

# OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS SAINT MICHAEL SAINT CATHERINE

CHRISTMAS/  
HOLY FAMILY  
(SUNDAY, DEC. 26TH)

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## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

And the Word became flesh  
and made his dwelling among us,  
and we saw his glory,  
the glory as of the Father's only Son,  
full of grace and truth.  
- Jn 1:14

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## THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them  
and came to Nazareth, and  
was obedient to them; and  
his mother kept all these  
things in her heart. And  
Jesus advanced in wisdom  
and age and favor before  
God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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Physical Address:  
320 Golf Course Lane  
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MASS SCHEDULE  
Sunday 9 am  
Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 am

CONFESSIONS  
Wed, Thurs, Fri 8:30 am  
Sunday 8-8:45 am

## ST. MICHAEL

Physical Address:  
12026 Lake Street  
Northome, MN 56661

MASS SCHEDULE  
Saturday 7 pm  
Tuesday 6 pm  
CONFESSIONS  
Tuesday 5:30-5:45 pm  
Saturday 6:30-6:45 pm

## ST. CATHERINE

Physical Address:  
52265 State Hwy 46  
Squaw Lake, MN 56681

MASS SCHEDULE  
Saturday 4 pm  
Tuesday 11 am  
CONFESSIONS  
Saturday 3-3:45 pm  
Tuesday 10:30 - 10:45 am

## ~Our Savior is Here!~

Today we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Christmas is a beautiful time of year, it is colder outside, but many homes are filled with the grace of the season that brings warmth into the home. The seasonal repetition of year after year lets us think of good memories and look to make new ones. And whether we realize it or not these feelings of the season, these good feelings, are because our savior has impacted us and the world. Christmas cards speak of this reality. I like looking through different Christmas cards and reading the short pithy, brilliant ways that they summarize the truth and beauty of the season. Example: "This Christmas, may God open our hearts to His love... our minds to His wonders... our ears to His voice... our lives to His presence." So many about letting God's love and presence into our own lives and hearts to let His love impact and save us.

The core of the Christmas celebration is to rejoice that we have a savior. To no longer fear our weaknesses and failures and the fact that we need a savior. We can embrace the reality that we can be redeemed and any and all mistakes that we made in the past can be redeemed, because we have a savior. We don't have to expect that we should be perfect to be able to fulfill tasks or problem solve. We don't have to feel frustrated that we need saving. This is our cause for rejoicing. The first step is to acknowledge our need for a savior and the next is to rejoice that we have one, a savior to help us through life's challenges. The step after taking this truth to heart is to recognize others are in the same boat as we are. We shouldn't be surprised when we see other people, that they too, are in need of a savior. How often do we think to ourselves, how come they don't have it all together? How could they think the way that they do or act the way that they do? Perhaps we think uncharitably, 'that idiot.' We are in need of a savior and that should not surprise us. This Christmas rejoice that our savior has come, that He is here, but don't beat yourselves or others up because we need a savior, trust in Him and let Him work.

When you look at this babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, let Him redeem your past. Let Him have your sins, your weakness, your failings, your strengths, your successes. Let Him own them and redeem them. Let His love and His WORD come into your heart. Let Him into our human past and present to Heal it and redeem it. The whole project, the whole plan for salvation is to bring us, human beings, to God, to be healed restored, forgiven, not that we fear the glory of God, but that we can be made able to see the full glory and rejoice. To see God as He is and not fear, but love. This is the transformation and renewal that God desires to bring about this Christmas and always.

And the beautiful thing is that the more His love and WORD are in us, the better we are able to see the glory of God. The more we are united to Him and share in His life, the more we see His glory living in us. So, this Christmas behold the glory of God, see God made visible in this babe rapped in swaddling clothes and laying in a manger and let that glory transform you and come to life in you, to be redeemed and saved!

May God richly bless you!  
-Fr. Jeremy



### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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\*Includes Immaculate Conception collection\*

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### *United Catholic Appeal (UCA)*

UCA supports our church (the diocese).

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- OLS needs **\$1105.30** to reach goal of \$14,036.00 8% to go
- STC has reached the goal of \$4,549.30 Thank You!
- STM has reached the goal of \$4,970.29 Thank you!

### HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 26th

9:00 AM at Our Lady of the Snows in Bigfork

11:15 AM at St. Catherine's in Squaw Lake

7:00 PM at St. Michaels in Northome

January 1, 2022: This Year as Mary Mother of God (January 1st) falls on a Saturday it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. The Masses on Saturday will be the regularly scheduled weekend Masses covering the obligation for The Epiphany of the Lord. (This year).

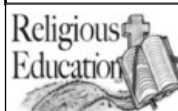
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Michael Furey	Francis Wagner Sr.

(List as of 12/15/2021)

### DEEPLY PRAYING THE MASS

Silent Prayers (Part III): When the priest receives the Eucharist he prays: "May the Body of Christ keep me safe for eternal life...May the Blood of Christ keep me safe for eternal life."



No Religious Education this week, Wednesday Dec. 29th. Enjoy your Christmas break! Please pray for our youth and their families.

December 24



January 2

24	Friday - Christmas Eve		
	3:00 pm	Reconciliation	STC
	3:00 - 3:45 pm	Adoration	STC
	3:30 pm	Rosary	STC
	4:00 pm	Mass	STC
	6:30 pm	Reconciliation	STM
	6:30 pm	Rosary	STM
	7:00 pm	Mass	STM
25	Saturday - Christmas Day		
	8:30 am	Reconciliation	OLS
	9:00 am	Mass	OLS
26	Sunday - Holy Family		
	8:00 am	Reconciliation	OLS
	8:30 am	Rosary	OLS
	9:00 am	Mass	OLS
	11:15 am	Mass	STC
	7:00 pm	Mass	STM
27	Monday - St. John, Apostle & Evangelist	No Mass	
28	Tuesday - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs		
	10:30 am	Reconciliation	STC
	11:00 am	Mass	STC
	5:30 pm	Reconciliation	STM
	6:00 pm	Mass	STM
	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Adoration	STM
29	Wednesday - St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr		
	8:30 am	Reconciliation	OLS
	9:00 am	Mass	OLS
30	Thursday - Sixth Day within Christmas Octave		
	8:30 am	Reconciliation	OLS
	9:00 am	Mass	OLS
	9:00 - 3:00 pm	Adoration	OLS
31	Friday - St. Sylvester I, Pope		
	8:30 am	Reconciliation	OLS
	9:00 am	Mass	OLS
1	Saturday - Vigil of The Epiphany of the Lord		
	3:00 pm	Reconciliation	STC
	3:00 - 3:45 pm	Adoration	STC
	3:30 pm	Rosary	STC
	4:00 pm	Mass	STC
	6:30 pm	Reconciliation	STM
	6:30 pm	Rosary	STM
	7:00 pm	Mass	STM
2	Sunday - The Epiphany of the Lord		
	8:00 am	Reconciliation	OLS
	8:30 am	Rosary	OLS
	9:00 am	Mass	OLS

**Mass Intentions:**

Fri Dec. 24	STC 4:00 pm	†Luella Rieger
Fri Dec. 24	STM 7:00 pm	Parishioners
Sat Dec. 25	OLS 9:00 am	Carol LaFrenier
Sun Dec. 26	OLS 9:00 am	Parishioners
Sun Dec. 26	STC 11:15 am	Greg & Lesley Vezina Family
Sun Dec. 26	STM 7:00 pm	†Deacon Jim VandeKamp
Tues Dec. 28	STC 11:00 am	†Dakota Vezina
Tues Dec. 28	STM 6:00 pm	†Deacon Jim VandeKamp
Wed Dec. 29	OLS 9:00 am	Margie Rooker
Thurs Dec. 30	OLS 9:00 am	June Shearen
Fri Dec. 31	OLS 9:00 am	Rich & Sue White
Sat Jan. 1	STC 4:00 pm	Parishioners
Sat Jan. 1	STM 7:00 pm	Father Thomas Galarneault
Sun Jan. 2	OLS 9:00 am	†Bernard & Joyce Kocian

**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 4:00 pm.

**STM Adoration** - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

**STC Adoration** - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday from 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm.



Readings for the week of December 26, 2021



Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 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

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

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

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

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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