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January 3rd, 2022

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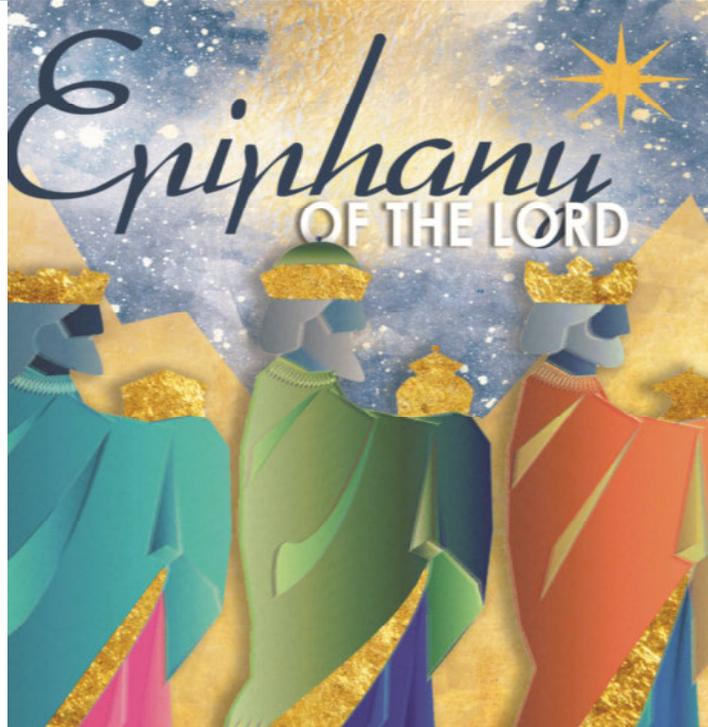
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Emergency

In case of an emergency after regular business hours, call (218) 263-3681 to reach a priest.

Parish and School Staff

PastorRev. Daniel Weiske
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Deacons.....Ray Sampson
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.....Josh Wopata
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.....Ben Milani
Sunday School.....Jen Steinbrecher
Family Faith Formation.....
.....Deacon Grant & Deb Toma
Music.....Vicki Gornick
Liturgy/Adoration Sue Schwartz
Parish Secretary Jessica Koland
Maintenance.....Jim Hemmingson
School Principal.....Gabe Johnson
School Secretary.....Janine Terzich



Mass Schedule Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:15pm.....
Sunday 8:00am
Sunday 10:00am...BLS & Side Lake Chapel
Each week, the 8am Sunday Mass is broadcast live on Channel 5.
The 8am & 10am Masses are livestream on our YouTube Channel each Sunday.
**There is an 8am Mass each 1st Saturday of the month*

Weekday Masses

No Mass Monday...Tuesday 5:00pm.....
Wednesday-Friday *8:00am.....
**Wednesday Mass is 9am during School year*

The Church is open for Prayer:

Mon., Tues., & Wed. 7:30am-4pm
Thurs. 7:30am-7pm; Fri. 7:30am-2:30pm
Saturday - 8am-5pm
Sunday - 7:30am until conclusion of 10am Mass

Reconciliation

Tuesday evening...5:30pm - 6:00pm
Saturday 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Baptism

First and fourth Sunday of each month at 11:15 am at Blessed Sacrament Church.
Call the Parish Center at least one month in advance.

New Parishioners

Please register at the Parish Center at your earliest convenience.

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm
Friday 8:30am-1:00pm

Assumption Catholic School

The Assumption Catholic School, a part of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, is a Christ-centered partnership of parents, students, and the wider parish community.

Marriage

Begin arrangements at least six months in advance of wedding date. A marriage preparation course is required before all weddings. Call the Parish Center to begin planning.

Adoration

Weekly Adoration every Thursday from 8:30am-7pm in the Adoration Chapel.

Natural Family Planning Northland Family Programs

Call Susie Marchetti at 218-966-0899

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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.
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Update your contact info!

We are working on better ways to communicate with you! If your contact information has changed (phone, email, address), please give Jessica a call in the Parish Office to update 262-5541. Thank you.

Nurse for Priests The Nurse for Priests promotes the healing ministry among the Presbyterate of the Diocese of Duluth, especially senior priests. This position provides leadership in identifying and responding to the health-related needs of the priests. This employee serves as a health educator, counselor, resource/referral person, advocate, pastoral/spiritual care provider and coordinator of health-related services for active and retired priests. The nurse articulates the relationship of health of mind, body, and spirit to create wholeness, health, and a sense of well-being for that person. If you are interested in this part-time role (20 hours per week), please email Mary Rasch at mary.rasch@duluthcatholic.org for a job description and application.



Pro-Life Corner: When I meet another parent of a child with Down syndrome, there is usually a moment of instant recognition and understanding. Our eyes meet, and we smile conspiratorially, as if we're in on the same secret: the fundamental truth that every life is a good and perfect gift. ...Our love for our children has nothing to do with their abilities. We love them simply because of who they are, and understanding this teaches us how to truly love everyone."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "A Perfect Gift" (www.respectlife.org/a-perfect-gift)

The Hibbing Deanery Annual Novena of Masses for the protection of all human life **will begin Jan. 14th** in Bigfork. Please plan to attend as many of these Masses as possible in light of the Supreme Court decision coming soon, that would possibly lead to the overturning of pro-abortion laws in our nation. 62 million babies in the US alone have lost their lives since the genocide of abortion became legal.

- Fri., Jan 14th 9am** in Bigfork at Our lady of the Snows at
- Sat., Jan. 15th 5pm** in Chisholm at St Joseph at
- Sun., Jan. 16th 8:30am** in Nashwauk at St. Cecilia at
- Mon., Jan 17th** - private - Blessed Sacrament
- Tues., Jan. 18th 8:00am** in Buhl at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
- Wed., Jan. 19th 5:30pm** Grand Rapids at St Joseph
- Thurs., Jan 20th 9:00am** Bigfork at Our Lady of the Snows at
- Fri., Jan. 21st 9:00am** Bigfork at Our Lady of the Snows at

Mercy Tour conference! On February 11-13, Catholics from around the Iron Range will gather at the Iron Trail Motors Event Center for the Mercy Tour conference featuring keynote presenters Steve Angrisano, Fr. Mike Schmitz, and closing Mass president Bishop Daniel Felton. Join us for this inspirational event that will explore the transformative power of Christ's Divine Mercy through talks, music, prayer, confession, Eucharistic Adoration and so much more. Registration begins on Sunday, December 11 with a 50% off early bird special through December 19th. Don't wait, tickets will go fast! Visit www.holyspiritvirginia.com to find out more!

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. The retreat will be taking place Jan. 21 - 23 at Sugar Lake Lodge near Grand Rapids. The link to register and more information can be found at www.dioceseduluth.org/Restored. Spots are very limited due to COVID, so register today!



Theology Uncapped is excited to announce our next event, **Thurs., January 27, 2022**, featuring Father Richard Kunst and Pastor Rollie Brockbrader. This event topic is: "Salvation" and is being held at St. Benedict Catholic Church, 1419 St. Benedict Street, Duluth MN. The cost is \$25 which includes a catered meal from Famous Dave's, beer, wine, pop and coffee. Seating is limited at 215, so register now at www.theologyuncapped.org. Please contact Deacon John Foucault @ (218)393-0631 if you are unable to register online.

School News



THANK YOU to Ms. Ronchetti, Ms. Kolodji, Ms. Gargano, and all the teachers and staff for this WONDERFUL Christmas Program! The students did a great job. We are excited to see what is in store for our School in 2022. May God Bless you into the New Year!



THANK YOU to our Parishioners and beyond for the generous donations of coats and warm winter clothing for the homeless. Mary Wanhala was able to take van loads of clothing to those in need.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton | January 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805. After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."
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Sacraments



Please pray for **Sandra Fena** who has died. May God grant her eternal rest and peace in His Kingdom.

Council of Catholic Women



The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will be meeting **Mon., Jan. 3rd at 1pm in the Courtyard Annex.** A review of this past year's activities will be discussed. Any new ideas are welcome as we plan the year. All the ladies of the Parish are invited and welcomed to attend! Pray to the Holy Spirit to guide you. Come Holy Spirit Come. Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us!



Faith Formation

Faith Formation: Class Wed., Jan. 5th 6:00pm-8:00pm for 6th-8th grade.

Sunday School: Class Jan. 9th 8:45am-9:45am. First Reconciliation Parent Meeting in the Courtyard Annex from 8:45am-9:45am.

Volunteers needed! We are looking for anyone who wants to volunteer in any capacity (food, set-up, attendance, small group leaders, etc.) Please email or call Ben Milani benjamin.milani@duluthcatholic.org or 262-5541.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved. ©LPi

Knights News January Calendar

1-10	Outdoor Nativity tear down	5:30 pm
1-11	Officer's Meeting Annex	6:00 pm
1-13	KC Meeting Annex	6:00 pm
1-16	Pancake Breakfast	8:00-12:00

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Mass Intentions

Mon. 1/3 **No public Mass** +Marlene Milanowski
 Tues. 1/4 5:00pm +Roger Boucher (A)
 2:30pm Ray & Susan Sampson
 Wed. 1/5 9:00am +Sally LaFrance
 Thurs. 1/6 8:00am +Tim Pogarels
 Fri. 1/7 8:00am +Connie Anthony
 Sat. 1/8 4:15pm All Parishioners
 Sun. 1/9 8:00am+Deceased Members of Toenyan Family
 10:00am The Ouke & Murray Families

B Birthday, A Anniversary, WA Wedding Anniversary, + Deceased

Mass intentions for Mondays will be offered on the scheduled day by Fr. Daniel, but privately, as there will not be 8:00am Mass.

AEOA SENIOR MEALS HIBBING/CHISHOLM AREA VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED The Hibbing/Chisholm AEOA senior meals program is in need of drivers to deliver meals to home bound seniors. Help your community with just a couple of hours per week, most routes are up to an hour. Seniors in the Hibbing/Chisholm area need your help, you could be the only person these seniors might see all day. Bring them a warm meal, a smile, some conversation & make a difference! If you are interested & available during lunch time, we start delivering at 10AM, & are looking for a volunteer opportunity, please contact Mary-Frances Krak at 218-262-4784.

Stewardship

Envelopes & Plate:	\$12,544.00
Online Giving:	\$5,638.65
Weekend Contributions:	\$18,182.65
Church Restoration:	\$1,060.90
2021 UCA Assessment	\$111,169.22
Collected to date:	\$94,620.70
Due by than 12/31/2021	\$16,548.52

Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

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

Tues: 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

Thurs: 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**nd you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
 are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
 since from you shall come a ruler,
 who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

— Mt 2:6

Weekly Parish Calendar

Sun., 1/2

NO Sunday School

Cenacles of Life 7:00pm BLS

Mon., 1/3

No Public Mass

Council of Catholic Women 1:00pm BLS

Tues., 1/4

Rosary for Life

4:30pm BLS

Mass at 5:00pm followed by confessions 5:30pm-6:00pm

Wed., 1/5

Rosary for Children

10:00am BLS

Faith Formation 6th-8th grade 6:00pm-8:00pm BLS

Thurs., 1/6

Eucharistic Adoration 8:30am-7:00pm Adoration Chapel

Rosary for Priests 8:30am BLS

Parish Council 6:30pm CA

Fri., 1/7

Sat., 1/8

Sun., 1/9

Sunday School 8:45am-9:45am REC

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting 8:45am-9:45am CA

Cenacles of Life 7:00pm BLS

BLS Blessed Sacrament Church * CA Courtyard Annex

* SLH St. Leo's Hall * MPR Multipurpose Room

*REC Religious Ed. Center

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness on to others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course.

They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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