

# Catholic Churches of St. Mary, St. Joseph & St. Charles

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**Christmas/Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph**

**December 25/27, 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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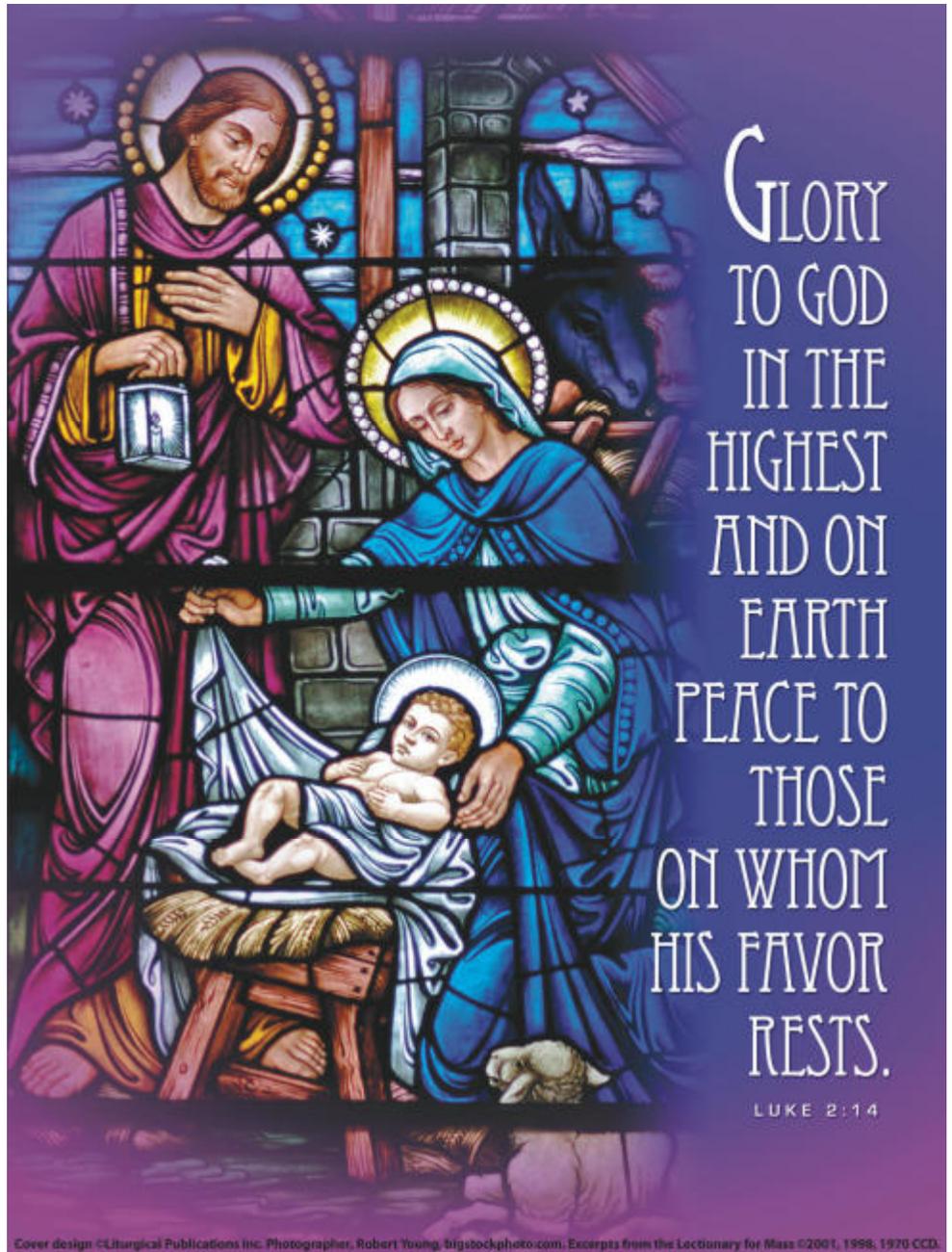
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**December 27—January 3**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	<i>St. Thomas Beckett, Bishop &amp; Martyr</i> 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	<i>St. Sylvester I, Pope</i> 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	<b>New Year's Eve</b> 4 SJ Mass	<b>Mary, Holy-Mother of God</b> <b>World Day of Peace</b> 8:30 Mass SM 11 Mass SC	<i>Sts. Basil the Great &amp; St. Gregory the Nazianzen, Bishops</i> 3:30 Conf SJ 4 Mass SJ	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> 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.

### 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.

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### The Nativity of the Lord

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas. ©LPi

### Christmas

Today marks the end of the Advent season and the beginning of the Christmas season. We have lighted four candles these past four weeks and asked God to help us be present to our neighbors and friends. Now in the Christmas season we are called to be Christ in the flesh to our world.

Let us pray...

God, you became human through the obedience of a simple young woman named Mary. Mary is our model of faith. May we be faithful to your word as Mary was. Give us the courage to face each day with the yes that Mary gave to you. We ask this through the incarnate God, who comes to us again during this Christmas season. Amen.

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Mon Private Mass	Mr. & Mrs. Geo Bretl	
Tues. 8:30	Christine Kulisek & Family	SM
Wed. 8:30	Joseph Kulisek Jr & Family	SM
<b>Thur. 4:00</b>	Max & Lavonne Villeneuve & Family	<b>SJ</b>
<b>Fri. 8:30</b>	Grandchildren of Lavonne Villeneuve	<b>SM</b>
<b>Fri. 11:00</b>	Vernon K & Carol Kostichka Bretl	<b>SC</b>
Sat. 4:00	Dorothy Fairbanks	SJ
Sun. 8:30	Nellie Hansen †	SM
Sun. 11:00	People of our Parish Cluster	SC



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### **Year of St. Joseph**

Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph, in honor of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church.

Pope Francis said he was establishing the year so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will."

Pope Francis noted that this year marks the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on Dec. 8, 1870. Pope Francis said the coronavirus pandemic has heightened his desire to reflect on St. Joseph, as so many people during the pandemic have made hidden sacrifices to protect others, just as St. Joseph quietly protected and cared for Mary and Jesus.

"Each of us can discover in Joseph -- the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence -- an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble," the pope wrote.

He also said he wanted to highlight St. Joseph's role as a father who served his family with charity and humility, adding, "Our world today needs fathers."

The year begins Dec. 8, 2020, and concludes on Dec. 8, 2021.

### **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us! ©LPi

# Mary, Mother of God

This solemnity is a rather recent addition to the cycle of seasons, Sundays, and feasts in our liturgical year. We have Pope Paul VI to thank for the 1974 enshrining of the devotion to Mary into our calendar on January 1. It is also a day in our calendar as a World Day for Peace.

Let us pray...

God of heaven and earth,  
you came to us and took our earthly flesh  
through the gift of Mary's yes.

She is our Mother in faith,  
as she is your earthly mother.

We are thankful beyond our ability to thank you  
for the gift of her Son as our brother and savior.

Through her self-giving,  
we have been reconciled to you.

Bless us as we begin this New Year  
and endow us with the desire and ability  
to create a world of peace.

We ask all this,  
through the intercession of Mary to you,  
one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

## **Mass Schedule**

### **Mary, Holy Mother of God**

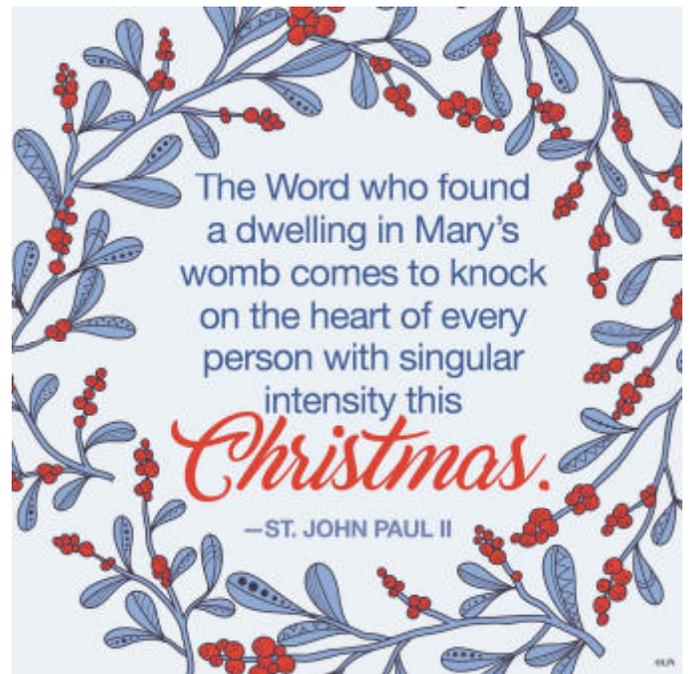
Thur. Dec. 31	4 pm	St. Joseph
Fri. Jan. 1	8:30 am	St. Mary
Fri. Jan. 1	11 am	St. Charles

## **St. Charles Prayer Requests**

Ray Abuan, Gloria Beaudreau, Bev Benson,  
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 ap-  
preciate the updates to help keep our infor-  
mation current.

**St. Mary's & St. Joseph's:** Prayer requests may  
be submitted to our prayer chain by calling  
Elaine at 218-246-8099. We have a great  
group of prayer warriors.



*"The Lord never disappoints. He will perhaps make us wait, He will make us wait a few moments in the dark to allow our expectation to ripen, but He never disappoints... He came at a precise moment in history and became man to take on our sins - the feast of the Nativity commemorates Jesus' first coming in the historical moment -; He will come at the end of time as universal judge; He comes every day to visit His people, to visit every man and woman who receives Him in the Word, in the Sacraments, in their brothers and sisters. Jesus, the Bible tells us, is at the door and knocks... Do you know how to listen to the Lord who knocks, who has come today to visit you, who knocks at your heart restlessly, with an idea, with inspiration?... Be careful, look at what you feel in your heart when the Lord knocks."*

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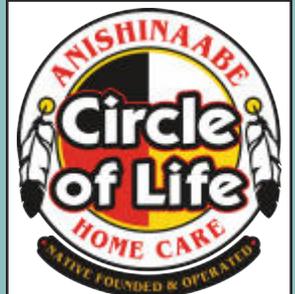
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