

From the desk of Fr. Podraza

**Thank You:** To everyone for your cards, kind words of support and your prayers. I tell every-

one Crofton and Bloomfield are wonderful "Parish Families." Thank you to the ladies who are bringing meals to the rectory house. You are great cooks. Thank you to Deacon Steve and Frank for their help and support. Thank you to Jay and Keith for their help setting up for Masses. I will keep you in my prayers.

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:** "John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" (John 1:14a,12a).

**100th Anniversary: Of Our Lady of Fatima, Portugal 1917.** I ordered two beautiful statues of Our Lady of Fatima. The statues will be displayed in our churches. There will be a flower vase in front of it. I am asking parishioners to fill the vase with red, pink and white roses over the year. The red rose for Our Blessed Mother's sorrow during Jesus' passion and death. The pink rose reminds us of the Holy Family in their ordinary family life together over the years. The white rose reminds us of Mary's perpetual virginity and her great faith. More details later.

**THE GLORIES OF MARY:** Stories of Mary. (69.) "The devout author of a book in praise of the rosary, called *The Secret of Every Grace*, relates that Saint Vincent Ferrer said to a man who was dying in despair, "Why are you determined to lose your soul, when Jesus Christ wishes save you?" The man answered that, in spite of Christ, he was determined to go to hell. The Saint replied, "And you, in spite of yourself, shall be saved." He began with the persons in the house to recite the rosary; when, behold, the sick man asked to make his confession; and having done so with many tears died." Amen.

**R.C.I.A.:** We have three candidates discerning about becoming Catholic and joining the Catholic Church at The Easter Vigil 2017. They began classes in late September 2016. Please keep them in your prayers: Amy Reifenrath, Jade Cunningham and Jamie Miller.

**Saint Rose Unity Supper:** Mark your calendar to attend on Sunday February 11, 2017. You can buy Supper tickets and Trip Raffle tickets for a trip to Nashville/Memphis at the school office or the parish office in the rectory house. Thank you for supporting Catholic Education.

**Saint Rose School:** Remember, "Your personal donation in the students is an investment in their future. What a great return on your investment!!!" 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: CD Player and Playground Equipment. Please contact Jennifer D. Fiscus, Principal for more information at 402-388-4393.

**Saint Rose Fundraisers 2016** - Here are some results: BOOKFAIR: \$3,600.00 about 500 books for the school library and classrooms. BUTTER BRAIDS: raised \$6,715.00 for the school. 100 CLUB: raised \$10,707.55 which was deposited in the general fund. Thank you so much for supporting Catholic Education.

**Wish List Donations:** Bookshelves made by Charlie Tramp and one donated by Peg Schieffer; plastic gloves donated by Dean and Julie Kleinschmit Family; Lonnie Tramp Family bought the printer for the school. It will be placed in the school library in the 5-8 grade building. Thank you for your donations and your personal support for Catholic Education.

**Divine Mercy The Lord tells Saint Faustina:** "The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death." (Diary, 754). More next week.

**Endowments:** "Charitable gift annuities to benefit our parish offer better rates than many certificates of deposit, gives you a tax deduction, and are excellent ways to pass on your Catholic heritage." To learn about all they offer and for a confidential discussion to help you meet your financial needs and goals, contact Ron Worthington, Estate Planning Officer in the Archdiocese of Omaha, at (402) 557-5650 Ext. 1901. More next week.

**Parish Food Pantry Donations:** Donation for January is *canned* or *dried* packages of soup. 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:** "The gift of life from the moment of conception to natural death." "A successful National Walk For Life in Washington D.C."

Please prayerfully consider remembering our parish with a payable on death designation on your checking account.

**SR FFY PROGRAM:** Regular FFY Class on January 18 and 25.

**ST. ROSE - GIFT TO GOD - JANUARY 8, 2017**  
**Sunday Giving needed weekly - \$5,070.00**

Sunday, Xmas	\$ 2,848.19	\$24,500.00	Total Borrowed Dec 31
Plate	\$ 99.00	-10,500.00	Paid back to Legacy from 100 Club earnings
Children	\$ 32.50		
Seminary	\$ 547.00	\$14,000.00	Total Borrowed Jan 1

**Pastor's Corner continued:**

**Prayer Opportunities:**  
*Act of Faith 2017:* "O my God, I firmly believe that you are One God in Three Divine Persons, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit; I believe that your Divine Son became man, and died for our sins, and that he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because you have revealed them. Who can neither deceive nor be deceived. Amen."

*Catechist Retreat:* Overnight Getaway 2017 January 26-27, 2017 Retreat Leader: Jessi Kary, AO Benedictine Retreat Center, Schuyler, NE. Registration form in back of the Church.

*Encounter:* A night of music, prayer, witness, and encounter with Jesus 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Area parishes are invited and encouraged to attend. Open to youth in grades 7-12. Join us for Eucharistic Adoration with praise and worship music led by Danny Leger and a short talk by one of our Archdiocesan priests. Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at Holy Trinity Church, Hartington.

*2017 March For Life:* January 25-30, 2017. High School Pilgrims check the website: 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.

*Love Begins Here:* June 4-7, 2017 (Sunday evening-Wednesday noon) Saint Mary's, West Point. This session is a middle school mission trip. It will continue to remain open to rural parishes and youth only. For more information: <http://archomaha.org/family/youth>.

*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](http://www.stbonifaceparish.org) for registration, etc.

*"Transform Your World Evangelization Camp"* Held at Benedictine College in Atchison, KS from July 9-14, 2017. This training is for current high schoolers (graduating classes 2017-2020) and is aimed at equipping teens who are ready for the "next step" on the path of discipleship. The Archdiocese is offering to fund all of the registration fee except for a \$95 deposit to any teen from the Archdiocese who attends. For more information contact: Jen K. Moser, Coordinator of Youth Ministry. 402-557-5610 ext. 2102. [jkmoser@archomaha.org](mailto:jkmoser@archomaha.org)

*Stuebenville Youth Conference:* Mid-America Week 1, Springfield, MO (Missouri State University campus), July 14-16, 2017. For more information, please contact: Beth C. Carlson 402-557-5610, ext. 2101, [bccarlson@archomaha.org](mailto:bccarlson@archomaha.org)

*Rural TEC:* March 18-20, 2017 at Glad Tidings (Bloomfield). July 15-17, 2017 at Tintern (Oakdale). For more information: <http://archomaha.org/family/youth>.

**ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS:**

Jan. 28: St. Rose Sponsored Jr. High BB Tourney, Crofton Elementary Gym  
Jan. 29: Catholic Schools Week Brunch, 9-11:30 AM, St. Rose Hall

**100 CLUB WINNERS:**  
January 1: \$50 - Gary Kramer  
January 8: \$50 - Card #1066


**SR UNITY SUPPER:** Plans for this year's "Shake, Rattle & Roll" themed Unity Supper on February 11th are being made. (Snow date: February 12)  
**Just a reminder:**

- Auction items are needed for the grand and silent auctions, please call Joyce Stevens with your grand auction items (402) 388-2477 or 605-661-5736 and Wendy Wieseler (402) 388-2642 with your silent auction items. Silent auction items may be brought to the St. Rose School Brunch on Sunday, January 29th. **In order to make the auction book, items must be listed prior to January 29th.** Please help the committee with planning by calling in your items early.
- Unity Supper volunteers are needed. Sign up in the back of church on the weekends of January 14 and 15 or call Pam Goeden (402) 388-4953.

**See this week's bulletin insert for more information regarding the Wine & Gift Card Gathering on Sunday, January 22 from 2:00-4:00 PM at the home of Franny & Sharlene Guenther, 210 West Nebraska Street, Crofton.**



**READINGS FOR JANUARY 22, 2017**  
**1st Reading:** Isaiah 8:23-9:3 **Psalm:** 27:1, 4, 13-14  
**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 **Gospel:** Matthew 4:12-23

				<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>	
Tue	Jan 17	8:15 am (SR)	<b>Communion Service</b>	<i>NO 10:45 AM Mass at Bloomfield Good Samaritan Center</i>	
Wed	Jan 18	8:15 am (SR)	Lorene Ausdemore		
Thu	Jan 19	8:15 am (SR)	<b>Communion Service</b>	<i>NO 8:00 am Mass at St. Andrew's Church</i>	
Fri	Jan 20	8:15 am (SR)	L/D Leonard & Dora Tramp		
Sat	Jan 21	5:30 pm (SR)	Ray & Mercedes Donner	<i>NO confessions prior to 5:30 PM Mass</i>	
Sun	Jan 22	8:30 am (SR)	2016 Babies Baptized at St. Rose		
		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 21 @ 5:30 PM - ST. ROSE**

SETUP: Jay Haberer  
LECTOR: Nancy Steffen  
EMHC: Deacon, Kristi & Hannah S., Kara E., Jay H. Mary F. -Shut-ins  
SERVERS: Austin & Catlin Guenther, Tom Maibaum, Paris Walter  
USHERS: Gary, Joe, Alex & Logan Leader  
GIFTS: Cyril & Laverta Mauch

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 @ 8:30 AM - ST. ROSE**

SETUP: Larry Koch  
LECTOR: Dale Merkel  
SERVERS: S. McFarland, N. Stevens, E. Neuhalfen, C. Altwine  
USHERS: Dan & Ashton Arens, Neal & Jake Neuhalfen  
EMHC: Deacon, Ed S., Charlotte A., Bernice T., Deb K. Ron T.-Shut-ins  
GIFTS: Francis & Sharlene Guenther  
MONEY: Sharlene Guenther, Joyce Stevens

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 @ 10:30 AM - ST. ANDREW**

LECTOR: Lisa Nissen  
EMHC: Daniel Kleinschmit, Perry Trenhaile, Julie Trenhaile-Shut-ins  
SERVERS: Sam & Grace Van Metre, Emily Kleinschmit  
GREETERS and \*VOCATION CROSS: Keith & Kathy Pinkelman and \*Dan Kleinschmit Family

**SR GUILD NEWS:**

**Division 3** Serves next funeral, Sharon Zimmerman, Chairman  
**Division 1** Cleans Church in January, Jan Hoebelheinrich, Chairman  
**Division 7** Desserts for the Unity Supper, Karen Altwine, 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."**

**ST. ANDREW'S - GIFT TO GOD - JANUARY 8, 2017**  
**Sunday Giving needed weekly - \$1,340.00**

Sunday, Xmas, Holyday	\$ 782.22
Plate	\$ 161.00
Children	\$ 19.54
Seminary Collection	\$ 669.40



**ST. ANDREW'S NEWS**

**CCD:** Class on Sunday, January 22, 9:00 - 10:15 AM. CCD Grades 10, 11, and 12 recite rosary prior to Mass at 10:15.

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

**January 15:** Crofton Senior Center Soup, Sandwich & Dessert Luncheon from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Everyone Welcome.

**February 5:** St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Bloomfield will offer a Soup and Pie and serving from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Lunch choices include: Potato, Chicken Noodle, and Chili Soup; Egg Salad, Ham and Cheese or Tavern Sandwiches; a wide variety of pies and desserts; milk or coffee. Please join us! **NOTE: St. Andrew's Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM prior to the Soup and Pie.**

**SA HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS: \$500 Each**  
Forms in back of St. Andrew's Church: (one form covers both)  
March 1st Deadline - Dr. Delwyn Nagengast Memorial Scholarship  
March 1st Deadline - St. Andrew's Parish Scholarship

**Knights of Columbus scholarship applications** available through the high school guidance counselor. April deadline. Questions? Contact Loren Bratetic or Keith Koertje.

**ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP:** St. Rose School 2017 "Senior" Scholarship available to St. Rose School alumni who are graduating from high school this Spring. Information and forms available at Crofton High School. Deadline is March 1st.

**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 meets on Mondays, 7:00 PM, Education Center**

- Jan 15 SR Choir of Fire to Sing at 8:30 AM Mass, (St. Rose Church)
- Jan 17 SR Respect Life Meeting, 4:00 PM, (St. Rose Church Family Room)
- Jan 18 SR CCD / FFY Class, 7:30 PM, (St. Rose School)
- Jan 22 SA CCD Class, 9:00-10:15 AM, (St. Andrew's Church)  
—CCD Grades 10, 11, 12 recite rosary prior to Mass at 10:15
- Jan 25 No School, St. Rose / Crofton Public  
SR Choir of Fire Practice, 6:30 PM, (St. Rose Church)  
SR FFY Class, 7:30 PM, (St. Rose Education Center)  
SA Knights of Columbus Meeting, 8:00 PM, (St. Andrew's 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, 9-11:30 AM, (St. Rose Hall)  
Knights District YOUTH BB Hoop Shoot, 2 PM, (St. Rose Hall)
- Jan 30 SR Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, (St. Rose Education Center)
- Jan 31 SR Finance Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, (St. Rose Education Center)
- Feb 5 **Home & Foreign Missions (4 in 1) Collection**  
SA Soup & Pie Luncheon, 11 AM -1 PM, (St. Andrew's Church Hall)  
*(NOTE: St. Andrew's Sunday Mass changed to 10:00 AM prior)*

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. Please have a representative from your parish present. If weather forces cancellation of classes at Cedar Catholic, this meeting will also be cancelled.