

Cross Rock Catholic Community

Parishes of



Holy Cross, North Prairie Holy Trinity, Royalton Immaculate Conception, Rice Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Opole St. Stanislaus Kostka, Bowlus

December 26 2021 Holy Family

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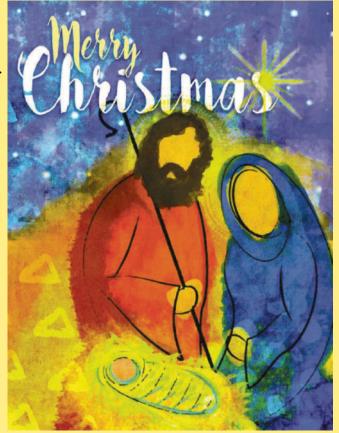
Weekend Mass Times Sat: 5:00pm Rice 8:00pm North Prairie Sun: 8:00am Royalton 8:30am Rice 10:00am Bowlus 10:30am Opole Baptisms, Marriages & New Members:

Please contact the Office

If you or a loved one are in the hospital, nursing home or re-hab facility and would like a visit please contact the Office with Patient Name, Facility Name and Room Information. (Due to Privacy Restrictions the facilities cannot share this information.) Merry Christmas! We celebrate with great joy as we remember Christ's birth into the world. Like the shepherd who greeted the child Jesus with great joy that first Christmas, we too, welcome our Savior into the world with great joy. It is through him that the gates of heaven have been opened to us. As we meditate upon the infant Jesus in the manger, as we gaze upon him with great love, may we give thanks to God for sending his son to bring us hope and salvation. Emmanuel, God-with-us,

has come to us so that we might be with him for eternity. On behalf of Fr. Peter and all of the ACC staff, we pray that each of vou have a season filled with God's grace, peace, and blessings for you and your loved ones.

Fr. Sauer



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Weekly Daily Mass Schedule/Intentions:		
Tuesday 12/28 North Prairie: 8:30am All Living/Deceased members of St. Joseph's Society Wednesday 12/29		
Royalton: 8:00am Thursday 1	† Karen Kuklok	
Royalton: 8:00am Friday 12	For the Poor Souls	
Royalton: 5:00pm Rice:5:30pm	† Bradley Klish † Gerald Goebel	
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>1/1</u>	
North Prairie: 8:30am Rice: 5:00pm	† Carolyn Becher † Caroline Trettel	
Bowlus: 8:00pm	† Joe Trettel	
Royalton: 8:00am	<u>/2</u> † Florian Kroll	
Rice: 8:30am	† Ralph Schmitt	
North Prairie: 10:00am	† People of the Parishes	
Opole: 10:30am	† People of the Parishes	
Ministry Schedule for the Week of December 27-January 2		
Holy Cross North Prairie: Sunday 2	10:00am	
Lector: Jane Popp Altar Servers: Lorretta Mrosla & Sa	am Mrosla	
Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Borash	& Doug Popp	
Ushers: Rich Zabinski & Ben Trette Gifts: Ben & Irene Trettel		
Holy Trinity, Royalton: Sunday 8:00)am	
Lector: Carol Posch		
Eucharistic Ministers: Heidi Pyka &	Cindy Achen	
Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Brian Czech & Brian Pyka		
Immaculate Conception, Rice: Sat	urday 5:00pm	
Cantor: TBD		
Sacristan: Pat Popp Lector: Paul Goebel	I	
Eucharistic Minister: Karen Wolber	ck	
Ushers: Tom Popp & Diane Volk Altar Servers: Ellie Scherping & An	nika Thommos	
Immaculate Conception, Rice: Sun		
Cantor: Chris VanHeel		
Sacristan: Chris VanHeel Lector: Jim Moeller		
Eucharistic Minister: Roseann Moe	eller	
Ushers: Denny Popp & Tom Skinne		
Altar Servers: Eli VanHeel & Jackson		
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Opole: Cantor: Pat & Ann	Sunday 10:30am	
Sacristan: Missy Sakry		
Lector: Ben Bruns Eucharistic Minister: Jeff Rudolph		
Altar Servers: Brianna Rudolph, Aa	iron Kniep, Kinley Kliber	
Ushers: Jon Rudolph, Dave Trettel,		
St. Stanislaus Kostka, Bowlus: Sat	urday 8:00pm	
Sacristan: Margie Benusa Lector: Lauren Maciej		
Usher/Greeters: Rich & Cindy Fussy Family		
Eucharistic Ministers: Margie Benusa & Rich Fussy Altar Servers: Nate Maciej & Kaylee Rudolph		
Gifts: Mike & Diane Reis		
Rosary: Dave Waldoch		
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Our Lady of Mount Carmel News

Weekly Schedule 27th-January 2nd: Tuesday: NO DAILY MASS

Sunday: Mass 10:30am

Morning Mass/Weekend Mass: Daily Mass on



Tuesday's has been canceled until further notice due to ongoing health issues with Father Kirchner. Weekend masses will be covered by Diocesan Priests until further notice. Please keep Father Kirchner in

your prayers as he works through his health issues.

Daily Morning Mass Schedule for the ACC: Tuesday: 8:30am Holy Cross, North Prairie Wednesday: 8:00am Holy Trinity, Royalton Thursday: 8:00am Holy Trinity, Royalton Friday: 8:00am St. Stan's, Bowlus

All in the Family: At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother,



St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating - who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful – perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us. But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship. You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother? The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father? Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter? We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well. - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS©LPi

Opole Stewardship Blessings

December 8-14, 2021 Adult Sunday \$907.00 Visitors \$121.39 Electronic Giving \$265.00 Holy Day \$40.00 Christmas \$60.00 Children \$1.25 Flower Donations \$75.00 Religious Retirement \$30.00 Total Income Last week \$1,499.64

St. Stanislaus Kostka News

Baptismal Gowns: Please join us on January 17th at 8:45am at Patty Burggraff's home to cut, turn, iron and sew Baptismal Gowns. This is a great way to do God's Work and have fun doing it. You don't even have to be an experienced sewer to



join in. This is open to anyone wanting to help make something special for our littlest parishioners. If you have question please call Patty @ 584-5962

Thank you to St. Stanislaus parishioners who donated 90 gould pounds of food and toiletries to the Morrison County Food Shelf.

Reminder: Mass times change on January 1st. Bowlus will begin having mass at 8:00pm on Saturday Night until Julv.

Immaculate Conception News

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Thank You!!! Thank you!! We cannot thank those enough



that baked for our Cookie/Candy I have You Co Sale. We are delighted to say that we were out of Cookie Trays by

noon. Thank you to our crafters/vendors who came with so many amazing things. Our sale really does depend on our donations of treats and we had an amazing variety and the trays looked beautiful. We also had very dedicated volunteers helping out and we are forever thankful for them. They powered through to help make the sale a success. We are excited to start planning for next year.

Cabin Fever Cash Raffle: Please pick up your Raffle Tickets in the back of church. If you are in need of more tickets please contact the Office. This is a big fundraiser for our parish and we thank you for selling your tickets.





Weekly Schedule: December 27th-January 2nd

Friday: NO MORNING MASS Saturday: NO ADORATION Saturday: 8:00pm Mass *Note time change on Weekend Mass

St. Stanislaus Kostka Stewardship Blessings December 7-13. 2021 St. Stanislaus Adult Sunday.....\$1,780.00 Visitors.....\$276.00 Electronic Giving\$265.00 Holy Day\$550.00 Thanksgiving\$25.00 Religious Retirement.....\$348.00 Raise the Roof Fund...... \$1,500.00 Flowers.....\$125.00 Total Income Last week \$4,869.00

Weekly Schedule: December 27th-January 2nd

Tuesday: 3pm-7pm Adoration Wednesday: NO DAILY MASS Friday: NO DAILY MASS Friday: 5:30pm New Year's Mass Saturday: 5:00pm Mass Sunday: 8:30am Mass *Note Mass Time Change for Weekend Mass

Immaculate Conception Stewardship Blessings December 7-13, 2021 Adult Sunday\$2,265.00 Visitors \$439.00 Flowers\$374.00 Christmas \$905.00 Children\$134.00 Votive Candles.....\$3.50 Bible Study.....\$10.00 Building Improvement......\$130.00 Holy Day.....\$290.00 Cookie Sale Donations.....\$398.00 Cookie Sale (before expenses).....\$2,877.00 Funeral......\$200.00 Religious Retirement\$300.00 Total Income Last week\$8,325.50

New Year's Eve Mass December 31st @ 5:00pm Cantor: Chris VanHeel Sacristan: Mary Ann Dirks Lector: Mary Ann Dirks Eucharistic Minister: Pat Rauch Altar Servers: Eli VanHeel & Marrissa Brixus Ushers: Kevin Harren & Tom Popp

"Glory to God in the Highest! May the blessings of God's special gifts be yours this Christmas and in the New Year."

Holy Trinity News

Our Deepest Sympathy to the Heidi Quinlin family . Heidi entered into eternal life on December 13th. May her family find peace in knowing Heidi is resting with the Lord.



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SAVE THE DATE!!! Plan to join us as we celebrate Christmas with a Breakfast in Bethlehem on Sunday, January 9th at Holy Trinity Church. A full breakfast of eggs, sausage, breakfast potatoes, pastries, fruit and beverages will be served



from 9:00am -12:00pm. Come and enjoy the sights and sounds of the season with costumed Bible characters, live nativity, and carols. All are invited to this community breakfast. Free will offering. Take out available. Anyone interested in having a costumed part- child and adultsplease contact Catie at 584-8171 or to help with setup. food prep, or clean up contact Linda at 360-3802. Thank you for your participation.

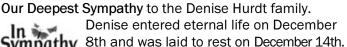
Christian Women: Congratulations to the new officers for



Holy Trinity Christian Mothers/ Women: President - Cheryl Klisch, V. President - Pat Baron; Secretary - Pat Kasella: and Treasurer - Edie Flahave.

Thank you ladies for stepping up to the plate.

Holy Cross News



Sympathy May her family find peace in knowing she is resting with the Lord.

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New Year's Day Mass January 1st 8:30am Lector: Gerald Pasch Eucharistic Minister: Randy Borash & Darlene Nix Altar Servers: Volunteers **Ushers: Volunteers** Gifts: Volunteers

Adoration: We have an Adoration hour open on Fridays

from 4pm-5pm. If you are interested in taking an adoration hour please contact the Office, Father Sauer or Marcy Gallus. Adoration is such a beautiful time to spend with the Lord.

Weekly Schedule: December 27th-January 2nd Wednesday: Reconciliation 7:30am Wednesday : Daily Mass 8:00am Wednesday: Bible Study 7:00pm Job39/40ACTS23/24 Thursday: Reconciliation 7:30am Thursday : Daily Mass 8:00am Thursday: Adoration until 5:00pm Friday: Adoration until 5:00pm Friday: 5:00pm New Year's Mass Sunday: Mass 8:00am

New Year's Eve Mass @ 5:00pm

Lector: Arnie Maciej Eucharistic Minister: Andrew Fussy & Arnie Maciej Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Jim Anderson & Paul Zimny

Blessings
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\$3,009.00
\$242.85
\$10.00
\$530.00
\$125.00
\$115.75
\$245.00
\$276.00
\$4,553.60

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Monday: Adoration until 9:00pm
Tuesday: Reconciliation 8:00am
Tuesday: Daily Mass 8:30am
Saturday: New Year's Mass 8:30am
Sunday: Mass 10:00am
*Note Mass Time Change for Weekend Mass

Holy Cross Stewardship Blessings	
December 7-13, 2021	
Holy Cross	
Adult Sunday	\$1,386.44
Visitors	\$133.03
Votive Candles	
Holy Day	\$132.00
Christmas	\$650.00
Christmas Flowers	\$60.00
Religious Retirement	\$90.00
Total Income Last week	\$2,492.97

News for all Parishes

Weekly Schedule

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm

Tuesday:	North Prairie 8:30am
	Opole NO MASS
Wednesday	Royalton 8:00am
	Rice NO MASS
Thursday:	Royalton 8:00am
Friday:	Bowlus 8:00am
	Rice NO MASS
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The Healing Power of God

Please remember in your prayers those who are in need of the Lord's healing and strength, especially

*Jeff Czech * Chad Fruechte * Kieran Kloss *

*Lillian Johannes *Rya Rudolph * Patience Kniep* Robert Reis *Bill Balck* Mary Ann Czeck* Robert Duea* *Permission of the person listed or a family member must be given to put them on the prayer line in the bulletin.

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On behalf of Father Sauer and Myself, Many Thanks for your Christmas Cards, Gifts, Goodies

THANK YOU

and Words of Support and Kindness. Your acts of Kindness mean much to us.

Father Kirchner and Father Sauer.

FOR A CHILD IS BORN TO US. A SON IS GIVEN TO US: UPON HIS SHOULDER DOMINION RESTS. THEY NAME HIM WONDER-COUNSELOR, GOD-HERO, FATHER-FOREVER, PRINCE OF PEACE. Isiah 9:5

"May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope; the spirit of Christmas which is peace; the heart of Christmas which is love."



December 26, 2021, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Every-



thing human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe. In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness. Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too. ©LPi

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of



• Readings for the	e week of December 26, 2021
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf.
1	1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or
	1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf.
1	5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:5–2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk2:22-35
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10[11a]/Lk2:3640
Friday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Saturday:	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Next Sunday:	ls 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/
1	Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-1



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