

**Catholic Churches of
St. Mary, St. Joseph & St. Charles**
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Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020

Mass Times

St. Mary

15 1st Ave NE

Deer River, MN

Sunday 8:30 AM
Tuesday 8:30 AM
Wednesday 8:30 AM
Thursday 8:30 AM
Friday 8:30 AM

St. Joseph

51061 Wolf Drive

Ball Club, MN

Saturday 4:00 PM

St. Charles

308 Central Ave N

Cass Lake, MN

Sunday 11:00 AM

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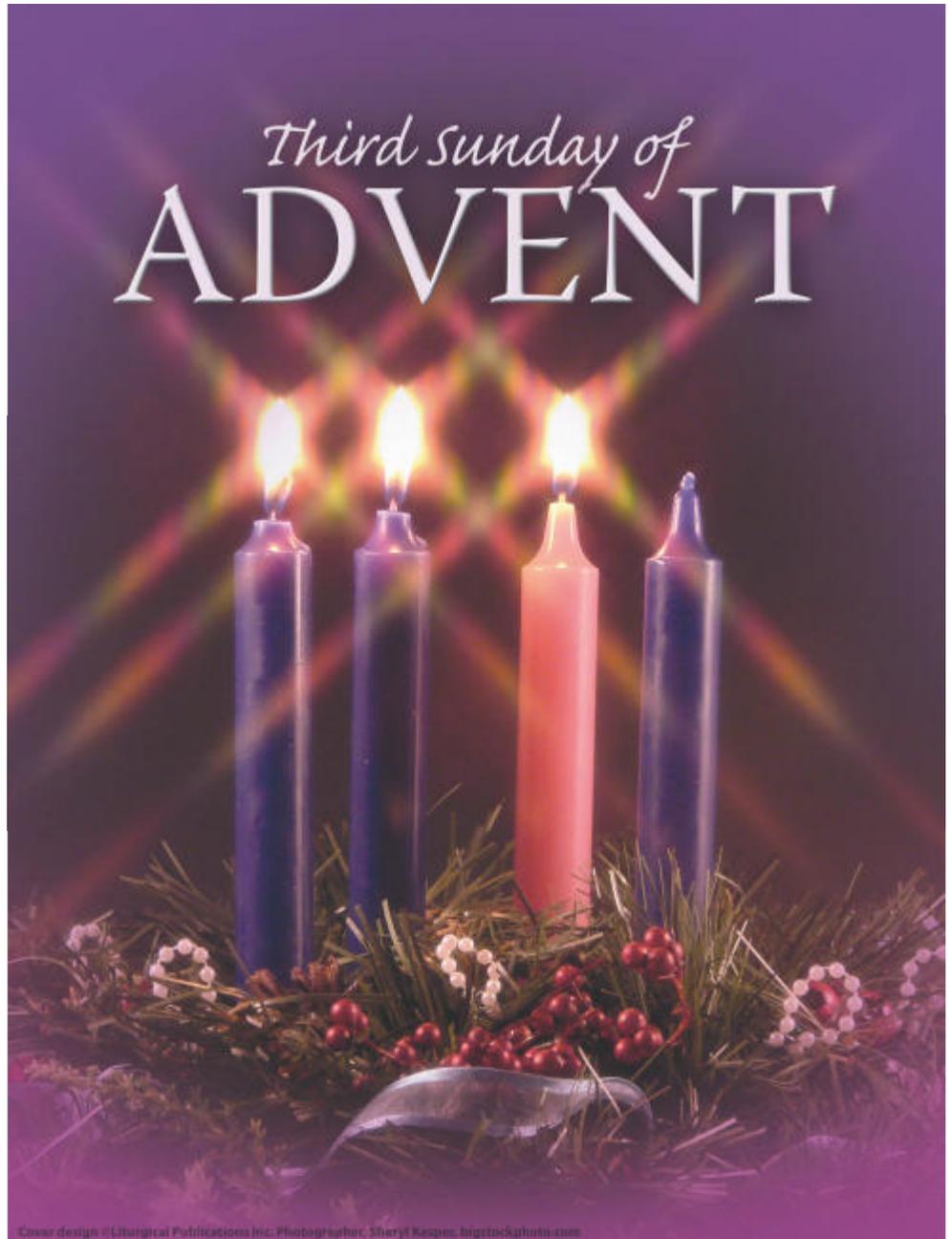
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December 14—20

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<i>St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM 9 Adoration SM	3:30 Conf SJ 4 Mass SJ	4th Sunday of Advent 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM 10:30 Conf SC 11 Mass SC
SJ = St. Joseph, Ball Club		SC= St. Charles, Cass Lake		SM=St. Mary, Deer River		



WeeCare Stable

There is an empty stable at St. Mary's. To honor Baby Jesus please help us fill it with gently used and new baby and toddlers items for the WeeCare Closet in Deer River. Diapers, winter wear and boots are always in need. The Closet provides clothing and diapers for ages infant through 4. We will be collecting donated items through Epiphany.

Christmas Confessions

Father KK will be offering extended confession opportunities leading up to Christmas. He will be available before and after Masses at St. Mary's and St. Joseph's, with the exception of no confession at St. Mary's on Sunday following Mass. He will be available before and after Sunday Mass at St. Charles. As always, confessions are available by appointment.



Sun. Dec. 13 1:30 pm St. Agnes Walker

Wed. Dec. 16 7 pm St. Joseph Chishoilm

Sun. Dec. 20 1 pm Blessed Sacrament Hibbing



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A Constant Companion

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

2021 Contribution Envelopes

The 2021 contribution envelopes are here. As these were ordered some time ago, there are envelopes for parishioners that have changed to online contributions. Please pick up your box as the second collection envelopes are included. If you give online and do not want boxed envelopes, please notify the office so we can make these changes for next year. If you do not receive envelopes and would like to please contact the office. We have extra boxes available. Contact office by phone, email, or drop a note in the collection basket located in the church. Thank you and God bless you for your continued financial support of our parishes.

Mass Intentions December 14—20

Mon Private Mass	Lorette Bretl & Gert Pfeifer	
Tues. 8:30	Steven Pietila †	SM
Wed. 8:30	Angie Owen †	SM
Thur. 8:30	Elizabeth Selenski †	SM
Fri. 8:30	Holy Souls in Purgatory †	SM
Sat. 4:00 pm	Helen Tibbetts	SJ
Sun. 8:30	People of Our Parish Cluster	SM
Sun. 11:00	Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Blute †	SC

Retirement Fund for Religious

Make a difference. “Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses,” says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous. For more information visit retiredreligious.org.

Mass Intentions

Giving the gift of a Mass is a wonderful way to celebrate a variety of occasions in the lives of your family and friends.

You are able to submit Mass intentions through our online giving portal. Go to our parish websites listed on the front of the bulletin and click on online giving and follow the directions.

The white imprinted Mass intention envelope available at the church is for the mass stipend and information pertaining to the Mass. Mass Cards are available for you to send to the recipient of the Mass intention if applicable. Mass stipends are \$10 per Mass.

Christmas Flowers

If you would like to donate money for Christmas flowers, please drop your envelope in the collection basket. There is no set amount for flowers this year, any amount is appreciated. Please turn your money in by December 13.

Gospel Meditation Second Sunday of Advent

Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Think of winning the Lotto. On this side of the winning ticket, it's all about the money, the new car, house, vacations, bank accounts, and infinite pleasures. The possibility of acquiring all of these earthly securities brings us back again and again to the purchase of a ticket. Then, one day we win! Our dreams are fulfilled, and happiness is on the horizon. Then one day, we wake up and realize that nothing has really changed, and I am not as satisfied as I thought I was or would be. I find myself living in my incompleteness and with my profound sorrow and grief. I did not find joy.

Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. They are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith, hope, and love. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something I create, manufacture or even acquire. It is not able to be purchased. It is a gift. My need for joy mirrors my need for eternity, for a Creator who has a claim on the very essence of who I am and desires a home within me. As C. S. Lewis discovered, joy is a surprise that speaks to my very soul and is given as a gift by the God who loves me.

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. God has visited his people for no other reason than to show them where and how to find joy! All of our human and earthly joy experiences are always only glimpses. They never satisfy us, sustain us or fulfill us. It is only God who is the joy of my soul. Real, Divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then, in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow. ©LPI

Festival of Lessons and Carols

The musicians of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary invite you to join them for the first annual Festival of Lessons and Carols on Monday, December 14 at 7:00 PM. Through nine lessons in word and song, join our instrumentalists and small choir to sing familiar carols and enjoy beautiful songs reflecting upon the Advent and Christmas Seasons. This year our event will be virtual, accessed via the Cathedral's livestream at duluthcathedral.com. Since we are not able to sing together in church, let this be an opportunity to participate from the comfort of your own home in whatever capacity is most meaningful to you! We hope this will offer you an evening to let Christ's light shine through the darkness and become a treasured part of your year.

St. Charles Prayer Requests

Ray Abuan, Gloria Beaudreau, Rod Benson, Charles Bush Jr., Michele Frazer, Alice Hickey, Beulah Holstein, Bob Karbowski, Daxtynn Kingbird, Bradley Kurtzell, Bernie Louks, Mike Morris, Maria & Ralph Patton, Ken & Evelyn Perrault, Christine Stenger, Connie Suchon, Deana Thomas, Ken & Sharon Vogel, Susie Finn White, Ruth Wittner

Please keep these people in your prayers. If you would like to add someone to this list please contact the office, send us an email or drop a note in the collection basket. We appreciate the updates to help keep our information current.

Share Our Bulletin

Is there someone you know who is unable to attend Mass? Please pick up an extra bulletin and personally deliver it. The next best thing is to have one mailed. Please call the office to arrange. Bulletins are available to view online. Go to www.deerrivercatholic.com and click on bulletins. Please support our bulletin advertisers. They make this publication possible at no cost to us. Did you know our bulletin is published each week online? Go to our website and click on bulletins.

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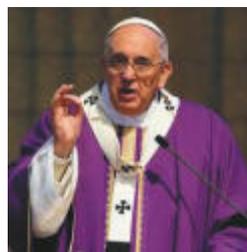


Blessed Advent to you all!

Today we continue the "joyful expectation" of the birth of Christ in history, the present, and the future. Today we hear the words of John the Baptist calling people of his time to repentance. Now, this baptism that John was calling people to is not the same baptism that we Christians celebrate. However, John's baptism is at the root of our Christian baptism. John's baptism had its roots in the "oblation washing" of the Jewish people before undertaking anything of great importance.

Christian baptism is a sacrament to wash away original sin so as to enter sinless into the Christian community. It is the one sacrament that is celebrated by all Christians, even those Christians who are not in communion with Rome.

Johns enjoins us to "prepare the way of the Lord." His call is to be taken in the widest sense. This preparation is a personal preparation, and is also a communal preparation. We are called to make sure we are ready to meet the Lord, and this means that we need to make a difference in the world to make it better, to make it more peaceful, and to make it more just. We are called to protect each other's dignity and share of our abundance with others so that each may live a life that is centered on helping others. Prepare the way! ©LPI



"Remember this because it is true: the beauty of our choices depends on love. Jesus knows that if we are self-absorbed and indifferent, we remain paralyzed, but if we give ourselves to others, we become free. The

Lord of life wants us to be full of life, and He tells us the secret of life: we come to possess it only by giving it away. This is a rule of life: we come to possess life, now and in eternity, only by giving it away." Pope Francis- Advent 2020



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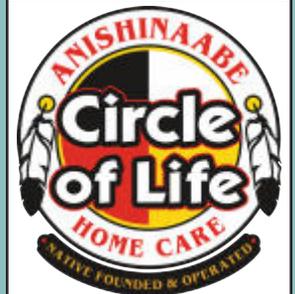
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