

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

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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022

## St. Mary

15 1st Ave NE  
Deer River, MN

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

## St. Joseph

51061 Wolf Drive  
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Weekend Mass: Saturday 4:00pm

## St. Charles

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Weekend Mass: Sunday 11:00am

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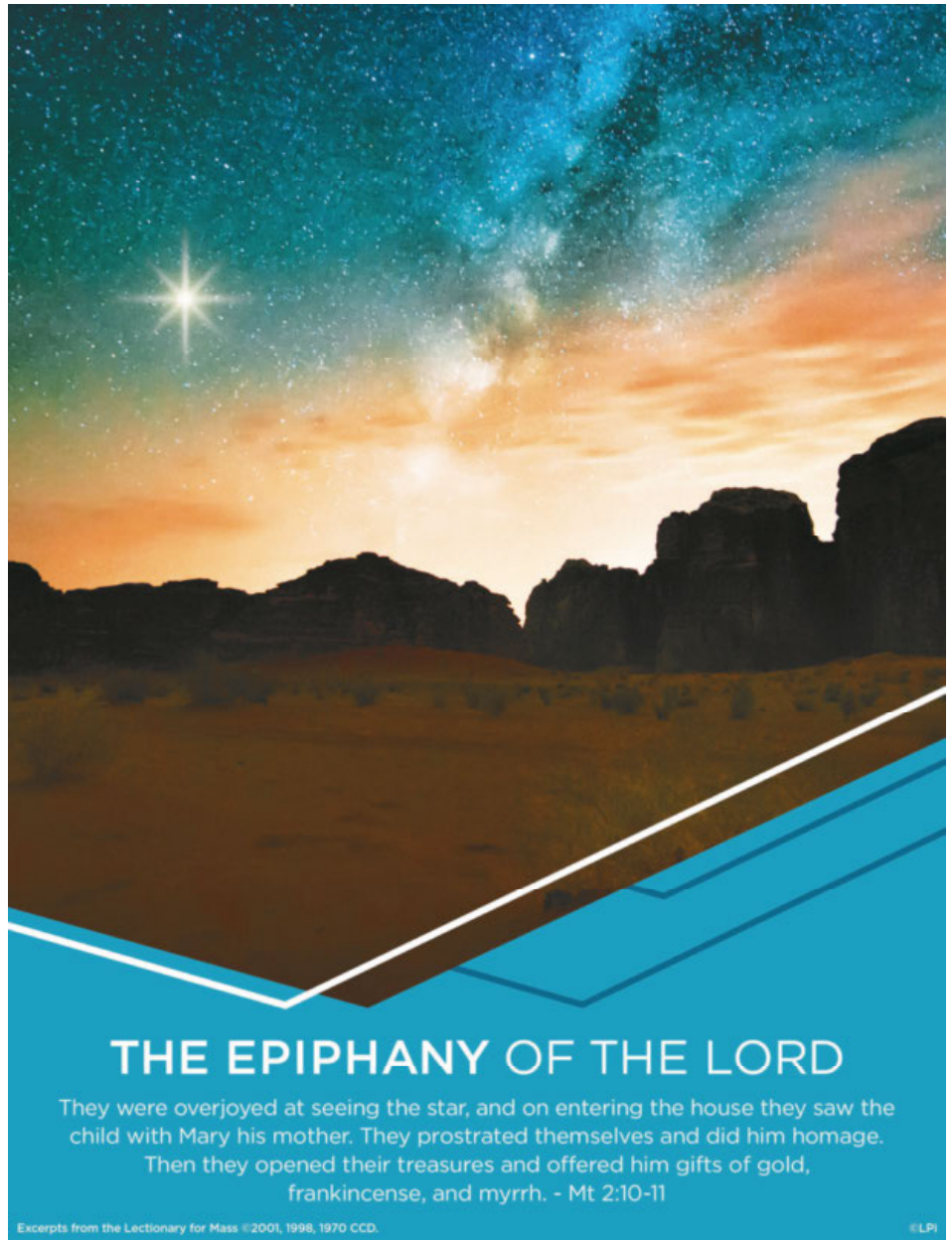
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## Office Hours

Tuesday 9-3

Wednesday 2-5

Friday 9-3



## January 3 - January 9

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
The Most Holy Name of Jesus	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	St. John Neumann, Bishop	St. Andre Bessette, Religious	St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest		The Baptism of the Lord
	8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	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

**January 2, 2022**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved. ©LPi



January 3 - 9

Mon Private Mass	Aleykutty Joseph †	
Tues. 8:30	Monica, Joseph, and Family	SM
Wed. 8:30	Aleykutty Joseph †	SM
Thur. 8:30	Lucille DeWitt †	SM
Fri. 8:30	Max † and Lavonne Villeneuve and Family	SM
Sat. 4:00pm	For the people of our cluster parishes	SJ
Sun. 8:30	Nellie Hansen †	SM
Sun. 11:00	Louse and Claudia Kluber	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.

### **St. Charles Parish Council**

St. Charles will have a Parish Council Meeting next Sunday, January 9th after 11:00a.m. Mass. If you are a Parish Council member at St. Charles, please plan to attend this meeting.

### **St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Joint Parish Council**

St. Mary's and St. Joseph's will have a Parish Council Meeting on Thursday, January 13th at 9:00a.m. If you are a Parish Council member at St. Mary's, please plan to attend this meeting.

### **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.



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### **The Light of the Moon**

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



## UCA Totals

Parish	UCA Goal	UCA to Date	Remaining
St. Joseph	\$4914.52	\$4109.59	\$804.93
St. Mary's	\$10,995.65	\$13,272.56	Exceeded by \$2,276.91
St. Charles	\$9,305.79	\$9,392.74	Exceeded by \$86.95

## 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.





### **Feast of the Epiphany**

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated either on January 6 or, according to the decision of the episcopal conference, on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The young Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations. Yet, as the antiphon for the *Magnificat* at Second Vespers reminds us, three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi, the Baptism of Christ and the wedding feast at Cana. Extra candles and/or lamps may be placed around the sanctuary and in other parts of the church to honor Christ revealed as the Light of the Gentiles (*Ceremonial of Bishops*). It is customary to replace the images of the shepherds at the crib with the three Magi and their gifts. — *Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year*, Msgr. Peter J. Elliott, Ignatius Press.

Today, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words, the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season. — *Pius Parsch*

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2022-01-02>



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