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*Once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade. - Mark 4:32*

## MASS TIMES AND LOCATIONS

Sunday	9 am at HF 11 am at SL
Tuesday	Noon at HF
Wednesday	8am at HF (when school is in session)
Wednesday	Noon at SL
Thursday	8 am at HF
Friday	8 am at SL
Saturday	4 pm at SL

## CONFESSIONS

Sundays	8 am HF
Tuesdays	11:30am HF
Wednesdays	11:30am SL
Saturdays	3 pm SL

Or by Appointment

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Tuesdays	8:30 am - 8:30 pm at SL
Wednesdays	8:30 am - 6:30 pm at HF



## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | NOVEMBER 28, 2021

*Prepare the way of the Lord*

### HOLY FAMILY

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Please contact your parish office for baptisms, marriage preparation, funeral planning, to register as a new parishioner, or if you are interested in possibly becoming Catholic.

## Fr. Eli Gieske's Message



*Dear Parishioners,*

*As we enter into the season of advent, we enter into a time of preparation and waiting. We are getting ready for Jesus' birth at Christmas. In the Church we have these two penitential seasons (Advent and Lent) that correspond to Christmas and Easter. In our Catholic tradition, a great celebration is preceded by a season of penance and preparation. The Church invites us to make these seasons special so that we can really enter into the mystery of the Solemnity of Christmas and Easter.*

*This season of Advent has a little lighter feeling than Lent. This year we have the full 4 weeks to prepare. Very often people move from thanksgiving into Christmas. We see all the decorations, the candy, the music for the Christmas season. By the time the Christmas Season actually arrives, many people are ready to move on. Part of this is driven by the marketing that goes on in our culture. We are being sold a concept of Christmas that centers around many things, most especially the hunt for getting all the right gifts, and having a great time. Christmas traditions are fun, and they can be a really great time of the year for many of us. However, we have to be careful to remember that the real focus of the Christmas Season is the birth of Jesus.*

*We tend not to be a very patient culture, we want to get to the next thing we don't like waiting. So it's not surprising that we often jump the gun when it comes to Christmas celebrations. Maybe though, we can try to hold off a bit with the "Christmas season" even if we can just delay it for a little bit longer than we normally would. Try to have a real period of waiting... anticipation, and preparation. Advent is a beautiful season, but it often gets skipped over. I'd invite you to try and practice an Advent season this year. Get out an advent calendar or an advent wreath... play advent music (there aren't as many choices for Advent). Put up your tree, but maybe don't decorate it right away... focus on preparing your heart to accept the baby Jesus into your life.*

*This is a great lesson to teach our children, and can help them understand what we are really celebrating at Christmas. It can be difficult to introduce new traditions in the home, but maybe this is the year to talk about it, or even put it into action. What do you want your Advent season to look like?*

*Thanks for all your help with our United Catholic Appeal collections. We are still working towards our goals:*

<u>Goal</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Still need to Collect</u>
SL \$62,712	\$40,238	\$22,474
HF \$31,573	\$24,521	\$7,051

*I pray you have a great beginning of your Advent Season!*

*In Christ,*

*-Fr. Eli*



## Mass Prayers & Readings

### VOCATIONS PRAYER:

Almighty Father, we beg you for an increase in religious vocations and holy marriages in our diocese. Help us to be generous in our response to Your call. Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work and strengthen us with the courage to say "yes" and to follow You. Help us as a diocese, as a parish, as families to encourage and foster vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, and consecrated life. We commend our prayers to our Patroness, Mary, Queen of the Rosary, and ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### FIRST READING:

Jer 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, will raise up for David a just shoot, he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The LORD our justice."

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

PSALM 25

*To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.*

### SECOND READING:

1THES 3:12, 4:2

Brothers and sisters:

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen.

Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God and as you are conducting yourselves you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus."

### GOSPEL:

LUKE 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples:

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness

and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

### NICENE CREED:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and our salvation he came down from heaven, (*all bow through "and became man"*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Communion Antiphon:

Psalm 85

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

FAMILY ADVENT PRAYER During Advent, we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus, but we also check in to see if we are doing all the things that will keep us ready to receive Jesus when he comes again. Talk to your family about how you are doing in attending to your spiritual life as a family. Recommit yourselves to praying daily, reading Scripture, and staying faithful to God's commandments. Pray together that through this Advent season your family will be more prepared to receive Jesus when he comes again.

God of Love,  
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.  
He is a sign of your love.  
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,  
As we wait and prepare for his coming.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.  
Amen.

## CLERGY

Pastor: Fr. Elias Gieske  
Deacon John Foucault  
Deacon Timothy Kittelson

## ALTAR LINEN CARE

December  
Holy Family ~ Joanne Connor  
St. Lawrence ~ Stephanie Jago

## ALTAR SERVER GARMENT CARE

December  
St. Lawrence ~ Volunteer

## CONTRIBUTION REPORTS

### HOLY FAMILY November 14, 2021

November 21 not available at time of printing

Envelopes & Plate \$ 1,888.86  
Fiscal Year to Date: \$ 65,945.59  
UCA goal for 2021: \$ 31,573.16  
UCA collected to date \$ 24,521.63  
Needed for our goal \$ 7,051.53

### ST. LAWRENCE November 13, & 14, 2021

November 20 & 21, not available at time of printing

Envelopes & Plate \$ 2,916.00  
Fiscal Year to Date \$ 91,701.91  
UCA goal for 2021 \$ 62,712.54  
UCA collected to date \$ 40,238.36  
Needed for our goal \$ 22,474.18

*Please keep your parish in mind  
when estate planning*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat	Nov 27	4pm	SL	† Cheryl Smolnikar
Sun	Nov 28	9am	HF	† Robert Hansen
		11am	SL	† Parishioners Intentions
Mon	Nov 29	Private Mass		† Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tues	Nov 30	Noon	HF	† David Fitzsimmons
Wed	Dec 1	8am	HF	† Jack & Carrie Donnahue
Wed	Dec 1	Noon	SL	† Oral Reiken
Thurs	Dec 2	8am	HF	† Frank Busker
Fri	Dec 3	8am	SL	† Cheryl Smolnikar
Sat	Dec 4	4pm	SL	† Robert Moffatt
Sat	Dec 4	4pm	HF	† Mr. & Mrs. Richard Krause
Sun	Dec 5	9am	HF	† Tom & Michele Johnson
		11am	SL	† Joseph F. Gburzynski

## ROSARY:

Prayed 1/2 hour before all Masses

*To schedule Masses to be said at either of our parishes, please contact Ginny at Holy Family, 722-4445.*

## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2021

Sun: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36  
Mon: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11  
Tues: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22  
Wed: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37  
Thurs: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Fri: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31  
Sat: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8  
Next Sun: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

## Liturgical Support

### Saturday Dec 4, 2021 4pm SL

**EM's:** Karen Ball  
Judy Spehar  
Nick Sloboda

**Ushers:** Jeanne Tondryk  
Paul Howard  
Jim Donovan  
Angel Carl

**Reader:** Joan Carlson

### Sunday, December 5, 9am HF

**EM's:** Jeff Nelson  
Joanne Connor

**Ushers:** Frank Gerard  
Andy Brunette  
Dave Makowsky  
Jeanine VanNispen

**Reader:** Chuck Gehlen

**Servers:** Matt LaFontaine  
Niko Carlson  
Cameron Skrivanek  
Arabella Carlson

### 11am SL

**Greeter:** Joann Suliin

**EM's:** Jim & Jenny Wallner  
Deacon John

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Bill Malinowski  
Roger Morrison

**Reader:** Matt Gannucci

**Servers:** Christopher Gannucci  
James Pioro

## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

**FLOCKNOTE** is the main communication tool we use for programs within Faith Formation, events and reminders, and to communicate class closing because of weather. You can sign up for **FLOCKNOTE** messages via our parish website: [www.catholicduluth.org](http://www.catholicduluth.org) or by calling Karen in the parish office at 722-2259; t's never TOO LATE to JOIN Faith Formation- ALL are welcome!

### IMPORTANT DATES:

**Nov 29:** CGS 2-3:30pm

**Dec 1:** CGS 5:45-7:15pm, Young Disciples 6-7pm, Older Disciples 7-8:30pm @ St. Lawrence

### \*CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:

(please note: no class in December)

**MISSION TRIP UPDATE! FOR ALL TEENS 13+** Any teen entering 8th grade on up is welcome to join us on the Alive In You Mission Trip-set for JULY 12- Let me know if you have any questions- sign up for a spot on the bus or to be on the waitlist- Mission Trips are such a wonderful way to be the hands and feet of Christ and to further your relationship with the Lord! Call or text Karen with any questions: 218-348-6003

Mission Fundraising opportunities will begin soon!

### 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT



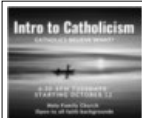
## PRAYER SUPPORT MINISTRY

St. Lawrence: Marie Warner 727-1708  
Holy Family: Sue Wick 591-7183  
Email our prayer chain: [needofprayers@gmail.com](mailto:needofprayers@gmail.com)

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be a part of the Best Christmas Ever, and do something bigger than you can imagine!!

Please join Fr. Brandon Moravitz and Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Virginia MN to change the life of a deserving family that is in the Diocese of Duluth. You can drop off a check in either office of Holy Family or St. Lawrence, or go to the Best Christmas Ever website and donate there. Thank You for your consideration to help this much-needed family.



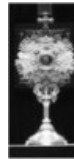
Join us Tuesday Nov 30th to learn more about The Papacy. Classes run 6:30pm-8pm in the Holy Family Social Hall.

Everyone is welcome to learn more about our faith.

**Restored Retreat for Adults** All adults, 21 and older, are invited to come to the diocesan Restored retreat! Come be restored in both body and soul. Enjoy good food, time with others in good community, thought-provoking talks, time for relaxation, and an opportunity for Adoration, Mass, and Confession. The retreat will be taking place January 21 - 23 at Sugar Lake Lodge near Grand Rapids. The link to register and more information can be found at [www.dioceseduluth.org/Restored](http://www.dioceseduluth.org/Restored). Spots are very limited due to COVID, so register today!

### Winter Coat & Clothing Drive

We will be wrapping up our winter clothing drive this week. Thanks to YOU, we were able to deliver A LOT of beautiful items to the Union Gospel Mission for those in need! Thank you so much for your generosity!



We are in need of a regular adorer for Eucharistic Adoration at St. Lawrence from 12:30pm-1:30pm on Tuesday afternoons. Contact Sr. Therese Marie at the office if you are available to help.

### Advent Retreat: CHRISTIAN HOPE

Fr. Seth and the Deacons of St. Benedict's invite you for a day of prayer and meditations Saturday, Dec 11, 8am-2:30pm on Christian Hope: The Dawn from on High Will Break Upon Us This Advent, prepare for the coming of our Hope and the New Dawn in Jesus Christ! With the struggles we have all faced recently, a day meditating on the reason for our hope is certainly needed. Cost is \$10, breakfast and lunch will be provided. Registration by calling St. Bens office at 218-724-4828, or visit their website: [stbensduluth.org](http://stbensduluth.org). The day will begin with 8am Check-in and 8:30am Mass.

WinGs group will meet on December 5 at St. Lawrence. All women 18 and over from St. Lawrence or Holy Family are invited to join us.

St. Lawrence KC meeting is Thursday, Dec 2 starting with the Rosary at 6:30pm, Meeting will begin at 7.

*We offer our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of Peter Dahl, Wanda & Steven Surmon, & Laura Shelby-Holmstrom May they rest in the eternal embrace of our Lord.*

### Prayer for the Dead:

Father, source of forgiveness and salvation, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, grant **Peter, Wanda, Steven & Laura** whom you have called from this life, to share your eternal happiness in the communion of saints. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Contact Ginny Nelson at 722-4445 or e-mail [holyfamilyduluth@yahoo.com](mailto:holyfamilyduluth@yahoo.com) with announcements, stories or pictures you would like to share in the Mustard Seed. Articles due by noon Monday.

November 28, 2021



**Congratulations**

***Ashley St. Germain and Nicholas Stauber***

received the sacrament of Holy Matrimony at St. Lawrence Church, November 27, 2021. Know of our prayers for you as you begin your journey as a married couple.



Reminder to all that signed-up to attend the St. Nicks Party this Saturday at Holy Family, we will begin the evening with Mass at 4pm. The fun then starts in the Social Hall immediately after Mass.

If you would like to attend and have not signed-up, please call Holy Family at 218-722-4445, or Tammie at 218-590-5956, to help us plan.

If you still need to bring your donation of food items, they will be receiving them on Thursday Dec 2 until 3pm, and Friday Dec 3 from 1-6pm.

We Welcome Into Our Catholic Family

***Theo John Stauber***

son of Peter & Jodi Stauber, Baptized at St. Lawrence, November 18, 2021

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