

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 @ 10:30 AM - ST. ANDREW

- LECTOR: Deb Guenther
- EMHC: Diane Fehringer, Dolores & Wendell Strom-Shut-ins
- SERVERS: Alex Kleinschmit, Kaitlyn Kumm, Katie Kuhlman
- GREETERS and *VOCATION CROSS: Rich Kleinschmit Family and *Gerry & Sandy Haselhorst

 **We welcome through the Living Waters of Baptism:**
 Foster Alan Alexander, son of Caden and Laura.
 May God bless this child and his family abundantly.

Welcome to our St. Rose of Lima Parish family:
 Caden & Laura Alexander and Foster

The winter meeting of Rural North Central Deanery Council of Catholic Women will be held on Tuesday, January 17th at St. John the Baptist, Fordyce. Please take note of these time changes: registration, 1 p.m.; meeting, 1:30 p.m. Please have a representative from your parish present. If weather forces cancellation of classes at Cedar Catholic, this meeting will also be cancelled.

ST. ANDREW'S - GIFT TO GOD - DECEMBER 25, 2016
Sunday Giving needed weekly - \$1,340.00

Christmas	\$ 3,389.58
Sunday	\$ 179.00
Children	\$ 31.51

AMOUNT BUDGETED FOR CHRISTMAS: \$4,000.00
Annual Seminarian Collection: January 8th



ST. ANDREW'S NEWS
CCD: Class on Sunday, January 8th, 9:00 - 10:15 AM.

SA / SR PARISH NEWS **Check This Out...**

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.

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: Matthew Kelly's new book, *Resisting Happiness*, is a very good read. The parishes are offering it FREE of charge so take a copy home today and share with family, visiting family, and friends. Books located in SA/SR Church entrances.

Memorial Bricks: If you would like to have a brick engraved in memory of a loved one or in recognition of your family, forms are available in the back of church or stop at St. Rose business office. Cost: \$100 each. These bricks will be placed in the School Sisters of St. Francis Prayer Garden on the south side of the St. Rose school lower-grade building. Bricks engraved in February.

Pastor's Corner Continued:

Endowments: "Just as we plan to ensure financial health for our families, we must plan for the health of our faith families. Your planned gift to our parish endowment will provide financial support forever. You have a wonderful Catholic heritage." Contact Ron Worthington, Estate Planning Officer in the Archdiocese of Omaha, at (402) 557-5650 Ext. 1901, if you have questions concerning making endowment gifts. More next week.

Pray For:
 "For the new year 2017 to be filled with God's graces, blessings and mercy."
 "For all our mothers and grandmothers Living and deceased."
 Please prayerfully consider remembering our parish with a payable with a payable on death designation on your certificates of deposit.

Prayer Opportunities:
CHRISTMAS 2017: "God of Mary, you chose the virgin of Nazareth to be the mother of your Son. Help me to learn from her example to awaken others to your presence, even as they awaken me to your love and mercy. Hear my prayer through Jesus Christ who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen."

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.

Mission Trip: Father Jim Keiter will be leading a Catholic Heart Workshop Mission Trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin from June 11-17, 2017. Cost \$385.00. There are 45 spots, and a deposit of \$100.00 is required. Go to www.stbonifaceparish.org for registration, etc.

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."