

From the desk of
Fr. Podraza

MERRY CHRISTMAS 2016: My prayer for all of you is that your homes are filled with the Spirit of Christmas joy on Christmas Day and throughout the Christmas Season. God Bless You. Father Tim Podraza.

CHRISTMAS WONDER: "While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. ... And suddenly, there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:1-14.

Pro Life Dinner: Saint Rose Pro Life committee has schedule 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. More next week.

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. 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: Charging station for Apple MacBooks and Easels (available at Walmart). Please contact Jennifer D. Fiscus, Principal for more information at 402-388-4393. Thank You.

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). More next week.

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 especial those struggling to stay together."
Please prayerfully consider remembering our parish with a payable on death designation on your investment/brokerage account.

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 Mary Thoene at the parish office (402) 388-4814, 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. *2017 Theme: Shake, Rattle, and Roll !!*



ST. ROSE - GIFT TO GOD - DECEMBER 18, 2016
Sunday Giving needed weekly - \$5,070.00

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| Sunday | \$ 3,536.30 | \$29,000.00 Total Borrowed Nov 30 |
| Plate | \$ 156.00 | |
| Children | \$ 34.01 | |
| Christmas | \$ 1,450.00 | |

AMOUNT BUDGETED FOR CHRISTMAS: \$18,500.00
Please be generous in your Sunday / Christmas giving this year!

ACTIVITIES IN DEC / JAN - 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.

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| Dec 31 | Mary Mother of God Holyday Eve Mass: (St. Rose) 5:00 PM - <i>note time change</i> | |
| Jan 1 | Mary Mother of God Holyday Mass: (St. Rose) 8:30 AM (St. Andrew) 10:30 AM | |
| 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 Prolife Dinner, 12 noon, (St. Rose Hall) | |
| Jan 11 | SA Pastoral / Finance Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, (SA Church) | |
| Jan 17 | SR Finance Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, (St. Rose Education Center) | |
| Jan 31 | SR Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, (St. Rose Education Center) | |

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

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS:
St. Rose School staff, parents and students please welcome Mrs. Erin Foxhoven as your new school secretary. Erin will begin her part-time duties when school resumes on January 5, 2017. Congratulations, Erin.

100 CLUB WINNERS:
December 11: \$50 - Geralda Tramp
December 18: \$50 - Card # 1216

Only 6 days left !! St. Rose parish 100 Club cards available for purchase for 2017 drawings at St. Rose rectory office, 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 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, December 31st.

Please Register If you are new to the area or you know of someone who is, we kindly ask that you contact the parish business office at (402) 388-4814 to register. College students who have graduated and/or are now working and would like to remain a member of St. Rose or St. Andrew's Church, please call and re-register. If you have moved or changed your phone number, drop us a line or give us a call. Thank you.

SR GUILD NEWS:
Division 3 Serves next funeral, Deanna Poppe, Chairman
Division 12 Cleans church in December, Wendy Wieseler, Chairman

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 1, 2017
1st Reading: Numbers 6:22-27 **Psalms:** 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
2nd Reading: Galatians 4:4-7 **Gospel:** Luke 2:16-21

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Tue | Dec 27 | 8:15 am (SR) | Communion Service <i>NO 8:00 am Mass at St. Andrew's Church</i> |
| Wed | Dec 28 | 8:15 am (SR) | Communion Service |
| Thu | Dec 29 | 8:15 am (SR) | Communion Service <i>NO 8:00 am Mass at St. Andrew's Church</i> |
| Fri | Dec 30 | 8:15 am (SR) | Communion Service |
| Sat | Dec 31 | 5:00 pm (SR) | SA/SR Parishioners <i>NO confessions prior to 5 PM Mass</i> |
| Sun | Jan 1 | 8:30 am (SR) | Frank Potts |
| | | 10:30 am (SA) | Evelyn & Gregory Meirose |

SA - Saint Andrew's SR - Saint Rose

Merry Christmas

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, DECEMBER 31 @ *5:00 PM* - ST. ROSE

CELEBRANT: Fr. Michael Schmitz
SETUP: Curt Steffen
LECTOR: Vern Wuebben
EMHC: Deacon, Larry & Faye H., Nancy S., Kristi S., and Jay Haberer-Shut-ins
SERVERS: Luke Haberer, Kendall Thoene, Rori Schmidt, Ellie Tramp
USHERS: Justin Foxhoven, Bill, Ron, and Tony Guenther
GIFTS: Joe & Lori Leader

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 @ 8:30 AM - ST. ROSE

CELEBRANT: Fr. Robert Nienaber
SETUP: Larry Koch
LECTOR: Marcel & Sheila Kramer
SERVERS: Tanner, Connor & Jordyn Arens, Maddie deShazer
USHERS: Chad Guenther, Bill Cobler, Russ Dendinger, Jim Hames
EMHC: Deacon, Charlotte A., Rosanne H., Barb L. and Bernice & Ron Tramp-Shut-ins
GIFTS: Pam & Keith Goeden
MONEY: Nancy Steffen, Rosanne Hoebelheinrich

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

CELEBRANT: Fr. Robert Nienaber
LECTOR: Caroline Oltjenbruns
EMHC: Karen Hoppe, Sally Gubbels, Ron Gubbels-Shut-ins
SERVERS: Taylor Kumm, Morgan & Megan Kleinschmit
GREETERS and *VOCATION CROSS: Dan & Rosanne Kleinschmit and *Roger & Merina Leader

REFLECTION: "And the Word became flesh" John 1:14
Jesus is God's ultimate gift of love to us. The countless other blessings that God showers upon us are nothing compared to the gift of His only Son. The only appropriate way for us to respond to such generous love is with our own generous love. When we dedicate our lives to sharing all the gifts God has placed in our hands, the peace of Christ truly will control our hearts and we will know Christmas joy every day.



ST. ANDREW'S - GIFT TO GOD - DECEMBER 18, 2016
Sunday Giving needed weekly - \$1,340.00

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| Sunday | \$ 618.00 |
| Plate | \$ 151.00 |
| Children | \$ 28.00 |
| Religious Retirement Fund | \$ 100.00 |

AMOUNT BUDGETED FOR CHRISTMAS: \$4,000.00

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



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: **Check This Out...**
—2017 Catholic calendars can be found at the church entrances.

—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.

Have you been to the St. Rose Video Library? It is available for everyone to use and is located in the Church North entryway. Please sign out your books/videos and return within two weeks.

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



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! There is an open spot from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to fill. Please help out if you can.

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."