

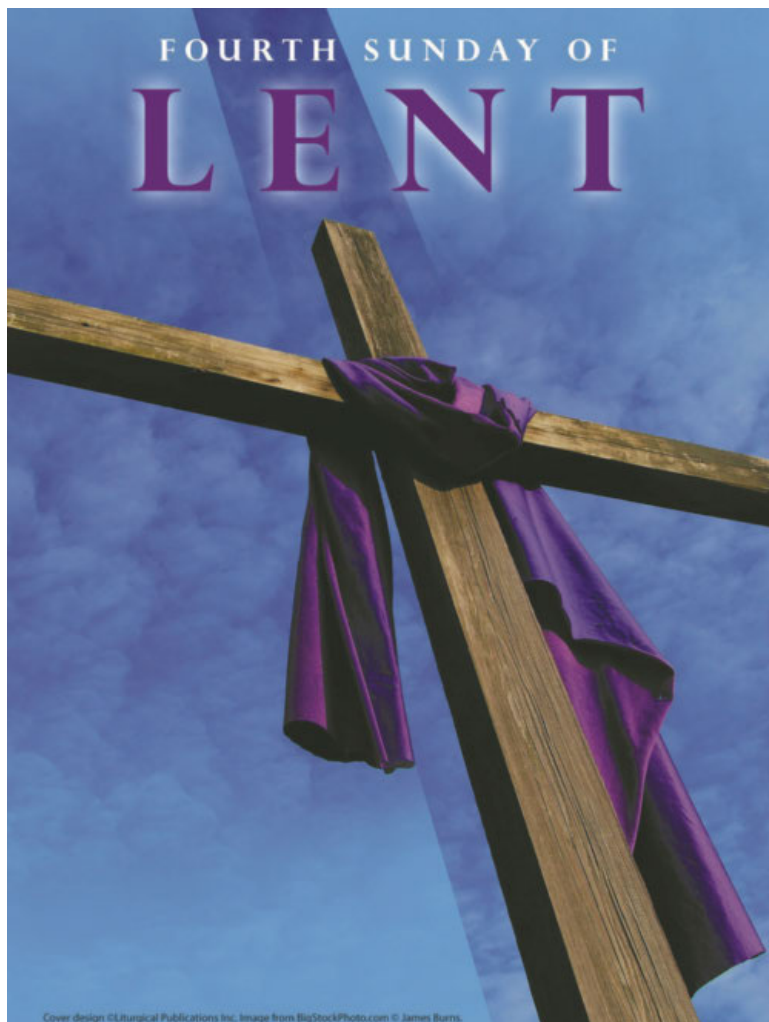


# ST. MARY Star of the Sea

March 19th  
2023

4th Sunday of  
Lent

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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](http://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

<b>Monday,</b> 12:10 pm	<b>Mass, March 20</b> † Mary Jo Skemp
<b>Tuesday,</b> 12:10 pm	<b>Mass, March 21</b> Char Vos
<b>Wednesday,</b> 12:10 pm	<b>Mass, March 22</b> † Goodie Schmitz
<b>Thursday,</b> 12:10 pm	<b>Mass, March 23</b> † Deacon Ted Windus
<b>Friday,</b> 12:10 pm	<b>Mass, March 24</b> John P. Rudow
<b>Saturday,</b> 4:00 pm	<b>Mass, March 25</b> † Joseph Medlin
<b>Sunday,</b> 9:15 am	<b>Mass, March 26</b> † Parishioners

**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

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Ave W. To check out other ways you can give, go to [www.chumduluth.org/giving](http://www.chumduluth.org/giving)

**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.

**"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](http://duluthcathedral.com) for more details.

## PRAY FOR RELIGIOUS

<b>Mon,20</b>	Dcn. Richard Paine
<b>Tue,,21</b>	Dcn. Carl Provost
<b>Wed,22</b>	Dcn. Raymond Sampson
<b>Thu, 23</b>	Dcn. Mark Skala
<b>Fri, 24</b>	Dcn. John Specht
<b>Sat,25</b>	Fr. Jerome Weiss
<b>Sun,26</b>	Fr. Anthony Wroblewski

SAY A SPECIAL PRAYER FOR OUR DECEASED PRIESTS



## "A Message from Fr. Anthony Wroblewski

In both of our Churches, you will find relics of the saints. In the Cathedral, a first-class relic (a bone chip) of St. Matthew can be found under the altar. At St. Mary Star of the Sea, you can go up to the high altar and even the side altars, and see a few reliquaries of a variety of the saints. So, what's the deal of us Catholics honoring the relics of the saints?

In order to develop a proper understanding of the place of relics in the Christian tradition, it might be helpful to consider them within a different context — that of family. It's not uncommon for many people to honor the memory of their loved ones by keeping pictures or cherished belongings of family around the house. These belongings likely are treasured, and treated with honor and reverence. They're kept in safe and honorable places. They're often handed on from one generation to the next. These secular "relics" assist us in recalling the person and his or her life, and the memories that remind us of who they were.

And so why wouldn't a similar reverence translate into our family of the Church? The saints are those men and women from our family who are deserving of our honor for their life of spiritual greatness. Moreover, they have put on Christ in baptism and become members of his body. Catholics see the members of the Church as members of a family. Of course, as human beings — composites of body and soul — the Church honors their bodies after death. We, of course, do this as well in our families when we visit and decorate graves on birthdays, death dates or holidays. Made in God's image and likeness, we recognize the dignity of the human person by honoring their earthly remains — that is why the Church demands of proper disposal of a person's remains (burial of body or cremains).

Within this context, then, we should understand that relics are meant to be honored and venerated, not worshiped. In fact, the saints lead us to fuller worship of God in spirit and truth. By honoring their memories, bodies and belongings, we give thanks to God for the saint's holy witness. Relics are physical, tangible, concrete reminders that heaven is obtainable for us — so long as we recognize what made the saints holy and work to apply those qualities to our lives. When venerating relics, we express gratitude to God for those members of our spiritual family. In the presence of the relics we recall their holy lives and we pray for the grace to achieve what they've achieved — eternity with God in Heaven.

**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](http://adorationpro.org/starduluth) or call the Star of the Sea office at 218-722-3078



**The Pastoral Letter from Bishop Felton:** The Dawn from on High is Breaking upon Us: Healing, Hope and Joy in Jesus is available on the Cathedral website: [duluthcathedral.com](http://duluthcathedral.com)

[stmarystaroftheseaduluth.org](http://stmarystaroftheseaduluth.org)

## Parish Stewardship

A Summary of our Financial Stewardship Report:

St. Mary Star of the Sea	
Weekend Collection: Mar 05	\$ 2,701.76
Electronic Giving: Mar 01 - 05	\$ 110.00
<b>Total Week of Mar 05, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 2,811.76</b>
March Goal	\$ 12,480.30
Check/Cash Contributions: Mar 01 - 05	\$ 2,701.76
Electronic Contributions: Mar 01 - 05	\$ 110.00
<b>March Goal: Over/(Left to Collect)</b>	<b>\$ (9,668.54)</b>
Percentage of Goal	23%
Annual Goal (Jul. 2022 - Jun. 2023)	\$ 163,000.00
Collected through Mar 05	\$ 101,808.47
<b>Annual Goal: Over/(Left to Collect)</b>	<b>\$ (61,191.53)</b>
Percentage of Goal	62%

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](mailto:lauren.finnegan@duluthcatholic.org).

**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.

SMA is considering starting an *Early Catholic Family Life (ECFL)* program for parents and children ages 0-5 years old. ECFL is an 8 week program with weekly evening classes that consists of a parent-child interaction component, a parent discussion, and a children's activity time. Each class includes faith based and fun activities for families. We are currently surveying families to better understand the interest level of our local young families. Please checkout our survey at [www.stellamaris.academy/ecfl](http://www.stellamaris.academy/ecfl)  
**SAVE THE DATE!** SMA's spring gala, known as the *Stellabration*, will be held on Friday, 5/19, at the SMA High School Campus! More info to come. Tickets go on sale on 4/11!

**Low Gluten Hosts- New Procedure:** Low gluten hosts are available at all liturgies. If you need a low-gluten host stop by the sacristy before Mass begins to let the priest know! Thank you!

## Readings for the Week of March 19

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

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a,8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/ Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-4

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**Faith Formation:** The story of the healing of the man born blind invites us to consider the importance of sight, both physical and spiritual. The blind man is given physical sight, but he is also granted spiritual insight about the person of Jesus. It was truly a great gift when Jesus healed the man's blindness, but it was an even greater gift when Jesus revealed himself as the Son of Man, the Messiah to him. The man accepted the second gift as willingly as he accepted the first one, becoming a believer and worshipping Jesus. In today's world we are bombarded with so many things that it is easy for us to miss what is right in front of our eyes. This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that Jesus helps us see what is truly important in life.

If we look back on our lives and remember significant moments that have happened, especially in our faith life, we may recognize how our relationship with Christ has matured or changed over the years. Just as the man born blind comes to a deeper awareness of who Jesus is, we too mature in faith as our relationship with and knowledge about Jesus grows. Let us pray, that our relationship with Jesus will continue to grow and develop, becoming ever deeper as we continue on our Lenten journey.

**"For judgement I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind." John 9: 39**

God Bless,

Sonya

Faith Formation continues this week with classes as normal, as well as our second-grade sacrament class.

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



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