



Mary, The Holy Mother of God  
January 1st, 2023

# Blessed Sacrament Welcome to our Parish

“Sharing life in communion with Christ and the family of the Church. Inviting others joyfully into this life.”

## Parish and School Directory

### Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

2310 East 7th Avenue  
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### Parish Office / Assumption School St. Leo's Hall

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[www.blessedsacramenthibbing.org](http://www.blessedsacramenthibbing.org)  
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School Office Fax .....(218) 263-3682  
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### Emergency

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

## Parish and School Staff

**Pastor** ..... Fr. Daniel Weiske

*Email: [fr.daniel.weiske@duluthcatholic.org](mailto:fr.daniel.weiske@duluthcatholic.org)*

**Sacramental Minister**...Fr. Bill Skarich

**Deacons**.....Ray Sampson

Grant Toma

**Business Manager**.....Susie Marchetti

**Parish Secretary** .....Jessica Koland

**Religious Education Team:**

**Coordinator of Faith Formation**.....

Ben Milani

**Sunday School**.....Jen Steinbrecher

**Family Faith Formation**.....

Deacon Grant & Deb Toma

**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](http://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](http://www.blessedsacramenthibbing.org) under the

“Special Prayer Intention” tab.

## She Kept All of These Things in Her Heart

“What was my first word? Who was there when I was born? When did I start to walk? Which toys did I play with? What made me cry when I was a baby?”

My oldest has reached the age where she has started to ask questions like this. As she grows up, she is realizing that, in order to understand the world around her, she must first understand herself. This makes her insatiably curious about her own identity, her history — her “origin story,” as they say in the movies.

I’ve got most of it documented either in writing or in photos, but even if it’s a detail that wasn’t scribbled in a baby book or saved to my digital cloud, it’s a memory that I can quickly summon and make real for her as we snuggle and talk about who she was, who she is, and who she may become.

I’m the mom. I have kept all of these things in my heart.

The Blessed Mother knew more about God before opening a book than most of us could discover after a lifetime of study and prayer. There is no one whose knowledge of Christ was so intimate, so deep, so simultaneously ordinary and extraordinary, as the human woman who bore him, birthed him, nursed him, raised him and eventually gave him up.

In the way that I can tell my daughter everything there is to know about the part of her life she cannot recall, Mary can tell us everything we need to know about Christ. All we have to do is ask.

*Mary kept all of these things in her heart. — Luke 2:19*

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*Question:*

**What is the history of the rosary?  
Where did this prayer come from?**

*Answer:*

Although a longstanding tradition attributed the rosary to Saint Dominic and the Dominican Order, the practice of using beads to count prayers predates the Dominicans by a few hundred years. In fact, it seems that what we now think of as the rosary (which means “garland of roses”) was first developed by illiterate peasants and religious brothers and sisters as a way of offering 150 “Our Fathers” to replace the praying of the 150 psalms in the Divine Office.

The practice of reciting 150 Hail Marys (which was later subdivided into 15 decades of 10 Hail Marys) arose during the late Middle Ages. Devotion to the rosary began to flourish in the nineteenth century, especially as new devotions to Mary began to spread throughout Europe and the New World. An annual liturgical celebration of Our Lady of the Rosary was introduced into the Church calendar in 1573 and it has been observed on the date of October 7 since 1913.

In the apostolic letter *On the Most Holy Rosary*, Pope Saint John Paul II not only added five new mysteries to the traditional fifteen, but he also reminded Catholics that the rosary is, at its core, an opportunity to go deeper into the life of Jesus: “The rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer ... It has all the *depth of the Gospel message in its entirety*, of which it can be said to be a compendium. It is an echo of Mary’s prayer, her perennial *Magnificat* ... With the rosary, the Christian people sit at the school of Mary and are led to contemplate the beauty of the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love” (no. 1). ©LPi



**Pro-Life Corner:** “O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God’s love and compassion.”

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers”*

**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>

## 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!

*I would like to thank all the parishioners who gave me cards and gifts for Christmas. I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. May God bless you and yours abundantly during this Christmas Season and New Year. Please know that you are in my prayers, and please keep me in your prayers! God Bless, Fr. Bill*

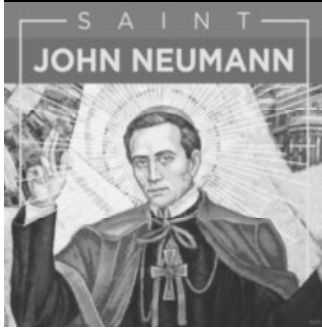
**Jesus, I Trust in You.**  
**Eucharistic Adoration** is open every  
**Thursday 8:30am– Friday 8:00am**  
in the **Adoration Chapel.**

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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 9<sup>th</sup> St N, Ste 130, Virginia.

# School News



**St. John Neumann |  
January 5**

St. John Neumann is the patron saint of educators, immigrants, and, due to the miracles that secured his canonization, sick children. This is a fitting patronage as he was a lover of education and learning from a very young age. In fact, when he was a child, his mother called him

“my little bibliomaniac” due to his preoccupation with reading. Born in 1811 Bohemia, in what is now the Czech Republic, he attended the university in Prague preparing for ordination. However, his local bishops were not ordaining new priests at the time because Bohemia was overstocked with priests. He inquired about ordination all over Europe but received the same answer everywhere. Not one to be deterred, John then applied to several United States dioceses. Receiving no immediate responses, the saint took a leap of faith and decided to just immigrate to the United States in 1836, during his 25th year, with only \$40 in his pocket. This risk paid off when he was ordained in New York a month later.

Early in his priesthood he worked primarily as a missionary to German immigrants in Buffalo. His missionary work also created an opportunity for him to spend time in Maryland, Virginia, Michigan, and Ohio. When he was 29, he joined the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists), a congregation of priests and brothers dedicated to helping the poor and most abandoned. He was their first member to profess vows in the United States.

In 1852, at the age of 41, Neumann became the fourth Bishop of Philadelphia. During this time, he organized the individual parochial schools in his region into a diocesan system. This change allowed Catholic schools to quickly increase the number of pupils enrolled by almost twentyfold. Over the course of his ministry, St. John expanded the number of Catholic schools in his diocese from 2 to 100! His passion for education extended to immigrants, like himself, and his love for learning languages made it possible for him to hear confessions in English, Spanish, French, Italian, Dutch, and Gaelic!

A man of the people, he could often be found outside the church walls visiting people who were sick, staying in taverns and public houses to teach, and celebrating Mass in people’s homes at their kitchen tables. He was canonized on June 19, 1977, following three miracles, two of which regarded the healing of youth from grave illnesses. St. John Neumann was the first American man to be canonized a saint.



**Thank you!** I would like to thank the CCW Members, Pasty Crew, Soup Supper Gang, and others for all your prayers, cards, gifts, and food you graciously provided me following my accident and recovery. May the Lord bless you for your kindness and thoughtfulness!

*Lorri Frankson*



**Thank you** for the generous gifts to the Parish and Assumption Catholic School in memory of **Thomas Motherway and Jeff Rittgers.** May God bless this generosity!

**Funeral Luncheon Help needed!** 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.

## Faith Formation

**Middle School & High School (6th-11th grades)** Wed., Jan. 4th~ Dinner is available at 6:00pm followed by class from 6:30pm-8:00pm

**Sunday School (K-5th grades)** Sun., Jan. 8th~ Class from 8:45am-9:45am  
Sun., Jan. 1st No Sunday School~ Happy 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

**Fairview Range Medical Center in Hibbing is looking for Volunteers to join their Team!** Stay active, join a caring/inclusive Team, set your own schedule, choose your own mission, share you talents, and receive appreciation. Please call Darleen (Volunteer Coordinator) at 218-362-6112 to learn more.

## Knighly News

The Knights of Columbus is a trusted name, tried by time, present where men are, providing inspiring resources and support for strengthening your faith and living a life of virtue.

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**BECOME A KNIGHT [KofC.org/JoinUs](http://KofC.org/JoinUs)**

## 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 – <b>All Proceeds go to the Assumption School Archery Team</b>	8am-12pm
1-29	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary	7:40 am

**TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS, GO TO KOFC ON-LINE**

## Mass Intentions

Mon. 1/2 8:00am+Jaren Hendrickson  
 Tues. 1/3 5:15pm+Sally LaFrance  
 Wed. 1/4 9:00am+Roger Boucher (A)  
 Thurs. 1/5 8:00am+Dorothy Plese  
 Fri. 1/6 8:00am+Lynn Marie (Reno) Faust  
 Sat. 1/7 4:15pm+Peter John Drazenovich  
 Sun. 1/8 8:00am+Kaye Vincent  
 10:00am 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 21st, we need \$24,787 to meet our 2022 goal. Thank you for your generosity!**

Parish Financial Status	Last Week Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Ordinary Income (Envelope, Plate, Online)	\$19,562.48	\$327,644.23	\$315,466.50
Bequests/Other Income	\$200.00	\$21,634.62	\$15,599.50
UCA	Last Week Actual	2022 Assessment	Received to Date
	\$5,229.14	\$117,481.44	\$92,694.03

*Week of December 18th, 2022*

## Weekly Readings

### Readings for the week of January 1, 2023

Mon: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28  
 Tues: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34  
 Wed: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42  
 Thurs: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51  
 Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38  
 Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11  
 Sun: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. — Lk 2:21

# Weekly Parish Calendar

**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

**Mon., 1/2~Parish Office is closed Happy New Year!**

**Tues., 1/3**

Grandparent Ministry 9:00am CA

Council of Catholic Women Meeting 1:00pm CA

Rosary for Life 4:45pm BLS

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

**Wed., 1/4**

Rosary for Children 10:00am BLS

Faith Formation~ Dinner 6pm followed by class 6:30pm-8pm  
SLH/BLS

**Thurs., 1/5**

Widow's of Prayer 9:00am CA

Parish Council 6:30pm CA

**Fri., 1/6**

**Sat., 1/7**

**Sun., 1/8**

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

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

*The Assumption School students performed the  
Christmas Play “Mr. Gonopovich & his 7 Holsteins.”  
It was a blessing to us all! Thank you!*



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