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Third Sunday or Advent

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EWTN: Eternal Word Television Network = Cable Channel 32: **Rosary** - 6:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. **Mass** - 7:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** is at 2:00 p.m. Program schedules are available in the back of the church. Schedules are on tables at all entrances to church. **KYES Radio** 1180 AM is also a very good Catholic Station. Information and schedules on back table.

Confessions: First Sunday of the month after Mass; hang sign on confessional door or by appointment

Sacraments of Marriage & Baptism: Contact Fr. Gregg a minimum of six months before the planned wedding to insure availability of the church and to complete marriage preparation. Contact the pastor for baptism preparation also.

Bulletin: Information for the Church bulletin is needed by **Wednesday noon.**

Liturgical Schedule:

Tuesday, December 18	10:00 a.m. Chapel - For Peace
Thursday, December 20	10:00 a.m. BVHC - Dennis Grosenick †
Sunday, December 23	8:45 a.m. St. John the Baptist – Rosholt, SD
Sunday, December 23	10:30 a.m. People of the two parishes

Stewardship Report, Dec. 9, 2018

Adult – Sunday	\$955.00
Youth	22.00
Loose plate	101.00
Immaculate Conception	40.00
Religious Retirement	17.00
Bazaar	50.00
Candles	<u>7.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,192.00

Stewardship Report, Dec. 8, 2018

Immaculate Conception	\$ 120.00
Loose Plate	<u>40.00</u>
Total	\$ 160.00

REMINDER: Christmas Mass is Christmas Eve
December 24th at 8 p.m. here - 5 p.m. in Rosholt

Penance Service at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule – Sunday - 10:30 a.m. - December 23, 2018

Eucharistic Ministers:

Church – Joan Miller

Choir – Julie Metz

BVHC – Tim Hoffman

Altar Servers – Katie Minder & Ashlyn Ebben

Lector – Joan Miller

Greeters/Gift Bearers – Larry & Diane Pelzel

Ushers – Dean Schwagel & Joe Reinart

Home Communion & Sacristan – Marlene Appel

Remember in your Prayers: Laura (Jung) Marshall, Devin Spindler, Maddie Foley, Pat Bennett, Jared Holmes, JoAnn & Charles Fiala, Jim Lynch, Larry Biel, JoAnn Schumacher, Mike Falkingham, Debbie Bangle, Jill Lipka, Patty Larson, Donna Stewart, Neil Weeks, Sonja Nelson & our Military.

Christmas Mass schedule: St. Anthony's will have 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Brass Group and Choir performing at 7:30 p.m. St. John the Baptist in Rosholt has Christmas Eve Mass at 5 p.m.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES is on Sundays at 9 a.m. until 10:20 a.m. No Class December 23 or 30th.

Mass Attendance sign-in: Fr. Gregg has placed a weekly Sunday Mass attendance sign-in, for all youth involved in Faith Formation. The sign-in sheet is on the lectern with the paper to write down names of those to pray for at Mass. All Faith Formation students are asked to sign the sheet every Sunday when they come to Mass.

St. Anthony's Confirmation classes will meet on Sundays after Mass in the Chapel.

We're pleased to announce the availability of **FORMED**, an online service for accessing thousands of Catholic videos, audios and ebooks! To sign up for FREE, just visit: stjohnthebaptiststanthony.formed.org
Use this parish code to get started: **FV32TV**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: Christmas Eve: 5 p.m. at St. John's – Rosholt & 8 p.m. here at St. Anthony's

A COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE will take place today, Sunday, December 16th; at 3:00 PM. Fr. Jerry Ranek from Sisseton will join Fr. Gregg in hearing individual Confessions.

St. Anthony Choir

Choir practice for Christmas will be on Wednesday evenings at 7:00. All singers are welcome. The St. Anthony's Brass Group and Choir will perform a concert before our Christmas Mass on Christmas Eve. Concert to begin at 7:30 p.m.

If you would like to join us in saying the Rosary during Advent, you can join us at the BV Health Center in the Chapel Wednesday nights at 7:00. SFO

Earning for Learning: the Browns Valley Education Foundation will receive a 1% rebate on grocery receipts from Maynard's, Teal's or Dakota Crossing. Turn in your receipts at Maynard's or Cenex C-store.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands." As we begin the waiting of advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr 5-7, 2019 in Baxter, MN and Sep 20-22, 2019 in Alexandria, MN. For more information, call Alan & Missy Block at 888-455-3496 or visit them at northmnwwme.org.

Reminder: If using stairs is difficult, the lift is available.

Bulletins are available in the black box outside the Rectory door. Also, put your bulletin articles there or email them. Thank you. Bulletins and schedules are also on the website: brownsvalleycatholic.org

If you would like our congregation to pray for someone at our Mass, please write their name on the tablet in the back of church. Let us know if you want a name removed from the bulletin's list of sick people.

You are now able to get Holy Water. There are Holy Water bottles and small fountains by the Holy Water Fountain in front of church. Take one home.

Pope Francis Explains 'What is the Truth' 'The truth finds its full realization in the person of Jesus himself (Cf. John 14:6)' November 14, 2018 15:09 Jim Fair General Audience "What is the truth?" That was Pilate's question as he judged Jesus. Pope Francis asked the same question on November 14, 2018. The difference: The Pope had the answer. The Holy Father's comments came in his catechesis at his Wednesday General Audience in St. Peter's Square. He continued his series on the 10 Commandments; this day looked at the eighth commandment: "Do not bear false witness against your neighbor."

Pilate questioned Jesus and, as Francis recalled, the Lord answered: "For this, I was born, and for this I have

come into the world, to bear witness to the truth" (John 18:37). Through the witness of his Passion and death, Jesus gave witness to the truth. "The truth finds its full realization in the person of Jesus himself (Cf. John 4:6), in His way of living and dying, the fruit of His relationship with the Father," the Holy Father explained. "This existence as children of God, He, risen, gives it also to us by sending the Holy Spirit who is Spirit of truth, who attests to our heart that God is our Father (Cf. Romans 8:16). The Holy Father explained that being truthful is much more than simply being precise, exact or sincere. It is about communications, for the Catechism says the Eighth Commandment "forbids misrepresenting the truth in our relations with others" (n. 2464). "To live of inauthentic communications is grave because it impedes relationships and, therefore, impedes love," the Pope continued. "Where there is a lie there is no love, love can't be exercised. And when we speak of communication between persons we mean not only words but also gestures, attitudes, even silences, and absences. A person speaks with all that he is and does. We are all in communication always. We all live communicating and we are continually poised between the truth and lies." The truth is so much more than presenting facts, in the Holy Father's view. Actually, selecting certain facts in an effort to defame another person is what a gossip does – and Francis has little good to say about gossips. "Beware! A gossip is a terrorist because with his tongue he hurls the bomb and leaves calmly, but the thing that that hurled bomb says destroys others' reputation," the Pope warned. "Don't forget: to gossip is to kill." Pope Francis challenges listeners to live the truth in all aspects of life: Let us ask ourselves: what truths attest the works of us Christians, our words or our choices? Each one can ask himself: am I a witness of truth, or am I more or less a liar disguised as true? "Not to bear false witness means to live as a child of God, who never, never denies himself, never tells lies; live as children of God, letting emerge in every act the great truth: that God is Father and we can trust in Him."

The Rosary is said before Mass on Sundays starting at 10:05 a.m. There are extra rosaries in the back. You are welcome to use them and even take one home if you want. Also, there are booklets on "How to Pray the Rosary" in the back, also. **The church organizations that lead the Rosary are:** KC's lead the Rosary the months of April & September;