# Sunday, January 2, 2022

# ST. MICHAEL & ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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#### St. Michael's Church - Duluth

Mass Times Saturday Vigil......5:00 PM Sunday......10:30 AM Tuesday.....5:00 PM Wednesday and Thursday.....8:00 AM <u>Reconciliation</u> Saturday.....4:00-4:40PM or by appointment

#### St. Joseph's Church - Gnesen

6110 Church Rd. Duluth, MN 55803	
<u>Mass Time</u>	
Sunday8:30AN	1
Reconciliation	
Sunday8:00AM	1

#### Sacraments

Baptism: contact parish office Wedding: contact parish office at least 6 months before the wedding

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# St Michael & St Joseph Parish News

### The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event,

a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important. We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved. ©LPi

#### <u>St. Michael's Knights Welcome</u> <u>New Men and Families</u>

The Knights of Columbus are the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization making our world a better place. We have a great council here at St. Michael's and we'd love to walk with you on your faith journey! We strive to be better fathers, husbands and Catholics together. Our work bears fruit. Minnesota Knights changed 8,628 lives by giving them brand new winter coats this winter with our help. Knights also earn exclusive but optional access to top rated life insurance and financial products to protect their families. Join in about 6 minutes by going to kofc.org/join us with the discount code MCGIVNEY2020 and Council number 5318.

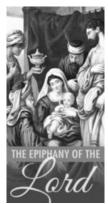


Proclaiming the Gospel in Word, Sacrament and Service.

### From the desk of Sonya Morris

Today on the Feast of the Epiphany, we celebrate the fact that Jesus is revealed to the world.

We hear the story about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's Gospel, the Magi represent the Gentiles', all people outside the Jewish world, and their search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent us and our search for Jesus. The gifts of the Magi show that the they truly recognized the infant Jesus for who he would be for them and for us: our Savior promised by God.



The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some

to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts as a family, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Have your children think of the best gift they have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to them? The gifts the Magi gave the infant Jesus are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledged who Jesus was to be. Like the Magi, we search for Jesus. When he is revealed to us, we respond by offering gifts, those which are most valuable to us and to Jesus.

We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we do and say. As we enter into the last week of Christmas, what might you offer to show that you recognize who Jesus is this Christmas?

I pray you all continue to have a Blessed Christmas! Sonya

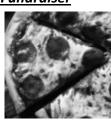
Faith Formation resumes this week with all classes at their normal times and locations.



St. Joseph's K-5 Faith Formation Classes Sunday's 9:30 –10:30 am January 9, 23, & 30 February 6 & 13

#### St Joseph's Knights of Columbus Pizza Fundraiser

Now that deer season is over and Advent & Christmas have passed, clean our your freezer, because the NFL KC's pizza fundraiser is back. On Saturday, Jan. 8th members of the Knights will be in church taking orders. Pizzas will be delivered to you at St. John's on Feb. 12th 5:00 PM Mass.



#### Thank you to St. Joseph's from: Union Gospel Mission

Thank you for your donations to the Mission. It helps so many folks in need. God bless you, Union Gospel Staff.



## St. Michael's K-5 Faith Formation Classes Wednesday's 5:45-6:45 pm January 5, 12, 19, 26

February 2, 9 & 16

#### Employment Opportunity at St. Michael's

We are looking for a part-time music ministry director. It includes planning music for all liturgical celebrations in the parish, funerals, weddings, and scheduling cantors for all Masses. Preference to play both piano and organ. If interested, please contact Denise at 525-1902 or denise.connolly@duluthcatholic.

#### St Michael's Book Club

Our January book is "The Reading List" by Sara Adams. Join us in the rectory basement meeting room on Monday, Jan. 10th at 7 pm. All are welcome!



# Community News

#### **Restored Retreat for Adults**

All adults, 21 and older, are invited to come to the diocesan Restored retreat! Come be restored in both body and soul. Enjoy good food, time with others in good community, thought-provoking talks, time for relaxation, and an opportunity for Adoration, Mass, and Confession. January 21 - 23 at Sugar Lake Lodge near Grand Rapids. The link to register and more information can be found at <u>www.dioceseduluth.org/Restored</u>.

#### Thank you to the CREED FUND

Stella Maris Academy was generously awarded a CREED grant in Sept. for Ms. Boran, our director of faith formation, to receive additional training at the Theology of the Body Institute with Christopher West. We are deeply grateful for this gift from the CREED grant committee and their ongoing support of our school and staff! This fund, the Catholic Religious Education Endowment Fund, provides 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.



#### Stella Maris High School Sneak Peek Rescheduled

Due to the cancellation of school and inclement weather on Thurs. , Dec. 16th, we have postponed the Stella Maris High School Sneak Peek event to **Friday, January 7th from 12:00pm to 6:00pm**.

#### The Diocese of Duluth is hiring a full-time Director of Development

Person responsible for fostering intentional giving in support of the apostolic ministry of the Church. The office will promote and cultivate a culture of giving through establishing and nurturing sustainable relationships among individuals and institutions in the Diocese. To request a job description and application, please contact Mary Rasch, the Director of Human Resources, at mary.rasch@duluthcatholic.org.

#### <u>CHUM Warming Center Needs</u> Your Help

Volunteers needed. To sign up or if you have questions, contact Joel Kilgour at 218-340-4356. Donations needed:

Heavy winter gloves Hand warmers Heavy winter jackets Heavy winter boots Thick hats Thick socks Financial

contributions



Many of those who visit the Warming Center spend most of their time outdoors. With the weather this past week at 0 degrees and -15 wind chills, it is very easy to succumb to frostbite and hypothermia from extended periods in the cold weather making this a life or death situation for many who are unsheltered. With the donation of items that will help keep them warm, you are helping to save their lives. Thank you!

#### St Joseph's Ministry Schedule

DATE	READER	E.M.
1/2	Jeanne Peterson	Dan Leslie
1/9	Mary Jo Lapinski	Jeanne Peterson
1/16	Mary Bjorklund	Mary Jo Lapinski
1/23	Kathy Halverson	Mary Bjorklund
1/30	Lynn walkowak	Darin Franckowiak

#### St. Michael's Ministry Schedule

DATE	LECTOR	E.M.	SERVER	CANTOR
1/1	Kim C.	Andrew B.	Rafael S.	Tasha K.
1/2	Kris R.	Bob N.	Anne M.	Tasha K.
1/8	Linda B.	Cathy L.	Aurora & Fran	nk Karen N.
1/9	Joanne B.	Kim C.	Ron K.	Bill V.
1/15	Karen N.	Kim C.	Anne M.	Andrew B.
1/16	Paul S.	Cathy L.	Athena L.	Andrew B.



# St Joseph's Stewardship

Total Offertory <i>*this includes Holy Days</i> Envelope & Plate Weekly Goal	
Collection on December 19 Electronic Giving	
Fiscal year offertory needed Fiscal year offertory collected	

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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Maintenance Fund YTD UCA Goal UCA Giving	\$55,830.

Please consider adding St. Michael's Parish to your will. Thank you for your continued support!



Sunday Online Mass at 10:30 AM



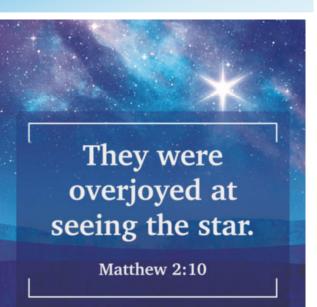
# Mass Intentions

Friday, December 31- Ecumo	en		
4:00 PM Mass	+Dave Danielski		
Saturday, January 1			
9:00 AM Mary Mother of God Mass			
5:00 PM Epiphany Mass	Parishioners		
Sunday, January 2			
8:30 AM (Gn) Mass	+Jim Karalus		
10:30 AM Mass	+David Bishop		
Tuesday, Jan. 4-Thursday, Jan.6 No Mass			
Saturday, January 8			
5:00 PM Mass	+Gene & Anne Kuyava		
Sunday, January 9			
8:30 AM (Gn) Mass	+Mary Olson-Reed		
10:30 AM Mass	Parishioners		

Calendar

Monday, Jan. 3 Tuesday, Jan. 4-Thursday, Jan. 6

Parish office closed. No daily Masses.





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