

COMBINED Dec 26, 2021 / Jan 2, 2022 | Holy Family Sunday / Epiphany Sunday

WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF
St. Francis & All Saints Catholic Churches
and Summer Mission, St. Thomas of the Pines

All Saints Catholic Church

Physical location: 16898 Carlson Lake Rd., Brainerd, MN 56401

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

Physical location: 404 9th St., N, Brainerd, MN 56401

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Office Hours: 8:30 am-12:30 pm (open for walk-in) / 1:00 pm-4:30 pm Mon-Thur and Fri 8:30 am-12:30 pm

Mass Times

All Saints

Sunday 10:30 am
Wednesday *7:30 am
First Friday 7:30 am
Saturday *4:00 pm

St. Francis

Sunday 7:30 am, *9:00 am & 11:15 am
Monday, Tuesday & Friday *8:00 am
Thursday *5:30 pm
Saturday 5:00 pm
First Saturday *9:00 am
* *Indicates Streamed Masses*

St. Thomas of the Pines

Summer Mission Chapel at Pine Beach
(Memorial Weekend through Labor Day Weekend)

Reconciliation

All Saints: Saturday 3:00 pm

St. Francis: Mon 7:15 am, Thurs 4:30 pm,
Saturday 10:00 am, or by appointment

Other Area Mass Times

St. Andrew's

Tuesday 5:30 pm; Wed & Thurs 8:00 am
Saturday 4:30 pm; Sunday 10:00 am

St. Mathias

Friday 8:30 am; Sunday 8:00 am

Baptisms, Marriages or Funerals

Baptism: By appt. following preparation session.
Please call 218-822-4040 to register for the next
baptism preparation class.

Marriage: By appointment at least 6 month
preparation time.

Funeral: Please contact a funeral home and they
will notify the parish.

Please notify the parish office
if someone is very ill or hospitalized.



The Nativity of the Lord

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS:

Christmas: Friday, Dec 24th and Monday, Dec 27th

New Year's: Friday, Dec 31st and Monday Jan 3, 2022

Stewardship Report Through

December 12, 2021

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022

ALL SAINTS

Weekly Needs	\$ 4,865
Weekly Received.....	\$4,987
Fiscal Year to Date Need	\$116,769
Fiscal Year to Date Rec'd.....	\$125,174
2021 UCA Goal.....	\$ 38,333
2021 UCA Total Rec'd	\$41,343
2021 UC % Rec'd.....	108%
2021 UCA Balance Due	\$0



ST. FRANCIS

Weekly Needs	\$ 16,125
Weekly Received	\$12,105
Fiscal Year to Date Need	\$316,357
Fiscal Year to Date Rec'd	\$293,619
2021 UCA Goal	\$ 109,775
2021 UCA Total Rec'd	\$100,753
2021 UCA % Received	92%
2021 UCA Balance Due	\$9,022



ST. THOMAS OF THE PINES

Weekly Needs	\$ 2,000
Weekly Received.....	\$ 50
Fiscal Year to Date Need.....	\$ 20,000
Fiscal Year to Date Rec'd.....	\$ 30,881
2021 UCA Goal.....	\$ 4,665
2021 UCA Total Rec'd	\$ 5,239
2021 UCA % Received	112%
2021 UCA Balance Due	\$0

Thank you for your contributions!

Calendar continued:

SAT, JAN 8

- 7:30 –11:30 am Sisters in Christ, Church, Gather Space, Hall, Meeting rooms & Kitchen, St. Francis Church
- 10:00 am Reconciliation at St. Francis
- 3:00 pm Reconciliation at All Saints
- 7:00 pm Epiphany Festival of Carols, Hall & Gather Space, St. Francis Church

SUN, JAN 9

- 9:00 am AS Choir Rehearsal, All Saints Church
- 9:15 am 1st-5th gr Faith Formation, AS Church
- 10:00 am PreK & K Faith Formation, Hall, St.

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSINGS:

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:

**Friday, Dec 24th & Monday, Dec 27th
Friday, Dec 31st and Monday Jan 3, 2022**

Calendar of Events

*Live-streamed Masses available daily (Mon-Fri) & 4pm Sat & 9am Sun
Go to our website at www.blccnorth.org and click on **MASS***

MON, DEC 27

- 6:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Mtg., St. Andrew's Church
- 6:30 pm AA Meeting, Hall/Kitchen, St. Francis Church

TUES, DEC 28

- 9:30 am BLCC Mission Quilters, St. Anthony Room, St. Francis Church
- 2:30 pm Robotics, Hall, St. Francis Church
- 4:00 pm Clergy Meeting, Conference Room, St. Francis Church
- 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft, St. Francis Church

WED, DEC 29 - NO FAITH FORMATION

THURS, DEC 30

- 5:30 pm SF Choir Rehearsal, Hall & St. Clare Rm, St. Francis Church

FRI, DEC 31 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

- 6:00 am Fellowship–Men-Prayer, Church/Hall, St. Andrew's Church
- 3:00 pm Peterson/Hanson Wedding Rehearsal, St. Francis Church

SAT, JAN 1 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY /NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

- 9:00 am First Saturday Mass
- 3:00 pm Reconciliation at All Saints

SUN, JAN 2

- 9:00 am AS Choir Rehearsal, All Saints Church

MON, JAN 3

- 6:30 pm Liturgy Commission, Conference Room, St. Francis Church
- 6:30 pm AA Meeting, Hall/Kitchen, St. Francis Church

TUE, JAN 4

- 9:30 am BLCC Mission Quilters, St. Anthony Rm, St. Francis Church
- 2:30 pm Robotics, Hall, St. Francis Church
- 4:00 pm CCW Meeting, Gathering Space, St. Francis Church
- 5:30 pm AS Pastoral Council, Gathering Space, All Saints Church
- 6:00 pm SF Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft, St. Francis Church
- 6:15 pm FUSE, Hall/Kitchen/Gathering Space, St. Francis Church

WED, JAN 5

- 7:00 pm HS Faith Formation, St. Andrew's Church
- 7:00 pm MS Faith Formation, St. Francis School

THUR, JAN 6

- 5:30 pm SF Choir Rehearsal, Hall & St. Clare Rm, St. Francis Church

FRI, JAN 7

- 6:00 am Fellowship–Men-Prayer, Church/Hall, St. Andrew's Church
- 8am-8pm First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, All Saints Church
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration at St. Francis

St. Francis, All Saints & St. Thomas of the Pines Parishes

YEAR END DONATION REMINDERS.

Contributions are deductible in the year they are made. Thus, donations charged to a credit card before the end of December (Dec 31, 2021), count for a 2021 donation. This is true even if the credit card bill isn't paid until 2022. Also, checks count for 2021 as long as they are mailed and have a 2021 postmark. Please go to the church website and donate online at www.blccnorth.org under online giving or if you plan to drop off a year-end donation to the parish office, keep in mind the office will be closed December 31st. Thank you for your generosity.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY. All Saints Coffee Sunday will occur weekly beginning January 9th, 2022. Please come to share a cup of coffee or lemonade and enjoy a treat. Everyone is welcome to attend, and it is a great way to meet others. Be bold and introduce yourself to someone new! We are always looking for people to bake and serve, if you are interested, please call Lisa at 218-330-6411.

ALL SAINTS MUSIC MINISTRY. We are looking for singers to join a new All Saints Music Ministry. We will have a lot of fun singing 3-4 part music and working through challenging repertoire together. Members would need to be comfortable singing their part independently, adjusting their vibrato, & rehearsing their own part at home. Contact Aana Freihammer at afreihammer@blccnorth.org to audition.

ALL SAINTS TITHING REQUESTS. The All Saints Finance Council will be reviewing tithing requests at the next finance council meeting scheduled the 4th week of this month. Please submit requests in writing and bring, or send, to the parish office by the 15th of the month.

ALL SAINTS HOSPITALITY MINISTRY GATHERING. We are looking for people who like people! All Saints has always tried to be a welcoming church, and hospitality is a big part of making that happen. The Hospitality Ministry at All Saints includes social events, greeters, coffee Sunday bakers and servers, and new member welcome. We are always looking for fresh ideas! Please join us at All Saints Church in the St. Kateri room on January 13, 2022 at 6:30pm if you are interested in being involved in hospitality at All Saints.

SOME RANDOM ACTS OF HOSPITALITY:

- ◆ Buy someone you don't know, a coffee.
- ◆ Chat with someone who is by themselves.
- ◆ Hold it! Hold the door for someone else.
- ◆ Laughter is the best medicine. Try to make a stranger laugh.

WARMING SHELTER IN BRAINERD

New Pathways was a program our parishes participated in by hosting the homeless for a week every other month or so at St. Andrews. This program ended a few years ago. Our parishes now have a new opportunity to help! Recently, a warming shelter has opened in Brainerd. It is open from 8:00pm to 8:00am every night providing a warm place to sleep for those in need. The warming shelter has many needs, including the need for sheets, socks, toiletries, paper products etc.

If you are looking for way to help those in need and keep the warming shelter funded and supplied, go to the Bridges of Hope website: www.bridgesofhopemn.org. Click on the **Warming Shelter** tab. Half way through the page click on **Wish List**. There will be a list of items that are still needed for the warming shelter which will be updated as needs arise. If you have any questions, please call Melissa Fussy 218-232-8146 or Ellen Cherne 218-851-3233.

RESTORED. Retreat for Adults January 21-23, 2022. Join us for a retreat weekend for adults. Enjoy good food and lodging, thought-provoking content, engaging conversation and fellowship, time for reflection and prayer. Ages 21+. Sponsored by the Diocese of Duluth. Registration open. Space limited due to COVID. No deposit needed during registration. A payment plan will be set up when you register. For more info and to register go to:

<https://www.dioceseduluth.org/Restored>

Giving Tree—All Saints and St. Francis



Thank you all for your generosity in taking tags from the Giving Tree. We were able to help 34 families and 152 individuals. Thank you to Annie, RuthAnn and Marilyn in their part in making this a huge success. Many blessings to all and Merry Christmas.

St. Francis of the Lakes Catholic School

2021-2022 CREED Fund Acknowledgment Statement

St. Francis of the Lakes Catholic School has received a tuition assistance grant from the CREED Fund for need-based tuition assistance for the 2021-2022 school year. This fund- *The Catholic Religious Education Endowment Fund* – provides for the financial support of educational opportunities for the enrichment of faith and the spreading of the Gospel by the laity, deacons, priests, and Catholic schools in the Diocese of Duluth. The fund is supported in part by the Evangelization Through Education capital campaign.

Mass Intentions for Christmas 2021 & New Year's 2022

Holy Day of Obligation

-----Christmas Eve-----

Fri Dec 24 4:00 pm (AS) †Roy VanHoever
4:00 pm (SF) †Victor & Bernice Euteneuer

-----Christmas Day-----

Sat Dec 25 12 midnight (SF) †Patricia Depew
8:00 am (SF) †Danny McCarthy
10:30 am (AS)..... Nickolas Glenn
10:30 am (SF) †Charles & Alice McCarthy

Sun Dec 26 7:30 am (SF) †Philip Brunt
9:00 am (SF) †Fred Stroot
10:30 am (AS)..... †Jeanne Hoyme
11:15 am (SF) Patrick Flood

Mon Dec 27 9:00 am (SF)..... Nickolas Glenn

Tues Dec 28 8:00 am (SF)..... †Aana Reagan

Wed Dec 29 7:30 am (AS) Greta Hall

Thur Dec 30 5:30 pm (SF)..... †Robert Flansburg

Fri Dec 31 8:00 am (SF)..... †Sylvester Janochoski

Solemnity of Mary - Not a Holy Day of obligation

4:00 pm (AS) †Souls in Purgatory

Sat Jan 1 9:00 am (SF) †Steve Orn

Sunday Obligation

4:00 pm (AS) †Michael Roskowinski

5:00 pm (SF) †John Nielson

Sun Jan 2 7:30 am (SF) †Roxie Eidenschenk
9:00 am (SF) The Family of Betty Conkins
10:30 am (AS)..... Nursing Home
& Homebound
11:15 am (SF) †Donald Bohn & Family

Readings for the Week of December 26, 2021

Sat Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Sun .. Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Mon.. 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tue ... 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wed.. 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thur.. 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Fri 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Sat Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

SunIs 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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9:00 am (SF)..... The Family of Betty Conkins

10:30 am (AS) Nursing Home
& Homebound

11:15 am (SF)..... †Donald Bohn & Family

Mon Jan 3 9:00 am (SF) †Jim Dunne

Tues Jan 4 8:00 am (SF) †Mary Lendobeja

Wed Jan 5 7:30 am (AS)..... †Bill Merrill
9:00 am (SF) Jared Hackel

Thur Jan 6 5:30 pm (SF) †Karen Teale

Fri Jan 7 7:30 am (AS)..... †Charles Burger
8:00 am (SF) †Jim Dunn

Sat Jan 8 4:00 pm (AS) †Mike & Irma Schroeder
5:00 pm (SF) †Jim Morgan

Sun Jan 9 7:30 am (SF)..... †Darlene Bechtold
9:00 am (SF)..... †Brian Posterick

10:30 am (AS)..... †Romona Praught
11:15 am (SF) †Karen Teale

AS - All Saints, SF-St. Francis, STP-St. Thomas of the Pines

Readings for the Week of Jan 2, 2022

Sat Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

SunIs 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Mon ... 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tue 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wed ... 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thur ... 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Fri 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

**Sat 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/
Jn 3:22-30**

Sun Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

***A Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year
to each and everyone on behalf of
Fr. Michael, Fr. Matt, our deacons and staff!***

From Father Michael Garry



The traditional date for the celebration of Epiphany in the west is 12 days after Christmas on January 6th. Since 1970, in the United States the celebration of Epiphany is transferred to the first Sunday after January 1st. It is one of the oldest Christian feasts, going all the way back to the end of the 2nd century. In Western Christianity, the feast commemorates principally (but not solely) the visit of the Magi to the newborn Christ. Of the mysterious Magi, the Gospels give us next to no details other than a mere mention. Venerable Bede (a scholarly saint who died in 735AD) provides us with some colorful details that have since become the traditional image of the wise men: *"The first was called Melchior; he was an old man, with white hair and a long beard; he offered gold to the Lord as to his king. The second, Gaspar by name, young, beardless, of ruddy hue, offered to Jesus his gift of incense, the homage due divinity. The third, of black complexion, with heavy beard, was called Baltasar; the myrrh he held in his hands prefigured the death of the Son of Man."*

About their lives after leaving that day, Scripture says nothing. But never failing, legend has since filled the vacuum: Many years after Christmas, St. Thomas the Apostle visited the Magi and, after catechizing them, initiated them into the Christian faith. They were then ordained priests, and later bishops. Toward the end of their lives, the Christmas star revisited them, this time leading them to one another for a reunion. The city of Sewa in the Orient is said to be the place of their burial. The history of the veneration of the relics of the three kings is more clear from an historical standpoint. Their relics were brought from Constantinople to Milan in the sixth century. Then, in the year 1164 the relics were brought to Cologne by the Emperor Frederick Barbarossa. The relics are housed in a beautiful gold reliquary constructed sometime between 1180 and 1225. It is the largest reliquary in the western world and, from an artistic standpoint, is regarded as a masterpiece. It is placed above and behind the high altar in the Cologne Cathedral in western Germany and is a popular place of pilgrimage to our present day.

As Catholics we need not commit ourselves to all the legendary details of the Magi, but we certainly wouldn't be wrong in doing so. Numerous times some of these popular and sometimes fantastical stories have been vindicated by historical evidence centuries later. There are, however, core truths that cannot be doubted by a believing Catholic—for example that they really visited our Lord. Personally, I find charming these 'legendary' details our common Christian tradition hands down to us. They add to the atmosphere of the holiday and help us enter into the celebration. If nothing else, the fact that Christians have been talking about this for centuries upon centuries means something.

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