



All Saints | Holy Family | St. Rose of Lima
OUR CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

January 3, 2023

To: Our Catholic Family of Parishioners
Fr: Fr. Keiter
Re: Pastoral Plan

Happy New Year! I pray you each had a blessed and merry Christmas and a good start to your new year. As I have mentioned in past communications, we had to finalize our plan for our new family of parishes and submit to Archbishop Lucas by November 15th of last year. All of the respective plans were then reviewed during the remainder of November and December. Our plan has been approved by Archbishop Lucas and we are now communicating the entire plan to our entire new family of Parishes.

This letter is being emailed to everyone within our new family of Parishes and I am also mailing it to anyone in Our Catholic Family of Parishes (All Saints, Holy Family and St. Rose of Lima) who is age 60 and older. Fr. Hans is also communicating this letter with his parishioners who might not have email. **Additionally, I will be hosting 3 town hall meetings like I did last Spring on Sunday, January 8th. The town halls will be approximately 1 hour in length. They will take place as follows: St. Rose of Lima @ 2 PM in the Parish Hall, All Saints @ 4 PM in St. John's Parish Center in Fordyce, and Holy Family @ 6 PM in Sacred Heart Parish Center in Wynot. You can choose to attend any of these 3 town halls as they will each be the same material.**

This letter will communicate the primary pieces of this plan with some brief explanation. Further explanation will be shared at each town hall meeting. We have also placed the entire plan (17 pages) as submitted to the Archbishop on our website, www.ourcatholicfamily.org click on **bulletin/announcements** and scroll down to announcements. Both the Plan and the parameters that we had to follow can be found there.

Our new family of parishes will be the following:

All Saints Church (3 sites)

- a. St. Boniface – Menominee
- b. St. John the Baptist – Fordyce
- c. St. Joseph – Constance

Holy Family Church (3 sites)

- a. Immaculate Conception – St. Helena
- b. Sacred Heart – Wynot
- c. Ss. Peter and Paul – Bow Valley

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All Saints

303 Omaha Street
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Holy Family

106 W. 889 Road
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St. Rose of Lima

1302 W. 5th Street
Crofton, NE 68730
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- St. Andrew – Bloomfield
- St. Ignatius Mission – Brunswick
- St. Ludger – Creighton
- St. Rose of Lima – Crofton
- St. Wenceslaus – Verdigre
- St. William Mission – Niobrara

The plan had to be based on 2 Priests (a Pastor and an Associate Pastor) serving this family of parishes. Our family of parishes will also consist of 3 elementary schools:

- a. East and West Catholic School of Cedar County
- b. St. Ludger Catholic Elementary School
- c. St. Rose of Lima Catholic Elementary School

Additionally, All Saints and Holy Family Parishes are part of the corporate system of Cedar Catholic Jr. Sr. High School which is located in Rural Family C.

The Family of Parishes will have one Pastoral Council of 11 members:

- All Saints Parish – 2 members
- Holy Family Parish – 2 members
- St. Rose of Lima Parish – 2 members
- St. Andrew Parish – 1 member
- St. William Parish – 1 member
- St. Wenceslaus Parish – 1 member
- St. Ludger Parish – 1 member
- St. Ignatius Parish – 1 member

The joint Pastoral Council would meet monthly.

Each canonical parish would have its own Finance Committee that would meet quarterly which is already the practice of almost all the parishes. Currently, St. Ludger meets monthly. This will be reviewed and try to move to quarterly. We also see the Business Manager leading these meetings and the Pastor doesn't always have to be present.

Each canonical parish would have two Parish Trustees.

Each school will have a school board that would meet quarterly. St. Ludger School Board currently meets 5 times a year so they will transition too quarterly.

This family of Parishes will have a central office in Fordyce, with Parish Life Coordinators (new name for current secretary/bookkeeper); in Verdigre and the Secretary/Bookkeeper of the parish and school in Creighton.

We see the following as a proposed staffing arrangement:

- Evangelization and Adult Formation: 1 FTE
- Religious Education, Sacramental Prep and Youth Ministry: 1 FTE
- Communications: 1 FTE
- Parish Life Coordinators: 1 FTE (already in place)

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Financial Management and Human Resources:	2 FTE
Administrative Assistants	1.5 FTE
Facilities:	.5 FTE

As for the implementation of this staffing, we will prioritize the positions of Evangelization and Adult Formation as paid staffing as none of those positions currently exist within our Family of Parishes. The next priority will be a Director of Communications. The other positions are currently present either as a volunteer or paid staff member. We see these positions being more clearly defined for the whole of our Family of Parishes and then as budgets allow, we see the importance and need of having as many as possible of these in place as paid staff members.

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday:	4 PM – St. Boniface (Menominee)
	5 PM – St. Wenceslaus (Verdigre)
	6 PM – Ss. Peter and Paul (Bow Valley)
Sunday:	8 AM – St. Rose of Lima (Crofton)
	8 AM – St. Andrew (Bloomfield)
	10 AM – Ss. Peter and Paul (Bow Valley)
	10 AM – St. Ludger (Creighton)

Parameters we had to follow:

1. 1 Priest can celebrate 3 Sunday obligation Masses in up to 3 locations
2. 1 Priest can celebrate 4 Sunday obligation Masses in no more than 2 locations

Explanation: Our weekend schedule in the western part of our family will be 1 Priest, 3 Masses in 3 locations. In the eastern part of our family based on our nearly 2 years of monthly Mass counts we need 4 Masses per weekend but the 4 Masses in 2 locations will not work for various reasons but primarily it would either eliminate All Saints or Holy Family parish completely. We asked permission to allow 1 Priest to celebrate 4 Masses in 3 locations and were given that permission. We had to eliminate any rotations which we currently do in Our Catholic Family of Parishes.

Weekday Mass Schedule:

St. Ludger – every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 AM
Ss. Peter and Paul – every Monday and Tuesday at 8:10 AM
St. Rose of Lima – every Wednesday and Thursday at 8:10 AM
Immaculate Conception – 2 nd Monday and 1 st Wednesday of each month
Sacred Heart – 2 nd Friday at 8:10 AM and 3 rd Friday at 12:05 PM
St. Ignatius – 1 st Monday and 3 rd Monday at 12:05 PM
St. John the Baptist – 1 st Friday at 8:10 AM and 2 nd Friday at 12:05 PM
St. Joseph – 3 rd Friday at 8:10 AM and 4 th Friday at 12:05 PM
St. William – 4 th Monday at 12:05 PM and 3 rd Wednesday at 12:05 PM

Explanation: Our weekday Mass schedule is set up to allow each of our 3 elementary schools have school Mass 2x per week. Morning Mass time in the eastern side of our family will be 8:10 AM. On the western side of our family, it will be 8:30 AM. This accounts for 6 Masses per week in Bow Valley, Crofton, and Creighton. The other weekday Masses will be scheduled in our 6 Churches that will no longer have a Sunday obligation Mass starting July 1, 2023. Each of these 6 Churches will have a total of 2 weekday Masses per month and these Masses will be at 12:05 PM over the lunch hour to allow for one priest to cover both a morning and an afternoon Mass on those days. We did not schedule the maximum of 3 weekday Masses per day for two Priests in our family due to the reality of funerals as well as

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high school Masses at Cedar Catholic in Hartington. Our nursing homes (N.H.) will be given a monthly Mass or at least every other month.

Holy Days and Ash Wednesday Masses: On these days we would follow a schedule that is slightly changed in times from our weekend schedule but follows the same locations as our weekend schedule. There will be timing changes for Christmas to allow for a Midnight Mass.

Vigil: 5 PM – St. Wenceslaus (Verdigre)
6 PM – Ss. Peter and Paul (Bow Valley)
7 PM – St. Boniface (Menominee)

Day of: 8:10 AM – St. Rose of Lima (Crofton)
8:10 AM – Ss. Peter and Paul (Bow Valley)
8:30 AM – St. Ludger (Creighton)
7 PM – St. Andrew (Bloomfield)

Confession Schedule:

Ss. Peter and Paul (Bow Valley) – Tuesdays 6-7 PM
St. Rose of Lima (Crofton) – Wednesdays 6-7 PM
St. John the Baptist (Fordyce) – Thursdays 6-7 PM
St. John the Baptist (Fordyce) – Saturdays Noon-1 PM
St. Wenceslaus, St. Andrew, St. Ludger – 30 minutes before weekend Masses

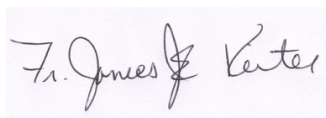
Adoration Schedule:

Sacred Heart (Wynot) – Mondays 6 AM – 9 PM
Ss. Peter and Paul (Bow Valley) – Tuesdays 6 AM – 9 PM
St. Rose of Lima (Crofton) – Wednesdays 6 AM – 9 PM
Immaculate Conception (St. Helena) - Wednesdays 6 AM – 9 PM
St. William (Niobrara) – Wednesdays 9 AM to Noon
St. Boniface (Menominee) – Thursdays 6 AM – 9 PM
St. Ludger (Creighton) – Thursdays 9 AM – 7 PM
St. Andrew (Bloomfield) – Thursdays 9 AM – 1 PM
St. John the Baptist (Fordyce) – Fridays 6 AM – 9 PM
St. Wenceslaus (Verdigre) – Fridays 9 AM – 3 PM
St. Joseph (Constance) – Saturdays 6 AM - Noon

This information I have just shared are often the first questions on people's minds, but the most important piece of our plan is to create an environment where our primary work and focus is making all our parishes missional. Evangelization and adult formation are key to this effort.

Let us pray for each other as we begin this new journey of faith. Again, please come to one of the town hall meetings next Sunday, January 8th.

Sincerely,



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Pastor