

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

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 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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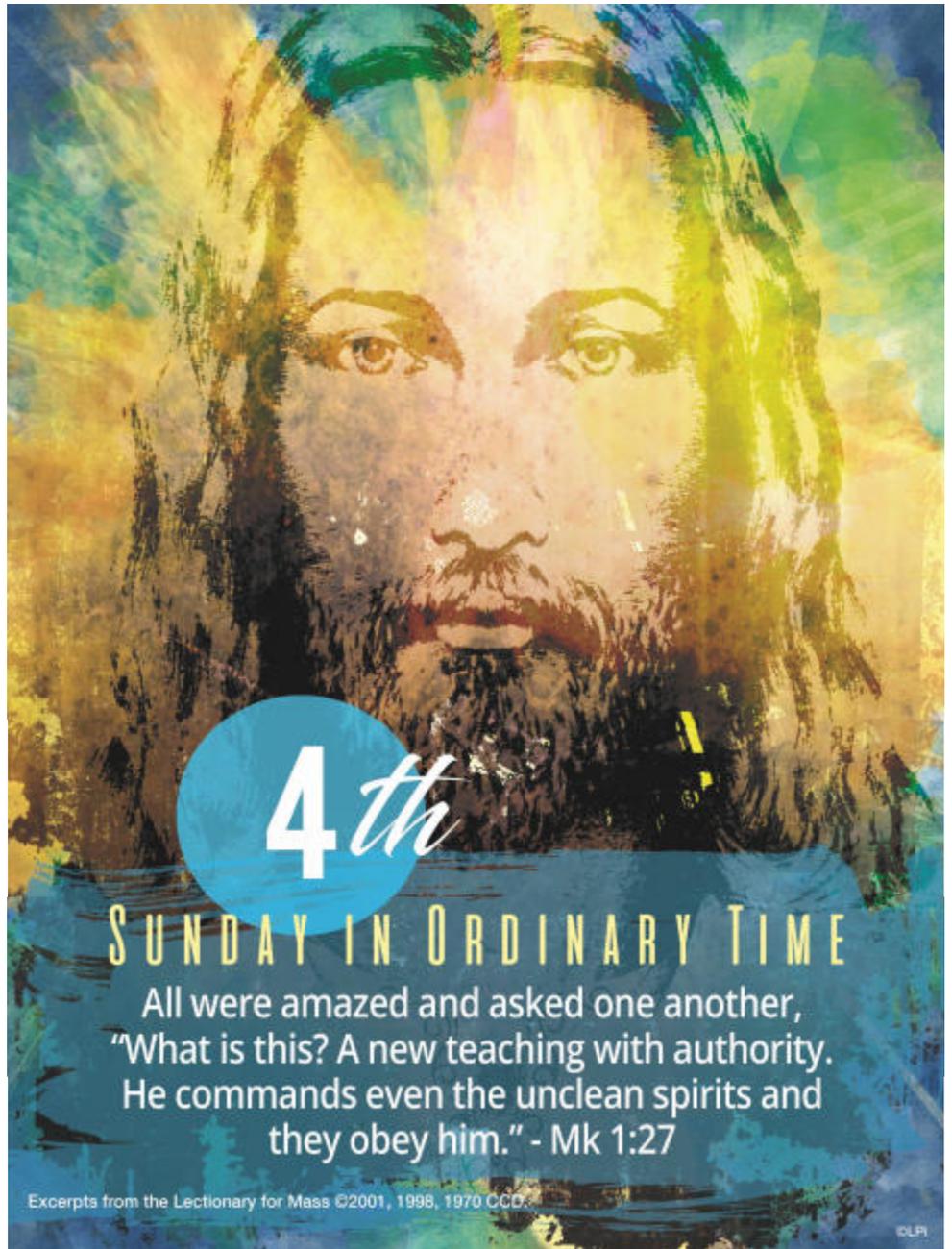
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Office Hours

Tuesday 9—Noon

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February 1—7

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | First Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| | <i>The Presenta- tion of the Lord</i> 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM | <i>St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr</i> <i>St. Ansgar, Bishop</i> 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM | 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM | <i>St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr</i> 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM | <i>St. Paul Miki & Compan- ions, Martyrs</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 | | |



Everyday Stewardship

Do you practice good stewardship with your family? Stewardship is about more than offerings to a church or charity. It is about continually giving of ourselves in a way that gives glory to God. Sharing our gifts with those in our immediate family honors God and is evidence of your gratitude for these people in your life.

How can we effectively accomplish this? One way is to reflect on how the 6 characteristics of an Everyday Steward are present in our family relationships. Are we mindful when we are with our family members? Do we focus on them and their needs rather than our phone or TV? Do we hold up our family in prayer? Their concerns should be our concerns. Do we find ways to show how grateful we are for having them in our lives?

When we find ourselves lacking in gratitude, we should reflect on what life would be like without them. Do we help one another without being asked because we have a gracious heart? It is easy to take for granted those we see all the time. Hospitality is not just for the stranger or guest. Are we committed to a life of stewardship that not only serves as a good example, but also helps our relatives thrive? Using our gifts without wisdom might mean we have little to give to those we love. Finally, do we hold each other accountable for our decisions and shortcomings?

We are on the journey of life together, and no one exists in the Body of Christ alone. Stewardship is about the entirety of our lives. Our faith life is not reserved to Mass on a Sunday. It all begins and ends with those we love.—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed.©LPi

Mass Intentions February 1—7

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| Mon Private Mass | Danielle Krystniak | |
| Tues. 8:30 | Dan & Rose Villeneuve | SM |
| Wed. 8:30 | Helen Pfeifer † | SM |
| Thur. 8:30 | Tina Villeneuve † | SM |
| 1st . 8:30 | Max † Lavonne Villeneuve & Family | SM |
| Sat. 4:00 | Greg Villeneuve | SJ |
| Sun. 8:30 | Nellie Hansen † | SM |
| Sun. 11:00 | People of our Parish Cluster | SC |

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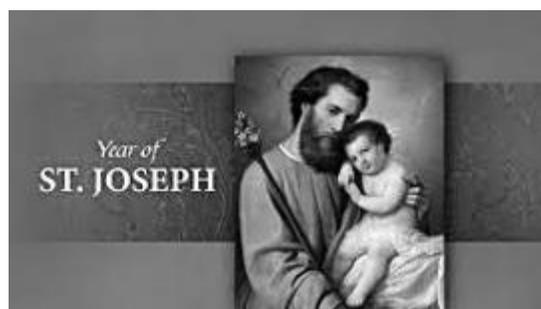
Distraction During Prayer

The mind is a marvelous and complex thing, producing amazing thoughts, images, wisdom and inspiration. Yet at times it is like a two-year-old: it does not follow directions, does what it wants and loves to tell us "no!" This is probably the oldest and most common problem in the spiritual life—dealing with distraction. It comes in all forms: good intentions forgotten, wandering thoughts at Mass, daydreaming, etc. A little poem says it all: When the soul begins to pray, the brain always wants to play!

There are many ways to handle distractions. If we are distracted by thoughts about our families or friends, we should pray for them. If we lose our focus, we need just "re-collect" ourselves. If some worry or concern just won't leave our mind, then we deal with it and come back to prayer or make it part of our prayer. And when words just won't come, the only prayer we might offer is our presence, our suffering, and our desire to be close to the Lord. Most importantly, we need to be patient with ourselves. These things are not sinful, but reminders of our human frailty. Our weaknesses and good efforts are all acceptable to God, who reads the love in our hearts and the good intentions of our minds. ©LPi

Holy Father's February Prayer Intention

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.





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

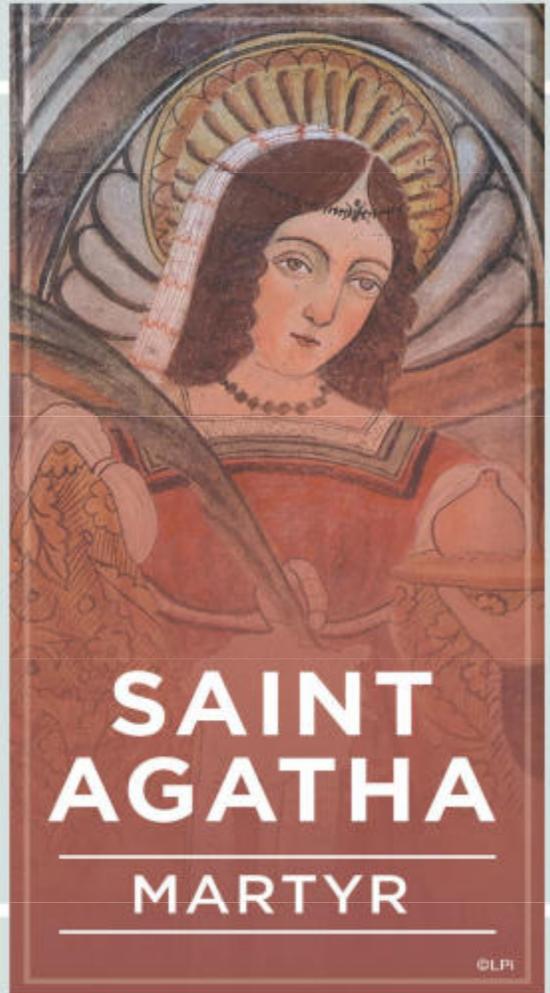
Please keep these people in your prayers. If you would like to be added to our prayer list please speak with Father KK, send us an email or drop a note in the collection basket. We appreciate the updates to help keep our information current.

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.



God of all things,
we come before you in thanksgiving
for all that you have created.
For the world and its beauty,
but especially for the people around us.
We ask you today to give us wisdom and
courage
to look at the world and all its problems
and inspire us to dream great ways to im-
prove upon
what you have so graciously given to us.
Make us worthy to call you Father.
And together bestow insight upon us
to honor your created things.
Bless, protect, and gift us ever anew with
your love.

We ask all this as members of this country,
in Christ's name.
Amen.



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Moses taught the Israelites that God would send prophets to assist them in knowing His will. Why do you think people so often reject the prophetic message?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks of the inevitability of anxiety in life. How does your faith assist you in handling what makes you anxious?

GOSPEL READING

In the story of the healing of a demon-possessed man, Mark reports how the demons knew Jesus' true identity as "the Holy One of God." What does this reveal about the unseen order?

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