

From the desk of  
Fr. Podraza

**Thank You:** To everyone who helped with the Tom Hanson and Father Kros funerals. With your help, we had wonderful celebrations.

Thank you for your personal stewardship.

**Thank You:** To the Saint Andrew's Religious Education students for hosting the wonderful spaghetti supper Sunday evening. We had good food and good table fellowship. We even had a coffee flavored crouton! God Bless you.

**Advent 2016 Reflections:** "Who is God for you? Take some time during Advent to chart how your knowledge of God has grown. List the people, the books, the events that shape your understanding of the nature of God." Remember: "Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is mystery. Today is gift."

**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 Acres/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. Thank you and support Catholic education in Crofton please. More next week.

**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.

**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.

**2016-2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal:** Updated numbers as of Wednesday, December 7, 2016. Saint Rose Parish, Crofton has reached its goal of \$12,864.00 this year. Saint Andrew, Bloomfield has reached its goal of \$5,781.00 this year. Thank you for your generous spirit.

**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 are struggling to stay together."

Please prayerfully consider remembering our parish with a payable on death designation on your investment/brokerage account.

**Prayer Opportunities:**

**Advent/2016 Prayers:** "Almighty Father, the birth of your Son among us is a divine sign of the hope you invest in us. Let us catch something of that hope in our daily life." Amen.

**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."

**ST. ROSE CEMETERY MOWING:** Needed, a coordinator to inform group leaders of mowing dates. Mowing group list is complete. Contact the parish business office if interested (402) 388-4814.

**ST. ROSE - GIFT TO GOD - DECEMBER 4, 2016**

**Sunday Giving needed weekly - \$5,070.00**

Sunday	\$ 3,606.16		
Plate	\$ 128.00	\$29,000.00	Total Borrowed Nov 30
Children	\$ 37.00		
God's Acre	\$ 400.00		
Christmas Flowers	\$ 429.00		Thank you!

**AMOUNT BUDGETED FOR CHRISTMAS: \$18,500.00**

**ACTIVITIES IN DEC - ST ROSE & ST ANDREW**

**Eucharistic Adoration (Wednesdays) 9 AM until 10 PM - St. Rose Church**  
**That Man is You—Men's Group meets Tuesday mornings 6:00-7:15 AM**

- Dec 11 **Religious Retirement Fund Collection**  
**SA Individual Confessions, 11:30 - 12 noon, (St. Andrew's)**  
**SR Individual Confessions, 1:00 - 2:30 PM, (St. Rose Church)**  
Advent Penance Service in Randolph, 4:30 PM  
Advent Penance Service in Osmond, 7:15 PM  
SR Bible Study Meets, 7:00 PM, (St. Rose Education Center)  
*(note date and time change for bible study this week)*
- Dec 13 SR School Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, (St. Rose Education Center)
- Dec 14 SR Choir of Fire Practice, 6:30 PM, (St. Rose Church)  
SR Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM, (St. Rose Hall)  
SA Knights of Columbus Meeting, 8:00 PM, (St. Andrew's Church)  
SR CCD Class, 7:30 PM, (St. Rose School)  
SR FFY Class, Christmas Party, 7:30 PM, (Dave & Deb Kube Home)
- Dec 15 St. Andrew's & Bloomfield Churches serve Yankton Banquet, 5:00 PM
- Dec 18 SA CCD Class, 9:00-10:15 AM, (St. Andrew's Church)  
—Christmas/Coffee and Rolls, 9:00 AM with Special Guest  
SA Christmas Choir Practice, 9:40 AM, (St. Andrew's Church)  
**SA Individual Confessions, 12 noon - 1 PM, (St. Andrew's Church)**  
Advent Penance Service in Hartington, 3:30 PM
- Dec 21 **SR Individual Confessions, 11:00 - 11:30 AM, (St. Rose Church)**  
SR Choir of Fire Practice, 6:30 PM, (St. Rose Church)
- Dec 22 St. Rose School/Crofton Pubic 12:50 PM early dismissal

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

**Dec. 11:** Forester sponsored "Coffee & Rolls" after 8:30 Mass. Free will donation for St. Rose School Book-It Program.

**100 CLUB WINNERS:**  
November 27: \$50 - Ben & Dana List  
December 4: \$50 - Card # 1132

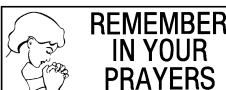
**Legacy November Donations:** \$160.00. Given in memory of Msgr. Westermann, Norma Van Heek, Vivian Bruder.

**Only 20 days left!!** St. Rose parish 100 Club cards available for purchase for 2017 drawings at St. Rose school / rectory offices, from volunteer sellers from School Boosters and after weekend Masses in the back of St. Rose church.

**SR GUILD NEWS:**

- Division 3** Serves next funeral, Deanna Poppe, Chairman
- Division 4** Decorates Church for Christmas, Jenn Haberer, Chairman
- Division 12** Cleans church in December, Wendy Wieseler, Chairman

**Ladies Guild officer elections at weekend Masses, Dec. 17 & 18.**



**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**  
**The sick:** Allan Arens, Bernadette Tramp, Heather Hegge, Marge Kronberg, 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 DECEMBER 18, 2016**

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 7:10-14      **Psalm:** 24:1-6  
**2nd Reading:** Romans 1:1-7      **Gospel:** Matthew 1:18-24

		<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>			
Tue	Dec 13	8:00 am	(SA)	Father Donald Kros	
		8:15 am	(SR)	<b>Communion Service</b>	
Wed	Dec 14	8:15 am	(SR)	Annette & Debbie Sudbeck	
Thu	Dec 15	8:00 am	(SA)	Lawrence Thomas Schaefer	
Fri	Dec 16	8:15 am	(SR)	Joan Hegge	
Sat	Dec 17	8:00 am	(SR)	Frank Potts	
		5:30 pm	(SR)	Harold Tramp	
Sun	Dec 18	8:30 am	(SR)	Ray, Katie & Kevin Keiser	
				Sally Bart	
		10:30 am	(SA)	SA / SR Parishioners	

SA - Saint Andrew's      SR - Saint Rose



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 @ 5:30 PM - ST. ROSE**

**LECTOR:** Curt Steffen  
**SET UP:** Jim & Mary Ann Wortmann  
**SERVERS:** Eli Ausk, Ryan Poppe, Paris Walter, Lilly Ausk,  
**USHERS:** James Murphy, Alan & Travis Poppe, John Schieffer  
**EMHC:** Deacon Frank-Shut-ins, Kristi/Hannah S., Kara E., Dawn M.  
**GIFTS:** Gary & Karen Leader

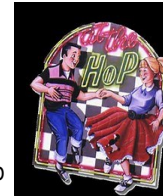
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 @ 8:30 AM - ST. ROSE**

**LECTOR:** Peg Schieffer  
**SET UP:** Barb Lange  
**SERVERS:** Zac Poppe, William Poppe, Jenna Jackson, Eliz. Wortmann  
**USHERS:** Doyle & Jeremy Stevens, Craig Marsh, Larry Taylor  
**EMHC:** Deacon Frank, Dick W., Maxine S., Deb K., and Rosanne H. Shut-ins  
**GIFTS:** Bill & Marilyn Cobler  
**MONEY:** Jeremy Buschkamp, Ed Steffen

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 @ 10:30 AM - ST. ANDREW**

**LECTOR:** Carolyn Kaiser  
**EMHC:** Perry & Julie Trenhaile, Kristi Hauger-shut-ins  
**SERVERS:** Trey McQuay, Luke Fehringer, Will Fehringer  
**GREETERS and \*VOCATION CROSS:** Mark & Ellen Fehringer and \*Mike & Barb Jackson

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS:** 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 Jennifer Fiscus or Mary Thoene at the school/parish office or Pam Goeden (402) 388-4953 to buy tickets. Please keep the grand auction and silent auction in mind while doing your holiday shopping.



**Free for the Taking - 2017 Catholic calendars can be found at the church entrances.**

**SR CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP:**

Please plan to join us for coffee and fellowship on Sunday, December 11 after 8:30 a.m. Mass in St. Rose hall. Everyone welcome. Sponsored by local Catholic Order of Foresters court. Proceeds to benefit St. Rose School Book-It Fund.



**ST. ANDREW'S - GIFT TO GOD - DECEMBER 4, 2016**

**Sunday Giving needed weekly - \$1,340.00**

Sunday	\$ 1,033.56
Plate	\$ 61.00
Children	\$ 30.56
God's Acres	\$ 35.00

**AMOUNT BUDGETED FOR CHRISTMAS: \$4,000.00**



**ST. ANDREW'S NEWS**

**CCD:** Class on Sunday, December 18th, 9:00-10:15 AM  
*Coffee and rolls and a special guest visit on Sunday, December 18 beginning at 9:00 AM. Don't be late!!*

**YANKTON BANQUET:** St. Andrew's Church, along with area Bloomfield churches, are scheduled to serve the *Banquet* on Thursday, December 15 beginning at 6 p.m. We need at least six people/volunteers to help from Saint Andrew's Parish. Volunteers need to arrive at 5 p.m. for final set-up. St. Andrew's parish is asked to supply desserts for the meal.

**MUSIC PRACTICE:** Attention children and students, ages preschool through high school, there will be a music get-together on the following Sundays at St. Andrew's in preparation for Christmas: (Church main floor near choir) December 18 at 9:40 am. Contact Laurie Larsen at 402-640-2147 with any questions.



**SA CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** Asking for donations of flowers and plants, in memory of loved ones, to help decorate St. Andrew's Church. There is a sheet in the entry of church for parishioners to list their loved ones names and their donors. This list of names will be placed in the church bulletin at Christmas.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will meet at 8:00 PM in St. Andrew's Church on Wednesday, December 14th.

*Pastor's corner continued:*

**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!

**Banquet:** Is scheduled on Thursday, December 15, 2016 serving begins at 6:00 p.m. We need at least six people/volunteers to help from Saint Andrew's Parish, Crofton. Volunteers need to arrive at 5:00 p.m. for final set-up. Crofton Parishioners are invited to volunteer also.

**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.

**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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

THE HOUSE OF MARY SHRINE GIFT SHOP (located about 5 miles west of Yankton on Lewis and Clark Lake) will be open: Saturday, Dec. 17 from 9:30 am to 2 pm; Sunday, Dec. 18 from 1 pm to 3 pm. Mass every Saturday at 9 am at the Shrine, but there will be NO 9 AM MASS on DEC. 24th.