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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 9 a.m.
Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30 a.m.
Sunday 8-8:45 a.m.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 7 p.m.
Tuesday 6 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 5:00-5:45 p.m.
Saturday 6:30-6:45 p.m.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3-3:45 p.m.



4th SUNDAY of Advent

"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." - Lk 1:43-44

Excerpted from the *Lectioary for Mass* ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCC



THE NATIVITY of the Lord

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:11

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FR. THOMAS' COLUMN




If I was younger, this weekend would be hard. It would seem that time would be dragging on and on and that Christmas would never come. It is the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and we are still preparing for Christmas. The finish line is about here and we are almost there. The waiting, the preparing, the silence, are almost over. We are almost ready to celebrate. Tomorrow will be Christmas Eve and then we celebrate Christmas Day. What a day this is, the day that Our Messiah, Our God, and King came to dwell among us. This is an AWESOME DAY!!! But it is not about the day. It is about a Person, Jesus Christ. And the fundamental reason we celebrate this day is because of Jesus. Christmas means Christ's Mass. We as Catholics come on Christmas to worship, adore, praise and glorify God for who He is. We come to celebrate Him and that we can be in relationship with Him. God is so good to us.

It is not about presents that we celebrate Christmas. Rather it is about God's presence that we celebrate Christmas. Otherwise, shouldn't we be bringing Him our gifts and thanking Him for all that He does, rather than giving each other gifts. God chose to dwell among us. He chose to be with us and to come as a little baby so that we could truly know how loved we are by God. Jesus (God saves) comes to a humble cave (manger) to be born. He is born of a virgin and His father is a carpenter. They are from Nazareth, this tiny little town of really no significance. All this we have to remember.

And what does this little baby ask for in return? God wants us to be in relationship with Him day in and day out. He wants for us to know how loved we are and to love Him as much as we can in return. That is why Christmas is not about celebrating a day, rather it is celebrating the Person of Jesus Christ. Advent is just about over and in two days we celebrate His most beautiful birth. Have a Merry Christmas and may each of us know the peace that only God can give.

FR. THOMAS P. GALARNEAULT



 **Religious Education helps to build a strong foundation**

No Religious Ed at St Michael's on Wednesday, December 27

OLS Grade K - 6 *Sundays 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*
Family Faith Formation (Once a month with snack after Mass)

STM Grade K - 6 *Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.*
Family Faith Formation (Once a month with potluck meal)

STM Grade 7 - 12 *Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.*
(Supper will be provided)

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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| OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS: | 12/16 |
| Adult | \$ TBD |
| Plate | \$ TBD |
| UCA | \$ TBD |
| ST. CATHERINE'S: | 12/15 |
| Adult | \$ TBD |
| Plate | \$ TBD |
| UCA | \$ TBD |
| ST. MICHAEL'S: | 12/15 |
| Adult | \$ TBD |
| Plate | \$ TBD |
| UCA | \$ TBD |

Due to early bulletin submission, collections amounts are unavailable.

United Catholic Appeal (UCA)

UCA supports our church (the diocese), seminarian education and many other great things. Thank you for your unending generosity!

- OLS needs \$991.90 to reach goal of \$13,633.02 7% to go
- STC has reached the goal of \$4,539.97 Yeah!!!
- STM has reached the goal of \$6,546.45 Yeah!!!

Fourth Week of Advent - Are You Believing?

Here are a couple of resources to enrich your Advent Season:

Magnificat Companion

Theotokos: Preparing for Christmas with the Mother of God

Christmas Masses

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| STC | Christmas Vigil, Monday, Dec 24 | 4:00 pm |
| STM | Christmas Vigil, Monday, Dec 24 | 7:00 pm |
| OLS | Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec 25 | 9:00 am |



Mary, Mother of God Masses

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| STC | Christmas Vigil, Monday, Dec 31 | 4:00 pm |
| STM | Christmas Vigil, Monday, Dec 31 | 7:00 pm |
| OLS | Christmas Day, Tuesday, Jan 1 | 9:00 am |

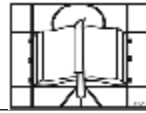
This is a Holy day of Obligation

Dec 22



Dec 30

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| 22 | Saturday | | |
| | 3:00 pm | Reconciliation | STC |
| | 4:00 pm | Mass - Perry & Cathy Risberg | STC |
| | 5:00 pm | Social | STC |
| | 6:30 pm | Reconciliation | STM |
| | 7:00 pm | Mass - Parishioners | STM |
| 23 | Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Advent | | |
| | 8:00 am | Reconciliation | OLS |
| | 8:30 am | Rosary | OLS |
| | 9:00 am | Mass - + Alivna Kniss | OLS |
| 24 | Monday - Christmas Eve | | |
| | 4:00 pm | Mass - Ed & Sharon Galarneault | STC |
| | 7:00 pm | Mass - + Casey McCourt | STM |
| 25 | Tuesday - Christmas | | |
| | 9:00 am | Mass - Parishioners | OLS |
| 26 | Wednesday - St Stephen | | |
| | No Mass | | |
| 27 | Thursday - St John | | |
| | No Mass | | |
| 28 | Friday - The Holy Innocents | | |
| | No Mass | | |
| 29 | Saturday | | |
| | 3:00 pm | Reconciliation | STC |
| | 4:00 pm | Mass - Fr. John Christianson | STC |
| | 5:00 pm | Social | STC |
| | 6:30 pm | Reconciliation | STM |
| | 7:00 pm | Mass - + Casey McCourt | STM |
| 30 | Sunday - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph | | |
| | 8:00 am | Reconciliation | OLS |
| | 8:30 am | Rosary | OLS |
| | 9:00 am | Mass - Parishioners | OLS |
| | 10:00 am | Social | OLS |



Liturgical
Ministers



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| Dec 29 | STC |
| Lector: | Cathy Risberg |
| EMHC: | Carol Mourer |
| Dec 29 | STM |
| Lector: | Paula Lowe |
| EMHC: | John Winkle |
| Dec 30 | OLS |
| Lector: | Paula Taylor |
| EMHC: | L. Nachbar, R. Shearen, K. Champoux |

STC VOCATIONS CHALICE

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| Mary Mendiola | Dec 15 - 22 |
| Fr. Thomas | Dec 22 - 29 |
| Brian & Celeste Williams | Dec 29 - Jan 5 |
| Carol Mourer | Jan 5 - 12 |

STM VOCATIONS CHALICE

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|------------------------|----------------|
| Paula Lowe | Dec 15 - 22 |
| John & Margaret Winkle | Dec 22 - 29 |
| Andy & Shana Dreher | Dec 29 - Jan 5 |
| Father Thomas | Jan 5 - 12 |

OLS VOCATIONS CHALICE

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| Ed & June Shearen | Dec 16 - 23 |
| Pierre & Kathy Champoux | Dec 23 - 30 |
| Marcie Lindgren | Dec 30 - Jan 6 |
| Roger & Anita Caven | Jan 6 - 13 |

Prayer Chain



If you have a prayer request, contact any one of the leaders of the prayer chains:
 OLS - Viola Johnson at 743-3055
 STC - Carol Mourer at 659-4434
 STM - Margaret Winkle at 897-5662

Come and Adore Jesus!

OLS Adoration - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

STM Adoration - Adoration of Jesus in the Tabernacle or Exposed every Tuesday from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.



MEN OF FAITH
 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE
 Men Bearing Witness

Stocking Stuffer Idea:

Register your husband, your son, your father, your brother or your friend for the 2019 Catholic Men's Conference *Men of Faith - Men Bearing Witness*. The conference is March 9, 2019 at Marshall School in Duluth. Registration available on-line at www.duluthcatholicmen.org. Only \$30 on or before February 25, 2019.

Readings for the Week of December 23, 2018

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| Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-18 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/ Lk 1:39-45 |
| Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/ Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/ Lk 1:67-79 |
| Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 |
| Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 |
| Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22 |
| Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 |
| Friday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18 |
| Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35 |
| Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52 |

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