

The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 8th, 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 .....(218) 263-3054  
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Kids Club..... (218) 969-0440

### 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

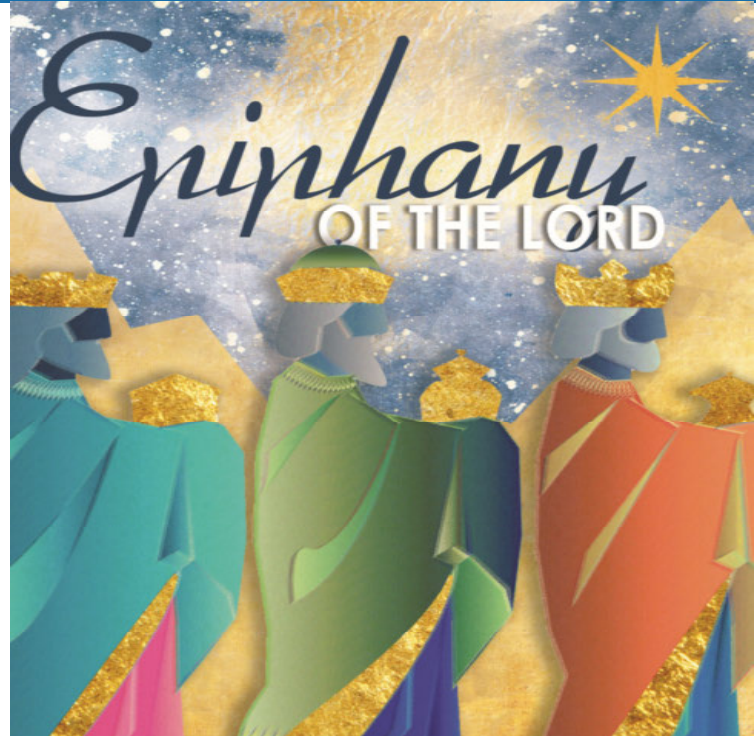
**Music**.....Vicki Gornick

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**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.

## Penances and Prayers

*God's glory, now, is kindled gentler than candlelight  
under the rafters of a barn:*

*Eternal Peace is sleeping in the hay,*

*And Wisdom's born in secret in a straw-roofed stable.\**

When I was younger, I wrote music to and recorded Thomas Merton's poem, "Epiphany Carol." If you have never read it, search it out on the internet. Merton's words are profound and paint a picture of the awesomeness of Jesus, the newborn King of Kings, lying in a simple straw bed. The shepherds and Wise Men are drawn to pay homage to the One who has been born above all others and brings with him hope for a broken world.

As Merton correctly points out, the gifts we are called to bring to this baby and lay at his feet are our prayers and penances, next to those gifts of worldly wealth. What is it that you have to bring to the stable on this feast of the Epiphany of the Lord? Unless those prayers and penances lead to a new way of living, our gifts will be void of meaning. What we lay before him speaks to the change in us that he has given to us by his birth. Our daily stewardship is resembled in those gifts. If we are to truly echo the kingdom of God in our lives and actions, what we ultimately offer to him is no less than our entire selves. This baby will give his entire self for us, and his work must continue through our hands and feet.

*While we unnumbered children of the wicked centuries  
Come after with our penances and prayers,  
And lay them down in the sweet-smelling hay  
Beside the wise men's golden jars.\**

\*Excerpts from "Epiphany Carol" by Thomas Merton

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



**Theology Uncapped** is excited to announce our next event, **Thursday January 26, 2023**, featuring Father Richard Kunst and Pastor Rolie Bockbrader. This event topic is: "Respect for Life" 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](http://www.theologyuncapped.org), or send registration information including all names and a fee of \$25 per person to: Theology Uncapped, PO Box 3183, Duluth MN 55803. For additional information, please contact Deacon John Foucault @ (218)393-0631. **Note that due to setup and preparations, the doors for seating will open at 5:00pm, with the meal served at 6:00pm and discussion starting at 6:30pm.**

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Do you or a family member or friend need to learn about resources to help with an addiction concern? Or do you just need someone to talk with? You can reach out to a member of CALIX. Help is one call away. CALIX is an association of Catholics in addiction, and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program. On a confidential basis, you can call 612-383-8232 (Jim R.) or 651-587-4668 (Jim B.) or [www.calixsociety.org](http://www.calixsociety.org). You need not disclose your name. We can provide information and recovery support. We can tell you about meetings that support those in recovery.



**Pro-Life Corner:** "Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world."

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"*

**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>



### The Epiphany of the Lord

A friend of mine is a young priest who teaches high school physics at a Catholic boys' prep school. Like many today, the boys often think science and religion are enemies. So, he delights in their raised eyebrows when he reminds them his first full-time job as a priest was to be an astrophysicist. He cataloged the size, shape, and matter of distant stars. He tells them, "Science gave me more love for God, not less."

The Magi were something like scientist-astronomers. Like today's scientists, they employed disciplined methods of discovering dependable patterns in the world. Their rigorous commitment to the truth led them to the joy of discovering Jesus. Their love for knowledge leads them to worship the Source of all knowledge. Luke says of them, "**They were overjoyed at seeing the star.**"

We may see the universe as cold and empty and feel sad. But why should we do that? The Magi, like my priest-friend, show us there is another way to experience the world. We use our intelligence to discover the beautiful patterns in the world — in mathematics, physics, astronomy, biology, neuroscience, and so on — and allow this to lead us to greater love for God. So, my fellow Magi: the world needs us to be overjoyed at finding God in science and, finally and fully, in Jesus. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

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Thank you!*

**Outreach to the Homebound** An important part of our parish mission is to ensure that all parishioners receive spiritual care. This care comes in many forms; prayer, sacraments, guidance and accompaniment. This is no less true for parishioners who may be homebound. Those who are unable to come to church due to illness or the infirmity of old age are still vital members of the parish. Please let us know if you, or someone you know, is in need of spiritual care in the home or hospital setting.

## School News

As we enter a new year, it is good to take stock of our blessings, to offer thanks, and look at our needs, to plan for the future. On January 12<sup>th</sup>, we will host two meetings for our school community to count our blessings and plan for the future. The topics of finances, wages, and tuition will be discussed.

While we are blessed to have the amazing staff we currently do, it is necessary to look at ways to better retain, compensate, and attract those who are willing to give so much of themselves for our children. Schools now face a tight employment market as well as major inflation.

**Please join us as we prepare for our future:**

**Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

**St. Leo's Hall**

**2:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.**

A video of the meeting will be posted for those unable to attend (the same information will be presented at each meeting). As we study school finances, your understanding and input are vital. A survey will be sent out to parents after the meeting.

Thank you for being a part of the Assumption Catholic School family.

With prayers for many blessings in the new year,

Mr. Dave Pritschet  
Assumption Catholic School



**Catholic Schools Week** will be **Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>-Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We hope to have fun events planned for our students, as we celebrate Catholic education. Stay tuned to upcoming bulletins for updates, and please keep our Assumption students, staff, and families in your prayers!

The story of the Wise Men bringing gifts to Jesus, the newborn King, is a great one, isn't it? They had a great big star in the sky to lead the way. I am no Boy Scout, so I am not sure how well I would do following a star like that. But the important point here is that God led them to the manger. The manger was a place that unless God specifically showed you this was where the Christ Child was born you wouldn't have believed it. You would have passed on by.

In our lives, there are no big stars in the sky leading us where we need to go. It isn't so easy sometimes discerning where God is leading us. We may seek to use our gifts wisely, but in what manner and to what end is not always clear.

This is where prayer can make a huge difference. If we seek to cultivate a prayer life where we are mindful of the presence of God throughout our day, then the call is easier to discern. We can help the process by intentionally offering to God in the morning the entirety of the day to come: all our actions, all our time, and all our decisions. In the evening, we can examine the past hours of the day and reflect on when we responded well to Christ's call and when we fell short. Then we resolve to begin again tomorrow, inviting Christ to be with us every step of the way. God may not offer a star in the sky to lead us, but if we invite us on our journey each day, the path will be much clearer.

## Sacraments



Please pray for **Robert Peloquin and Jean Kinzel** who have died. May God grant them eternal rest and peace in His Kingdom.

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## Faith Formation

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

**Sunday School (K-5<sup>th</sup> grades)** Sun., Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>~ Class from 8:45am-9:45am

**"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!

**2023 The Chosen series**

Jan 10, 17, 24, 31-Season 1, Episodes 1-5

### 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](http://www.dioceseduluth.org/Restored).

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



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



Please join us next weekend following Sunday Masses for a **pancake breakfast** prepared by the Knights of Columbus. All proceeds will go to our **Assumption Catholic School Archery Team**. Thank you for the support!

## Knightly News

### January 2023 Calendar

|      |  |           |
|------|--|-----------|
| 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. 1/9 8:00am+Jaren Hendrickson  
 Tues. 1/10 5:15pm+Rachel Stenstrom  
 Wed. 1/11 9:00am+Joe Berklich  
 Thurs. 1/12 8:00am+John A. Paver  
 Fri. 1/13 8:00am+Louis Paciotti  
 Sat. 1/14 4:15pm+Ginny Forti  
 Sun. 1/15 8:00am+Dorothy Plese  
 10:00am All Parishioners

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

**Mass schedule Change:** Due to the Clergy Retreat, there will be **no Mass or confessions Mon., Feb. 6th–Fri., Feb. 10th.** Any Mass intentions listed for those dates will be fulfilled by Fr. Daniel and Fr. Bill at a private Mass on Retreat.

## 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 last weekend, we met our goal of \$117,481.44. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row we have not needed to take funds from operations to meet our goal. THANK YOU for your Generosity!**

| Parish Financial Status                   | Last Week Actual | YTD Budget      | YTD Actual       |
|---|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Ordinary Income (Envelope, Plate, Online) | \$24,607.43      | \$340,750.00    | \$342,161.00     |
| Bequests/Other Income                     | \$607.00         | \$22,500.00     | \$15,999.50      |
| UCA                                       | Last Week Actual | 2022 Assessment | Received to Date |
|   | \$24,787.41      | \$117,481.44    | \$117,481.44     |

*Week of December 25th, 2022*

## Weekly Readings

### Readings for the week of January 8, 2023

Mon: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)/Mt 3:13-17

Tues: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wed: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9//Mk 1:29-39

Thurs: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

Fri: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

Sat: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

Sun: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34



**T**hey were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. — Mt 2:10-11

# Weekly Parish Calendar

## Sun., 1/8

Sunday School 8:45am-9:45am REC  
 Rosary for conversion of Russia and Peace in Ukraine 7pm BLS

## Mon., 1/9

## Tues., 1/10

Grandparent Ministry 9:00am CA  
 Rosary for Life 4:45pm BLS  
 "Hungry Aspiring Saints" meal/movie/discussion 6pm-8pm

## Wed., 1/11

Rosary for Children 10:00am BLS  
 Faith Formation~ Dinner 6pm followed by class 6:30pm-8pm SLH/BLS

## Thurs., 1/12

Widow's of Prayer 9:00am CA  
 Knights Officer Meeting 5:00pm CA  
 Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:00pm CA

## Fri., 1/13

## Sat., 1/14

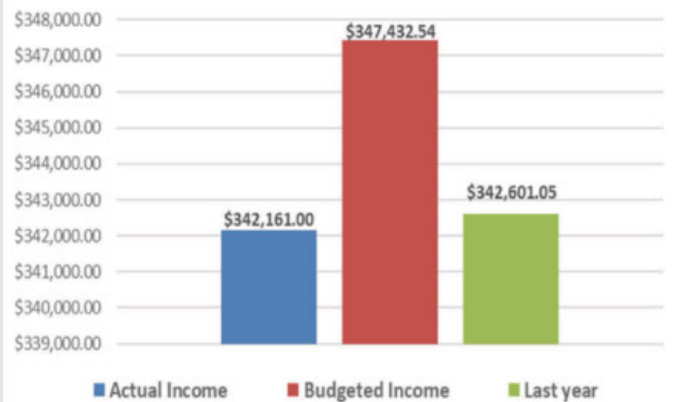
## Sun., 1/15

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 Knights of Columbus Pancake breakfast 9am-12pm SLH  
 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

# Stewardship

Contributions July 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022



The Lord bless  
and keep you



## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh were carried by the magi over many miles of hard travel to be laid at the feet of Jesus. What gifts do we bear through the journey of life to lay at the feet of the King? Do we protect them as we should? ©LPi

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