

ANNOUNCEMENTS – DECEMBER 9, 2018

Saturday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a holy day of obligation. Mass times are as follows:

Friday, December 7 – 8:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church, Bloomfield

Saturday, December 8 – 8:30 a.m. at St. Rose of Lima, Crofton

St. Rose and St. Andrew's parish participation in the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is posted in this week's bulletin. St. Rose parish has reached **80%** of it's APPEAL goal and St. Andrew's parish **88%** of it's APPEAL goal. Thanks to all those who have already sent in their donations and pledges.

St. Rose 100 Club cards are now available for purchase. There will be someone in back of church after St. Rose weekend Masses to assist you or contact the St. Rose church office (402) 388-4814 or the St. Rose school office (402) 388-4393.

Due to last week's snowstorm, the St. Rose School Christmas Program has been rescheduled for Sunday, December 16th at 3:00 p.m. in St. Rose Hall. The preschoolers will prelude the event with Christmas songs and Grades 1 through 6 will be performing "No Wonder". See you there!!

St. Rose and St. Andrew's Parishioners please pick up your 2019 SUNDAY envelopes boxes in the back of your respective church.

Seeking donations of flowers or plants, in memory of loved ones, to help decorate St. Andrew's Church, Bloomfield for Christmas. Record your donations and memorials on the sign-up sheet in the church entry.

Yankton Banquet – The Bloomfield area churches are seeking volunteers and donations in order to serve the Yankton Banquet on Thursday, December 13th. Call Diane Fehringer (402) 429-6322 if you are able to volunteer or donate.

On Sunday, December 16th, St. Andrew's will be serving coffee and rolls beginning at 9:00 a.m. with a special guest appearance. Everyone is welcome to join us!! Don't be late.

On December 16th, St. Andrew's will hold TOYS FOR TOTS SUNDAY. Children are encouraged to bring up their toys during Offertory at 10:30 a.m. Mass.

There will be a collection taken up for the ANNUAL Religious Retirement Fund on December 8 and 9 in our parishes.

REFLECTION – 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

As we enter the second week of Advent, we are invited to reflect on how prepared we are for the Lord's coming. Are there mountains and other obstacles in our path that block our way to holiness? Are there valleys and deserts that bring us low and leave us weak?

We turn to God to receive the grace to overcome our troubles and pitfalls and allow us to ready our hearts for Jesus.

