

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

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 23, 2022

St. Mary

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Deer River, MN

Weekend Mass: 8:30am Sunday

Daily Mass: 8:30am Tues, Wed,

Thurs, Fri

St. Joseph

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Weekend Mass: Saturday 4:00pm

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Weekend Mass: Sunday 11:00am

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.
- Lk 4:18*

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January 24 - January 30

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle	Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops	St. Angela Merici, Virgin	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church		4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
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SJ = St. Joseph, Ball Club		SC= St. Charles, Cass Lake		SM=St. Mary, Deer River		

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

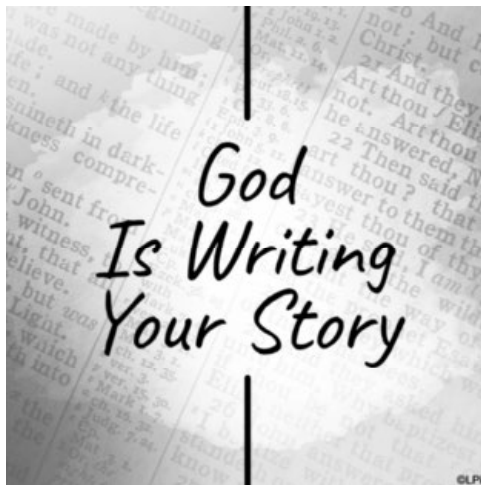
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Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away. ©LPi



January 24 - 30

Mon Private Mass	Donna Grauman Rogers †	
Tues. 8:30	Frank Villeneuve	SM
Wed. 8:30	Tim Bischoff †	SM
Thur. 8:30	Mindy Richards †	SM
Fri. 8:30	Maria, Ryan, and Family	SM
Sat. 4:00pm	For the people of our cluster parishes	SJ
Sun. 8:30	Aleykuty Joseph †	SM
Sun. 11:00	Ray and Harriet Braun †	SC

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

There will be religious education classes this coming Wednesday, January 26, for all grades.

2:30pm - 4:00pm Grades K - 5
6:00pm - 7:00pm Grades 6 - Confirmation

Parish Financial Information for 2021

Elana has been working to complete all financial information and reports for our three parishes. This information should be finished soon and posted in the bulletin within the next few weeks. Thank you for your patience as this process is completed.

Forward Health Foundation



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Announcements from the Diocese

From the Office of Marriage, Family, and Life:

The [MN Alliance for Ethical Healthcare](#), a partner organization of the [MN Catholic Conference](#), is a coalition of nearly 80 organizations that advocates for compassionate alternatives to the legalization of assisted suicide. We need individuals like you to help ensure that real care is available throughout life's journey. To receive updates and action alerts on how you can support this effort register at ethicalcaremn.org/join-us.

From the Director of Human Resources:

We are pleased to post the following position:

The Diocese of Duluth is hiring a full-time Director of Development that is responsible for fostering intentional giving in support of the apostolic ministry of the Church. The office will promote and cultivate a culture of giving through establishing and nurturing sustainable relationships among individuals and institutions in the Diocese of Duluth. To request a job description and application, please contact Mary Rasch, the Director of Human Resources, at mary.rasch@duluthcatholic.org.

Theology Uncapped is excited to announce our next event, Thursday January 27, 2022, featuring Fr. Richard Kunst and Pastor Rollie Brockbrader. The event topic is: "Salvation" and is being held at St. Benedict Catholic Church, 1419 St. Benedict Street, Duluth. The cost is \$25 and includes a catered meal from Famous Dave's, beer, wine, pop and coffee. Seating is limited at 215, so register now at theologyuncapped.org. Please contact Deacon John Foucault @ (218)393-0631 if you are unable to register online.



January 22 marks the 49th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision, the devastating ruling that wiped away laws protecting unborn children and has led to the deaths of more than 62 million babies.

"Only with prayer—prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls—will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life."

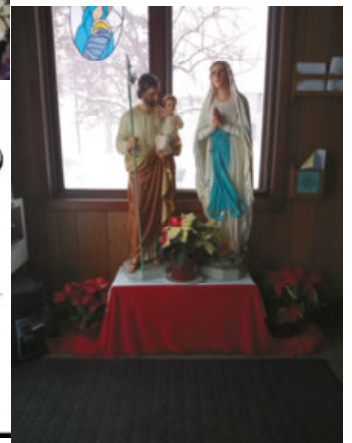
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