

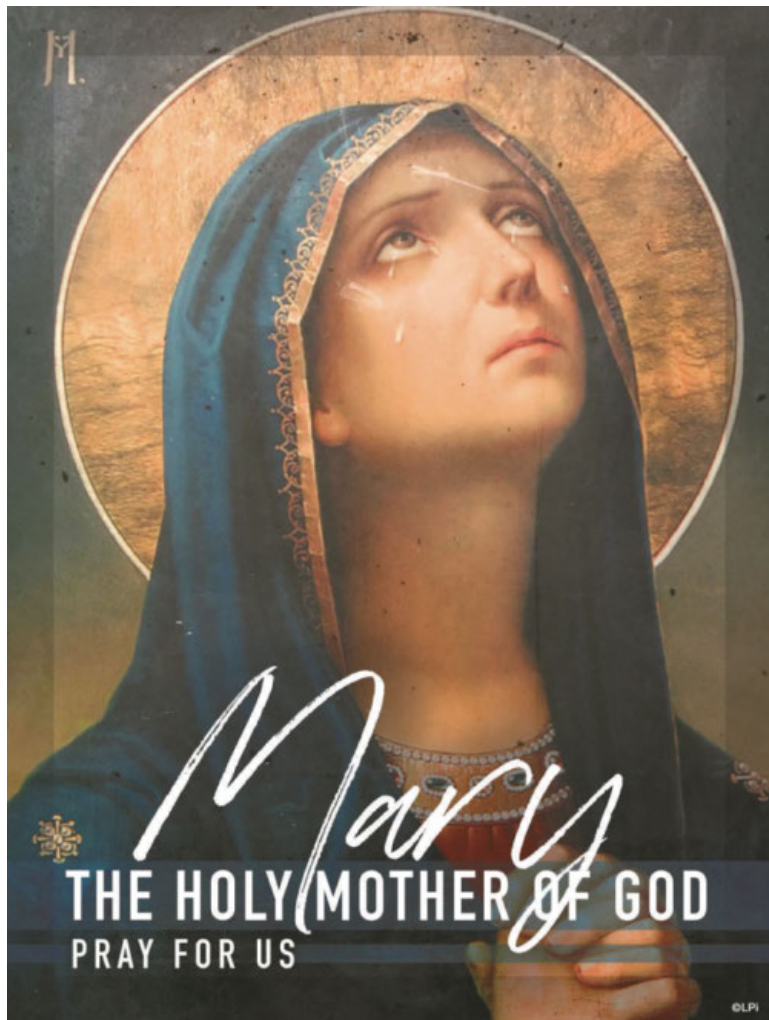


ST. MARY Star of the Sea

January 1st
2023

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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, January 2 † Marianne Fightlin
Tuesday, 12:10 pm	Mass, January 3 † Rita Robinson
Wednesday, 12:10 pm	Mass, January 4 Deacon Ted Windus
Thursday, 12:10 pm	Mass, January 5 † Irene Flanagan
Friday, 12:10 pm	Mass, January 6 † Poor Souls of Purgatory
Saturday, 4:00 pm	Mass, January 7 † Holy Rosary Society
Sunday, 9:15 am	Mass, January 8 † Wiktor Grochowski

Happy New Year! Offices will be closed on Monday January 2nd. We will still be having mass at both locations at the regularly scheduled times.

The **Turkey Bingo** was a great success! Total after expenses: \$8562.61. Bingo Boards: \$855.81-Silent Auction: \$2802.50-Split the Pot: \$225.85-Small Raffle: \$588.00-Raffle Tickets: \$3,033.00-Lunch: \$1057.45. Thank you to everyone who purchased their raffle tickets and worked the bingo in any capacity, and individuals who donated to the silent auction. Special thank you for financial donations to: Dan & Micky Kraemer-China Star Restaurant-Rosary Society-Men's Rec Club-Kolar Cheverolet; Dougherty's Funeral Home for printing the raffle tickets, Miner's SuperOne for donating the turkeys. Winners of the raffle. \$500-Lisa Jeanetta; \$300-Lisa Jeanetta & \$200-Michelle Bryce. My heartfelt thank you for making our Turkey Bingo such a wonderful success. Mark your calendars for the Easter Ham Bingo which will be held on Sun. Mar. 26, 2023. God Bless you. Shirley Baker.

Did you attend Catholic school in the Duluth area? If so, welcome home to Stella Maris Academy! As a Duluth Area Catholic School alum, you have a home at SMA! Please visit www.stellamaris.academy/alumni and share your story with us so we can continue to honor the extraordinary 140-year legacy of Catholic school education in Duluth. Your story will enlighten the history pages and help us connect generations of Catholic students and families.



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PRAY FOR RELIGIOUS

Mon, 2	Fr. Keith Bertram
Tue, 3	Fr. Eamonn Boland
Wed, 3	Fr. Anthony Craig
Thu, 4	Fr. Timothy Deutsch
Fri, 5	Fr. Justin Fish
Sat, 6	Fr. Thomas Foster
Sun, 7	Fr. Albert Paul Fruth

SAY A SPECIAL PRAYER FOR OUR DECEASED PRIESTS



"A Message from Fr. Anthony Wroblewski"

Today, rather than writing on one particular topic, I would like to do a "catch all" article on a variety of subjects. First, I want to thank you all for once again being so generous with your UCA contributions! We will always have a responsibility towards the Diocese and its ministries, so I thank you very much for giving what you did in what is still a tough economy, with inflation still not letting up much. Our parishes made their goals before Christmas! I think it would be helpful to remember that you can still continue to give to UCA even now, at the beginning of the year. We will continue to place your gifts in reserve until we get our goal amounts in May. Maybe if we front load our contributions, we won't have to do so much "back-loading" with second collections at the end of the year. Though we will still be doing first weekend second collections as a reminder that we have this obligation.

Secondly, I want to thank you for your generosity in this past Christmas Season! Thank you for your cards, gifts, goodies and well-wishes! Know that I am finally feeling like I am home once again here in Duluth, and it's you who make it feel that way. Again thanks!

Lastly, as we begin a New Year, I would ask you to consider what you might do differently or additionally to enhance your own faith life this year? It is a time of new beginnings. As you read the bishop's pastoral letter, I hope you will see that he is wanting us to fully focus in on our mission of evangelizing the whole of the northeast of Minnesota. I have found that with a strong faith life, there is nothing that I cannot handle. We have so many opportunities in all of our parishes to learn more about your Catholic Faith, and to worship the Lord. Will this year be the time that you might start going to Daily Mass? Might this be the year that you begin Bible Study? Might you be a server, lector or minister of Holy Communion? Might you join the choir? Will you fully give of yourself to the mobilization to mission that the bishop speaks about? What will you do for yourself and your faith in 2023?

So that's all I have this week. As always, if you have any ideas for this article page, or have any questions you want to ask, please get them to Fr. Trevor or myself, and we will be happy to address them for you. God Bless!

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 18	\$	1,426.00
Electronic Giving: Dec 12-16	\$	360.00
Total Week of Dec 18, 2022	\$	1,786.00
December Goal	\$	17,985.20
Check/Cash Contributions: Dec 01 - 18	\$	5,811.87
Electronic Contributions: Dec 01 - 18	\$	675.00
December Goal: Over/(Left to Collect)	\$	(11,498.33)
Percentage of Goal		36%
Annual Goal (Jul. 2022 - Jun. 2023)	\$	139,000.00
Collected through Dec 18	\$	68,225.23
Annual Goal: Over/(Left to Collect)	\$	(70,774.77)
Percentage of Goal		49%
2022 UCA Assessment	\$	24,796.47
2022 UCA Collected through Dec 18	\$	26,988.57
UCA Goal: Over/(Left to Collect)	\$	2,192.10
Percentage of Goal		109%

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. email svdpduluthmn@gmail.com

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

The Friends of the Felgemaker is presenting a "Twelfth Night Celebration" organ concert on Sun., Jan 8, at 3:00 pm at Sacred Heart Music Center, 201 West 4th Street, Duluth, MN. Twin Ports organists Brian Kapp, Charles Sundquist, Karen Hanson Sande, Rachael Kresha, Samuel Black, Tom Hamilton and Velda Graham Bell will take turns performing Christmas music and leading sing-along carols on the historic 19th century Felgemaker pipe organ. Here's a chance to hear beautiful Christmas music before it goes away for another year! Come early for some hot cider and holiday treats, too. A \$20 donation is suggested.

Readings for the Week of January 1

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

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or

Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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Faith Formation: Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God.

In the Gospel today we hear about the shepherds who act upon the message they receive from the angel and go to find Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem. In their visit to the manger, the shepherds find things just as the angel had told them. They find Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. The shepherds' visit is a moment of fulfillment, and the beginning of the salvation we receive through Christ, but the Gospel also turns our focus to Mary as the Mother of God.

Because of Mary's faithfulness to God, she was able to receive the gift of God's Son and accept her role in God's plan for salvation. Mary followed God's directions even though she was not sure what more was to come, she simply obeyed. By doing so, she models for us the path of discipleship and is called Mother of the Church. When we obey God, as Mary did, we also show ourselves to be good disciples of Jesus. To be good disciples we pray and reflect on the events of our lives, that we might see God's presence and work in them and we are obedient to God and His will.

As we enter into the last week of the Christmas season, let us reflect upon ourselves as Disciples of Jesus. May we turn to Mary, to help us grow closer to her son, and to show ourselves to be good disciples of him.

Merry Christmas,

Sonya Morris

Faith Formation classes resume this Wednesday, January 4th. We will have dinner and classes as usual.

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 Fireside Room on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. For questions, call Joy at 218-724-4083



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