

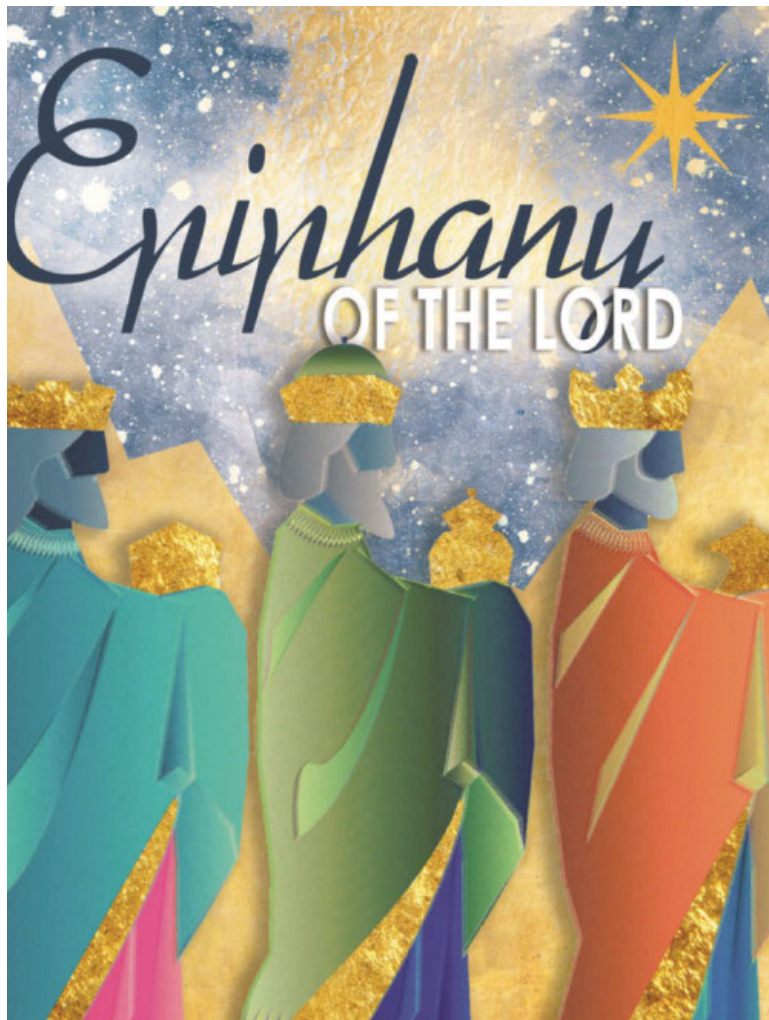


ST. MARY Star of the Sea

January 8th
2023

Epiphany 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, January 9 † Irene Flanagan
Tuesday, 12:10 pm	Mass, January 10 † Marge Courtemanche
Wednesday, 12:10 pm	Mass, January 11 † Marianne Fightlin
Thursday, 12:10 pm	Mass, January 12 † Rita Robinson
Friday, 12:10 pm	Mass, January 13 † Poor Souls of Purgatory
Saturday, 4:00 pm	Mass, January 14 † Parishioners
Sunday, 9:15 am	Mass, January 15 † Teckla Graczyk

Pancake Breakfast here at St Mary Star of the Sea Sun. Jan. 8th from 9:00 Am to Noon \$8.00 Adults and \$4.00 children 10 and under. The best in town! Gluten Free available! Volunteers needed, we have a lot of fun! Our Parish nurse Nancy Turchi will be available for blood pressure checks and general medical questions.

Donut Sunday: next Sunday downstairs Jan 15 after the 9:15 mass for refreshments and donuts and a treat. All our welcome.

Knights of Columbus Sponsor Pilgrim Icon Program in Honor of St. Joseph: Flowing from the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis, and inspired by his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*, comes the Knights of Columbus' Pilgrim Icon Program in honor of St. Joseph. The Pilgrim Icon of St. Joseph, normally housed at St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal (Canada's preeminent Shrine to St. Joseph) will be on display at the Cathedral of Our Lady from January 1st through January 16th. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to give reverence to St. Joseph and prayerfully ask him to help us imitate his quiet strength, integrity and fidelity. A Prayer Service in Honor of St. Joseph will occur during Adoration on Tuesday, January 10th from 6:00-7:00 culminating in a Rosary led by a member of the Knights of Columbus followed by Benediction. We invite all to attend and pay homage to St. Joseph.

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PRAY FOR RELIGIOUS

Mon, 9	Fr. Michael Garry
Tue, 10	Dcn. Jack Ferris
Wed, 11	Fr. Daniel Hammer
Thu, 12	Fr. Lawrence Johnson
Fri, 13	Fr. Richard Kunst
Sat, 14	Fr. Timothy Lange
Sun, 15	Fr. Kristoffer McKusky

SAY A SPECIAL PRAYER FOR OUR DECEASED PRIESTS



"A Message from Fr. Anthony Wroblewski

Epiphany, which we celebrate this weekend, marks the occasion of a long-time Christian tradition of chalking the doors. The formula for the ritual is simple: take chalk and write the following above the entrance of your home: 20 + C + B + M + 23. The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi who came to visit Jesus in His first home: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase: *Christus mansionem benedicat*, meaning "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "23" at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

The chalking of the doors is a centuries-old practice throughout the world, though it appears to be someone less well-known in the United States. It is, however, an easy tradition to adopt, and a great practice whereby we dedicate our year to God from its very outset, asking His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work or visit them there. Most often the chalking takes place after Epiphany Mass, and can be done at any home. Traditionally the blessing is done by either a priest or the head of the household. This blessing can be performed simply by just writing the inscription and offering a short prayer, or more elaborately, including songs, prayers, processions, and the sprinkling of holy water.

After many Epiphany Masses, satchels of blessed chalk are distributed. These can then be brought home and used to perform the ritual. This year, the Knights of Columbus are providing us with the chalk you can use for your own blessing of your home.

Practicing traditions like the chalking of the doors helps us to live our Faith more concretely and serve as an outward sign of our dedication to Our Lord. Our homes are also the place where many of us will make the greatest strides in our spiritual growth, through observance of daily prayer, spiritual reading, and work offered as an oblation to God. The chalking of the doors of a home encourages Christians to dedicate their life at home to God and to others. Seeing the symbols over our doors can help to remind us, while passing in and out on our daily routines, that our homes and all those who dwell there belong to Christ. It also serves as a reminder of welcoming the Magi gave to Jesus. We should strive to be as welcoming to all who come to our homes to visit us!



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. svdpduluthmn@gmail.com

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Parish Stewardship

A Summary of our Financial Stewardship Report:

St. Mary Star of the Sea	
Weekend Collection: Dec 25	\$ 3,561.25
Electronic Giving: Dec 19-23	\$ 390.00
Total Week of Dec 25, 2022	\$ 3,951.25
December Goal	\$ 17,985.20
Check/Cash Contributions: Dec 01 - 25	\$ 9,373.12
Electronic Contributions: Dec 01 - 25	\$ 1,065.00
December Goal: Over/(Left to Collect)	\$ (7,547.08)
Percentage of Goal	58%
Annual Goal (Jul. 2022 - Jun. 2023)	\$ 139,000.00
Collected through Dec 25	\$ 72,176.48
Annual Goal: Over/(Left to Collect)	\$ (66,823.52)
Percentage of Goal	52%
2022 UCA Assessment	\$ 24,796.47
2022 UCA Collected through Dec 25	\$ 27,048.57
UCA Goal: Over/(Left to Collect)	\$ 2,252.10
Percentage of Goal	109%

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 is open. Register online at www.theologyuncapped.org. Questions? Call 218-393-0631.



SMA is seeking to hire more substitute teachers, including long-term subs to cover maternity leaves this spring! We are also seeking to fill both part and full time custodian positions. Please visit the link below for more info about these opportunities: www.stellamaris.academy/employment

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!

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

Readings for the Week of January 8



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
 Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)/Mt 3:13-17
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9//Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
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Faith Formation: Happy Epiphany!

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. In Matthew's Gospel reading today, we hear the story of the Magi and their journey from afar to honor baby Jesus with gifts. Matthew's Gospel tells a little different version of the birth of Jesus than in Luke's Gospel, and is the only Gospel that we hear about the visit of the Magi.

Very little is known about the Magi, but we do know that they came from the East, journeyed to Bethlehem with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. This symbolism is very special because in giving these gifts, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be, our Savior.

On the feast of the Epiphany, we celebrate the revealing of Jesus' true identity as the Messiah. Like the Magi, we too search for Jesus and when he is revealed to us, we respond by offering gifts. We offer those gifts that are most valuable to us, and to Jesus. Gifts that show we recognize who Jesus truly is. These gifts are not just things. We can give actions and words that show our love for God and for other people.

As our Christmas season comes to an end. Let us pray that we will continue to acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we say and do.

Let us also give thanks for the gift of Jesus and for the Magi, who recognized that Jesus was our Lord and Savior.

God Bless,

Sonya

Faith Formation continues this week with dinner, all our regular classes, as well as our sacrament class.



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