

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

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 30, 2022

St. Mary

15 1st Ave NE
Deer River, MN

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

St. Joseph

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Ball Club, MN

Weekend Mass: Saturday 4:00pm

St. Charles

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Weekend Mass: Sunday 11:00am

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Tuesday 9-3

Wednesday 2-5

Friday 9-3



4th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28, 30

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January 31 - February 6

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
St. John Bosco, Priest		The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life	St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop		St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
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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

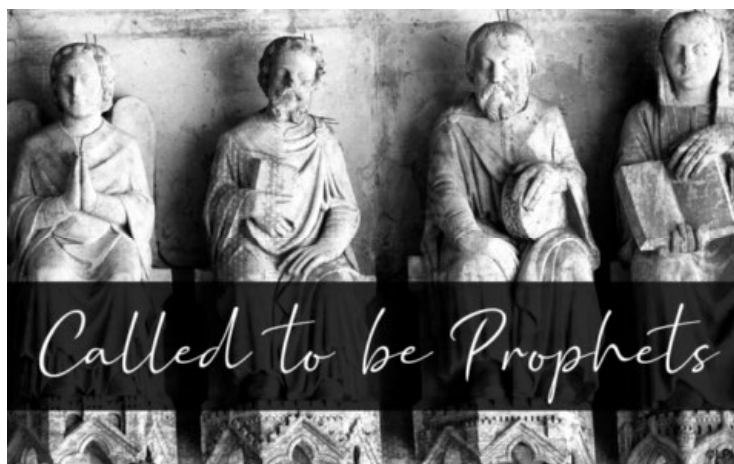
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St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a “Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador’s civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica).” As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God’s message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one’s earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimalized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God’s love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you? ©LPi



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Mon Private Mass	Michael Schoenrock †	
Tues. 8:30	Veronica Villeneuve, Brandon, and Family	SM
Wed. 8:30	Tim DeWitt †	SM
Thur. 8:30	Doug Huotari †	SM
Fri. 8:30	Max † and Lavonne Villeneuve and Family	SM
Sat. 4:00pm	Dan and Rose Villeneuve	SJ
Sun. 8:30	Nellie Hansen †	SM
Sun. 11:00	For the people of our cluster parishes	SC

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

There will be religious education classes this coming Wednesday, February 2 for all grades.
2:30pm - 4:00pm Grades K - 5
6:00pm - 7:00pm Grades 6 - Confirmation

Blessing of Candles for Church and Home



There will be a special Mass on Wednesday, February 2nd, to bless the candles we use at the church. Along with blessing candles for the church, Father will also bless candles for use at parishioner's homes. If you have any candles at home that you would like blessed, please bring them to Mass on Wednesday, February 2nd so they can be blessed along with the candles that will be blessed for our parishes.

Cross Catholic Outreach

Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting each of our three parishes the weekend of February 5th and 6th. Cross Catholic's Outreach's mission is to mobilize the global catholic church to transform the poor and their communities materially and spiritually for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Core Values of Cross Catholic Outreach:

- * Obedience to God
- * Catholic Identity
- * Empowering
- * Joyful Service
- * Excellence in Stewardship
- * Preference for the Poor
- * Love of Others

Thank you in advance for your generosity when Cross Catholic Outreach visits.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

First Corinthians and the Stewardship of Social Media

"Love is patient, love is kind ..." As familiar as these words are, they never seem to stray into the territory of becoming trite or silly. At their core they communicate a truth about us and about our Creator that never fails to inspire.

But despite the fact that you've probably heard it at many weddings over time, First Corinthians isn't just for newlyweds. It wasn't written for married folks. It's for every single one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe.

Which means that First Corinthians is even for the online world. It's for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and all the other platforms I'm forgetting (there seems to be a new one every day, doesn't there?).

A sense of division — whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else — is growing in our world, and it's never more obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is an avatar or a profile picture on a screen — especially accompanied by an opinion with which we vehemently disagree — even the most loving Christians can throw First Corinthians out the window.

As everyday stewards we know that we are charged to be not only gracious but grateful. We receive others but we also give thanks for what they bring to us — even if that's an opportunity to "strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts."

So before the next time you post anything online, I suggest giving First Corinthians a read — and remember, love never fails.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



UCA Totals for 2021

St. Joseph UCA 2021 Assessment: \$4914.52

Total Received from Parishioners: \$4109.59

Balance Owed : \$804.93

St. Mary's UCA 2021 Assessment: \$10,995.65

Total Received from Parishioners: \$13,932.56

St. Charles UCA 2021 Assessment: \$9305.79

Total Received from Parishioners: \$9705.74



Blessing of Throats

Many pastors choose to offer the Blessing of Throats at Mass on the Sunday following February 3. The blessing of throats will then be offered this year on Sunday, February 6. Due to Covid 19, the manner of blessing this year will be by extending hands over all those assembled.

Thanks

*St. Mary's and St. Joseph
Religious Education Teachers:*

Grade K/1:	Marcia Dowling
Assistants:	Kathy Gullickson Fern Jurvelin Kim Norris Annie Parks Kathy Seelye Ashley Storlie
Grade 2/3:	Marcia Dorry
Grade 4:	Gena Olson
Assistants:	Renee Nelson
Grade 5:	Gwenn Smith
Grade 6 - 10:	Gwenn Smith
Confirmation:	Elana Evans
Assistants:	Gary Kornell

*Thank you for your hard work,
dedication, and sacrifice for teaching
and sharing your faith with the
children of our parishes!*

5 Ways to Thank a Teacher

1. Write an encouraging note. Sometimes it's easier to critique than to affirm. Kind words can really make a teacher's day!
2. Give a helpful gift. Apples and candy are nice, but how about something they'll use? Consider a gift card to a coffee shop, gas station, or big-box retailer.
3. Buy some classroom necessities. Many teachers pay for tissue, fun-colored erase board markers, and other items out of their own pockets.
4. Bring in a snack. Treats in the breakroom are a welcome sight after a long day in the classroom!
5. Track down your former educator. Old acquaintances are easier to find than ever through social media. Find a former teacher who inspired you, and send them a message telling them that. Even if it's been 20 years, it's never too late to say thank you!

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