

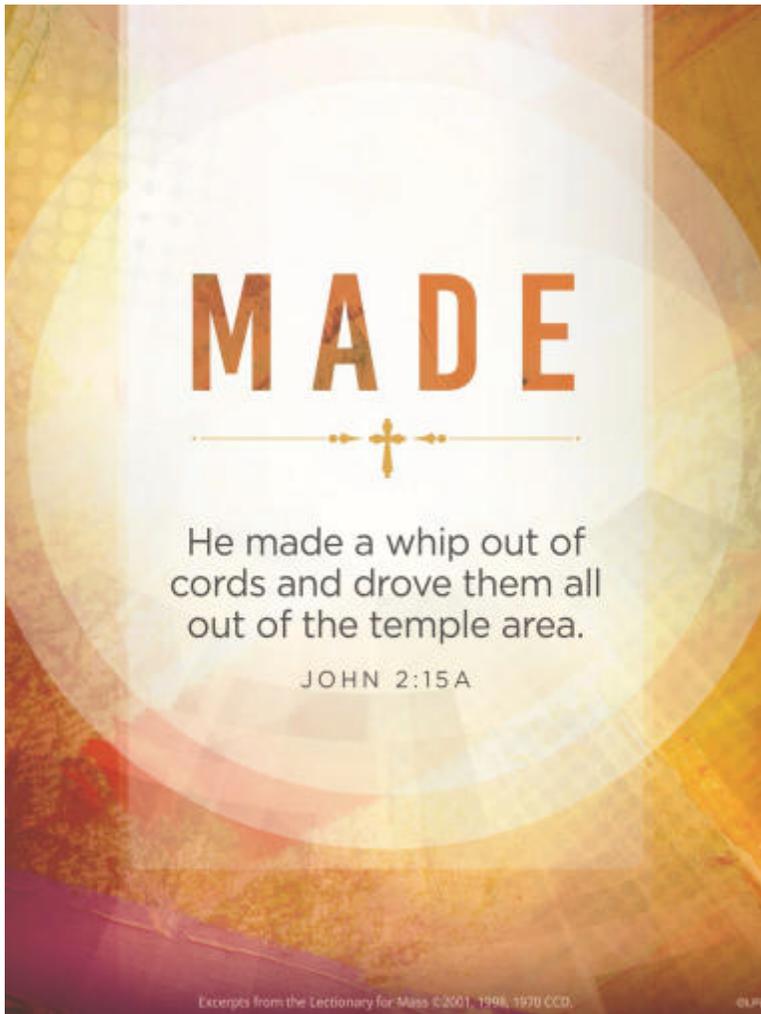


March 7, 2021 3rd Sunday of Lent

St. Mary Star of the Sea † Our Lady of Mercy

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Mass Times

St. Mary Star of the Sea

325 E. 3rd Street Duluth MN 55805

Mon - Fri 12:10 PM

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 9:15 AM

Confessions

Monday-Friday 11:30 - Noon

Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:45 PM

Our Lady of Mercy

2002 Minnesota Ave (Park Point)

Parish Prayer Team: If in need of prayers or interested in joining the team, contact the parish office or Carol Beaupre at (218)724-7152.



To join the parish of St. Mary Star of the Sea:

Registration forms are found online at www.stmarystaroftheseaduluth.com and in the pocket shelf in the hallway to the Sacristy.



Every Wednesday at Our Lady of Mercy the Rosary is said at 6:00 pm. Bring your prayer petitions to place before the Blessed Mother.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 12:10 pm	Mass, March 8 Sheldon Johnson
Tuesday, 12:10 pm	Mass, March 9 Healing Jeffrey & Bailey Pasek
Wednesday, 12:10 pm	Mass, March 10 Carol Beaupre
Thursday, 12:10 pm	Mass, March 11 Brett Mlaskoch
Friday, 12:10 pm	Mass, March 12 † Gerald Patten
Saturday, 4:00 pm	Mass, March 13 Healing Brenda Brennder
Sunday, 9:15 am	Mass, March 14 † Paul & Maxine Humann

Patricia Maisuk came to the end of her earthly pilgrimage recently. Eternal rest grant unto her. Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she and all of the faithful departed rest in peace.



Prayer Opportunity: Adoration following the 12:10 mass on every Friday followed by the chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction. If interested in participating call the office or sign up online at <https://www.stmarystaroftheseaduluth.com/>.

Stations will be offered during Lent:

St. Mary Star of the Sea: Wed. after Mass (12:40)
Cathedral: Fridays at 5:30 pm

Consecration to St. Joseph: On Friday March 19, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, there will be a group consecration at the Cathedral after the Stations of the Cross. We will be reciting the Consecration together and you will be able to sign and date your consecration in front of the image of St. Joseph. If you are participating from home through the livestream, we will also have a certificate available to pick up in the office. So we know how many certificates to obtain, please contact the office at 218-728-3646 or fill out the form found in the newsletter. St. Joseph, pray for us!

Eucharistic Adoration will be held at the Cathedral each Tuesday from 3 to 7 PM. Come and spend time in the love and presence of the Lord.

PRAY FOR RELIGIOUS

Mon, 8	Dcn. Trevor Peterson (sem)
Tue, 9	Peter Sprecht (sem)
Wed, 10	Jacob Toma (sem)
Thu, 11	Jacob Tschida (sem)
Fri, 12	Fr. Andy Knop, OMI
Sat, 13	Fr. Steven LaFlamme
Sun, 14	Fr. Steve Langebrunner

SAY A SPECIAL PRAYER FOR OUR DECEASED PRIESTS



"A Message from Fr. Charlie Friebohle

We can make many excuses not to go to confession whether it has been a couple weeks, 60 years, or anywhere in-between. We can tell ourselves that our sins are not that bad, the priest will think I am a horrible person, or I just want to tell my sins to God instead of a priest, to name just a few. But by not going to confession, we are missing out on the beautiful gift of God's love and mercy. Every time we go to confession, we are forgiven of the guilt of our sins, and are increased in sanctifying grace. The devil wants us to stay in the darkness of sin and does not want us to experience the love and light of God.

Going to confession can be an intimidating thing, even if we have gone hundreds of times. To help combat this we can do a few things. Firstly, we can know that this is a sacrament of mercy, not a sacrament of shame. Jesus wants us to tell him our sins through the priest, so that he can free us from our sins no matter how small or large they are. The priest is there to be the mediator of God's mercy for us, he is not there to say "you are a bad person because you sin." The priest loves you, and wants you to be freed from your sins.

Secondly, we need to prepare ourselves before going to confession. Think about how long it has been since your last confession, and then find a good examination of conscience. Thoroughly go through it to see where you have sinned. Name the sins for what they are, and estimate how many times you have committed that sin or how frequently you fall into that sin. Thirdly, go to confession. If you are unsure of what to do, just tell the priest, and he will help you through step by step. There are multiple regular opportunities for confession at the Cathedral, Star of the Sea and other churches around Duluth. We will also be offering extra confession times beginning on Palm Sunday and running through Holy Week.

Once you have gone to confession, don't forget to thank God for His wonderful mercy. The grace of God we receive from this sacrament is needed for whatever our vocation is. Let us not put off this extraordinary gift and let us allow it to be a regular devotion in our life.

Reps. from **Catholic Bethlehem Christian Families** will be with us next weekend March 13/14 to ask for your help and blessing for the native people of the Holy Land in Bethlehem. Sixty years ago, these families made up 18% of the population, but due to recent events in the Middle East, they have faced devastating economic strain, and their population is less than 2%. The families rely on the income from their religious hand carved olive wood artifacts, so we have come to the USA to try to help support these families by bringing their artifacts here to sell. All proceeds from sales will be sent back to the families of the Holy Land so that they may keep their homes and provide for their families. Please visit the Holy Land Craft Sales tables in the Social Hall after Mass this weekend and consider supporting their cause.

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Parish Stewardship

A Summary of our Financial Stewardship Report:

St. Mary Star of the Sea	
Weekend Collection: Feb 21	\$ 4,037.00
Electronic Giving: Feb 15-21	\$ 115.00
Total Week of Feb 21, 2021	\$ 4,152.00
February Goal	\$ 9,598.60
Contributions: Feb 01-21	\$ 9,714.00
February Goal: Over/(Left to Collect)	\$ 115.40
Percentage of Goal	101%
Annual Goal (Jul. 2020 - Jun. 2021)	\$ 137,000.00
Collected through Feb 21	\$ 88,467.95
Annual Goal: Over/(Left to Collect)	\$ (48,532.05)
Percentage of Goal	65%
2021 UCA Assessment	TBD
2021 UCA Collected through Feb 21	\$ 2,660.46

Staying Healthy at Mass:

Hand Sanitizing Before Communion: When you come up to communion, you will notice there is hand sanitizer in the aisle. To make sure we are doing things safely, first pull down your mask, then sanitize your hands prior to receiving communion.

Cleaning Pews After Mass & Prayer: After Mass and personal prayer, we are asking everyone to clean the area in which they were sitting. Sanitizing wipes can be found near side aisle near the front and the back.

Face Masks: Masks are required inside the St. Mary Star of the Sea per the State of Minnesota and the City of Duluth. If you are not able to wear one, please obtain a face shield. Please find the full list of protocols and procedures for attendance at public Masses on the website, and in the weekly newsletter

The St. Vincent de Paul Society: Please continue to support us especially with your prayers. Questions, call Dcn. Jim at 218-348-62586.pm We meet the 1st and 3rd Thur. of the month via Zoom at 6pm. Email svdpduluthmn@gmail.com for meeting link.



Daily Lenten Message! Like and follow the Cathedral of Our Lady on Facebook @DLHCathedral. Fr. Tony, Fr. Matt and Fr. Charlie will be posting reflections every day during Lent on various aspects of Lent and the faith. Don't miss out!

Readings for the Week of March 7



Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/ Jn 2:13-25
 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
 Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
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Faith Formation: For many households, spring is a time for cleaning. The house has been closed up all winter and needs fresh air. We clean, donate, or throw out that which we no longer need. We also clean or put away that which we will not need until next winter. As the snow melts and the spring plants start to grow, we wash away the winter grit and grime.

Like nature, we try and start the season fresh and renewed. Cleaning, however, is not always fun. It takes hard work. It is dirty, and smelly. But it is necessary, the end result is always more satisfying than where we started.

Lent can be a time of spiritual spring cleaning. This week's Gospel helps us to remember that our spiritual lives need a freshening up from time to time. Sometimes we need to let go of past hurt in our lives and forgive those who have hurt us. Sometimes we need to remove obstacles that are standing in our way of having a better relationship with God.

Remember the three pillars of our Lenten journey: almsgiving, prayer, and fasting. These three practices are the perfect way to begin our spiritual spring cleaning. How are your Lenten promises going? Have you been successful with them? Has it been difficult for you? If necessary, how can you recommit yourself to your Lenten promises?

It is not too late to participate in Lenten opportunities in your parish. Join a book study, attend Stations of the Cross as a family, partake in the Sacrament of Confession. Make the most of the next 4 weeks of Lent. Next week faith formation class is Wed., Mar. 10th when our middle and high school students meet. Class is from 7 PM – 8:30 PM. Middle school will meet at St. John's and high school will meet at the Cathedral starting with Stations of the Cross. Families are encouraged to attend with your child.

God Bless, Sonya Morris

Holy Innocents Adoration Chapel is in need of adorers. Call Christine Ficken for hours 724-7713



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