

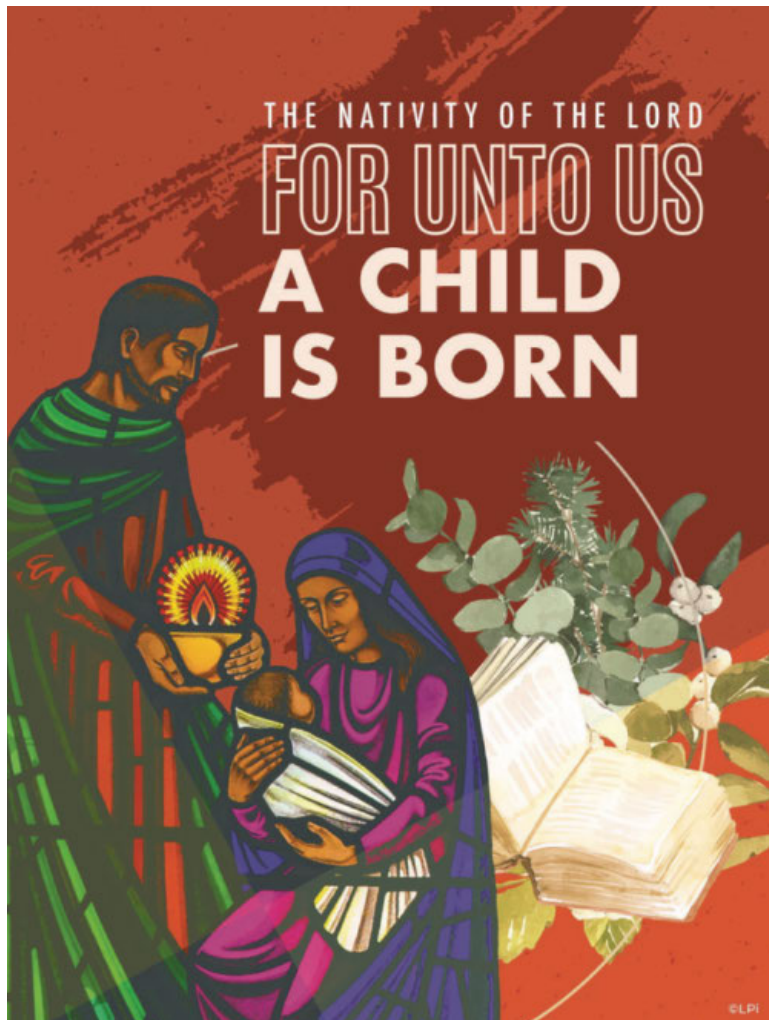


ST. MARY Star of the Sea

December 25
2022

*Nativity of Our
Lord*

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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

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.

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 26**
 † Swierc & Paluch Family
Tuesday, 12:10 pm **Mass, December 27**
 † Brian Landstrom
Wednesday, 12:10 pm **Mass, December 28**
 † Abraham Matthew
Thursday, 12:10 pm **Mass, December 29**
 † Maria Joseph
Friday, 12:10 pm **Mass, December 30**
 † Annamma Joseph
Saturday, 4:00 pm **Mass, December 31**
 † Jan Dubina
Sunday, 9:15 am **Mass, January 1**
 † Deceased members of the
 Russell Family

The **St. Vincent de Paul Society** is the largest lay Catholic organization in the world. SVdP is well known for its personal home visits to neighbors homes in needs. The Cathedral & St. Mary Star of the Sea conference meets regularly to grow in holiness and help our neighbors in need including rental deposit and care repairs. We welcome new members. Join us on the 1st and 3rd Thur. of the month 6pm at the Cathedral Multipurpose Room. Prayers and financial support are always appreciated. For more info. ilsvdpduluthmn@gmail.com

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2023 Calendars: By Catholic Extension, donated by Dougherty Funeral Home. This calendar provides scriptural inspiration with seasonal images of God's splendid creation. Each month is a celebration of the natural beauty of this country, as well as the rich history of the Extension-supported Catholic dioceses that serve the featured regions. Take one for your household and loved ones that are unable to get out.



PRAY FOR RELIGIOUS

Mon, 26 Fr. Goerge Zeck
Tue, 27 ..All Deacon Candidates
Wed, 28 ..All Religious Sisters from our Diocese
Thu, 29 ..All Deceased Priests
Fri, 30 ..All Deceased Deacons
Sat, 31 ..All who are future religious
Sun, 1 ..Pope Francis
SAY A SPECIAL PRAYER FOR OUR DECEASED PRIESTS



"A Message from Fr. Anthony Wroblewski

I can't ever get enough of Christmas Carols. Certainly, all of us could be singing "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas" since our dreams certainly turned into reality this year. However, one of my favorites, (though I have lots of favorites), with a haunting melody, is the following:

What Child is this,
 Who laid to rest
 On Mary's lap is sleeping?
 Whom Angels greet with anthems sweet,
 While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King,
 Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing
 Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
 The Babe, the Son of Mary.

I love how the song both asks the question, and then gives the answer. At a time when many people see Christmas as a secular holiday, we need to proclaim what really happened, and how our world was transformed by the power of God! What is Christmas about? It isn't trees and presents and romantic Hallmark movies. It is about the birth of the Son of God, and how His incarnation as one like us has transformed this world of ours, and seeks to transform every single human heart.

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.

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 communities, 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!

The Holy Innocents Adoration Chapel at St. Mary Star of the Sea will be reopening soon. It will be open continuously from Sundays at 5 PM until Thursdays at 9 PM. A decision has been made to postpone the opening until we have 85% of the times filled. When 85% of the time slots have been filled an announcement will be made of the opening date. If you are willing to become a regular or substitute adorer, please sign up at adorationpro.org/starduluth or call the St. Mary Star of the Sea office at 218-722-3078. Please pray for a speedy re-opening and do not hesitate to talk to your family and friends about the Chapel!



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Parish Stewardship

A Summary of our Financial Stewardship Report:

St. Mary Star of the Sea	
Weekend Collection: Dec 04	\$ 2,887.87
Electronic Giving: Dec 01-04	\$ 85.00
Total Week of Dec 04, 2022	\$ 2,972.87
December Goal	\$ 17,985.20
Check/Cash Contributions: Dec 01 - 04	\$ 2,887.87
Electronic Contributions: Dec 01 - 04	\$ 85.00
December Goal: Over/(Left to Collect)	\$ (15,012.33)
Percentage of Goal	17%
Annual Goal (Jul. 2022 - Jun. 2023)	\$ 139,000.00
Collected through Dec 04	\$ 64,711.23
Annual Goal: Over/(Left to Collect)	\$ (74,288.77)
Percentage of Goal	47%
2022 UCA Assessment	\$ 24,796.47
2022 UCA Collected through Dec 04	\$ 26,722.57
UCA Goal: Over/(Left to Collect)	\$ 1,926.10
Percentage of Goal	108%

RESPECT LIFE FAMILY POSTER CONTEST: The Office of Marriage, Family, and Life is hosting a Respect Life Family Poster contest. The theme is "Helping Moms in Need" and the whole family is invited to participate! Posters must be submitted to your parish or Catholic school office and postmarked by Thursday, January 12, 2023. No more than 3 entries per parish, with an additional 3 entries possible per Catholic school. All parish and school entries must be submitted in the same envelope. All details and contest requirements can be found at <https://www.dioceseduluth.org/marriage-and-family-life>

Theology Uncapped: Join us on Thur., Jan. 26th at 6:00pm at St. Benedict's for our next evening of theological discussion with Fr. Rich and Pastor Rollie. Tonight's topic is "Respect for Life". Cost is \$25 per person. Doors open at 5:00pm. Seating is limited. Registration begins December 1st. Register online at www.theologyuncapped.org. Questions? Call 218-393-0631.

All adults 21 and older are invited to come to a retreat weekend! Come enjoy good food and lodging, thought provoking content, engaging conversation and fellowship, time for reflection and prayer, and free time to enjoy the resort. Come be restored in both body and soul. The Restored retreat is taking place Feb, 24 – 26, at Breezy Point Resort. This is a great opportunity for you, especially if you have never been on a retreat, or it could be a special gift for a loved one. More info & registration are available at www.dioceseduluth.org/Restored

Attention women of all ages! Come join us for conversation, devotional reading, and prayer at 10 AM-11:15 AM We will meet in the Cathedral Fire-side Room on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. For questions, call Joy at 218-724-4083

Divine Will Study Group: Every Thursday after the noon mass. Please join us. 218-724-0368.

Readings for the Week of December 25



Sunday: Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

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Faith Formation: Merry Christmas!

At Christmas we celebrate the great mystery that God became flesh and dwelt among us, The Incarnation, "in the flesh", and it changes everything. When we say that Jesus became flesh, it means that we actually encounter him in our lives. Jesus truly became one of us. He came to teach us the truth about God's love and forgiveness.

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 Season!

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Faith Formation classes resume on January 4th

We wish you a blessed Christmas! SMA is enrolling Pre-K through 10th grade now for the 2023 - 2024 school year! Contact our admissions office to schedule a campus tour and learn more about becoming part of the SMA family. Please visit the link below for more info: www.stellamaris.academy/admissions



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