

Welcome to the Catholic Parishes of:

# Holy Cross, Sacred Heart, St. Rita, & St. Therese



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## Weekend Mass Schedule & Reconciliation Schedule

### Holy Cross (Onamia)

Sunday 9:00 A.M.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

By Appointment

### Sacred Heart (Wahkon)

Saturday 5:00 P.M.

Sunday 8:30 A.M.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:15 – 4:45 P.M.  
*or by appt*

### St. Rita's (Hillman)

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Sunday 10:30 A.M.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:15 – 3:45 P.M.  
*or by appt*

### St. Therese (Vineland)

Sunday 11:00 A.M.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

By Appointment

## Expectations and Patience

We're heading into Advent now, and for many of us it's not the first Advent season we've gone through – for some of us, it's far from the first one. But we're not the same person we were a year ago, or the year before that. We've had experiences during that time that have challenged us to mature somehow. We hear things in different ways now, and see things differently. That's been obvious for me during the past few years – situations were different, and scripture verses spoke in new ways.

What mother, pregnant for the second or third time (or more), doesn't relax a little bit by remembering that she's gone through this experience before. But there's always the first time that presents more of a challenge, as it must have for Mary, the mother-to-be of Jesus.

What do we do if we're waiting for something? We don't just sit there and twiddle our thumbs. There's still work to be done, as portrayed in a comic strip one day that pictured a young mother lying in bed, unable to fall asleep because of thinking, “while I'm lying here, people are getting hungry, sheets are getting wrinkled, and dust is settling everywhere around the house!”

Yes, we're waiting for God every day, waiting for God's kingdom to really and truly take deeper root and emerge fully flowering. It's the promise given us, it's our heartfelt prayer, it's a crying need in our world, it's God's desire for us all. So we hope for the day to come when our hopes will be realized. But we don't get to sit idly, waiting – while we wait, there's work to be done. And who knows, this might be work that we do for the sake of God and others, work that responds to God's knock on the door, work that says, “Yes, we've got room at the table for you!”

Fr. Greg

DECEMBER 2, 2018 ~ 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Worship/Weekly Events

**Saturday, December 1**  
NO MASS

**Sunday, December 2-1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Advent**  
9:00 A.M. Mass

**Monday, December 3**  
8:00 A.M. Mass

**Tuesday, December 4**  
8:00 A.M. Mass

**Wednesday, December 5**  
10:30 A.M. Mass at the Nursing Home

**Thursday, December 6**  
8:00 A.M. Mass

**Friday, December 7**  
8:00 A.M. Mass

**Saturday, December 8**  
**Immaculate Conception of Mary**  
9:00 A.M.

**Sunday, December 9-2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent**  
9:00 A.M. Mass

### Weekly Meetings:

#### Tuesdays

6:30 P.M. Rosary in the small Chapel,  
led by the Knights of Columbus.  
Everyone is welcome to join us!

### Monthly Meetings:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

Mille Lacs Social Concerns Group –  
6:30 P.M. (December 6)  
at Sacred Heart, Wahkon.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

Knights of Columbus 7:30 P.M.

## Finances

### Weekends of 11/11, 17 & 25/18

Adult Sunday	\$ 2,391.00
Loose Plate	\$ 457.00
<b>WEEKLY TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 2,848.00</b>

### Other Collections:

HOTED	\$ 40.00
HCC Maintenance	\$ 100.00
Room Donation	\$ 287.50

 Like us on Facebook: Holy Cross Catholic Church, Onamia MN.

**Christmas Liturgies** - Mass on Christmas Eve will be at 4:00 p.m. and Mass on Christmas Day will be at 9:00 am

### Office Hours

Times vary-call to make appt.  
102 N Crosier Drive, PO Box 500  
Onamia, MN 56359  
(320) 532-3122  
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Email-[hconamia@gmail.com](mailto:hconamia@gmail.com)

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** For Holy Cross bulletin announcements-Wednesday evening. Contact Kathy at 532-3416 or e-mail [hconamia@gmail.com](mailto:hconamia@gmail.com)

**Prayer Line:** Call Gert Lambert at 532-3583.

**Faith Formation** Contact Margaret Hitzemann.

### Sunday

#### Lector

#### Euch Min

#### Usher

#### Greeter

#### Gift Bearers

**Server – Dec. 02** D & N Jacobson

**Server – Dec. 09** D & N Jacobson

### December

Tom Dominik

**3 Ministers Needed**

**2 Ushers Needed**

## Parish News

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CRIB LIGHTING** - On Tuesday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. the Knights of Columbus-St. Joseph Council will hold their annual prayer service & crib lighting at Holy Cross, Onamia. Please join us!

**December 8<sup>th</sup> Holy Day of Obligation Mass schedule** - This is the Mass schedule for The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at Sacred Heart Church in Wahkon; December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 A.M. at St. Rita Church in Hillman and December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Church in Onamia.

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES** - Congratulations to all couples celebrating anniversaries during the month of December; Dawn & Dave Osterman 12/15/73, Greg & Jean Steffenson 12/17/77, Louis & Lois Gravel 12/27/58 and Tom & Josephina Briscoe 12/27/80. **Note:** If you would like your anniversary remembered in the monthly announcement, please contact Kathy at the parish office.

**Giving Tree** - The Giving Tree in the foyer of the Holy Cross Center is designed to provide Christmas gifts for the students at Mille Lacs Academy. If you wish to participate in this program, please take an ornament from the tree and purchase what it says and return the item to Holy Cross Center before December 10<sup>th</sup>. Or you may wish to take one of the envelopes and send a donation to Mille Lacs Academy. Mille Lacs Academy is an accredited residential treatment center for boys with problematic behaviors, mental health issues and other special needs. It receives no government funding. Your gift will ensure that this holiday season will be a memorable one for the students. Sue Dominik, Tom Dominik, Bill Nelson, Fr. Ernie and Fr. Jerry serve on the Academy's Advisory Board. For further information please contact Fr. Jerry.

**Advent Communal Penance Service** - The Communal Penance Service at Holy Cross Church will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12. Everyone is welcome.

**Adoration sign-up** – We still have a couple of open spaces that need filling for Adoration on Tuesdays. If you are interested in committing to an hour every Tuesday or would like to help fill in when needed, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions please call Paul Dickson at 320-532-5038.

**CHOIR PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS LITURGIES** - Choir Practice for the 4:00 P.M. Christmas Eve and 9:00 A.M. Christmas Day Masses will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 7:00 P.M. and Wednesday Dec. 12 & 19 at 7:00 P.M. in the Church. *Please join us!* **Note:** Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> is the Harvest of the Earth Dinner, come to dinner and stay for choir!

## Cluster Parish News...

**Ho! Ho! Ho! It's Santa Day & Christmas Bake Sale** - December 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. at the Onamia Depot Library, across from the Water Tower. Free treats and photos with Santa and story time with Mrs. Santa! Christmas Baked Goods for Sale while they last! To donate baked goods drop them off at the library on Saturday, any time after 8:30 A.M. Sponsored by the Onamia Area Civic Association.

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Worship/Weekly Events

### Saturday, December 1

5:00 P.M. Mass

+Hulda Conley (Ladies Society)

### Sunday, December 2-1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Advent

8:30 A.M. Mass

+Lyola Seefeld (Ladies Society)

### Monday, December 3

9:00 A.M. – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### Tuesday, December 4

9:00 A.M. Mass

Q and all the Anons (A. Olmsted)

### Friday, December 7

9:00 A.M. Mass

+David Miklesh (Knights of Columbus)

### Immaculate Conception of Mary

7:00 P.M.

### Saturday, December 8

5:00 P.M. Mass

+Glen Cash

### Sunday, December 9-2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent

8:30 A.M. Mass

+Russell Retka (Ladies Society)

### Readings for Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>:

Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 & Luke 3:4, 6.

## Finances

### Weekend of Nov. 25, 2018

Adult Sunday	\$ 1,109.00
Loose Plate	465.45
Other	100.00
<b>WEEKLY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,563.45</b>

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 12/02 – Faith Formation
- 12/05 – Communal Penance
- 12/08 – Holy Day
- 12/09 – Faith Formation
- 12/10 – Knights of Columbus
- 12/16 – Christmas Program

**Christmas Liturgies** - Mass on Christmas Eve will be at 5:00 p.m. and Mass on Christmas Day will be at 8:30 a.m.

### Office Hours

Thursdays – Times vary-call to schedule an appointment.

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Wahkon, MN 56386

(320) 495-3324

Website - <http://shwahkon.stclouddiocese.net>

Email - [sacredheart56386@yahoo.com](mailto:sacredheart56386@yahoo.com)

**DEADLINE** For Sacred Heart bulletin announcements-Wednesday.

**Prayer Line:** Call Kathy Martinson at (320) 676-3571

### Faith Formation Contact Fr. Jerry.

#### Saturday

#### Lector

#### Euch. Min

#### Usher

#### Altar Serv

#### Sunday

#### Lector

#### Euch. Min

#### Usher

#### Altar Serv

#### December

Sharon Moenkhaus

S. Dehler, J. Hasser &

L. Larson

**2 Ushers Needed**

#### December

Gary Boser

D. Seefeld, J & P Kroll

J & M Sundboom

## Parish News

**Faith Formation** – Faith Formation classes for grades Pre-K through 8 will be held two Sundays a month at Sacred Heart Church in Wahkon. **Class dates:** Dec. 2, 9 & 16. Classes will begin at 8:30 A.M. with mass and during the month of December will go until 10:30 A.M. Mass is considered part of Faith Formation. Please contact Jen Honek at 320-232-5644 if you have any questions. You can find full schedules for Faith Formation and Youth group in the church entry.

**FELLOWSHIP SATURDAY DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> AND SUNDAY DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>:** drop in after mass to share coffee and treats with your old friends and introduce yourself to new friends. Hosted by: Bev Jost, Carleen Anderson, Anne Remer, Jolene Miklesh, Kathy VanBuskirk, Lorie Rask, Barbara Benson and Tanya Pelzer.

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES** - Congratulations to all couples celebrating anniversaries during the month of December: Robert & Cheryl Larson 12/3/77 and Walter & Heather Maas 12/14/63. **Note:** If you would like your anniversary remembered in the monthly announcement, please contact Kathy at the parish office.

**Advent Communal Penance Service** - The Communal Penance Service at Sacred Heart Church will be at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 5. Everyone is welcome.

**December 8<sup>th</sup> Holy Day of Obligation Mass schedule** - This is the Mass schedule for The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at Sacred Heart Church in Wahkon; December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 A.M. at St. Rita Church in Hillman and December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Church in Onamia.

**2019 Contribution Envelopes and Electronic Giving**- Beginning in 2019, our collection envelopes will be sent directly to parishioners on a bi-monthly basis. Some parishioners may be interested in electronic giving where the weekly or monthly donation would be directly taken from their bank account and deposited into Sacred Heart's bank account. This may be useful for our seasonal parishioners and snowbirds. If interested in the electronic giving, please contact Parish Council member Sharon Moenkhaus at 320-674-0065 or 763-744-8605 (cell). If there is enough interest this direct deposit can be made available. If you have any questions regarding contribution envelopes, contact the parish office.

## Cluster Parish News...

**Community Choir Christmas Concerts** -The annual Community Choir Christmas Concerts will be held next weekend: Saturday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 P.M. at Faith Lutheran Church in Isle and Sunday, Dec. 9, at 3:00 P.M. at Holy Cross Church in Onamia. Refreshments will be served after each concert. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the songs of the season.

**Retirement Fund for Religious** - Next weekend's annual collection helps provide medications, nursing care and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests. Thank you for your generosity.

**Healing Mass** – You are invited to join the Crosier Fathers and Brothers and the Holy Cross Parish of Onamia on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. for a Healing Mass in Honor of St. Odilia. The Mass will include the Anointing of the Sick and a Ritual Blessing with the Relic of St. Odilia.

## ST. RITA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

### *Worship/Weekly Events*

#### **First Sunday of Advent**

**Saturday, December 1**

4:00 P.M. Mass

+Andy Gotvald family

#### **Sunday, December 2**

10:30 A.M. Mass

+Betty Talberg

#### **Thursday, December 6**

9:00 A.M. Mass

Special Intention

#### **First Friday, December 7**

9:00 A.M. Mass

Good Health

#### **Immaculate Conception**

**Saturday, December 8**

**8:30 A.M. Mass**

+Poor Souls

#### **Second Sunday of Advent**

**Saturday, December 8**

4:00 P.M. Mass

+Jane Hayes

#### **Sunday, December 9**

10:30 A.M. Mass

+Damian Hebler

#### **Christmas Liturgies**

Mass on Christmas Eve will be at 4:00 p.m. and Mass on Christmas Day will be at 10:30 a.m.

### *Finances*

#### Weekend of November 25

Loose	\$ 521.85
Adult	731.00
Other	<u>21.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,273.85

#### **Office Hours**

Monday/Thursday

16691 371<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Hillman, MN 56338  
(320) 277-3807

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strita@brainerd.net

#### **Prayer Line:**

Call Rita Brown, 277-3244 or  
Lilah Klaphake, 468-9913.

#### **Saturday, December 8, 4:00 p.m.**

**Lector** Peggy Koscielniak

**Servers** Emma Diederich

**Ushers** Jordan Brambrink/John Gotvald

**Comm. Minister** Madeline Hoheisel

#### **Sunday, December 9**

**Lector** Calvin Beumer

**Servers** Vickstroms

**Ushers** Herb Foss/Jake Moren

**Sacristan** Jane Barclay

**Comm. Ministers** Calvin Beumer/  
Rita Brown/Jane Barclay

### *Parish News*

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY** - Everyone is welcome to the hall after Mass this Sunday, December 2, for refreshments and hospitality. Thank you to Grace Medek for hosting this month's gathering.

**WELCOME TO ST. RITA'S NEW PARISHIONERS**, Scholastica (Lestie) and Jim Jansen.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS** - Next weekend's annual collection helps provide medications, nursing care and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests. Thank you for your generosity.

**Advent Communal Penance Service** - The Communal Penance Service at Saint Rita's Church will be at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 13. Everyone is welcome.

**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPE** packets for 2019 are available in the church entry. If you don't find one with your name and you wish to have one, please contact the parish office. Packets are also available if any children would like one.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **QUILT AND HAM BINGO** - Sunday, December 2, 1:00 p.m., St Joseph Parish Hall, Morrill, MN, sponsored by the St. Joseph Christian Women. Free lunch.
- **HOLIDAY BRUNCH** - Sunday, December 9, Hillman Immanuel Lutheran Church. Egg/meat casseroles, hash brown quiche, biscuits and gravy, fruit, coffee cake/rolls, beverage. Adults \$8, under age 12 \$4, under age 5 free.

## ST. THERESE CHURCH

### *Worship/Weekly Events*

#### **Sunday, December 2**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

11:00 A.M.

*On Hwy 169 in Vineland, south of the Grand Casino*  
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**Faith Formation:** Contact Holy Cross.

### *Parish News*