

The Nativity of the Lord
December 25th, 2022



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Parish and School Directory

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In case of an emergency after regular business hours, call (218) 262-5441 ext. 7 to reach a priest.

Parish and School Staff

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Sunday School.....Jen Steinbrecher

Family Faith Formation.....

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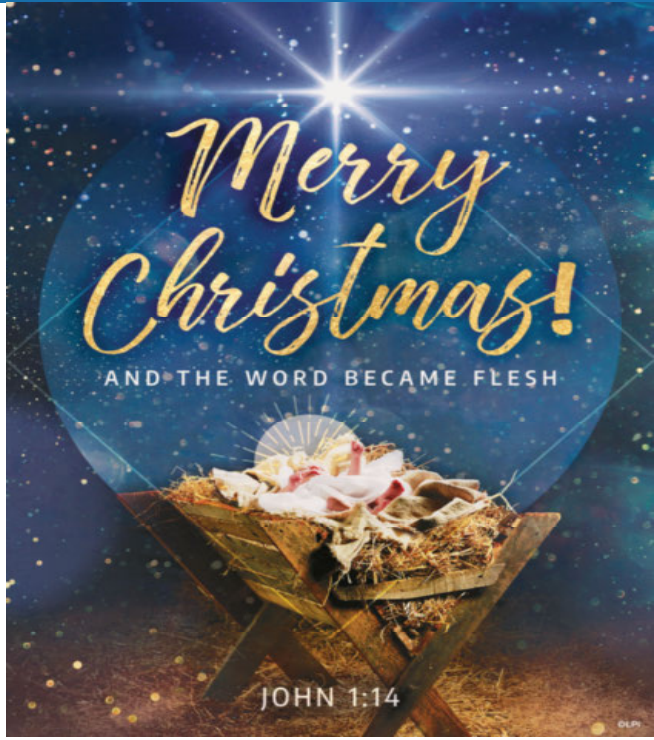
Music.....Vicki Gornick

Liturgy/Adoration Sue Schwartz

Maintenance.....Jim Hemmingson

School Principal.....David Pritschet

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 805 & 118.5.

The 8am & 10am Masses are livestream on our

YouTube Channel each Sunday.

Weekday Masses

Monday 8:00am....Tuesday 5:15pm.....

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...4:30pm-5:15pm

Saturday 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Baptism

Call the Parish Office at least one month in advance and schedule preparation and baptism with a Priest.

New Parishioners

Please register on our website www.blessedsacramenthibbing.org or at the Parish Office.

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 Office to begin planning.

Adoration

Weekly Adoration every Thursday from 8:30am-Friday 8:00am in the Adoration Chapel.

Natural Family Planning Northland Family Programs

Call Susie Marchetti at 218-966-0899

Blessed Sacrament Parish has two Prayer Chains:

Call Nancy at 262-4401 or

Carolyn at 263-4684

Prayer requests can also be submitted online

www.blessedsacramenthibbing.org under the

“Special Prayer Intention” tab.



The Nativity of the Lord

As we age, time seems to pass more quickly. Years seemingly fly by as one holiday flows into the next, January quickly becomes December and life maintains its hectic pace. What do we accomplish in all of that busyness? Perhaps technology is responsible for some of the frenzy, keeping us isolated in our social media worlds, communicating through texts rather than in person, and always

connected to world events. We're over stimulated in many ways by information, noise, opinions, and ideologies. Yet, we still find the time to decorate our homes, purchase gifts, and plan Christmas gatherings. We know, however, that the true meaning of Christmas is not found in twinkling lights, beautifully adorned trees, perfectly set tables or exchanged gifts. We are being called to something deeper and more authentic.

Christmas reminds us to look for God along the way of our lives and not get distracted by the illusions around us. Our world's complexity can leave us feeling displaced, desperate, alone, neglected, and unimportant. Joseph and Mary felt that way too. In the midst of all that captures and intrigues us in our self-created virtual worlds, is this longing for the anchor of faith to keep us grounded and make sense of it all. Only faith can give us the perspective to see what truly matters in life. We discover our divinely blessed humanity. The uncertain and challenging journey to Bethlehem gives way to the tender moments of birth and its embrace. Christmas softens us and slows us down a bit. It shows us Jesus as the light who enlightens everyone. It shows us the truth.

The faith that comes from Christmas calms our fears and allows us to go into the nighttime of our lives courageously. We are never lost or alone. We need to stop and savor more of life's moments before they slip away in time. God is with us, loving us, and leading us where we need to be. God is born again and again in every soul willing to give birth to His presence. God connects us and provides us with a place where we feel safe and welcome: home. Merry Christmas!
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For A Child will be Born for Us

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, may we also dedicate ourselves to helping families in our communities who are preparing to celebrate the birth of a child and the families already blessed with a new little one. Many of the families you encounter on the Iron Range receive assistance with baby items they need from Family Life Center. To be able to provide for the many children of our clients please consider giving a Christmas gift of money in support of the babies we serve to assist us with parent education and expenses. Gifts of diapers, formula, baby gates or gift cards can be dropped off at either the Hibbing or Virginia center. All donations are tax deductible. Donations can be mailed or dropped off at our office: 802 E Howard St, Ste 3, Hibbing, MN 55746 (located in the Belmont Bldg by Rudy's); or dropped at Virginia Center 820 9th St N, Ste 130, Virginia.

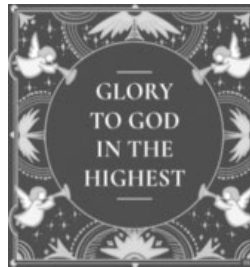


Pro-Life Corner: "The infant Christ 'came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph' (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple,

fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come... Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us."

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RESPECT LIFE FAMILY POSTER CONTEST The Office of Marriage, Family, and Life is hosting a Respect Life Family Poster contest. The theme is "Helping Moms in Need" and the whole family is invited to participate! Posters must be submitted to your parish or Catholic school office and postmarked by Thursday, January 12, 2023. No more than 3 entries per parish, with an additional 3 entries possible per Catholic school. All parish and school entries must be submitted in the same envelope. All details and contest requirements can be found at <https://www.dioceseduluth.org/marriage-and-family-life>



Christmas

Today marks the end of the Advent season and the beginning of the Christmas season. We have lighted four candles these past four weeks and asked God to help us be present to our neighbors and friends. Now in the Christmas season we are called to be Christ in the flesh to our world.

Let us pray...

God,
you became human through the obedience
of a simple young woman named Mary.
Mary is our model of faith.
May we be faithful to your word as Mary was.
Give us the courage to face each day
with the yes that Mary gave to you.
We ask this through the incarnate God,
who comes to us again during this Christmas season.
Amen.



Diocesan Retreat for Adults

All adults 21 and older are invited to come to a retreat weekend! Come enjoy good food and lodging, thought provoking content, engaging conversation and fellowship, time for reflection and prayer, and free time to enjoy the resort. Come be restored in both body and soul. The Restored retreat is taking place **February 24 - 26, 2023 at Breezy Point Resort.** This is a great opportunity for you, especially if you have never been on a retreat, or it could be a special gift for a loved one. More information and registration are available www.dioceseduluth.org/Restored.

School News



Wishing our staff, students, and families a very **BLESSED and WONDERFUL Christmas! Christ is born!** We are grateful our Savior is the center of our Catholic School. Have a safe Christmas break, and we will see you in 2023!

Being the Sign

I think the real challenge of evangelization in the modern age is the reality that pretty much everyone has already heard of Jesus Christ — or, at least, they think they have.

To our 21st-century eyes, the angel who shared news of the birth of Jesus with the shepherds had an easy job. All he had to do was announce it.

Our baptism compels us to do the same — to announce the coming of Christ over and over again, always and everywhere. But our audience is not a group of illiterate shepherds in ancient Judea. Our audience is a world that has heard so much about Jesus they often claim weariness of his name. So how do we do it? If we walk into a crowd of strangers and tell them we want to talk about Jesus, their reaction will probably be either “I already know about Jesus, thanks,” or “I’ve heard of him, and based on the behavior of those who claim to follow him, I’m really not interested in hearing more.”

Because in the end, our very lives are how we “announce his salvation” in the present day. We announce it in our actions to strangers. We announce it in our treatment of people who have wronged us. We announce it in our interactions with those who disagree with us.

How long had the coming of the Messiah been foretold to the Israelites? So long that, no doubt, many of them despaired of his coming altogether. So, God had to give them a sign: “You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”

Now we are the sign.

The world has heard of Christ by now. But have they all seen him? It’s our job to show them.— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi*



Council of Catholic Women



The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will be meeting **Tues., 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!

Sacraments



Please pray for **Bob Scovill, Helen Roche, and Tom McLaughlin** who have died. May God grant them eternal rest and peace in His Kingdom.

Faith Formation

Middle School & High School (6th-11th grades)
Wed., Dec. 28th No Faith Formation

Sunday School (K-5th grades)
Sun., Jan. 1st No Sunday Blessed New Year!

“Hungry, Aspiring Saints” meets Tuesdays. All are welcome! Options include: 5:15pm mass, 5:45pm meal, 6:30pm Catholic video from <https://formed.org> followed by open discussion. Bring a guest!

Dec 27th Love is Faith

2023 The Chosen series
Jan 3, 10, 17, 24, 31-Season 1, Episodes 1-5



The Nativity of the Lord

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one’s embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.

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www.blessedsacramenthibbing.org



Thank you for the generous gift to the Parish in memory of **Robert Hamre, John and Rose Sersich, and Timothy Gargano.**
May God Bless this generosity!

Knightly News

January 2023 Calendar

1-1	New Year’s Day	
1-10	Outdoor Nativity Scene tear down	1:00 pm
1-12	Officer’s Meeting, KC meeting - Annex	5pm & 6pm
1-15	Pancake Breakfast – All Proceeds go to the Assumption School Archery Team	8am-12pm
1-29	5 th Sunday Rosary	7:40 am

TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS, GO TO KOFC ON-LINE

Mass Intentions

Mon. 12/26 8:00am+Carl Allison
 Tues. 12/27 5:15pm+Grace Kotula
 Wed. 12/28 9:00am+Dorothy Plese
 Thurs. 12/29 8:00am+Jerry & Rose Gunville
 Fri. 12/30 8:00am+Ray Keller (B)
 Sat. 12/31 4:15pm+Robert & Bernice Wiener (WA)
 Sun. 1/1 8:00am+Sandie Fena (B)
 10:00am All Parishioners
 12:00pm Guardian Angels Mass All Parishioners
 B Birthday, A Anniversary, WA Wedding Anniversary, + Deceased

Stewardship

The United Catholic Appeal. This collection funds the ministry of our Bishop and all the Diocesan offices and ministries that support us as a parish. **As of December 11th, we need \$30,071.91 by Dec. 31st to meet our goal.**

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Financial Status	Last Week Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Ordinary Income (Envelope, Plate, Online)	\$13,916.43	\$314,538.46	\$297,936.48
Bequests/Other Income	\$200.00	\$20,769.23	\$15,392.50
UCA	Last Week Actual	2022 Assessment	Received to Date
	\$3,433.29	\$117,481.44	\$87,409.53

Week of December 12th, 2022

Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of December 25, 2022

Mon: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Tues: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wed: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Thurs: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Fri: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Sat: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Sun: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21



The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” — Lk 2:10-12

Weekly Parish Calendar

Sun., 12/25~ Our Savior is born!

Masses 8am & 10am

No Sunday School

Rosary for conversion of Russia and Peace in Ukraine 7pm BLS

Mon., 12/26 ~ Parish Office Closed

Tues., 12/27

Grandparent Ministry 9:00am CA

Rosary for Life 4:45pm BLS

“Hungry Aspiring Saints” meal/movie/discussion 6pm-8pm

Wed., 12/28

Rosary for Children 10:00am BLS

No Faith Formation

Thurs., 12/29

Widow’s of Prayer 9:00am CA

Fri., 12/30

Sat., 12/31

Sun., 1/1~ Solemnity Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Masses 8am & 10am

No Sunday School

Rosary for conversion of Russia and Peace in Ukraine 7pm BLS

BLS Blessed Sacrament Church * CA Courtyard Annex

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

*REC Religious Ed. Center



Mary, the Holy Mother of God Masses

Saturday, December 31st * 4:15pm

Sunday, January 1st

***8:00am *10:00am ***

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