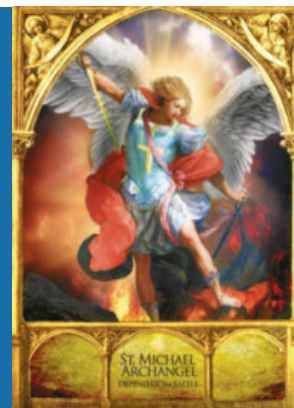


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In case of an emergency after regular business hours, call (218) 263-3681 to reach a priest.

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Sunday School.....Jen Steinbrecher

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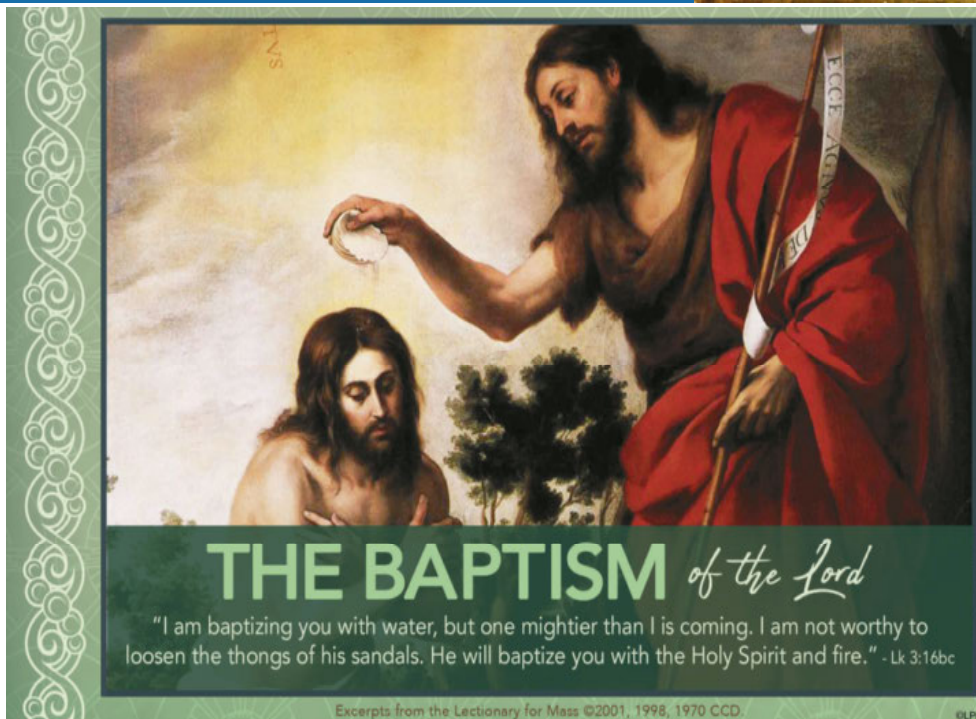
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Saturday 4:15pm.....

Sunday 8:00am

Sunday 10:00am...BLS & Side Lake Chapel

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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

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord this weekend, we remember the moment Jesus launched into his public ministry. It was a time the Father spoke from the heavens confirming, "This is my beloved son. Listen to him." And Jesus began to travel the countryside to preach, heal, bless, and instruct. While Jesus spent three years doing public ministry, we hear the he regularly took time to go off and be with His Father. Sneaking away for silent prayer was absolutely essential, even for the Son of God. Even before preparing for public ministry, Jesus spent the 40 days and 40 nights in the desert – alone and silent. And He kept finding solitude over the succeeding years to remain strong and united to the Father. We need to do the same. As I mentioned last weekend, if we hope to hear the voice of the Lord, to perceive his presence, we have to put in the effort to do so. And one crucial effort is finding silence. Silence is the context that allows us to focus, to perceive the promptings of the Lord, and to respond.

The need to "come apart for a while" and be undistracted in prayer is so important that priests are required by law to get away for a retreat once per year. This is to be at least five days. My annual retreat will start this week after spending a few days with friends. It will be good to have undistracted time with the Lord after a few days to let the mind wind down from duties. That is usually why we need multiple days in a row for a serious retreat – you may experience this just in relation to vacation too– it takes a few days for the duties, stressors, and details of work to stop badgering the mind. So, to more easily hear the voice of the Lord, or renew the relationship more deeply, we need time away as Jesus did. Fr. Jerry Weiss will be here for the weekend Masses while I am fulfilling this happy retreat obligation.

The silence is something we need regularly, too. I would encourage you to carve time for silence each day. Start with 15 minutes. Or if you are able, start with 30 minutes or even 60 minutes. Meditate with a Scripture passage that strikes your heart, with a devotion you enjoy, ponder a holy image, or just remembering reasons for gratitude and giving thanks to God. Distractions will come. Don't directly fight them. Just turn back to your prayer focus (the reading, the image, etc) without fussing too much. Even if the distractions come every 10 seconds. One way to ease into the quiet can be through a song that helps focus your mind and calm your body. Maybe Christmas songs this time of year. Or a Rosary sometime helps me when I'm struggling to quiet down into my holy hour. At any rate, to renew our relationship with the Lord, to remain one in heart and mind with the Father, we need to step away from it all, carve out quiet, and pray. We can do that daily. And ideally (and obligatory for priests) do that with an annual retreat. God bless you as we enter this new year!

Fr. Daniel

Jesus, I Trust in You.

Eucharistic Adoration is open every **Thursday from**

8:30am-7:00pm in the **Adoration Chapel.**

To commit to an hour email Sue at sue.schwartz@duluthcatholic.org or call her at (218) 969-4718.

Please come and spend time with Jesus!



Pro-Life Corner: "When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"How to Build a Culture of Life" (respectlife.org/culture-of-life)

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

Sat., Jan. 15th 5pm in Chisholm at St Joseph

Sun., Jan. 16th 8:30am in Nashwauk at St. Cecilia

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

Fri., Jan. 21st 9:00am Bigfork at Our Lady of the Snows at

Sat., Jan 22nd 4:15pm at Hibbing at Blessed Sacrament

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.

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School News



Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! Thanks to the generosity of several donors, we have reached and exceeded our matching grant from the Schulze Family Foundation. The Schulze Family Foundation reached out to all the schools in the Diocese of Duluth and offered an all or nothing matching \$25,000 grant to the project of our choice. As part of Assumption Catholic School's strategic plan, our playground is the largest project left to complete. To date, we have raised **\$72,060.01** for a new Assumption Catholic School playground (this includes the matching grant). Our playground is one of the centrally located playgrounds in town and is always busy. It is used by parishioners, our school children, and many families not affiliated with either. Over the years, the wear and tear of our Minnesota winters has begun to cause some safety concerns on several pieces of equipment. A committee of dedicated people have been working behind the scenes for months to put together a survey, look at equipment, work with experts in setting up designs and layouts, and to assist in raising the funds. This matching grant put a big dent into the overall cost, but we have still have a ways to go. The donation plaques for the playground will continue to be available at \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, and \$10,000. All donations over \$250 receive a tax receipt and donations for any amount help toward reaching the goal. Our committee is continuing to look for additional grants available to keep us moving toward the playground build. If you are interested in receiving more information on our playground, please feel free to call the school office at 218-263-3054, myself at 218-929-8082, or the parish office.

Come be One Catholic family and join us for worship, adoration, a potluck dinner, fellowship, and recreation (time for kids to play). All people are invited to participate with us at Blessed Sacrament **Thursday, January 13th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** and each month (2/10, 3/10, 4/07, 5/12). We ask each individual or family to bring a dish and we will provide all the silverware, drinks, cups, napkins, etc. Please **RSVP by text or email for 1/13 to Joshua Wopata at 218-996-3314. All are welcome!**

St. Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop and Doctor of the Church | January 13

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.

Sacraments



Please pray for **Anna Marie Maras and Elizabeth Suomi** who have died. May God grant them eternal rest and peace in His Kingdom.

Be Still AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD -Psalm 46:10

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 presider 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!

Faith Formation

Faith Formation: Class Wed., Jan. 12th 6:00pm-8:00pm for 9th-12th grade.

Sunday School: Class Jan. 16th 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

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased. ©LPi

Knightly 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

TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS FOR FREE, GO TO KOFC ON-LINE

Mass Intentions

Mon. 1/10 **No public Mass** +David Dropp
 Tues. 1/11 5:00pm +Oliver & Eva Mackley
 Wed. 1/12 9:00am +John Kayfes Sr.
 Thurs. 1/13 8:00am **No public Mass** +Debbie Plese
 Fri. 1/14 8:00am **No public Mass** +Donald & Linda
 Bergenheier (WA)
 Sat. 1/15 4:15pm +Eugene & Jane Simonson
 Sun. 1/16 8:00am All Parishioners
 10:00am Deacon Ray and Susan Sampson
 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.

Fr. Daniel will be on retreat, so there will be **no public Mass Thurs., Jan. 13th & Fri., Jan. 14th.** The Mass intentions will be fulfilled by Fr. Daniel at a private Mass on retreat.

Funeral Luncheon Help needed! Toni Peterson is stepping back from her luncheon group as leader. At this time, we are in need of funeral luncheon help. If you are willing to be a part of this wonderful ministry, please call Lorri 218-403-1256. Thank you!

Stewardship

Envelopes & Plate:	\$7,256.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$3,497.32</u>
Weekend Contributions:	\$10,753.32
Church Restoration:	\$1,049.98
2021 UCA Assessment	\$111,169.22
Collected to date:	<u>\$107,057.70</u>
Due by than 12/31/2021	\$4,111.52

Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of January 09, 2022

Mon.: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
 Tues.: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
 Wed.: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
 Mk 1:29-39
 Thurs.: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
 Fri.: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
 Sat: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Sun: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. — Lk 3:21-22a

Weekly Parish Calendar

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

Mon., 1/10

No public Mass

Tues., 1/11

Rosary for Life 4:30pm BLS
 Mass at 5:00pm followed by confessions 5:30pm-6:00pm
 Knights of Columbus Officer Meeting 6:00pm CA

Wed., 1/12

Rosary for Children 10:00am BLS
 Faith Formation 9th-12th grade 6:00pm-8:00pm BLS

Thurs., 1/13

No public Mass

Eucharistic Adoration 8:30am-7:00pm Adoration Chapel
 Rosary for Priests 8:30am BLS
 Come be One Catholic Family Event 5:30pm-7:30pm BLS
 Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:00pm CA

Fri., 1/14

No public Mass

Sat., 1/15

Sun., 1/16

Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast 8am-12pm SLH
 Sunday School 8:45am-9:45am REC
 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

Stewardship

2021 UCA Assessment



■ Received ■ Needed by 12/31/21

We are SO CLOSE to reaching our 2021 UCA Goal!! PRAISE THE LORD!! If everyone could give just a little more, we would reach our goal without having to take from our operating expenses. This has not happened in decades!! **We can do it!** UCA Contributions can be dropped in the collection baskets, at the Parish office, or given online through WeShare on the parish website. Final submission of 2021 funds will be sent to the Diocese the end of January.

Playground update:

Matching grant income received **\$40,484.66**

Awarded Grant funds **\$25,000**

Previously collected playground funds **\$6,575.35**

Total collected to date for new playground: **\$72,060.01**

We will continue to collect donations for our Assumption School Playground, as we work to meet our continued goal! Thank you!


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