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St. Mary, St. Joseph & St. Charles**
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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2021

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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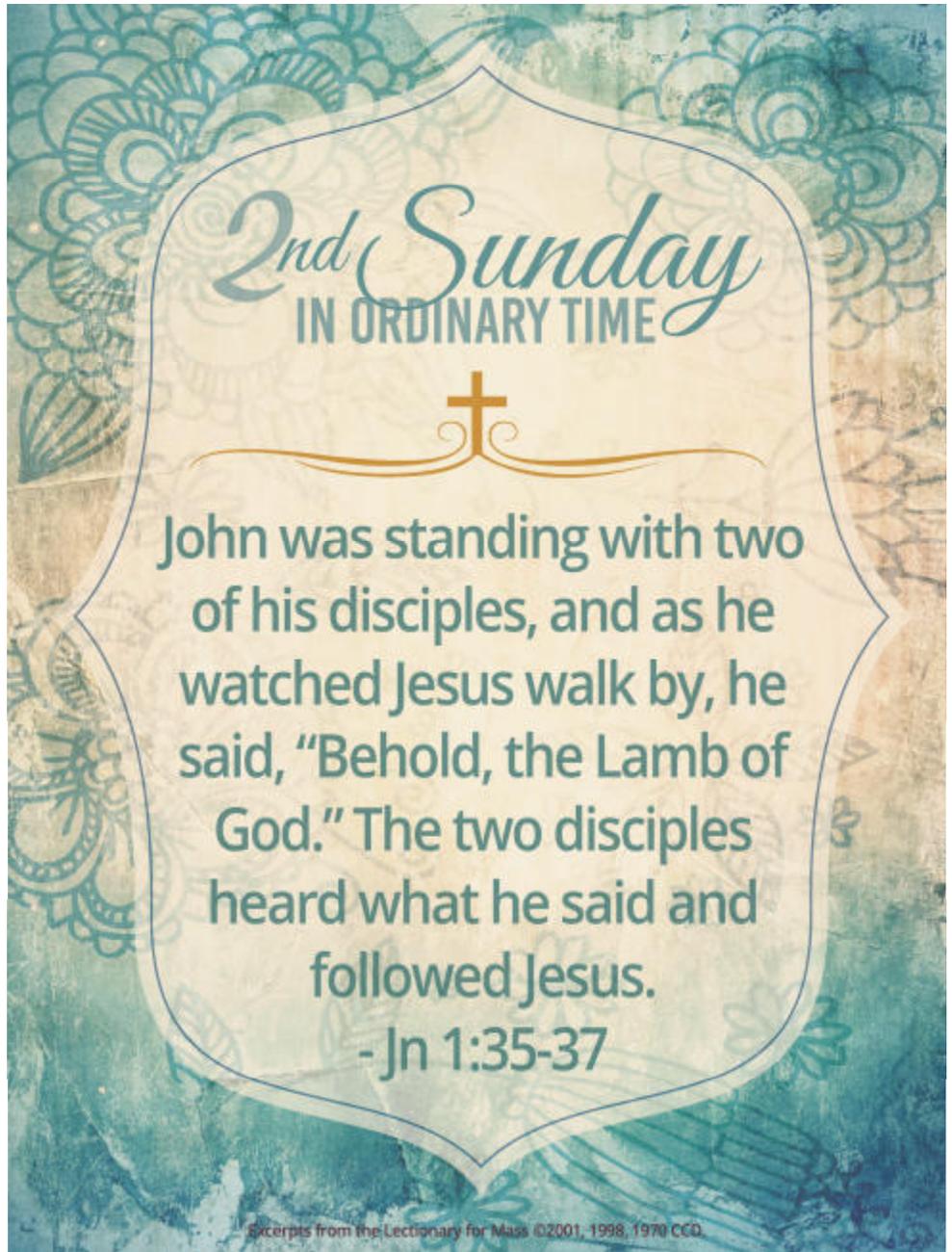
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Office Hours

Tuesday 9—Noon
Wednesday 9—Noon
Friday 9—Noon



January 18—24

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	<i>Sts. Fabian & Sebastian</i> 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	<i>St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr</i> 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	<i>Sts. Vincent & Marianne Cope</i> 3:30 Conf SJ 4 Mass SJ	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		



Gospel Meditation

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blood donors are needed every day to sustain a safe and adequate supply of blood for those who need it. In the wake of COVID-19, blood supplies are at a critical low, threatening the ability of medical facilities to be properly prepared for emergencies.

Each blood donor will receive free COVID-19 antibody testing, making this a great way to give back and help the overall health of our community.

Appointments typically fill fast—there are three ways to schedule a time convenient for you:

Tuesday, January 19 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Bloodmobile hosted by United Way of 1000 Lakes

at Itasca County Family YMCA parking lot, 400 River Road, Grand Rapids

Phone: 218-259-4162

Email: kasia@uwlakes.org

Online: https://www.mbcherohub.club/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/67314

Friday, January 29 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Bloodmobile hosted by ElderCircle

at Itasca County Family YMCA parking lot, 400 River Road, Grand Rapids

Phone: 218-999-9233 ext. 279

Email: cindy@eldercircle.org

Online: https://www.mbcherohub.club/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/66989

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening. ©LPi

Mass Intentions January 18– 24

Mon Private Mass	Jean Sheffield & Family	
Tues. 8:30	Legal Protection of Human Life	SM
Wed. 8:30	St. Mary's Parishioners	SM
Thur. 8:30	Joseph Sr & Anna Kulisek	SM
Fri. 8:30	Lynn Smith Evans	SM
Sat. 4:00	Dan & Rose Villeneuve	SJ
Sun. 8:30	Helen Pfeifer †	SM
Sun. 11:00	People of our Parish Cluster	SC

Share the Faith

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Pro Life Novena

The Hibbing Deanery of the Diocese of Duluth's Novena of Masses for Life begins in mid-January. All parishioners are encouraged to participate in these Masses. Unite with fellow Catholics in our fight to defend life by participating in these Masses. The morning Mass on Tuesday, January 19 at St. Mary's is also part of the novena. Mass is at 8:30 am.



Set up a one-time or recurring donation by following these three easy steps:

1. Go to our websites listed on the front of the bulletin. Click on the Online Giving link.
2. Select the collection you wish to donate to and click to make a donation.
3. Enter your payment information.

Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

Holy Father's January Prayer Intention

Intention for evangelization - Human fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

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 be added to our prayer list please speak with Father KK, send us an email or drop a note in the collection basket. We appreciate the updates to help keep our information 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.

Office Hours Update

The office hours for our parish cluster are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9—noon.

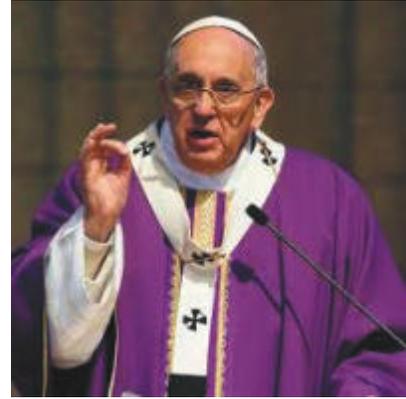
During the pandemic, there are no in person office hours, work is conducted remotely.

However, the phone calls, emails and messages will be answered during these times. Please try to conduct business during these posted office hours.

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Journey with the Pope

"Worshiping the Lord is not easy; it does not just happen. It requires a certain spiritual maturity and is the fruit of an at times lengthy interior journey. Worshiping God is not something we do spontaneously... In our day, it is particularly necessary for us, both as individuals and as communities, to devote more time to worship. We need to learn ever better how to contemplate the Lord. We have somewhat lost the meaning of the prayer of adoration, so we must take it up again, both in our communities and in our own spiritual life." *Pope Francis*

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