

**Catholic Churches of  
St. Mary, St. Joseph & St. Charles**  
Administrator: Fr. Kuriakose Nediakala MCBS (Fr. KK)

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 7, 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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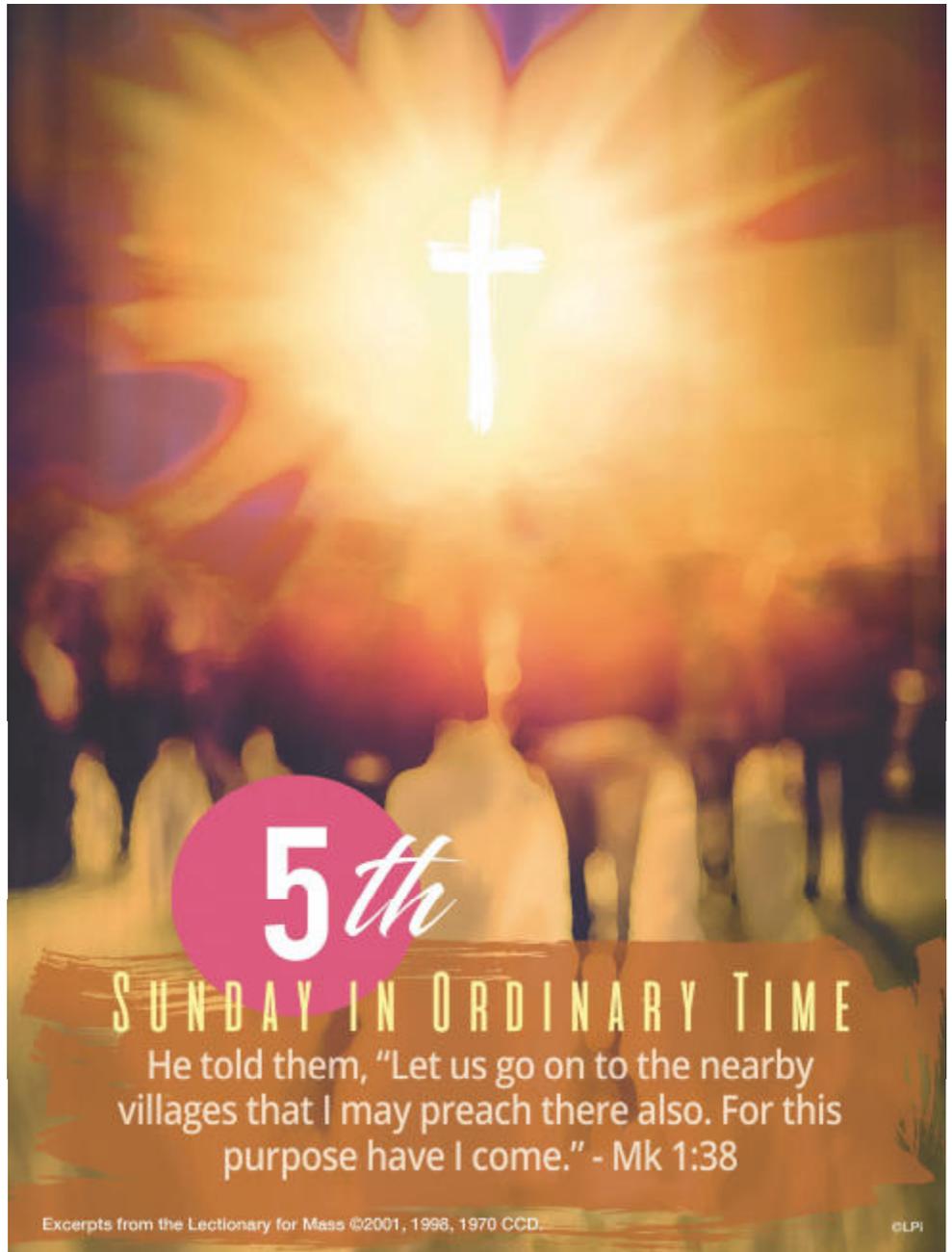
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**Office Hours**

Tuesday 9—Noon

Wednesday 9—Noon

Friday 9—Noon



**February 8—14**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin	8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	St. Scholastica, Virgin 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	Our Lady of Lourdes 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM 9 Adoration SM	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**

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be. ©LPi

## Mass Intentions February 8—14

Mon Private Mass	Mr. & Mrs. Geo Bretl	
Tues. 8:30	Ken Yurrick Family	SM
Wed. 8:30	Joe Villeneuve	SM
Thur. 8:30	Amanda Krystniak	SM
1st . 8:30	Alex Villeneuve	SM
Sat. 4:00	Tony Villeneuve †	SJ
Sun. 8:30	Annie Stangler	SM
Sun. 11:00	People of our Parish Cluster	SC

### **Our Gifts to God**

Ordinary Income	Dec. 2020	Dec. 2019
St. Charles	\$5,144.00	\$4,139.00
St. Joseph	\$2,668.95	\$2,002.04
St. Mary	\$6,531.00	\$5,731.59

Ordinary income includes all envelopes, plate and online giving. Listed above is all ordinary income for the month of December. With contributions coming in at different times during the month, we will post contributions by monthly totals and include last year's month's totals for comparison.



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### Mass Intentions

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## Everyday Stewardship

The Audacity of Holiness

Do you know a holy person? I'm not talking about piety — that's important, too, in its own way. But right now, I'm speaking of holiness.

St. Therese of Lisieux called holiness "a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident — in the most audacious way — in His Fatherly goodness."

The holy person sees a storm on the horizon of life, and rather than give themselves over to fear and despair (natural and understandable reactions), regards the gathering winds as an opportunity to rely more fully on God. The holy person takes a bad situation and sanctifies it with charity and understanding that defies our fallen human nature.

Peter's mother-in-law was still in the throes of a fever when Jesus grasped her hand. It wasn't until she took his hand and allowed him to help her up that "the fever left her and she waited on them." Before the fever could leave her, she had to commit to holiness — to put her trust in him in a most audacious way. She had to find it within herself to lift her weakened hand to grasp his — and as soon as she did, she was rewarded. Her bodily health restored, she gave thanks, and attended to his needs.

God's hand is always outstretched to us. Will we take it, even if the fever of sin and pride and worldly concerns rages in our souls? Will we muster the strength? Will we be audacious enough to have confidence in His Fatherly goodness?  
Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### 2020 Contribution Statements

Your 2021 contribution statements have been mailed out. If you have any questions on your statement please contact the office or send us an email. Email and phone numbers are listed on the front of the bulletin. Thank you for our support of our parishes.

### National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

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[suicidepreventionlifeline.org](https://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org)



### **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

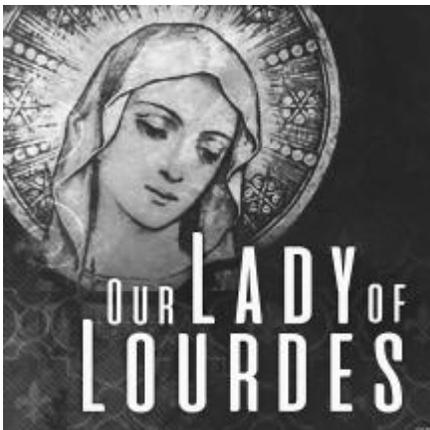
Please keep these people in your prayers. If you would like to be added to our prayer list please speak with Father KK, send us an email or drop a note in the collection basket. We appreciate the updates to help keep our information current.

**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.



### **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.



# Baptism



Josephine Miller, daughter of Dusty and Ashlea Miller, was baptized at St. Joseph's on Saturday, January 30. Congratulations and welcome to our family of God.



## Prayer for Our Country

Good and gracious Father,  
You created the human race as one human family,  
yet formed a special people for Your own.  
God of Abraham the Patriarch, God of King David,  
watch over our nation!  
May our government leaders be blessed with wisdom,  
counsel, and prudent discernment  
in creating just laws for our land.  
May all service men and women be protected  
as they defend our freedom and way of life.  
May all citizens work together for the common good  
and the protection of the least among us.  
Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, it is in  
Your coming kingdom that we place our trust.  
Give us the grace here and now to love as you love  
and to serve as you served.  
Holy Spirit, inspire us to transform our communities  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Amen.

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