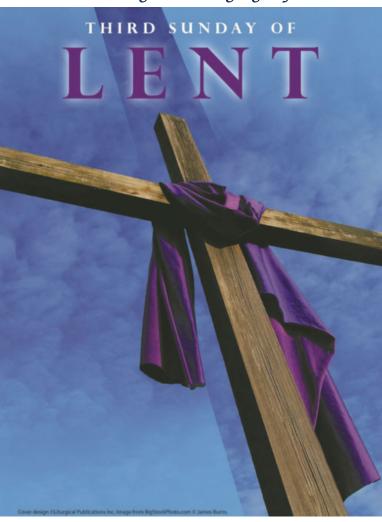


March 12th 2023

3rd Sunday of Advent

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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

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 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, March 13
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Mass. March 14
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Mass, March 15
† David Livingston
Mass, March 16

† Deacon Ted Windus

Mass, March 17
Healing for Roger Freedman

Mass, March 18

† Marion Millington Mass, March 19 † Eugene Tomeck

Thank you all who contributed to our Ash Wednesday collection. The Ash Wednesday contributions went to Cathedral Cares Fund for the Cathedral for a total of \$2514.60 and to Helping Hands Fund for St. Mary Star of the Sea for a total of \$1849.00. God bless you for your generosity!

CHUM update: The March Foodshare drive is happening now until April 9. This is your chance to give food and money to help your neighbors in need. Please bring donations to 120 N 1st Ave W. To check out other ways you can give, go to www.chumduluth.org/giving

Lenten Stations and Soup Suppers: Join us in the sanctuary for Stations of the Cross on Wed. at 5:30 pm, then join us for Soup Supper afterwards in the Social Hall. Volunteers needed for soup suppers, contact Renee at 218-723-1321

St. Mary Star of the Sea Easter Ham Bingo on Sun. Mar. 26th at 1pm. There will be baskets at both entries of the church for items that are needed for the Children's baskets as well as the Silent Auction. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Baked Good are needed. Bring to the church kitchen the morning of Sat. Mar.25 or Sun Mar. 26. Sloppy Joe and Hot Dog lunch served at 11:30 AM. Price of boards: \$2 each or 3 boards for \$5. Silent auction and Easter basket raffle for children. \$1 raffle: First prize is \$500, Second prize is \$300 and Third Prize is \$200.

Gift Bearers: Needed for weekend masses, **especially Saturday.** Look for the sign up at <u>duluthcathedral.com/liturgical-ministries</u>, in the weekly newsletter or call Rebecca at 218-722-3078. Families, couples and single people are all invited to sign up! Thank you for those who signed up.

PRAY FOR RELIGIOUS

Mon,13	Dcn. Gregory Hutar Dcn. James Kirzeder	
Wed, 15	Dcn. Michael Knuth	
Thu, 16	Dcn. Richard Laumeyer Dcn. Michael Marvin	
Fri, 17	Dcn. Michael Marvin	
Sun,19	Dcn. James Mostek Dcn. Barry Olson	
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SAY A SPECIAL PRAYER FOR OUR DECEASED PRIESTS



"A Message from Fr. Anthony Wroblewski

This weekend marks the halfway point to reaching Holy Week. Midpoint in Lent is a great time to pause and take stock. Most of us probably started Lent with a bang, filled with determination to make good use of this opportunity for penance and renewal. How are we doing at keeping those good resolutions we made on Ash Wednesday? If we haven't done so well, there's plenty of time left for a fresh start. As we proceed, here are some thoughts from a sermon called "The Lapse of Time" by St. John Henry Newman: "We know very well that much as we may have attempted, we have done very little, that our very best service is nothing worth — and the more we attempt, the more clearly we shall see how little we have hitherto attempted." Reading Newman, you're reminded that this is someone with a tough-minded understanding of human weakness and the struggle required of anyone serious about making progress in the spiritual life.

He makes the point that time really is a precious treasure. Ideally, we would use time for loving God and serving others. In reality, as self-examination usually makes clear, much of our time, is spent satisfying our own interests and desires, with comparatively little devoted to God and those around us. So, during this Lenten pause I suggest a practice that many people already find helpful in organizing their lives. Every day, at the same time if possible, read a chapter from one of the gospels. If it's especially long, read half. Stick to the same gospel every day, reading through it chapter by chapter until you finish, then go on to the next gospel. When you've read all four, start over. After each day's reading, sit quietly for 10 minutes and think about what you've read. Consider how it applies to you. Say something to God about it — thanking him for his goodness, telling him you're sorry for not responding as you should, promising to try harder. Or whatever.

Let me conclude with a further thought from Newman: "Those whom Christ saves are they who at once attempt to save themselves yet despair of saving themselves; who aim to do all and confess they do nought; who are all love and all fear; who are the most holy and yet confess themselves the most sinful; whoever seek to please him yet feel they never can; who are full of good works yet of works of penance. All this seems a contradiction to the natural man, but it is not so to those whom Christ enlightens. They understand in proportion to their illumination that it is possible to work out their salvation yet to have it wrought out for them, to fear and tremble at the thought of judgment yet to rejoice always in the Lord and hope and pray for his coming. May we all take our turn fearing, trembling, and rejoicing for the rest of Lent — and beyond.

"Before I Was Me": Join us for a Lenten Mission at the Cathedral of Our Lady that will show you the path, provide the answers, and give you direction to becoming ME. This mission is filled with healing, hope and joy and will be presented by the Transformed by Love Ministries team with Connie Bruesch. The mission will be held four nights, March 26-29 beginning at 7:30 PM on Sun. and at 7:00 PM Mon.-Wed. On Mon. and Tues.all are invited to supper at 5:45 PM in the Cathedral Social Hall. On Wed., March 29 there will be a special 7 PM Mass with Bishop Felton with anointing of the sick. Visit duluthcathedral.com for more details.

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STEWARDSHIP

READINGS

Parish Stewardship

A Summary of our Financial Stewardship Report:

St. Mary Star of the Sea		
Weekend Collection: Feb 26	\$	2,132.14
Electronic Giving: Feb 20-24	\$	260.00
Total Week of Feb 26, 2023	\$	2,392.14
February Goal	\$	10,494.20
Check/Cash Contributions: Feb 01 - 26		9,022.43
Electronic Contributions: Feb 01 - 26	\$	955.00
Febuary Goal: Over/(Left to Collect)		(516.77)
Percentage of Goal		95%
Annual Goal (Jul. 2022 - Jun. 2023)	\$	139,000.00
Collected through Feb 26	\$	98,151.71
Annual Goal: Over/(Left to Collect)	\$	(40,848.29)
Percentage of Goal		71%

The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary and St. Mary Star of the Sea are hiring a full-time Business Manager for their parish cluster. The Business Manager is responsible for a variety of business, accounting and bookkeeping functions such as accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, budgeting, human resources and facility use. Please visit https://duluthcathedral.com/employment for the full job description. If you are interested in this position, please send a resume to lauren.finnegan@duluthcatholic.org.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting Update: The largest lay organization in the world who does home visits to our neighbors there is a schedule change since the 1st Thur. of April is Holy Thursday. We will meet the 3rd and 5th Thur. of March and resume our regular schedule on Apr. 20th. Still 6pm in the multi-purpose room at the Cathedral. Questions sydpduluthmn@gmail.com

Salmon Bake and Wine Raffle: The Knights of Columbus Msgr. O'Shea Council at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary is having a salmon bake and wine raffle drawing on Fri. Mar. 31 from 5-7 PM at the Holy Rosary School campus to raise funds for Stella Maris Academy and the Women's Care Center. The Salmon Bake will include baked salmon, fish sticks, clam chowder, glazed carrots, Starbucks coffee, rolls, juice and sheet cake. Adults- \$15, Children- \$10 (6-12), \$5 5 and under and a take-out option is available. Wine raffle tickets at \$10 each for "Baskets of Wine" (3-4 bottles) will be sold after all Cathedral and St. Mary Star of the Sea Masses the weekends of March 11/12, 18/19 & 25/26 with the drawing held at the Salmon Bake. The first and second tickets drawn will include a bottle of Dom Perignon and Cristal Champagne, respectively.

The Holy Innocents Adoration Chapel is open! The chapel, located at St. Mary Star of the Sea is open continuously from Sundays at 5 PM to Thursdays at 9 PM. To sign up as a regular adorer or a substitute, visit adorationpro.org/starduluth or call the Star of the Sea office at 218-722-3078



Readings for the Week of March 12

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/ Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3;

43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/ Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 ©LPi

Faith Formation: In today's Gospel we hear the story of the woman at the well. We hear the conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman which in all aspects of the time should not have happened. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation to happen at all, let alone the fact that the Samaritan was a woman and Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversations with women in public. The woman acknowledges this and asks Jesus why he's breaking from that tradition. Yet, Jesus not only converses with the woman, he asks to share her drinking vessel

At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense, but we know that Jesus is using the image of water, to describe himself. Being an outcast, because of her many husbands, the woman came to the well at noon, the hottest part of the day. But, none of that matters to Jesus, he reaches out to the woman revealing to her that he was the Messiah and brings her to the knowledge of salvation. After the encounter at the well, the woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast, she returns to Samaria leading others to meet Jesus themselves, and many are said to have come to believe.

Jesus uses the need for water to explain that he offers us life in heaven with him that will not depend on water. When we have faith in Jesus, we have eternal life. When we were baptized, we were like the woman at the well. We came to know Jesus, the Living Water, and we were sent to invite others to drink from this well that never runs dry. Take this opportunity to reflect upon the importance of Baptism with your family. Pray for each member of your family, that God will help each one of you live out the promises of your Baptism. God Bless,

Sonya

Faith Formation continues this week with classes as normal.

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