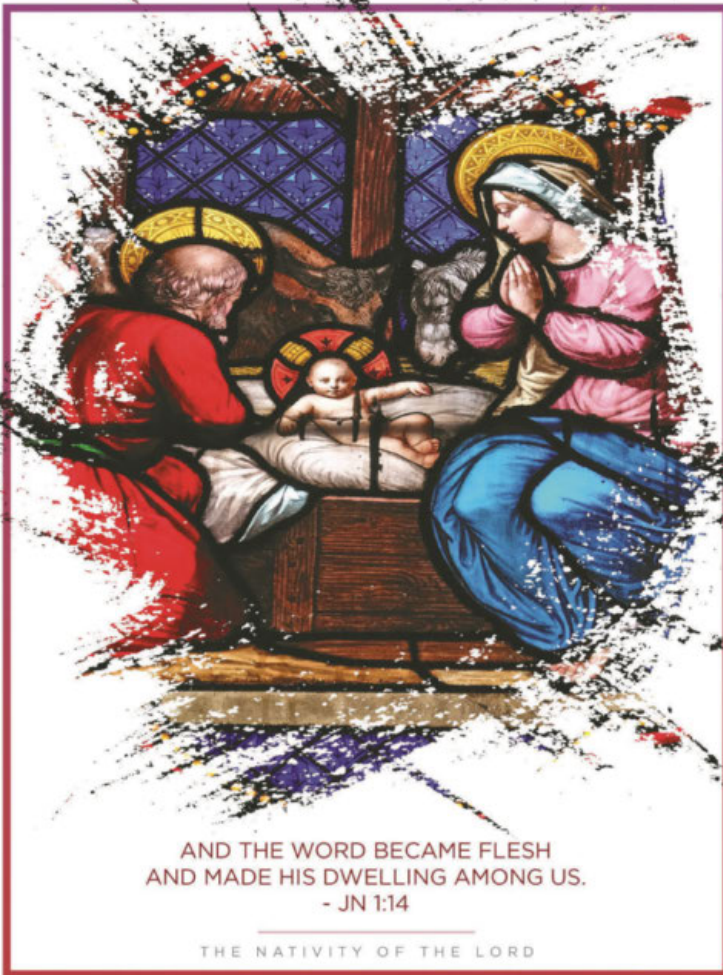




# December 26, 2021 Nativity of our Lord/ Holy Family

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**Christine Ficken (218) 724-7713**

### 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

**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](http://www.stmarystaroftheseaduluth.com) and in the pocket shelf in the hallway to the Sacristy.

**Adoration and Divine Mercy:** Adoration following the Friday 12:10 mass until 3pm. Call the office or sign up on our church website at <https://www.stmarystaroftheseaduluth.com/>.



# MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday,** 12:10 pm **Mass, December 27**  
 † Abraham Matthew  
**Tuesday,** 12:10 pm **Mass, December 28**  
 John Voss  
**Wednesday,** 12:10 pm **Mass, December 29**  
 Thomas Kempfer  
**Thursday,** 12:10 pm **Mass, December 30**  
 † Dan Hoffman  
**Friday,** 12:10 pm **Mass, December 31**  
 Gary Larson  
**Saturday,** 9:15 am **Mass, January 1**  
 † Parishioners  
 4:00 pm † Holy Rosary Society  
**Sunday,** 9:15 am **Mass, January 2**  
 Health & Welfare for Marshall  
 & Marianne Fightlin



**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!** May Jesus remain with you always and May God Bless you!

There will be no Adoration or Chaplet of Div Mercy at St. Mary Star of the Sea on Fri., Dec. 31. The parish offices will be closed on Thur., Dec. 30 & Fri., Dec. 31.

**Mary, Mother of God:** Masses for Mary Mother of God on January 1 are at 9 AM at the Cathedral and 9:15 AM at Star of the Sea. Since the feast day falls on a Saturday this year, the Holy Day requirement to attend Mass has been lifted.

**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.

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society:** Please continue to support us especially with your prayers. Questions, call Dcn. Jim at 218-348-6258. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thur. of the month at 6pm. 1st Thur. at SMSS; 3rd Thur. location TBD. Email svdpduluthmn@gmail.com or call Dcn. Jim for details.



[stmarystaroftheseaduluth.org](http://stmarystaroftheseaduluth.org)

## PRAY FOR RELIGIOUS

**Mon, 27** All Deacon's Wives  
**Tue, 28** All Religious Sisters from our Diocese  
**Wed, 29** All Deceased Priests  
**Thu, 30** All Deceased Deacons  
**Fri, 31** Young Men who are Future Seminarians  
**Sat, 1** Pope Francis  
**Sun, 2** Peter Brown (Sem)  
**SAY A SPECIAL PRAYER FOR OUR DECEASED PRIESTS**



## "A Message from Fr. Anthony Wroblewski

There is an old English Christmas Carol called "In the Bleak Mid-Winter" that rarely is sung in Church here in the United States, but has a haunting melody, and absolutely beautiful words. The following are the last two verses of the song:

**Angels and Archangels, may have gathered there,  
 Cherubim and seraphim, thronged the air;  
 But only His Mother, in her maiden bliss  
 Worshipped the Beloved, with a kiss.**

**What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
 If I were a Shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
 If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part,  
 Yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.**

Someone asked a few of us a question just before Christmas: What is your favorite hymn. The answer of one of them was "The Little Drummer Boy." At first I thought it a bit odd. But then I realized that the greatest gift humanity ever received was the gift of God's Son. And in gratitude for that gift, we are to give something back to God: ourselves. That's why I love the last line in this hymn: when we give our heart back to Christ, He will take it and use it to spread His love everywhere in this world.

I am always aware of the many people who come back to us at Church, whether to visit family and friends, or are simply returning back to the Faith. Know that we are glad you are here! We always want to make this place a welcoming, joyful place where Christ's love, compassion and mercy are known. Even in the midst of a pandemic, we rejoice, because our God came to save us!

Finally, I am grateful for the hard work put in by many people who make our Christmas liturgies possible, from the wonderful music, to the decorations, to all the unseen preparation. Thank you! And for those of you visiting our parish community, know we are glad you are here with us. We welcome you to return again, so that the blessing of Christ in your life may be always and fully celebrated! So on behalf of myself, our priests and deacons and staff, I wish you a Blessed Christmas!

**A Gift for You!** *The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen* is being given out to parishioners this Christmas. This book is a beautiful collection of 365 of Fulton Sheen's most powerful quotes. As it did in his own time, Fulton Sheen's wit and wisdom will open minds, expand hearts, and feed souls. Invite others to spend next year walking and talking with Fulton Sheen! Please mark your calendar to spend an evening with our clergy for discussion and more insight into the wisdom of Fulton Sheen on Tuesday, January 18th at 7pm in the Cathedral Social Hall.



**Merry Christmas from Stella Maris Academy!** From all of us at Stella Maris Academy, we sincerely wish you the joy and peace of Christ this season. Thank you for all you do to support Catholic education in Duluth, our families, staff, and our students. To learn more about how you can support SMA with your end of year giving, please visit [www.stellamaris.academy/give](http://www.stellamaris.academy/give)

## Parish Stewardship

A Summary of our Financial Stewardship Report:

St. Mary Star of the Sea	
Weekend Collection: Dec 12	\$ 2,569.81
Electronic Giving: Dec 06-12	\$ 375.00
<b>Total Week of Dec 12, 2021</b>	<b>\$ 2,944.81</b>
December Goal	\$ 17,985.20
Check/Cash Contributions: Dec 01-12	\$ 5,666.81
Electronic Contributions: Dec 01-12	\$ 560.00
<b>December Goal: Over/(Left to Collect)</b>	<b>\$ (11,758.39)</b>
Percentage of Goal	35%
Annual Goal (Jul. 2021 - Jun. 2022)	\$ 139,000.00
Collected through Dec 12	\$ 69,422.06
<b>Annual Goal: Over/(Left to Collect)</b>	<b>\$ (69,577.94)</b>
Percentage of Goal	50%
2021 UCA Assessment	\$ 23,690.56
2021 UCA Collected through Dec 12	\$ 23,690.56
<b>UCA Goal: Over/(Left to Collect)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Percentage of Goal	100%
SMSS has reached their 2021 UCA Goal! Thank you for your generosity! Additional UCA donations that come in 2021 will go directly towards our 2022 UCA Fund.	

**Knights Welcome New Men and Families** Becoming a Knight is easy. Serving as one will change lives. The Knights of Columbus are the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization making our world a better place. We have a great council here at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary and St. Mary Star of the Sea and we'd love to walk with you on your faith journey! We strive to be better fathers, husbands and Catholics together. Minnesota Knights changed 8,628 lives by giving them brand new winter coats this winter with our help. Knights also earn exclusive but optional access to top rated life insurance and financial products to protect their families. Join the Knights in about 6 minutes by going to [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) with the discount code MCGIVNEY2020 and Council number 15761

The Nurse for Priests promotes the healing ministry among the Presbyterate of the Diocese of Duluth, especially senior priests. This position provides leadership in identifying and responding to the health-related needs of the priests. This employee serves as a health educator, counselor, resource/referral person, advocate, pastoral/spiritual care provider and coordinator of health-related services for active and retired priests. The nurse articulates the relationship of health of mind, body, and spirit to create wholeness, health, and a sense of well-being for that person. If you are interested in this part-time role (20 hours per week), please email Mary Rasch at [mary.rasch@duluthcatholic.org](mailto:mary.rasch@duluthcatholic.org) for a job description and application.

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

## Readings for the Week of December 26

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52  
 Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40  
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18  
 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

### Liturgical Publications Inc.

#### Faith Formation: Merry Christmas!

All the waiting and preparing has come to an end and we celebrate one of the most important events in history, Jesus' birth. In doing so we also celebrate the great mystery, The Incarnation, that the very God who created all things from nothing and who is light itself, took on our humanity in order to transform us. We rejoice knowing that God loves us so much that He came to teach us the truth about His love and forgiveness through His son, Jesus Christ. As parents and people of faith in our church communities, it is so important that we lead our children to an understanding of the true meaning of Christmas. Christ's birth changed the world because he was born as Emmanuel, "God with us," who will save us from our sins. The birth of Emmanuel gives us reason to rejoice, for all fear is wiped away. We are not alone. Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise to raise up a savior from the people of Israel. As we remember to thank those that have so generously blessed us with presents this Christmas, let us not forget to thank the most important person of all, God, for the gift of our Savior, Jesus, who saves us from our sins and brought salvation to the world. I hope you all have a blessed Christmas!

Sonya

Faith Formation classes resume on January 5<sup>th</sup>

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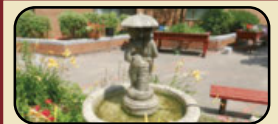
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