

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

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**March 21, 2021**

**St. Mary**

**15 1st Ave NE  
Deer River, MN**

Mass 8:30 AM  
Sunday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Friday

**St. Joseph**

**51061 Wolf Drive  
Ball Club, MN**

Mass Saturday 4:00 PM

**St. Charles**

**308 Central Ave N  
Cass Lake, MN**

Mass Sunday 11:00 AM  
Thursday Noon

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**Office Hours 9—Noon**

Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Friday



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**March 22—28**

| Monday                     | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday                  | Sunday   |
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|                            | <i>St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop</i><br>8 Conf SM<br>8:30 Mass SM<br><b>6:30 Conf SM</b><br><b>2 Confessors</b> | Conf SM<br>8:30 Mass SM<br>5:30 Stations SC<br>6:00 Conf SC | <b>Annunciation of the Lord</b><br>11:30 Conf SC<br>Noon Mass SC | 8 Conf SM<br>8:30 Mass SM<br>9 Adoration SM<br>5:30 Stations SM | 3:30 Conf SJ<br>4 Mass SJ | <b>Palm Sunday</b><br>8 Conf SM<br>8:30 Mass SM<br>10:30 Conf SC<br>11 Mass SC |
| SJ = St. Joseph, Ball Club |   | SC = St. Charles, Cass Lake                                 |  | SM = St. Mary, Deer River                                       |                           |  |



## **GOSPEL MEDITATION - 5th Sunday of Lent**

The Solemnity of the Annunciation celebrates the coming of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce to her the special mission God had chosen for her in being the mother of His only son.

We are continually reminded of the importance of this feast to our salvation in various devotional prayers. Two examples that highlight the importance of this feast are the joyous mysteries of the Rosary and the Angelus.

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is Thursday, March 25. Mass is at noon at St. Charles. Come celebrate this solemnity with us at Mass.



"At all times, let us offer thanks to God for his gracious gifts and ask him to grant his peace, forgiveness and fraternity to this land and its people. Let us pray tirelessly for the conversion of hearts and for the triumph of a culture of life, reconciliation and fraternal love between all men and women, with respect for differences and diverse religious traditions, in the effort to build a future of unity and cooperation between all people of good will." Pope Francis

### **Friday Holy Hour and Adoration**

St. Mary's has Holy Hour with Adoration each Friday at 9 am. Come spend an hour with our Lord and rest in His presence.

### **Church Cleaning Schedule**

Church cleaning at St. Mary's is done by volunteers. There is a schedule near the stairwell to the balcony. We have no one signed up at this time to keep our church clean. Please sign up for a month to take care of our church. If you have any questions please call the office.



A good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when faith asks us to learn something about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. A very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. Death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen attentively to the Voice behind that law. We flee to God for inspiration, consolation, hope, and comfort as we navigate this time of darkness. We need not run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.©LPi

## Mass Intentions March 22—28

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| Mon Private Mass | Matti Adam                   |    |
| Tues. 8:30       | Bill Reed †                  | SM |
| Wed. 8:30        | Helen Pfeifer †              | SM |
| Thur. Noon       | Spencer Yurrick †            | SC |
| Fri. 8:30        | Nellie Hansen †              | SM |
| Sat. 4:00        | Tony Villeneuve †            | SJ |
| Sun. 8:30        | Tina Villeneuve †            | SM |
| Sun. 11:00       | People of our Parish Cluster | SC |

### 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. The white imprinted Mass intention envelope is for the mass stipend and information pertaining to the Mass. The suggested stipend for a Mass is \$10.00. An assortment of Mass Cards is available for you to send to the recipient of the Mass intention if applicable. If you have any questions, please call the office at 246-8582.

### Catholic Relief Services Collection

Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Relief Services collection and for helping Jesus in disguise. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Just mark your contribution CRS. Just visit [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief) for more information on the collection and where your donations help those in need.

### Our Gifts to God

| Ordinary Income | Feb. 2021  | Feb. 2020  |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| St. Charles     | \$3,096.00 | \$2,806.00 |
| St. Joseph      | \$1,974.93 | \$1,743.78 |
| St. Mary        | \$2,883.00 | \$4,602.05 |

Ordinary income includes all envelopes, plate and online giving. Listed above is all ordinary income for the month of February. 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.

## When Our Own Hour Comes

We parents know that it's tricky, tackling the topic of fear with our kids. We want them to know that it's okay to be scared, that it's something we all feel from time to time. We want them to understand that bravery isn't the absence of fear, but the choices we make in persevering despite that feeling.

Most of all, we want to model the right kind of behavior for our kids. Whatever our scary situation is — illness, a job loss, life changes — we want them to see us make a choice to face that fear head-on.

Jesus seems to be the parent who is gently broaching the topic of fear with his children. A great sense of foreboding hangs over these readings. Jesus knew what was coming. He knew it was going to be hard, both for him and for his followers, who did not have his courage. Even he admits to being "troubled" and he speaks of "the time of judgment." There is the dramatic raising of Lazarus, the talk of how a grain of wheat must die in order to bear fruit, the depiction of Christ as an obedient student of his own suffering.

"Yet what should I say?" he asks them. "'Father, save me from this hour?' But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour."

This week, Christ gives us a very parental gift: He shows us his fear, and he shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour — whatever that hour may hold.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

# FISH FRY

The Deer River VFW's Lenten fish fry is from 4:30 to 7 pm each Friday during March. Cost is \$8 and take outs are available. Come enjoy a great meal and support our local club.

### National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-8255

[suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://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, Don Karbowski, Darwin Kingbird, Bradley Kurtzell, Mike Morris, Maria 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.

### **Lenten Confession Schedule**

Individual confessions are available 1/2 hour before each Mass, with the exception of Sunday Mass at St. Charles. Father is available for confessions after the Sunday Mass at St. Charles.

Tuesday, March 23, individual confessions are at 6:30 pm at St. Mary's. There will be an additional priest for confessions.

### **Area Food Shelf March Campaign**

March 2021 marks the 40th anniversary of the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign. During the March Campaign, 100% of your donation goes to your area food shelf, Deer River Food Shelf or Cass Lake Area Food Shelf.

In addition, all your monetary donations made during March will result in a proportional match made by Minnesota FoodShare to your area food shelf.

Donations may be made directly to your food shelf or dropped in the collection basket and we will forward to the appropriate food shelf.

Last year the Campaign brought in \$21.5 across the state of Minnesota!



## **Holy Week Schedule**

### **Holy Thursday**

|             |      |         |
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| St. Charles | Mass | 6:00 pm |
| St. Mary    | Mass | 6:00 pm |

### **Good Friday**

|             |         |         |
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| St. Charles | Service | Noon    |
| St. Mary    | Service | 3:00 pm |

### **Holy Saturday Easter Vigil**

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| St. Joseph | Mass | 7:00 pm |
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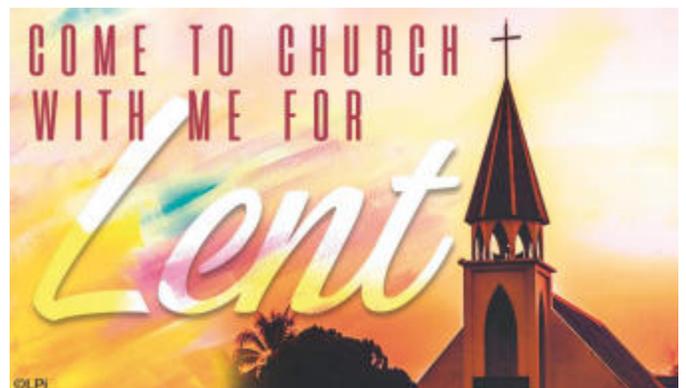
### **Easter Sunday**

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| St. Mary    | Mass | 8:30 am  |
| St. Charles | Mass | 11:00 am |

## **Stations of the Cross**

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| 5:30 | Wednesday | St. Charles |
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| 5:30 | Friday | St. Mary |
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