



WOHVn-in-Faith

Area Catholic Community

Holy Cross, Sacred Heart, St. Rita, and St. Therese

“... with joy and gladness”

On this third Advent Sunday, we Christians gratefully acknowledge that life in God is good. This statement of faith challenges many people in today's world who have either sidelined God in life or outright erased the Divine.

The words of Isaiah give strong biblical testimony that God is engaged with us, especially in our difficult times. The desert blooms and humans stand tall despite their infirmities as they await the coming of the Lord “with joy and gladness”.

To impatient believers, the Letter of St. James has a word of wisdom, “Be patient” like “the farmer who waits for the precious fruit of the earth.” Stay faithful to Gospel living a little while longer, “because the coming of the Lord is at hand.”

In today's Gospel, Jesus confirms to John the Baptist (and all other doubters) that he is the Messiah .He invites John to examine the evidence, the lives of suffering people that have been radically changed because of Jesus. We are reminded that John, despite his religious stature and the attention he gets, is not the Messiah, but the “precursor” sent ahead to prepare the way for Christ.

Questions to reflect on this Sunday: In my lowest and darkest moments, do I keep faith? And if not, to whom or what do I turn for rescue? What has been my success rate with them?

- Fr. Bob Rossi, osc

Office Hours

ACC office hours are **9-5 Thursday** at Holy Cross. Please call the ACC office at 320-532-3122 to make an appointment outside of these hours.

Served by the Diocese of St. Cloud, in cooperation with the Crosier Religious Community of Onamia.

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December 14, 2025 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Events

December 13th - 21st

	Saturday Sacrament of Reconciliation - 13 Mass - St. Rita (Dec. Members - Gast Family)	St. Rita 3:15 pm 4:00 pm 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	
14	Sunday Mass Sacred Heart Mass - Holy Cross Mass - St. Rita Mass - St. Therese Mass - Holy Cross	(+Mary Dubow) (Special Int. & deceased) (+Jane Hayes) (Healing Mass)	8:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 11:00 am 11:00 am
15	Monday Mass - Holy Cross		8:00 am
16	Tuesday Mass - Holy Cross Mass - St. Rita Rosary - Holy Cross (Small Chapel)		8:00 am 8:00 am 6:30 pm
17	Wednesday Mass - St. Rita		8:00 am
18	Thursday Mass - Holy Cross Mass - St. Rita Communal Penance - St. Rita		8:00 am 8:00 am 7:00 pm
19	Friday Mass - Holy Cross Mass - St. Rita		8:00 am 8:00 am
20	Saturday Sacrament of Reconciliation - Mass - St. Rita Sacrament of Reconciliation - Mass - Sacred Heart	St. Rita 3:15 pm 4:00 pm 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	
		(+Jerry Crawford)	
21	Sunday Mass Sacred Heart Mass - Holy Cross Mass - St. Rita Mass - St. Therese	(+Richard Schumacher) (+Fr. Greg Poser) (+Donald J. Boser)	8:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 11:00 am

Retirement Fund for Religious

All WOHVN in Faith Parishes

Retirement Fund for Religious - The annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up during the Masses this weekend. Please be generous to those who have given a lifetime to the church.

Advent Healing Mass

Holy Cross

You are invited to join the Crosier Fathers and Brothers at the National Shrine of St. Odilia in Onamia on **Sunday, December 14, at 11:00 a.m.**, for an Advent Healing Mass. The Mass will include the Anointing of the Sick and the ritual of blessing with the Relic of St. Odilia. Coffee and rolls will be served following the Mass. All are welcome! For further information call 320-532-3103 or email onamia@crosier.org

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays

St. Rita 3:15 pm
Sacred Heart 4:15 pm

By Appointment (call 320-532-3122)

Holy Cross
St. Therese

Advent Communal Penance

St. Rita - 12/18 at 7:00 pm

The third Advent candle (rose) represents Joy, often called the Shepherd's Candle.

Christmas Eve Mass

Sacred Heart - 4:00 pm
Holy Cross - 4:00 pm
St. Rita - 4:00 pm

Christmas Day Mass

Sacred Heart - 8:30 am
Holy Cross - 9:00 am
St. Rita - 10:30 am
St. Therese - 11:00 am

Holy Day - January 1st Mass

St. Rita - 4:00 pm Dec. 31
Sacred Heart - 5:00 pm Dec. 31
Holy Cross - 9:00 am Jan. 1
St. Rita - 10:30 am Jan. 1

Events

All Things New Update

Sacred Heart & St. Rita

There will be an All Things New planning update at Sacred Heart & St. Rita on **Saturday, December 13th and Sunday, December 14th** following each mass.

Please plan to attend to find out the latest information.

All Things New Group Members are: Calvin Beumer, Shannon Coyle, Jon Bjornstad, Florian Kauth, Marie Norman, Kathy Martin and Peter & Margaret Willis.

Confirmation Class

Holy Cross

Fr. Jerry is setting the dates for the classes to be held after the Christmas season. The Retreat will be Sunday, Feb. 1st from 9:00 A.M.- 3:00 P.M., at Holy Cross. All classes are held at Holy Cross beginning at 7:00 p.m. for approximately one hour. Any questions, contact Kathy Lundein at 320-532-3122.

Faith Formation

St. Rita

The next Faith Formation class will meet on Saturday, January 10 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

WOHVn News

Finances

Weekend of December 7, 2025

Sacred Heart

Adult Sunday	\$ 3,867.00
Plate	407.00
Other (Immac. Conc. & Misc.)	<u>258.00</u>
Weekly Total:	\$ 4,532.00

Holy Cross

Adult Sunday	\$ 980.00
Plate	482.00
Other (HCC Maint. & Misc.)	<u>561.00</u>
Weekly Total:	\$ 2,023.00

St. Rita

Adult Sunday	\$ 1,415.00
Plate	1,444.00
Other (Votive & Misc. Donations)	<u>1,116.00</u>
Weekly Total:	\$ 3,975.00

St. Therese

Adult Sunday	\$ 60.00
Plate	240.16
Other (Christmas Flowers)	<u>22.00</u>
Weekly Total:	\$ 322.16

Liturgical Ministers Wanted

All WOHVn in Faith Parishes

Is the Holy Spirit calling you to serve your parish family as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Usher, Server or Sacristan? If you have been discerning how you can help in one of these ministries, please contact Kathy at 320-532-3122 or talk with Fr. Marv or Fr. Jerry. Training is available.

2026 Contribution Envelopes

St. Rita

Beginning in 2026, the St. Rita weekly collection envelopes will be sent directly to parishioners on a bi-monthly basis. If you do not receive your envelopes or have questions, please contact Kathy at the parish office, 320-532-3122.

Holiday Bulletin Schedule

All WOHVn in Faith Parishes

The deadline for all bulletin announcements for the weeks of Christmas and New Years, will be Monday (12-22 and 12-29) by noon. Please submit your announcements electronically to: wohvnbusinessmanager@gmail.com

Gift with your IRA Distribution

Making a gift through your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) is a great way to support our parishes. This type of giving can also help you fulfill your required minimum annual distribution and avoid income taxes because an IRA gift generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, which helps even if you do not itemize deductions. Contact Kathy in the parish office at 320-532-3122 for more information. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Have you been to TEC? GO!

Belle Prairie

Who? YOU!

What? TEC (Together Encounter Christ) is a three-day retreat for both youth (age 16+) and adults that is action-packed, intense, life changing, affirming, relevant and unforgettable way to discover more about yourself, and to deepen your relationship with Christ.

When? December 27-29 (Sat.-Mon.) and January 17-19 (Sat.-Mon.)

Where: Central Minnesota TEC in Belle Prairie (just north of Little Falls)

Visit: www.cmtec.org or call (320) 532-4455 for cost and registration information (scholarships are available - contact Kathy at (320) 532-3122)

Questions about TEC? Ask someone who's been there: Tim Honek, Margaret Hitzemann, Kathy Lundein, Br. Christopher, Marge Agnew, Br. Rio, Paul Dickson, Amanda Gjerde, Shellie Athman and Brenda Gotvald.

Harvest of the Earth Dinner

Holy Cross

Thanks for dinner! – Thank you to the Knights for hosting our dinner last Wednesday, Dec. 10th, it was delicious! The Harvest of the Earth Community Dinner is held on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month from 6-7 pm during the school year and there is no cost for the meal. The next dinner will be on Wed., Jan. 14th and hosted by the Onamia Alliance Church. Don't forget to mark your calendars!

Find the weekly bulletin online at

<https://www.wohvn-in-faith.org/weeklybulletin>

Parish Christmas Tree!

Holy Cross

On Tuesday, December 23rd we will be putting up the parish Christmas tree and we need help getting it set! We will gather at 5:30 P.M. and it will take a couple of hours (less with more people helping!) to get it hauled in, set-up and clean up afterwards. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bob Pete at 320-532-4383 or just come and help!

Christmas Office Schedule

All WOHVn in Faith Parishes

The Parish Offices will be closed on December 24th and 25th, also January 1st and 2nd.

Save your Teal's Receipts!

Sacred Heart and Holy Cross

As you do your Christmas grocery shopping, don't forget to save your Teal's receipts! Teal's will donate 1% of money back to our parishes of Sacred Heart and Holy Cross from the receipts collected. There are boxes at both church entrances. Thank you!

At a Glance

Recurring gatherings held on-site

KC Father Hennepin -2nd Monday, 6pm (Sacred Heart)

KC St. Joseph - 2nd Tuesday, 7pm (Holy Cross)

NA - Sundays, 7:00 pm (Holy Cross)

Recovery Works - Mondays, 7:00 pm (Holy Cross)

AA - Thursdays, 7:00 pm (Holy Cross)

Connect With Us!

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