

ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH - HILLSBORO ST. WILLIAM OF NORWICH PARISH – ARGUSVILLE

Phone 701-636-4541

LAY MINISTER – DECEMBER 19-20, 2020 - HILLSBORO

LECTOR

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

SATURDAY - - 5:00 PM

Volunteer

Volunteers

SUNDAY - - 10:00 AM

Volunteer

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Intention</u>
14 – Monday	No Mass	Hillsboro	
15 - Tuesday	6:00 pm	Hillsboro	Adoration/Exposition
	7:00 pm	Hillsboro	†Jim Beitz
16 – Wednesday	8:30 am	Hillsboro	†Faithful Departed
17 - Thursday	8:30 am	Hillsboro	†Terry Kritzberger
18 - Friday	9:30 am	Hillsboro	†Dora Zaharia
19 – Saturday	5:00 pm	Hillsboro	†Alan Ebertowski
20 - Sunday	8:30 am	Argusville	†Bernie Anderson
	10:00 am	Hillsboro	Parishioners

CONFESSIONS: Weekdays: By appointment: call Fr. Casey at 701-636-4541

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**PRAY FOR
OUR SICK
AND
HOMEBOUND**

Barb Taszarek, Karen Vettel, Bonnie Ackerman, Jerry Olsen, Jodi Anderson, Frank Witte, Joe Pulskamp, Delores Vettel, Laddie Kolness, Cloyd Kittilson, Francis Kritzberger, Susan Johnson, Amy Artz, Deidra Serumgad, Bill Artz, Jim Goertz, Marion Capouch, Penne Feickert, Don Nielsen, and Tom Leach.

**DECEMBER
MASS
TIMES**

Mass on Christmas Eve will be at **7:00 pm** and on Christmas Day, it will be at **8:30 am**. Mass for New Year's Eve will be at **7:00 pm** and Mass on New Year's Day is at **8:30 am**.

**CHRISTMAS
EVE**

Come and take a few moments on Thursday, Dec. 24, to enjoy our decorated sanctuary and social center hallway. Check out the Nativity Set, the trees and Garland will be lit and music will be playing. The doors of the church will Be open from 1:00 until Mass begins at 7:00 pm. So come anytime, stay as Long as you like and enjoy the holiday décor.

SYMPATHY St. Rose Parish extends our sympathy to Lily Schmaltz's family on her death. Lily was a member of St. Rose Parish for many years.

RECONCILIATION The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00 pm during the Hour of Adoration and on Sunday after 10:00 am Mass.

CLEANING CHURCH Volunteers are needed to assist with church cleaning on Wednesday, Dec. 16 after 8:30 am Mass.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT *"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."* – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

JOB OPENING St. Rose of Lima Parish is looking to hire someone to clean the church, entryways, sacristy and church offices starting the first of the year. If interested, please contact Cecelia Cotton, 430-2351, for further details.

NEW PARISHIONERS St. Rose would like to welcome any new parishioners to our parish. If you are new, or if you have been here awhile, and would like to register, please contact Liz Kritzberger, parish secretary or Carmen Henn, DRE.

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MASS INTENTIONS If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one or a special intention, please put them in the collection basket or send them to the parish office. Please make checks out to: "St. Rose of Lima". Stipend for a Mass is \$10.00. There are envelopes on the tables in the back of the church to use also.

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MASS SETUP ALTAR SERVERS LECTOR EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

SUNDAY - - 8:30 AM

Wilner Family Marley Wilner & Isabel Ueckert Loralie Fritel Kaila Wilner & Nicole Ueckert

PRAY FOR OUR SICK Gary Anderson, Roger Hoffart, Paulette Kraiter, Michelle Reitan, Mary Jane Paul, Pete Lindstrom, Jeff McKinnon, Lenny Myers, and Brantlee Krsnak,

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**MASS
OPTION**

If you would like to worship with St. William's, but still want to keep a little distance, we do have a "radio" option available. You may listen to Mass on your car radio from our parking lot on 87.9FM, and Fr. Casey will bring communion to you at your vehicle.

**LITURGICAL
MINISTRIES**

We will be easing back into scheduling readers and Eucharistic ministers at Mass. To be added to the volunteer lists, if you have not completed the survey, please contact Mary, stwilliamscc@live.com.

POPE AT ANGELUS: 'ADVENT IS A JOURNEY OF CONVERSION'

Pope Francis addressed the faithful on the second Sunday of Advent inviting them to undertake a journey of conversion as we prepare to receive the Lord.

Pope Francis reflected on the Gospel passage of the Second Sunday of Advent (Mark 11:18) saying that it reveals an itinerary of faith that is similar to the one that Advent proposes to us "that we prepare ourselves to receive the Lord on Christmas."

Speaking during the Angelus in St. Peter's Square, the Pope said that passage introduces the figure and work of John the Baptist and tells of how "conversion" puts us on a path of repentance and the quest for God and his Kingdom.

WHAT DOES 'CONVERSION' MEAN?

First he reflected on the meaning of the word "conversion". In the Bible it means, first and foremost, to change direction and orientation, and thus also to change our way of thinking," he said, explaining that "in the moral and spiritual life, to convert means to turn oneself from evil to good, from sin to love of God."

The Pope said it is what the Baptist was teaching, when he "preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" in the desert of Judea.

Receiving baptism, he explained, "was an outward and visible sign of the conversion of those who listened to his preaching and decided to do penance."

He also noted that the baptism occurred with immersion in water, "but it proved worthless if there was no willingness to repent and change one's life."

Conversion, Pope Francis said, involves suffering for the sins committed: “the desire to free yourself from them, the intention to exclude them from your life forever.”

And to exclude sin, he continued, it is also necessary to reject everything that is linked to it: “the worldly mentality, excessive esteem for comforts, for pleasure, for well-being, for wealth.”

DETACHMENT FROM SIN AND WORLDLINESS

Once again, he said, the example of this comes to us from today’s Gospel in the figure of John the Baptist: “an austere man who renounces excess and seeks the essential.”

This, the Pope said, “is the first aspect of conversion: *detachment from sin and worldliness*. The other aspect of conversion is the *search for God and his Kingdom*.”

He explained that the abandonment of comforts and a worldly mentality is not an end in itself but is aimed at obtaining something greater: “the Kingdom of God, communion with God, friendship with God.”

He reflected on the fact that this is not easy “because there are many ties that hold us close to sin: inconstancy, discouragement, unwholesome environments, bad examples.”

Pope Francis said that at times “the push we feel toward the Lord is too weak and it almost seems that God is silent.”

His promises of consolation, he said, seem far and unreal to us, like the image of the caring and attentive shepherd, which resonates today in the Reading from Isaiah (40:1-11).

CONVERSION IS A GRACE

So, the Pope said, it is easy to fall into the temptation of saying that “it is impossible to truly convert, and instead of converting from the world to God, we risk remaining in the ‘quicksand’ of a mediocre existence.”

“What can we do in these cases?” he continued: “First of all, remember that conversion *is a grace*, hence, to be asked of God with fortitude.”

And he invited believers to open themselves up “to the beauty, the goodness, the tenderness of God,” leaving what is “false and fleeting for what is true, beautiful and everlasting.”

Pope Francis concluded by praying to Our Lady to help us “to separate ourselves more and more from sin and worldliness, in order to open ourselves to God, to His Word, to His love which restores and saves.”