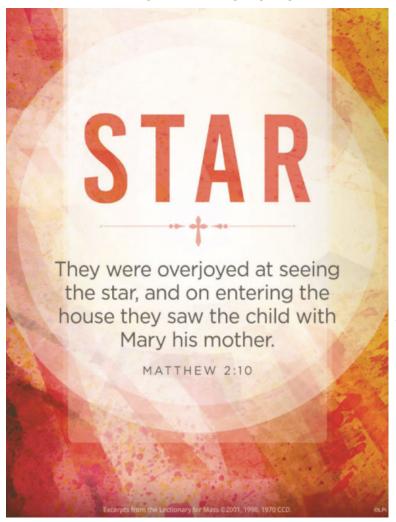


January 2, 2021 Epiphany of our Lord St. Mary Star of the Sea † Phone (218) 722-3078 †

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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.

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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

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 Tuesday, 12:10 pm Wednesday, 12:10 pm Thursday, 12:10 pm Friday, 12:10 pm Saturday, 4:00 pm Sunday,

9:15 am

Mass, January 3
Healing for Jenna H.
Mass, January 4
John Voss
Mass, January 5
† Thomas Kempfer

Mass, January 6
David & Ashley Moos Family

Mass, January 7
† Dan Hoffman
Mass, January 8
Gary Larson
Mass, January 9
† Parishioners

Paula Lepak & David Green

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



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.

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.

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PRAY FOR RELIGIOUS	
Mon,3 Tue,, 4 Wed. 5	Zavier Franck (sem) Dcn. Daniel Hammer (sem) Luke O'Reilly (sem)
Thu, 6 Fri, 7 Sat.8	Dcn. Scott Padmos (sem) Peter Specht (sem) Jacob Toma (sem) Jacob Tschida (sem)
	DRAYER FOR OUR DECEASED RRIESTS



"A Message from Fr. Anthony Wroblewski

At this time, when we have already celebrated our Christmas Masses and are in the midst of the Christmas Season, our thoughts are drawn to the New Year that has just begun: what will it be like? Certainly, this year we do hope that somehow this may be the last New Year we begin in the midst of a pandemic. Nonetheless, what is it that many of us do at this time of the Year? It is to make some type of resolution. And more often than we can count, we make resolutions that aren't kept up with more than a few weeks or months. But allow me to make this challenge to you, and I invite you to help others to see the value of the following resolution: Resolve to go to Mass every Sunday, every Holy Day, and yes, even when you are on vacation this year. (Or if you do, how about attending daily Mass on a more regular basis?)

In my 27 years as a priest, I've seen people of good will take Sunday Mass attendance less seriously year after year. It's never been so glaring a problem as I have seen the past decade. And the problem the past two years has been Covid: when do I return to Mass? Growing up, no matter what we did as a family, whether at the cabin, or traveling, or whatever, we made sure we made time to find a Church and go to Mass. Quite plainly, the Church still teaches that it is a serious sin to miss Mass on Sunday or a Holy Day, unless one cannot go either due to serious illness or because there isn't a Mass available. Inconvenience simply isn't a good excuse. Often when I have a wedding early in the afternoon on a Saturday which is in the context of a Mass, I know I'll get the inevitable question: Father, does this Mass count. The answer that I have developed over these years is this: For your salvation, yes. For your Sunday obligation, no! Also, another reminder that I never thought I would have to give: TV or online Masses exist to help the homebound, which includes those who cannot get to Mass during a pandemic for fear they will become infected. But those who are healthy, and can go to Mass safely, are bound actually to attend Mass - online isn't a substitute in those cases.

Of course, we should go to Church not just because we have to, but because we are ready to give of our time through worship. You can't receive the sacrament of Eucharist at home, nor can you share communal prayer through the sacrifice of Mass at home, nor can you hear God's life-saving Word proclaimed and preached at home. Something is seriously lost when I focus only on my own personal prayer at home, rather than give of myself and my time just once a week, only for an hour, to God and my fellow parishioners. So, see you in Church! May God bless you this week

Training for New and Current Liturgical Ministers! Training for all Lector's, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Servers is scheduled for Feb., 2022. This training is required for all current and new Lector's, EMHC's and Altar Servers to ensure we have standardization for all the Masses. Dates and times for St. Mary Star of the Sea are as follows: Altar Servers on Tues., 2/15 from 6pm-7pm, Lectors on Wed., 2/16 from 6pm-7pm, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Wed., 2/16 from 7pm-8pm If you have questions or would like to become a liturgical minister, email questions to Greg Jung at greg.jung@duluthcatholic.org or Rebecca Domagala at rebecca.domagala@duluthcatholic.org.

STEWARDSHIP

READINGS

Parish Stewardship

A Summary of our Financial Stewardship Report:

St. Mary Star of the Sea	
Weekend Collection: Dec 19	\$ 2,994.70
Electronic Giving: Dec 13-19	\$ 355.00
Total Week of Dec 19, 2021	\$ 3,349.70
December Goal	\$ 17,985.20
Check/Cash Contributions: Dec 01-19	\$ 8,661.51
Electronic Contributions: Dec 01-19	\$ 915.00
December Goal: Over/(Left to Collect)	\$ (8,408.69)
Percentage of Goal	53%
Annual Goal (Jul. 2021 - Jun. 2022)	\$ 139,000.00
Collected through Dec 19	\$ 72,771.76
Annual Goal: Over/(Left to Collect)	\$ (66,228.24)
Percentage of Goal	52%

Rescheduled: SMA High School Sneak Peek! Friday Jan. 7, 12 pm - 6 pm Join Stella Maris Academy for an exciting day to celebrate the opening of our new high school! Get a sneak peek of our campus, learn more about what the high school will have to offer, see the work of current SMA students, and get to know our Duluth Catholic education community. The open house will be from noon until 6:00 pm, stop in anytime throughout the day with an outdoor blessing at 6:00 pm. All are welcome!

Are you subscribed to flocknotes? That weekly newsletter sent to your email about Church news and church events. It also contains something really wonderful you don't want to miss, **Cathedral Chats!**It is a brief item about aspects of the faith from Fr. Charlie on the Duluth Cathedral YOUTUBE page. It is worth watching. Email the church office if you would like to sign up.

THE NEXT **THEOLOGY UNCAPPED** will be Thurs., January 27, 2022 at St. Benedict Catholic Church in Duluth. Full meal will be catered by Famous Dave's. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., meal served at 6:00 p.m., program begins at 6:30 p.m. The topic will be, "Salvation" with Fr. Rich Kunst and Pastor Rollie Brockbrader. Registration is open now at theologyuncapped.org!

Duluth Parish Neighbors is a Catholic neighbor publication focusing on Duluth and it is free. Some have requested more info. on how to obtain a paper. If you are interesting in receiving this, feel free to contact Cassandra Paloueck @cpaloueck@decidedexcellence.com or <u>218-343-9347</u>

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

Readings for the Week of January 2

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

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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Faith Formation: Today on the Feast of the Epiphany, we celebrate the fact that Jesus is revealed to the world. We hear the story about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's Gospel, the Magi represent the Gentiles', all people outside the Jewish world, and their search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent us and our search for Jesus. The gifts of the Magi show that the they truly recognized the infant Jesus for who he would be for them and for us: our Savior promised by God. The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts as a family, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Have your children think of the best gift they have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to them?

The gifts the Magi gave the infant Jesus are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledged who Jesus was to be. Like the Magi, we search for Jesus. When he is revealed to us, we respond by offering gifts, those which are most valuable to us and to Jesus.

We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we do and say.

As we enter into the last week of Christmas, what might you offer to show that you recognize who Jesus is this Christmas?

I pray you all continue to have a Blessed Christmas! Sonya

Faith Formation resumes this week with all classes at their normal times and locations.

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