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ST. JAMES PARISH

St. James Catholic Church

721 N 57th Ave W Duluth, MN 55807

Mass Schedule

Monday - Wednesday: 8:00am

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 10:30am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30pm

Or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 8:30am-7:00pm

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

610 99th Ave W Duluth, MN 55808

Mass Schedule

Thursday: 8:00am

Sunday: 8:30am

Reconciliation

By appointment

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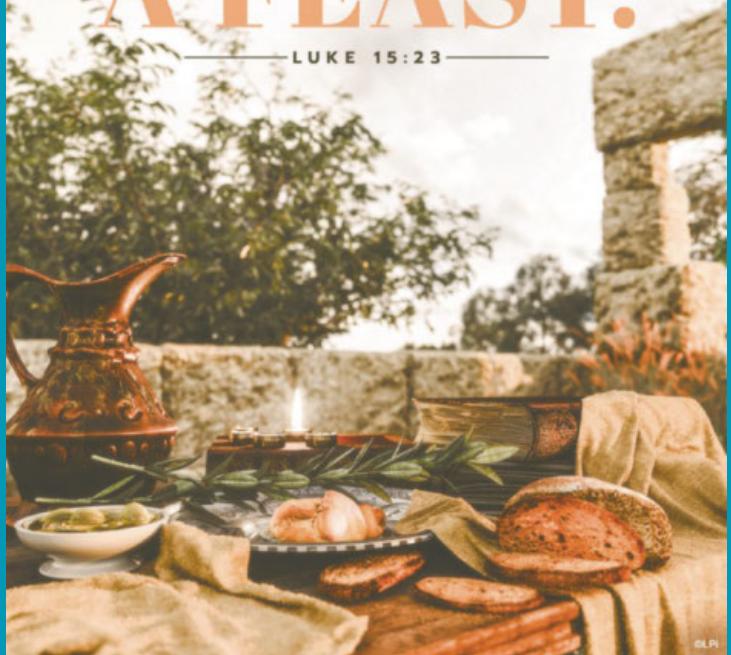
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March 30th, 2025

Mass Intentions & Readings

Sat | Mar 29 | 4:30 pm (SJ) †Kate Molinaro

Sunday | Mar 30 | 8:30 am (SE) For the Parish
Sunday | Mar 30 | 10:30 am (SJ) †Richard Hoiium
Jos 5:9a, 10-12/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/ 2 Cor 5:17-21/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday | Mar 31 | 8:00 am (SJ)

†Mrs. Lea Stermer
Is 65:17-21/ Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/
Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday | Apr 1 | 8:00 am (SJ)

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

Wednesday | Apr 2 | 8:00 am (SJ) †Intentions of the John Nolan Family

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

Thursday | Apr 3 | 8:00 am (SE) †Patricia Iibriks
Ex 32:7-14/ Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/ Jn 5:31-47

Friday | Apr 4 | 8:00 am (SJ) †Dean Radniecki
Wis 2:1a, 12-22/ Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat | Apr 5 | 4:30 pm (SJ) †James & Dorothy Anderson
Jer 11:18-20/ Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/ Jn 7:40-53

Sunday | Apr 6 | 8:30 am (SE) For the Parish

Sunday | Apr 6 | 10:30 am (SJ)
†Kelly Ann Jakubek
Is 43:16-21/ Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/ Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11



Fr. Rich's Ramblings

I love, love, love John Paul II. Even from my time dating back to college and certainly the major seminary, he became a massive influence on me. His story is almost without comparison, in fact I remember an elderly priest once saying

that if you were to invent the character of John Paul II for a fictional novel it would be too unbelievable. Grew up under Nazi occupation, then Communist occupation, fighting against both. Became a bishop at 38 and pope at 58, he was one of the most brilliant minds of the 20th century, (try to read some of his books).

Through a stroke of Divine Providence I met him in person less than 48 hours after I was ordained a priest back in 1998, and then met him six more times after that, the last time being just a few months before his death.

He is the first pope to have been beatified by his immediate successor and then of course canonized a saint by Pope Francis who was the next pope. While he was still alive, I would often say, "The day Pope John Paul II dies, is the day he becomes my favorite saint." And it is true. Even in death, when I watch videos of JPII he makes me want to be a better priest.

I was very happy to be able to commission one of our new stained glass windows at St. James to be of him, and before I came here, I had a life sized statue of him hand carved for St. John's Parish in Woodland (check it out sometime).

The reason I bring this up is because this Wednesday which is April 2nd will be the 20th anniversary of his death. That is almost hard to believe! To me it seems like yesterday in many ways. During that weekday Mass at 8:00 AM at St. James, I will bring a few things out from my collection that are associated with this my favorite saint, if you have a chance to make it to Mass that morning, take advantage of it!

-Fr. Rich

Stewardship

March 23rd, 2025

Weekly

Envelopes & Plate	\$3,672.00
Online Giving	\$2,252.00

Ministries Appeal Goal

Collected to date	\$21,556.00
Left to collect	\$54,054.00

Monthly Goal

March Goal	\$40,000.00
March Contributions to Date	\$33,209.21
March Goal: Over/(Left to Collect)	\$6,790.79

Year to Date

Annual Goal (July 1 - June 30)	\$480,000.00
YTD Contributions	\$357,063.08
Annual Goal: Over/(Left to Collect)	(\$122,936.92)

Ministry Schedule

Saturday April 5th ~ 4:30 PM

Lector: Carol Miller
Acolyte: Nate Hartman
Altar Servers: Teddy Jacobs & Bella Persch

Sunday, April 6th ~ 8:30am

Lector: Julianne Blazevic
Eucharistic Minister: Frank Bucar

Sunday, April 6th ~ 10:30am

Lector: Carolyn Donovan
Acolyte: Mathias Hill
Altar Servers: Joey Cooper & Maddy Shingler



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Eucharistic Adorer Needed

We need another person for the **5:00 PM slot on Wednesday**.

Please call the Office at 218.624.0125 if you can help.

Gospel Meditation

A man looking a bit downtrodden approached me as I filled my car's gas tank. He asked, "May I share with you my testimony about how good God is?" "OK," I skeptically answered. He went on to tell me that he had been an alcoholic and drug addict, and that God had healed him; now he was four years sober. He said, "I didn't deserve it, but now I'm a different person. God is so good! Have a terrific Tuesday!"

A few minutes later, as I drove away, I saw him smiling and handing a homeless person some money. I was confronted with a choice: either he was a total fraud or God had changed him. *Something* had happened to him, and it didn't seem fake. Maybe it was God.

When Jesus heals the man born blind, the man becomes a challenge to everyone who meets him. They must decide. Is he the same blind person who they knew before? Who healed him and how? And what is the status of the one who can heal such infirmities?

We shouldn't be surprised at the storm of doubt, hatred and animosity that swirls around the healed man — so it often goes when Jesus heals someone even to this day.

Like we often do, the religious leaders confronting the healed man declare that God is not at work. They ask with mocking superiority and dismissive disdain, "**You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?**" (John 9:34). And they cast him out. When Jesus clearly works in our lives, in us or around us, we should accept it, and give praise and thanks for this wonderful manifestation of his goodness.

Lenten challenge: Think of one way the Lord has healed you. Perhaps he healed a form of selfishness, a physical ailment, or something else. This week, find a person to whom you can share that testimony, and share it. Don't worry if they don't accept it was God who did it.

~ Father John Muir

PARISH Calendar

Sunday | March 30th

Choir Practice at 9:00am at St. James

Monday | March 31st

Mass at St James 8:00am

Stations of the Cross 6:15pm at St. James, followed by Fr. Rich's Apologetics

Tuesday | April 1st

Mass at St James 8:00am

Intro to Catholicism meets from 6:30-8:00pm at Holy Family

Wednesday | April 2nd

Mass at St James 8:00am

Adoration 9:00am – 7:00pm St James

Thursday | April 3rd

Mass at St Elizabeth 8:00am followed by church cleaning & Breakfast

St. James Prayer Group 6:00pm in the dining area

Stations of the Cross at St. Elizabeth 6:00 pm

Friday | April 4th

Mass at St James 8:00am

Saturday | April 5th

3:30 Confessions, 4:30 Mass St. James

Sunday | April 6th Choir Practice at 9:00am at St. James

Easter Ham Bingo at St. Elizabeth

Sunday April 13th 4:00 PM

Food, snacks, refreshments available.

Ham & cash games. Come join the fun, and bring a friend!

St. Elizabeth Ladies Group

This month is our Baby Shower for the Life Care Center. Join us Monday April 14th for our potluck at 12:00 pm with games and prizes. Please bring a New unwrapped baby gift. All are welcome!

St. Elizabeth church cleaning takes place the 1st Thursday of each month after the 8:00 am daily Mass.

Breakfast is served following the cleaning.

Please join us if you are able.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Easter Ham Bingo at Holy Family! Sunday April 6th, 1:00 PM. Doors open at 12:00, lunch/snacks available for purchase. Ham Bingo boards \$2 donation, cash games .25 each.

FAITH FORMATION

No Faith Formation Classes April 2nd

Service Night for Life Teen April 2nd

Eucharistic Retreat April 5th 9-1 at St. Lawrence

Faith Adventure Camp offered at St. Lawrence June 17-19. See bulletin board for details.

CAMP SURVIVE dates for 6th-8th graders are here!
Attend either July 21-25 OR July 28-August 1.
Pre-Registration REQUIRED. Please contact Youth Minister Kaleb Quast to register.

STELLA MARIS NEWS

Your Voice of Support is Needed NOW: Currently, Minnesota state budget drafts and legislation are proposing to remove decades-long nonpublic pupil aid. These tax-payer statute funds provide essential services to students including:

- Transportation (busing to and from school)
- Nurse Support and Consult to Nonpublic Students
- Counseling Support to Nonpublic Students in 7th-12th grade

-Curricular and Assessment Funds

Elimination of these essential educational services has a negative impact on families, independent schools, and all students. The funds that are being eliminated are not enhancing public school budgets nor serving as a tax-break to Minnesotans.

- If you would like to help advocate for students of SMA, and all independent schools in Minnesota, please visit the Minnesota Catholic Conference Action Alert linked below to communicate this injustice to the Governor and local legislators.

- <https://www.mncatholic.org/action/23393>



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