



DECEMBER 12, 2021

Third Sunday of ADVENT

The Lord is in Your Midst



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SUNDAY MASS

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 AM

DAILY MASS

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9:00 AM (parking lot)

St. Mary of the Lake Mission Statement

We are a JOYFUL and WELCOMING Catholic community centered in the Eucharist--forming disciples who KNOW, FOLLOW and go forth to SHARE Jesus Christ.

Know, Follow, Share Jesus

Advent - God Rejoices Over You!

Not only does the prophet Zephaniah tell us that God rejoices over us, but that God rejoices with GLADNESS and in this love we are renewed. What would happen if we believed that God does not love us because we are good, but that we are good because God loves us? Love changes everything. God's word to us today challenges us to shift our understanding of the need to merit God's love. God's love is a given.

Our Lady of Guadalupe whose feast we celebrate on December 12 and St. John of the Cross, Mystic and Doctor of the Church, whose feast we celebrate on December 14 both speak of the God who rejoices over us. Our Lady of Guadalupe was sent by God to the indigenous people of Mexico. She reveals God's radical acceptance and delight in all peoples of the earth. St. John of the Cross who is known for his writings on the dark night of the soul, never lost sight of the unconditional and gratuitous nature of God's acceptance and love of us, particularly in the dark moments. He reminds us, "In the dark night of the soul, bright flows the river of God." And from his spiritual canticle:

When You regarded me,
Your eyes imprinted in me Your grace:
For this You loved me again,
And thereby my eyes merited
To adore what in You they saw.

Let's take small moments from time to time in our day to close our eyes and see God smiling on us with delight.
~by Sr. Mary Kerber, SSND

Saint of the Week

A name that means "light," St. Lucy (283-304) is the patron saint of those blind or suffering with eye trouble. Not much is known about her life, except that she was determined to remain a virgin and thus refused marriage. History tells the story of a frustrated suitor who eventually accused St. Lucy of being a Christian (a crime at the time), and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304.

Today, we celebrate a number of traditions that incorporate symbolic meaning of St. Lucy as the "bearer" of light in the darkness of winter. This is particularly seen in Scandinavian countries, with their long dark winters. There, a young girl dressed in a white dress and a red sash (as the symbol of martyrdom) carries palms and wears a crown or wreath of candles on her head. In Denmark, Norway and Sweden, girls dressed as Lucy carry rolls and cookies in procession as songs are sung.



Joy Cards Service Project

As we approach Christmas, join Fused High School Youth Ministry in our service project of creating Joy Cards. Joy Cards are a way to spread cheer and care to senior members of our parish community, and all high schoolers are invited to help with this initiative! St. Mary's will mail out the cards and notes you create to spread joy to our older parishioners. Pick up a Joy Card Kit at the Welcome Table after Masses and return completed cards to the office or Welcome Desk by December 20.



High School Small Groups

We are starting an amazing new way for high schoolers to expand your faith in a small group setting, and all 9th-12th graders are invited to join. Discipleship Groups, or D-Groups, consist of four to eight of your peers with two adult leaders who will guide you through the topics of faith you want to discuss. As a member of this D-Group, you will be led in conversation about your faith and how you can live. You get the chance to choose who is in your group, your leaders, your topics, and even your meeting schedule. Groups are flexible, parent partnered, Catholic and "the next level." If you think you're ready to dive deeper into your faith, contact Michelle Boris, Coordinator of Young Adult Ministries, to learn how to get your group started.

Welcome New Parishioners

Chad Cramer and Lindsay Auger
Mitch and Jennifer Decker
Daniel Meyer
Obobi and Michelle Anyanwu
Patrick and Randi Pogalz
Craig and Cheryl Tracy
Thomas and Jacquelyn Lutmer
Arthur and Melanie Strobel
Bruce and Mary Kimlinger
John Slama
Daniel and Mary Frigon
Dieter and Molly Kurzweg
Alli Ruprecht



Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday

The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that can be translated as “rejoice.” In the midst of our Advent preparation, we recognize that the great Solemnity of Christmas is getting near. Our longing for Christ and for celebrating his birth is heightened and our preparation becomes more focused. The Church calls us to rejoice as our salvation nears, a sentiment echoed in today’s readings. The Prophet Zephaniah, St. Paul, and Luke write of the Lord’s nearness to us and the joy that his presence should bring us, for Christ offers us the healing, peace and hope we desire. In addition to the good news and excitement proclaimed in the readings, the joyful tone of the liturgy is also signified by lighting the rose-colored candle of our wreath and wearing the rose-colored vestment. As we prepare to celebrate the historical birth of Jesus and look forward to his coming again in glory, may our life reflect our belief that the Lord is already present among us, that the Lord is in our midst. Gaudete!! Rejoice!!

Extra Penance Service – MONDAY NIGHT

As part of your Advent journey, I encourage you to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will have multiple priest available for confession on Monday, December 13, from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM in the church. Trust that the Lord is in your midst as you experience the love and mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be offered at the usual Saturday time on December 25 and January 1.

COVID Protocols

Archbishop Hebda sent a letter to all priests, encouraging us to be vigilant with our COVID protocols. Noting the increase in positive cases throughout the archdiocese and the strain on many hospital ICUs, the archbishop asked us to strongly encourage parishioners to wear face coverings at Mass. This is the protocol at St. Mary of the Lake and I ask everyone to honor it, even if you disagree with it. We have auxiliary space with a video feed of the Mass available at each of the Masses, for those who want to be in-person with greater social distancing. Communion will be brought to you. You can ask a greeter or usher for more information or directions as you enter church. Please stay home if you have any COVID or flu symptoms, are not feeling well, or have been exposed to someone who has recently tested positive for the virus.

Christmas Schedule

The Solemnities of Christmas and Mary, Mother of God (January 1) fall on Saturdays this year, which makes for complicated weekend Mass schedules. The Mass schedule was mailed to all registered families and is also available on the front page of the parish website.

Peace, Fr. Talbot

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St. Mary of the Lake Church is located one block north at 4741 Bald Eagle Avenue.

St. Mary of the Lake Cemetery is located at 1625 Stillwater Street. Please call 651-407-0532 for grave sales, burials, and monument and marker installation. For administrative matters, please call the parish office at 651-429-7771 option 1.

PARISH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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ONGOING STEWARDSHIP

Fiscal year July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022

Received year-to-date.....\$571,547
Anticipated year-to-date.....\$540,963
Difference + or (-)\$30,584

(Through 11/4/21)

Debt Information

Debt Balance.....\$ 283,706
Monthly Payment.....\$ 9,695

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Please visit stmarys-wbl.org for the latest updates and events.

SCRIPTURE READINGS



DECEMBER 12, 2021
The Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-18a;
Isaiah 12;
Philippians 4:4-7;
Luke 3:10-18

DAILY READINGS

Monday, December 13

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a Psalm 25;
Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor

Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Psalm 34;
Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 15

Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Psalm 85;
Luke 7:18b-23

Thursday, December 16

Isaiah 54:1-10; Psalm 30; Luke 7:24-30

Friday, December 17

Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Psalm 72; Matthew 1:1-17

Saturday, December 18

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Psalm 80;
Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11-17

Mary Jo Gosselin †	W.A. Duffy Family
Lyle Gatzmeyer †	Sue Abalan †
St. Mary's Parish	Jerry Jorgenson †
Barb Goracki †	Fr. Denny Dempsey

If you wish to have a Mass offered for a loved one, living or deceased, please call the Parish Office.

Prayer Network At St. Mary Of The Lake
Please call your prayer requests in to the Parish Office (651) 429-7771, option 1 or Terry (651) 429-4972.



Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM-4:00 PM

If you would like your weekend call to St. Mary's to go to our answering service, please call our main number 651-429-7771, option 1.

••• OUR PARISH COMMUNITY •••

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS

This weekend, December 11-12, 2021

From Catholic schools and hospitals—to parishes, retreat centers, and works of mercy—elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have prayerfully served our Church and our world. Most ministered with little pay. Now, without enough retirement savings, many religious communities are struggling to care for aging members. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide nursing care, medicine, and other necessities. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Envelopes are available at the Welcome Desk. Checks should be written to St. Mary's with Retired Religious or RFR in the memo line. Thank you!

PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

- When school is in session, all visitors to the Parish Life Center are required to wear a mask, for the protection of our unvaccinated children.
- The parish office is open from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM during the week. If you would like our answering service to pick up your call when the front desk is closed, please call 651-429-7771, option 1. It is also best to use this number to reach the front desk when the office is open.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL UPDATE

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is now available to parishioners for 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration. You need a code to get in from the outside. If you had the code before the construction projects began, you can now use that code again, because it was reset back to the original code. If you would like to get the code, please call our main number 651-429-7771, option 1, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM weekdays. You will be asked to provide your name. Only one or two worshipers are allowed in the chapel at a time.



NOTE TO OUR PARISHIONERS

Assistance may be available for parishioners who need some help during these uncertain times. Email cjgreen@stmarys-wbl.org or call the parish office at 651-429-7771, option 1 and ask for Casey Green. Thank you to parishioners who have made a donation to our Emergency Assistance Fund.

JOINING THE PARISH

Please stop at the Welcome Desk at church, register online on the St. Mary of the Lake website: stmarys-wbl.org or email [ContactUs@stmarys-wbl.org](mailto>ContactUs@stmarys-wbl.org) to learn how to become a member of St. Mary of the Lake parish. Welcome!



USHERS AND GREETERS NEEDED

We are in dire need of ushers and greeters for all Mass times. If fact, we do not have enough ushers and greeters for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. If you would like to serve the parish, please contact Mary Beth Jambor as soon as possible. We need you to help us continue to be a welcoming parish!

RECONCILIATION

We will have multiple priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday, December 13, 6:30-8:00 PM. (We will not have confessions on December 25 or January 1.)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, January 5, 8:30 AM-noon in the church. Consider taking time to rest and pray in Christ's presence. Everyone is welcome!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR ADULTS

If you have never been baptized, were baptized in the Catholic Church but did not continue, were baptized in another Christian faith and are interested in joining the Catholic Church, grew up Catholic but missed Confirmation or are curious about the Catholic faith, please contact Mary Beth Jambor for RCIA information, 651-429-7771, option 1 or mbjambor@stmarys-wbl.org.

WEEKEND MASSES**We would like everyone to wear a mask at Mass.**

Because the Delta variant of COVID 19 is shown to spread more easily, the MDH and CDC recommend everyone, both fully vaccinated and unvaccinated, wear a mask in public, indoor settings in areas with substantial or high transmission. Since Ramsey County is an area of high and increasing transmission, wearing a mask at Mass is recommended. Masks are available in the Gathering Space.

OUTDOOR CONFESSIONS**CONTINUE**

Outdoor drive-up confessions will continue from 9:00-10:00 AM on Saturdays with Fr. Talbot at "The House of Mercy." Drive up and stop alongside the fish house and Fr. Talbot will hear your confession. *We will not have confessions on December 25 or January 1.*

House
Of
Mercy



Bring the Baby Jesus from your Nativity set for a special blessing this weekend.

A Blessing from Pope Benedict**XVI for Bambinelli Sunday**

God, our Father

you so loved humankind
that you sent us your only Son Jesus,
born of the Virgin Mary,
to save us and lead us back to you.

We pray that with your Blessing

these images of Jesus,
who is about to come among us,
may be a sign of your presence and
love in our homes.

Good Father,

give your Blessing to us too,
to our parents, to our families and
to our friends.

Open our hearts,

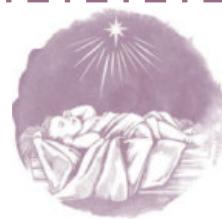
so that we may be able to
receive Jesus in joy,
always do what he asks
and see him in all those
who are in need of our love.

We ask you this in the name of Jesus,
your beloved Son

who comes to give the world peace.

He lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen.

**CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD**

A 'Christmas Around the World' will be hosted after all the Masses this weekend in the St. Joseph Room. From a 2009 parish survey St. Mary's parishioners represented at least 42 nationalities! And the number continues to grow by leaps and bounds, welcoming God's people from near and far! You are invited to share your ethnic Creche/Nativity scene with other parishioners on this weekend. Special music will also be heard. This year we are unable to invite you to share your ethnic Christmas treats but we will have goodies from a local ethnic bakery! Come, enjoy, and feel Christ's love from around the world. If you have a Nativity scene to share, please contact Kathy Malek, 426-1659 or Cathy Evans, 429-0529.

• FAITH FORMATION •



Wednesday December 15: Sessions meet at the Parish Life Center at both 4:30 and 6:30 PM. Fr. Talbot will be visiting Karen Lomoro's sixth graders on this day.

Wednesday December 22 & 29: No Faith Formation. Sessions resume January 5 for youth-only program and January 26 for Family Faith Formation.

SUMMER ACADEMY DAY CAMP

June 20-24, 2022

What is Summer Academy Day Camp? It is where youth, going into grades 1 – 8 (or coming out of 8th grade if you were not able to attend this past year) can attend a fun, energy-filled, day of learning about their Catholic faith while growing in their relationship with God and each other. The week-long adventure will fulfill one-full year of Faith Formation for each youth. The camp will run Monday-Friday 8:30 AM–3:00 PM at the Parish Life Center. Registration begins mid-January. Preschool and Kindergarten will be offered the same week for a half-day morning program. Watch the bulletin and emails for more information. Preparation for Sacraments will continue as usual on weeknights during the school year. Any questions can be directed to Karlene Feidt, Director of Faith Formation kfeidt@stmarys-wbl.org, 651-429-8001 x240.

• AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE •

Cathedral Festival of Lights

December 15-19, Cathedral of Saint Paul, Saint Paul
The Cathedral Heritage Foundation brings back the Cathedral Festival of Lights event with a major expansion. The CHF presents both indoor and outdoor Christmas light shows, along with an outdoor Christmas market. The outdoor show is free. Tickets for the indoor event, Starry Night, may be purchased for \$15-\$40 at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). For more information visit cathedralheritagefoundation.org.

Second Chances: Stories of Hope and Joy Restored

Sunday, December 19, 4:30 PM

Church of Saint Paul, Ham Lake

During this season of hope, invite your friends to an encouraging evening of music and stories of second chances offered to the wandering soul. Prelude & carol sing at 4:00 PM. Soup dinner & cookies follow the program. Accepting donations for the Women's Care Center in Anoka. All are welcome! Visit churchofsaintpaul.com/second-chances for more information.

• SCHOOL NEWS •



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Keep up to date all week long by liking us on Facebook. Find us as "St. Mary of the Lake, White Bear Lake" or use this QR code to find our Facebook site.



In Remembrance

A special prayer service during this holiday season to remember and honor your loved one who has died.

Thursday, December 16 at 7:00 PM
Location: St. Mary of the Lake Church

Please bring an item of memorabilia or a picture of the person who has died for display during the prayer service.

Call the office at 651-429-7771 option 1 to RSVP.



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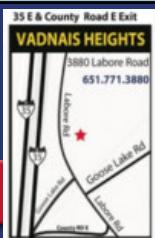
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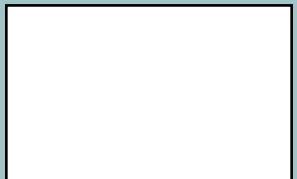
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