Welcome to the Catholic Parishes of:

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

Served by the Crosier Community of Onamia

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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
Saturday 4:15 P.M. to 4:45 P.M.

St. Rita's (Hillman)
Saturday 4:00 P.M.
Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 3:15 P.M. to 3:45 P.M.

St. Therese (Vineland)
Sunday 11:00 A.M.
Sacrament of Reconciliation
By Appointment

Gift Giving

During sporting events on TV we sometimes see fans holding up signs that say "John 3:16." That verse is one of the most important in the Bible. It begins with these words: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son….." I'm stopping at this point to ask us to look at the second verb in that sentence. The second verb is "gave." Not "sent" as one might expect. God gave us his only Son. The Lord our God is a gift giving person. God gave many gifts to his people in the Old Testament and then God gave us the greatest gift of all at the beginning of the New Testament.

So what kind of gift giving has God done for his people? God's primary gift has been the gift of compassion. The Hebrew word for compassion is 'chesed' and that word is found 245 times in the Old Testament. Time after time God treated his people with compassion: when they were hungry, when they were sinful, when they were lost, when they were losing a battle, etc. And then God "gave" us his Son and his Son was compassion incarnate. Jesus looked at people with compassion and he brought healing to their troubled lives. And after he died and rose he sent us his Holy Spirit and his Spirit incorporated us into his body. Thus, we are members of the Body of Christ and we are expected to "give" to others the gift of compassion.

What is meant by giving the gift of compassion? It means showing care and concern for others. It means doing what Jesus did during his time here on earth: welcoming new neighbors, consoling those who are grieving, forgiving those who have hurt us, giving voice to messages of hope during difficult times, reaching out to those who have very few friends, etc. During this holy season let's celebrate the incarnation of our compassionate God by giving the gift of compassion together with all of the other gifts that we are giving. God gave us his Son and as members of the Body of Christ we are called to be his gift giving people.

Fr. Jerry Schik, OSC

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Worship/Weekly Events

Saturday, December 25-Christmas
9:00 A.M. Mass
Parishioners of Holy Cross
Sunday, December 26-Holy Family
9:00 A.M. Mass
+Janice Hoffman
Monday, December 27
8:30 A.M. Mass

Tuesday, December 28
8:30 A.M. Mass

Wednesday, December 29
NO Mass

Thursday, December 30
8:30 A.M. Mass

Friday, December 31
8:30 A.M. Mass

Saturday, January 1-Mary, Mother of God
9:00 A.M. Mass
Parishioners of Holy Cross

Sunday, January 2 - Epiphany
9:00 A.M. Mass
Matt Hunter
+Dolores Durand (B. Myers)

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:
1st Thursday
Mille Lacs Social Concerns Group – 6:30 P.M. (Jan. 6th)
at Holy Cross, Onamia

2nd Tuesday
Knights of Columbus 7:30 P.M.

Bi-Monthly
Parish Council – TBA

Finances

Weekend of 12/19/21

Adult Sunday	$ 1,250.00
Loose Plate	$ 382.00
WEEKLY TOTAL:	**$ 1,632.00**
Other Collections:	
Religious Retirement	$ 120.00
Christmas	$ 50.00

Office Hours
Times vary-call to make appt.
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BULLETIN DEADLINE: For Holy Cross bulletin announcements-Wednesday. Contact Kathy at 532-3122 or e-mail hconamia@gmail.com

Prayer Line: Call Gert Lambert at 532-3583.

Faith Formation Contact Margaret Hitzemann.

Sunday	***January***
Lector	Rita Johnson
Euch Min	TBA
Ushers	2 Ushers Needed
Greeter	Volunteers Needed
Gift Bearers	Volunteers Needed

Parish News

Mary, Mother of God – Mass on Saturday, January 1st will be at 9:00 A.M.

Weekday Masses – Please note that the masses ONLY for this upcoming week have been moved to 8:30 A.M.

Hospitality – We will be taking a short break from hospitality for the next couple of Sundays. Please join us on ***January 9th*** in Holy Cross Center after mass for a snack, some coffee and conversation! Marty Barr has be taking care of the Coffee Sundays and if you could help by bringing a treat, please give Marty a call at 320-232-5991 and let him know you will be helping him out!

Reminder - Please save your Teal's receipts! If you didn't know, Holy Cross Parish is saving Teal's receipts. Teal's will donate 1% of the money back to Holy Cross from the receipts collected. Don't forget to ask your family and friends to save their receipts for Holy Cross too. Thank you!

Our website is a changin'! Please check out our new ACC website at www.wohvn-in-faith.org

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES - Congratulations to all couples celebrating anniversaries during the month of January: Peter & Christina Straw 1/18/03, Eric & Ronnie Strang 1/19 and Eldon & Carol Pederson 1/20. **Note:** If you would like your anniversary remembered in the monthly announcement, please contact Kathy at the parish office.

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

Happy New Year!

Cluster Parish News…

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - The feast of Mother of God (January 1st) is classified as a Solemnity in the Catholic Church. In most years it is a Holy Day of Obligation. However, in the dioceses of the United States, whenever January 1 falls on a Saturday or Monday the obligation to attend Mass is dispensed. Thus, Catholics are not obliged to attend Mass on January 1st this year. Nevertheless, we will offer Masses to celebrate Mary's feast and get the New Year off to a good start at the following times: 5:00 P.M. on Friday, December 31st at Sacred Heart Church, Wahkon and 9:00 A.M. Saturday, January 1st at Holy Cross Church, Onamia.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Worship/Weekly Events

Saturday, December 25-Christmas
8:30 AM. Mass (NO 5:00 P.M. Mass)
Parishioners of Sacred Heart
+Julia Winstead (D & M Drabant)

Sunday, December 26-Holy Family
8:30 A.M. Mass
+Mona Praught (A. Praught)

Monday, December 27
9:00-10:00 A.M.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, December 28
9:00 A.M. Mass

Friday, December 31
5:00 P.M. Mass
Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Saturday, January 1
5:00 P.M. Mass

Sunday, January 2 - Epiphany
8:30 A.M. Mass

Readings for Sunday, January 2nd:
Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 & Matthew 2:1-12.

Finances

Weekend of December 19, 2021

Adult Sunday	$ 1,650.00
Plate	214.00
Other	230.00
WEEKLY TOTAL	**$2,094.00**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 12/31 – Mary, Mother of God Mass
- 01/02 – Faith Formation
- 01/10 – Knights of Columbus

Office Hours
Fridays – Times vary-call to schedule an appointment.
225 E 2nd Street, PO Box 68
Wahkon, MN 56386
(320) 495-3324
Website-wohvn-in-faith.org
Email - sacredheart56386@yahoo.com

DEADLINE For Sacred Heart bulletin announcements-Wednesday.

Prayer Line: Call Sharon Moenkhaus at (763)744-8605.

Faith Formation Contact Fr. Jerry.

Saturday	***January***
Lector	Kendal Hursey
Euch. Min	TBA
Usher	Volunteers Needed

Sunday	***January***
Lector	Richard Schumacher
Euch. Min.	Corky Larson
Usher	Volunteers Needed

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Faith Formation: **Jan. 2nd –** 8:30 A.M. Mass, Hospitality; classes until 11:30 A.M. **Feb. 6th** - 8:30 A.M. Mass, Hospitality, classes until 11:30 A.M. Please contact Jen Honek at 320-232-5644 if you have any questions. ***Reminder…***The schedule is on FB and the board in the church entry.

Thank you everyone! Thank you to everyone who came to show their support to our youth last Sunday for our Christmas Program. It really meant a lot! Special thanks to Santa and Mrs. Clause who made an appearance, you are a special couple!

Mary, Mother of God – Mass on Friday, December 31st will be at 5:00 P.M. Ministry sign-up sheet is in the church entry.

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MASS INTENTIONS - Each liturgy has a special intention and this can vary from celebrating the Eucharist for all the parishioners of the cluster, to a special intention, or a special occasion like an anniversary, wedding, successful acceptance of employment, etc. These intentions can also be in memory of someone deceased, or in thanksgiving for various blessings from God. Requests and $10 donation can be placed in the collection basket or at parish office.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Cluster Parish News…

WOHVn In Faith ACC – Business Manager Opening: The ACC Business Manager is a professional administrator who assists the Pastor with the stewardship of the physical, financial and personal resources of the ACC parishes.

This work includes, but is not limited to: data and records management, phone and email support, supplies and inventory management, communications work, managing use of church space by parish and outside groups, supporting church ministries and committees and collaborating with volunteers. The ACC Administrator will be a resource person for both members and non-members, and a welcoming and responsive presence in our church's office.

For a copy of the job description or to submit a resume, contact Wendy Tretter at wtretter@crosier.org. Deadline to submit resume is January 15, 2022.

You Are Invited to Attend a TEC Retreat - Now until Christmas, sign up to participate in the January 15-17 or February 19-21 Central Minnesota Together Encountering Christ (TEC) retreat and pay just $30. The regular price is $95 – so this is quite the deal. Sign up today at cmtec.org and pay the $30 deposit. We will take care of the rest. TEC is a three-day retreat for youth (age 16+) and adults. Described as one of the most relevant and life-changing retreats around, TEC promises to inspire and surprise. This encounter retreat is perfect for those searching, those needing direction and a little peace, and those looking to deepen their relationship with God. Come find out what 41,000 others have already experienced. www.cmtec.org today!

Council of Catholic Women - All Catholic Women are invited to the Brunch and introductory meeting for the Eastern Deanery from 9:30-11:30, Saturday, January 15th in Foreston, at the church. The purpose of the meeting is to give input and to get to know other women of faith in our region of the diocese. Anyone age nineteen or older is welcome to attend, in person or by Zoom. Contact: NitaHayes@live.com or (320) 630-0388.

ST. RITA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Worship/Weekly Events

Christmas Eve
Friday, December 24
4:00 p.m. Mass
+Roy Gall
Lector/Communion: W. Tretter

Christmas Day
Saturday, December 25
10:30 a.m. Mass
+Ray and Betty Talberg

No 4:00 p.m. Mass

Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday, December 26
10:30 a.m. Mass
+Parents and siblings of Sam and Raneyl Moren family

Thursday, December 30
9:00 a.m. Mass
+Rita and Greg Kruschek

Solemnity of Mary
Saturday, January 1
4:00 p.m. Mass
Earl and Karen Boser

Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 2
10:30 a.m. Mass
+Sam Gotvald

Finances

Weekend of December 19

Loose collection	$ 352.66
Adult	961.00
Other	30.00
Total	$ 1,343.66

Office Hours
Monday/Thursday
16691 371st Avenue
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Prayer Line:
Call Lilah Klaphake, 468-9913

Liturgical Assignments

Saturday, January 1
Lector Wendy Tretter
Comm. Minister Wendy Tretter
Ushers John Gotvald/Richard Tretter

Sunday, January 2
Lector Jodi Kruschek
Comm. Minister Jane Barclay
Sacristan Jane Barclay
Ushers Herb Foss/Sam Moren

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HOSPITALITY SUNDAY - Everyone is welcome to the hall after Mass on Sunday, January 2, for refreshments and hospitality. Thank you to Jane Barclay, Herb and Barb Foss and Maureen VanKeuren for hosting the gathering.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES – Saturday, January 8, 8:30 a.m. – noon.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Thursday, January 13, 7:15 p.m.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES for 2022 have not arrived. Please put your donation in a plain envelope and mark your name on it until they arrive – hopefully soon. The supplier states the reason for delay is "shortage in paper and envelopes…container ships waiting to get in and unload products as well as truck driver and staff shortages."

EMAIL – If you have provided the parish with your email address, notices, cancellations and other information is sent to your email. Check your mailbox. St. Rita does not have texting capabilities. If you are not receiving the weekly emails (St. Rita's page of the bulletin and Fr. Jerry's homily) and would like to be included, please email your address to strita@brainerd.net. Also check the new website www.wohvn-in-faith.org for the bulletin and Fr. Jerry's homily too.

A website to check out – **UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS.** The USCCB is an assembly of the hierarchy of bishops who jointly exercise pastoral functions on behalf of the Christian faithful of the United States and the U.S. Virgin Islands. It has Daily Readings, Prayer and Worship, Understanding the Bible, and many other resources. https://www.usccb.org

Happy New Year!

ST. THERESE CHURCH

Worship/Weekly Events

Sunday, December 26
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
11:00 A.M.

On Hwy 169 in Vineland, south of the Grand Casino
P.O. Box 26, Onamia, MN 56359
(320) 532-3601
Website-wohvn-in-faith.org
Email-sttheresevineland@gmail.com

Faith Formation: Contact Holy Cross.

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