

**The Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**  
**Sunday, December 27**  
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14  
Col 3:12-17  
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

**Monday, December 28**  
1 Jn 1:5—2:2  
Mt 2:13-18

**Tuesday, December 29**  
1 Jn 2:3-11  
Lk 2:22-35

**Wednesday, December 30**  
1 Jn 2:12-17  
Lk 2:36-40

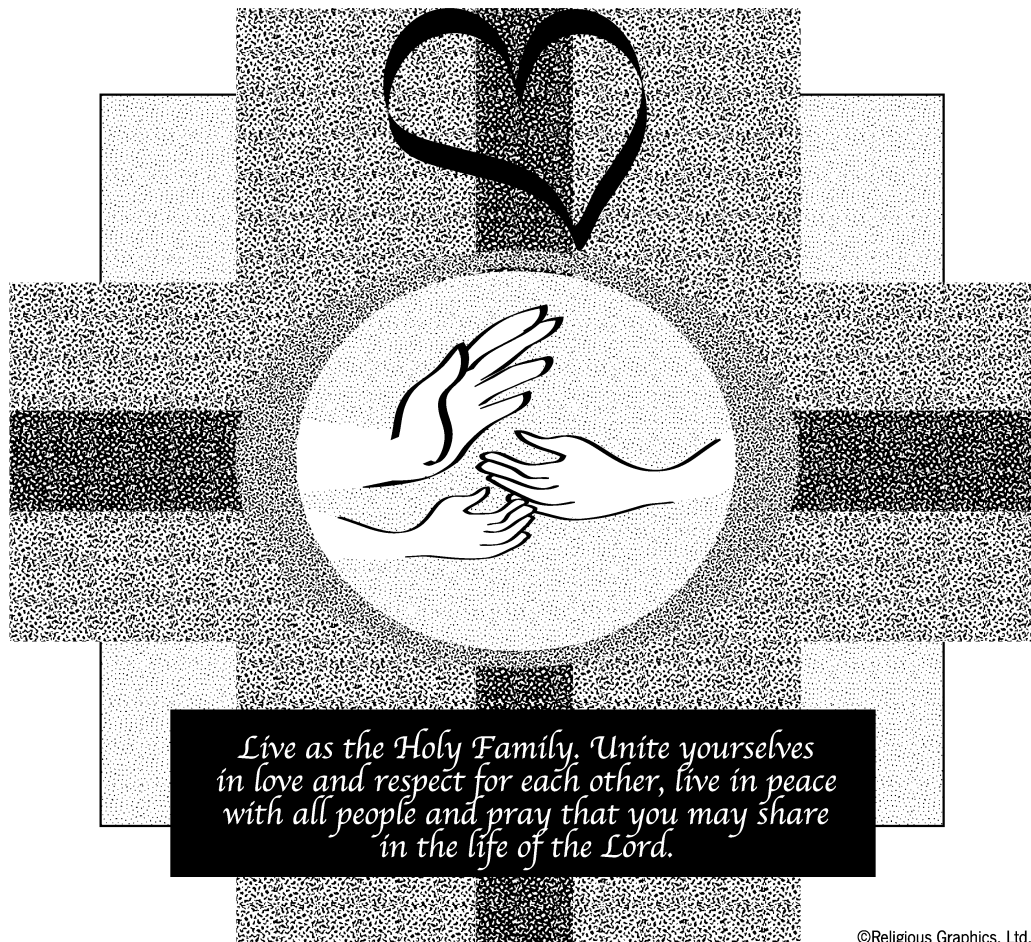
**Thursday, December 31**  
1 Jn 2:18-21  
Jn 1:1-18

**Solemnity of Mary,  
the Holy Mother of God**  
**Friday, January 1**  
Nm 6:22-27  
Gal 4:4-7  
Lk 2:16-21

**Saturday, January 2**  
1 Jn 2:22-28  
Jn 1:19-28

**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**Sunday, January 3**  
Is 60:1-6  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Mt 2:1-12

**The Nativity of the Lord/  
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**  
**December 25/27, 2020**



*Live as the Holy Family. Unite yourselves  
in love and respect for each other, live in peace  
with all people and pray that you may share  
in the life of the Lord.*

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**SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA**

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## This Week's Mass Intentions

<b>Monday, December 28</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 29</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 30</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Thursday, December 31</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Friday, January 1</b> 9:00 a.m. Lewiston	<i>Parishioners of the Cluster</i>
<b>Saturday, January 2</b> 4:30 p.m. Wilson	<i>Nikki Sommers+</i>
<b>Sunday, January 3</b> 8:30 a.m. Lewiston 10:30 a.m. Altura	<i>Steven Thesing+</i> <i>Parishioners of the Cluster</i>

### WELCOME TO OUR TRI-PARISH COMMUNITY

**New Parishioners** are invited to contact the Tri-Parish Office at 507-523-2428 or via email at [strose@hbc.com](mailto:strose@hbc.com). Normal office hours are Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and Fridays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**BAPTISM:** Baptisms are regularly celebrated during Saturday and Sunday Masses and Sunday afternoon. Parents are asked to meet with Fr. Thompson before the baptism of their first child. Please call the St. Rose Rectory to set the date of the baptism.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Confessions are offered every Saturday at St. Rose from 11:00 a.m. to noon, or anytime by appointment with Fr. Thompson.

**MARRIAGE:** Instruction must begin at least six months in advance. Please contact Fr. Thompson to begin the preparation process. An Engaged Encounter or similar course is also required.

**RCIA:** Those wanting to learn more about our faith or are interested in becoming full members in the Catholic Church please contact the Office.

**Prayer Chain:** Call Rosie Moger 523-3357 with prayer requests or to join the prayer chain.

**Bulletin announcements:** Please submit items to the office by Wednesday 11:00 a.m. for publication in the following Sunday bulletin.

## The Octave of Christmas

“On the 8th day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...” Everyone is familiar with the carol “The Twelve Days of Christmas.” And although some people have already thrown their Christmas tree to the curb and taken down their Christmas decorations, there are the reminders that “Remember, Christmas is not just one day.”

True, Catholics recognize that Christmas is not only on December 25. The carol reminds us there are twelve days of Christmas to January 6, the Epiphany. But the Church’s liturgy actually emphasizes the eight days or octave of Christmas. The Church recognizes that the days of the Christmas Octave are repeating the solemnness of Christmas for eight days, concluding on a high note with another solemnity that echoes the solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord.

From Christmas Day until January 1st, the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, is the Octave Day of Christmas. The Liturgy gives the clues that every day within the octave is treated the same as the original feast day of the Nativity of our Lord.

The octave gives us time to impress upon our souls the mysteries, joys and graces of the principal feasts of the Church year.

**December 26:** Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

**December 27:** The Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

**December 28:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

**December 29-31:** Optional Memorials

**January 1:** Mary, Mother of God

**January 2:** Saints Basil the Great and Gregory  
Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors  
of the Church

### New Giving Options Now Available!

1. **Online Giving:** Go to the following site: [giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/strose](http://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/strose). There you will be asked to choose which parish and what fund you would like to give to (currently the fund choices are Adult Support, Christmas Offering, and Charity Fund.)

2. **Text:** Simply text the word “give” to **507-578-5629**. You will get a link sent back to you to make your donation. It’s that simple!

## Of Interest to All

**Eucharistic Adoration  
is available the first  
Wednesday of every  
month at St. Rose  
9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.**



Come and pray to Jesus. Recite your favorite prayers, do some meditative reading, or just bask in the healing rays of Jesus before you. St. John of the Cross said, "One moment of pure love is more precious in the eyes of God and more profitable to the whole Church than all the good works put together." Imagine what an hour can do! Allow Jesus to work through you. *If you are willing to spend an hour with the Lord, please contact coordinator Kelly Kalmes at 262-338-8044.*

**Revive Parishes:** Are you planning to lie low with the pandemic, and have more time at home? This would be an excellent time to investigate the free, on-demand video mini-courses from Revive Parishes. Everyone is welcome to explore the possibilities for shared or individual learning at [www.reviveparishes.com/winona-rochester](http://www.reviveparishes.com/winona-rochester). The diocese plans to offer additional diocesan-facilitated courses starting in January. Contact Susan Windley-Daoust for more information at [swindley@dowr.org](mailto:swindley@dowr.org).



**Life in the Spirit seminar**, hosted by the Lumen Christi prayer group, welcoming the entire diocese, starting **January 6**. Would you like to deepen your relationship with the Holy Spirit? Would you like to learn about and identify the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that you have been given? Join us for a (free) Life in The Spirit seminar, using "The Wild Goose" series by Father Dave Pivonka, starting Wednesday, January 6 and ending February 17. We will meet online via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Zoom login information will be sent upon registration. Contact Joshua for more information and to register: (218) 349-9660 or [jjj3279@aol.com](mailto:jjj3279@aol.com).

*Thank you to those that have  
donated towards the  
Christmas Flowers in  
Memory/Honor of:*



**St. Anthony** – Bernice and Ray Kalmes, Melissa Dvorak, Joseph and Bernadette Dvorak, Cletus and Florence Mueller, Jacob and Margaret Kreidermacher, Ed and Evelyn Ruhoff, Jerry Ruhoff, Shauna Ruhoff, Sarah Speltz, Rick Spencer, Brian Stanislawski, Gene and Tamara Stevens, Joseph Sackreiter, Roy Schultz, Cyril Speltz.

**Immaculate Conception** – Eugene Marg, Earl and Veronika Rose, Allen Jonsgaard, Dolores Maloney, Christopher Burt, Michael Sommerville, Jack Borkowski, Olive and Nick Kenitz, Neil Bremer, Amy Bremer, Clarence and Laura Mueller, John and Alice Kryzer, LaVerne Bartelson, Gary Langowski, Jenkinson family members.

**St. Rose** – Alex and Olivia Siebenaler, Irvin and Margaret Baer, Dan Driscoll, Ruth Driscoll, Wes Skaden, Marie Skaden, deceased members of the Kurth family, Steve Thesing, Ted and Evelyn Thesing, Jerry Lorenz, Anna and Melvin Brand, Joe and Helen Duane, Thomas R. Duane, Veronica Duane, Milton and Bonnie Thill, Mike and Jan Thill, Lyle Anderson.

**The Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God** will be celebrated on **Friday, January 1** at 9:00 a.m. at St. Rose. While not a holy day of obligation this year due to the pandemic, we encourage and welcome all those who are able to attend.

### **Sunday Mass at St. Rose is Live Streamed!**

Those who are unable to make it to Mass in-person are invited and encouraged to join us live online. Every Sunday Mass at St. Rose is live streamed. Here's how to "tune in."

1. Go to [www.st-rose.org](http://www.st-rose.org). (You can also find worship aids at this site).
2. Click on "Watch Live-Streamed Masses"
3. This will take you to our Facebook page when you will be able to watch the Mass live at the scheduled times.

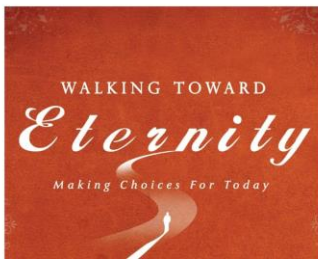
You can also go directly to our Facebook site: [www.facebook.com/saintroselewiston](http://www.facebook.com/saintroselewiston).

### Youth Faith Formation Update

Although significantly different than previous years, Faith Formation has continued over the past three months in one form or another. We currently have 115 students registered for Faith Formation. Most students were able to attend in person classes for the first part of the year, while a few have chosen to continue Faith Formation at home with their families. There are 12 catechists who have adjusted from teaching in person to providing a distance learning formation process over the last few weeks. I am very grateful for their willingness to find new ways to bring our Faith to our youth. I am hopeful we can return to in person classes in January when the school system goes back to their original learning model. We were fortunate to be able to celebrate with Bishop Quinn in December as 18 of our students received the sacrament of Confirmation. These are the students whose scheduled confirmation from last May was postponed. Please keep our catechists and young students in your prayers this Christmas season.

### Adult Faith Formation Update

***We are Re-Starting Bible Study in January 2021! Please Join Us for this study starting Sunday, January 17 at 6:00-7:30 p.m. OR Tuesday, January 19 at 8:30-10:00 a.m.***



*Daring to Walk the Walk, the first series of Walking Toward Eternity, introduces seven key virtues and outlines practical steps for living them out in daily life. It will be available in-person in the St. Rose Hall and virtually online. We will be very conscious of social distancing guidelines so everyone is safe. This eight-week study shows how to put our Catholic faith into practice through prayer and action. The result is real, often profound change occurring in people's lives as they begin living as God intended them to.*

**Register online at [www.st-rose.org](http://www.st-rose.org), call the tri-parish office at 523-2428 during office hours, or register on table in Gathering Space.**

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### Pastor's Perspective: Merry Christmas!

A few years ago, I joined a group of students on a pilgrimage to Assisi. It was a time to not only learn about the lives of Ss. Francis and Clare, but also to experience life in that same place where they lived. As we were leaving, we stopped in a small community called Greccio. St. Francis had also spent time in this little village, and it was here that he invented the Crèche, the Nativity scene. St. Francis had such a love of the Incarnation that he wanted to see, and not only reflect on, the reality of God's entrance into this world as a human. The pilgrimage site in Greccio was filled with Nativity scenes from all countries and times-both large and small-and showed the many ways that Christians have understood the mystery of the Nativity. What a wonderfully peaceful experience!

Signs throughout Greccio proclaimed: "In Greccio, it's always Christmas!" This could be seen and felt. Even though we were not there on Christmas day, we had the opportunity to celebrate Christmas Mass again. The students quickly realized what I already knew: There is no such thing as a private Mass! While we had reserved the chapel, the number of people attending Mass had tripled by the time we received Communion. Feeling inspired, I invited everyone to join together in "Silent Night," each in their own language. Everyone in attendance couldn't help but look around in awe as this song came to life. It only added to the mystery of the Incarnation, and the wonder of Christmas: When Jesus becomes one of us, we have the opportunity to be united in Christ. That was certainly evident as we remembered, in many languages, that silent night when the world forever changed.

May you be blessed this Christmas and always by receiving the love, joy and peace of our Savior.

Fr. Will Thompson