

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

Pastor: Fr. Kuriakose Nediakala MCBS (Fr. KK)

## The Holy Family

December 26, 2021

### St. Mary

15 1st Ave NE  
Deer River, MN

Weekend Mass: 8:30am Sunday  
Daily Mass: 8:30am Tues, Wed,  
Thurs, Fri

### St. Joseph

51061 Wolf Drive  
Ball Club, MN

Weekend Mass: Saturday 4:00pm

### St. Charles

308 Central Ave N  
Cass Lake, MN

Weekend Mass: Sunday 11:00am

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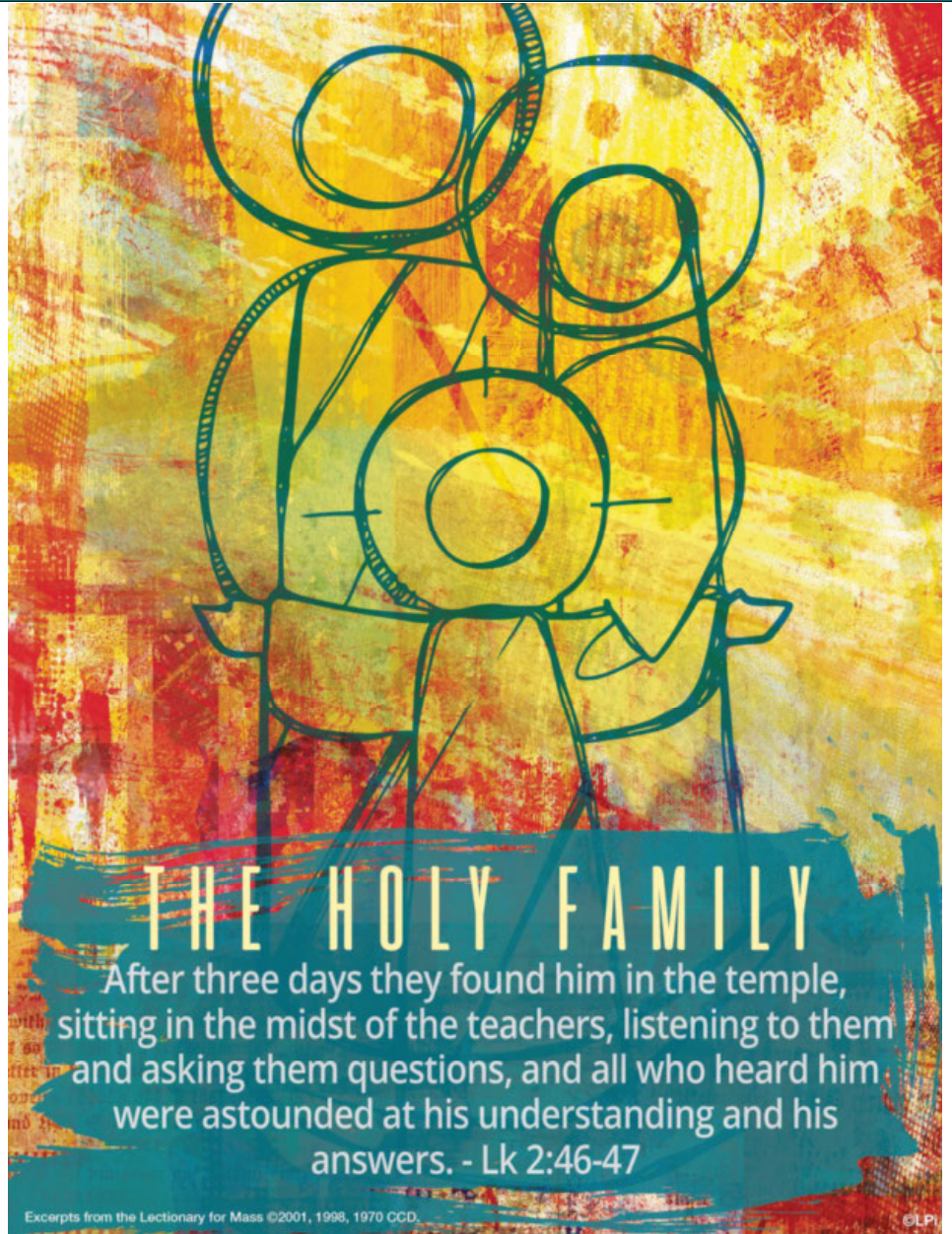
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### Office Hours

Tuesday 9-3

Wednesday 2-5

Friday 9-3



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## December 27 - January 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
St. John, Apostle and Evangelist	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr		St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve	New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace	Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
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SJ = St. Joseph, Ball Club		SC= St. Charles, Cass Lake		SM=St. Mary, Deer River		

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# GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**December 26, 2021**

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

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too. ©LPi



December 27 - January 2

Mon Private Mass	Mrs. Aleykutty Joseph †	
Tues. 8:30	Ray Evans	SM
Wed. 8:30	Mary Neururer	SM
Thur. 8:30	Earl Goracke †	SM
Fri. 8:30	Donna Rogers	SM
Sat. 4:00pm	John and Sheila Evans	SJ
Sun. 8:30	For the people of our cluster parishes	SM
Sun. 11:00	Dutch and Judy Weber	SC

### St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Religious Education

There is **no** religious education for **any grades until classes resume on Wednesday, January 5.**

### Wee Care Manger at St. Mary's

The manger is set out at St. Mary's to collect donations for WeeCare. WeeCare is in need of size 1 and size 6 diapers and pull ups. Please drop off any donations you may have for WeeCare to the manger throughout the Christmas season.

### 2022 Envelopes

The 2022 Collection Envelopes will arrive late this year. I apologize for any inconvenience. They should arrive sometime in January or by February for sure. Thank you for your patience.

### Email Scams targeting our parishes

Hackers have been targeting our parishes/parishioners with phishing emails, posing as priests, asking for money. We would like to remind everyone of these scams, and that the only way you should give money to the parish, is by going to the parish and giving the money, mailing a check to the parish, or by giving online through the parish's website. If you would like to give by any other means, you should contact the parish office in person or by phone. Thank You!

### SC Christmas Flowers and SJ and SM Memorial Garden

Please see the bulletin insert this week for the names of those who are remembered with Christmas Flowers at St. Charles and the poinsettias in this year's Christmas Memorial Garden at St. Joseph and St. Mary's.



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

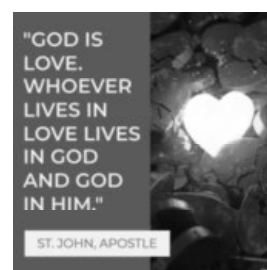
But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi





Mrs. Aleykutty Joseph (81), the eldest sister of Fr.KK is called for her Eternal Reward. Let's pray for the repose of the Departed Soul and the bereaved family members.

### SM and SJ Christmas Play



Who: Children of St. Joseph and St.Mary's

What: Christmas Play; brunch to follow

When: Sunday, January 9, 8:30am Mass

Where: St. Mary's Catholic Church

If you would like your children to be involved in the Christmas play, please contact Jodi Barnes at 218-360-3418.

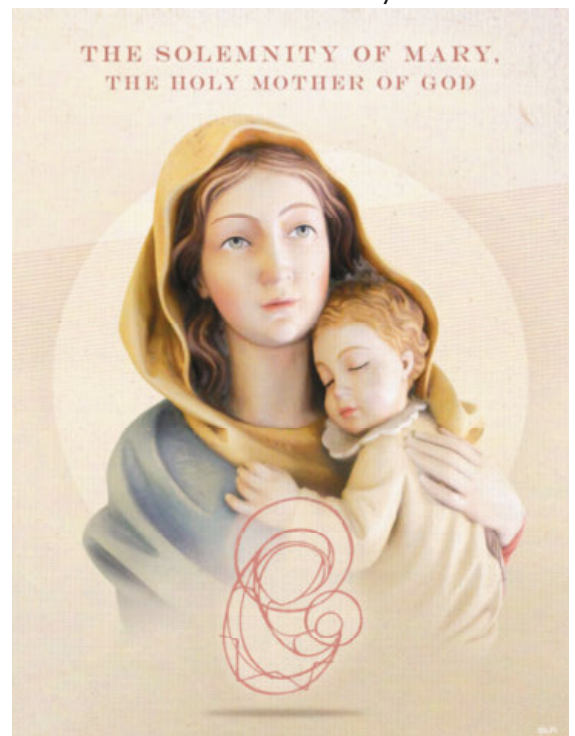




WISHING YOU ALL A BLESSED  
CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Due to the Solemnity of Mary, (January 1), falling on a Saturday in 2022, the Holy Day obligation is moved to Sunday. Weekend Mass will be held as usually scheduled.



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