



DECEMBER 26TH, 2021

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

*“And His Mother Kept All These Things In
Her Heart.”
- Luke 2:51*

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. at St. Francis
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. at St. Francis
 10:30 a.m. at Sts. Mary & Joseph
Tues—Fri: 8:30 a.m. at St. Francis

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. at St. Francis
Sunday: 10:05 a.m. at Saints Mary & Joseph
 or any time by appointment

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor Father Joel Hastings
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FROM FR. JOEL

Christmas blessings.

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’” (Matthew 1:23).

These words of prophecy as found in the Gospel, simple as they are, speak to the depth of the great gift of Christmas, which I pray all of you and your families will know throughout this Christmas season, and beyond.

May you know the blessings and motherly care of Immaculate Mary: She graciously and faithfully accepted her call from God to be His Mother. May her trust in and generous love for God, whom she bore as her own child, be present to you and yours, all of whom are entrusted to Mary’s motherhood.

May our celebrating of the birthday of Christ be a source of renewal in every moment of your life. As He chose to become like us “in all things except sin,” and is born that “we might have life, and have it more abundantly,” may the life of Jesus Christ among us, celebrated during these days, increase your faith and awareness that Christ lives within you.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you and invite you to join us in all endeavors. Please call the office to register.

BAPTISMS:

Please call parish office to make arrangements at least one month prior to the proposed date of Baptism. Preparation session required for parents of first-born child.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION:

Contact the pastor no later than nine months prior to the requested marriage date. Interview and marriage preparation classes are required.

ONLINE GIVING:

Is being encouraged. Instructions available on our website. Questions? Call Kristi Salls

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY:

Josh Stinar, Tara Lamo, Billy Cockriel, David Sell, Jacob Eggert, Daniel Eggert, Jacob Larson, Justin Lake, Brandon Lucas

PARISH PRAYER CHAINS:

Saint Francis:
Call Louise Jones at 879-5265,
Saints Mary & Joseph:
Call Jen Ninneman at 393-0464

FROM FR. JOEL (CONTINUED)

May "God is with us," show himself to you this day. This blessing, which is at the very heart of the Christmas mystery (and thus, the reason for the season), is more than just a spiritual presence. That God is born into the human life shows that he is God with us not only in spirit, but in the whole of our human existence: in good and bad, in joy and sorrow, in peace and in tribulation; in good health and in suffering. Whatever we experience in human life, Jesus Christ is with us – this is the greatest blessing of all. May this presence of Christ in every moment be renewed this day. May Jesus, "the Word made flesh," who dwells among us, be ever more present to you.

Today, as we continuing in the celebration of Christmas by honoring the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I sincerely hope the continuing celebration of Christmas will lead to greater unity and peace among all families, and that all may know the joy and hope that Christ alone offers to each. As we continue to walk the pilgrimage of faith together, may this holy season draw us into closer union within our parishes.

Merry Christmas and God's blessings to each one of you!

Blessings, Father Joel Hastings

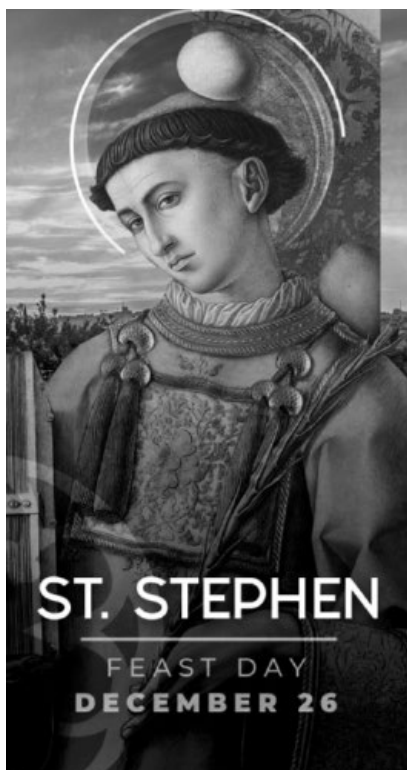


WEEKLY COLLECTION

SF DECEMBER 11TH/12TH		SMJ DECEMBER 11TH/12TH	
Envelopes:	\$2,855.00	Envelopes:	\$975.00
Plate:	\$469.00	Plate:	\$87.25
Total:	\$3,324.00	Total:	\$1,062.25
UCA:	\$1,810.00	UCA:	\$236.00

UCA Total as of Dec. 14	\$17,430.11	UCA Total as of Dec. 14	\$8,545.26
UCA Goal for 2021	\$23,826.00	UCA Goal for 2021	\$8,911.36

Items and Announcements for the weekly bulletin must be received by Noon on Monday, in writing at the church office or through the parish email: stfmjatholic@gmail.com



St. Stephen | Feast Day December 26

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, December 26— 8:30 am (SF) - † Erin, Robbyn & Chad Nynas
10:30 am (SMJ) - All Parishioners
TUESDAY, December 28 — 8:30 am (SF) - † Jean Johnson
WEDNESDAY, December 29 — 8:30 am (SF) - *Parishioners who are ill*
THURSDAY, December 30— 8:30 am (SF) - † Grace Fitzgerald
FRIDAY, December 31 — 8:30 am (SF) - † Parishioners who died during 2021
SATURDAY, January 1 — 9:00 am (SF)- † Irma & Jerome Soumis
4:00 pm (SF) - All Parishioners
SUNDAY, January 2 — 8:30 am (SF) - Stacy & Michael Desmond
10:30 am (SMJ) - † Thomas Kuberka

TO OFFER MASS INTENTIONS At every Mass, a special intention is offered. Mass intentions can be requested to honor the memory of someone, the memory of a certain date, for someone who is ill, or just needs prayers through parish office or directly to Father. Currently there are very few masses scheduled for individual intentions for the year. A \$10 donation is suggested as per Diocese regulation.

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

SUNDAY - December 26

NO FAITH FORMATION (Christmas Break)

TUESDAY - December 28

WEDNESDAY - December 29

11:00 am Mass at Interfaith Care Center

NO FAITH FORMATION (Christmas Break)

THURSDAY - December 30

9:00 am- Legion of Mary at St. Francis

9:00 am-1:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration at St. Francis

SUNDAY - January 2

9:15 am Grade 6-8 & Confirmation at Sts. Mary & Joseph

No Faith Formation at St. Francis (Christmas Break)



FLOCKNOTE: To receive emails and text message

announcements from the parish, sign up today — go on our parish website, www.stfmj catholic.org and click the "Flocknote" logo to get started.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

If you or someone you know who is not Catholic is interested in entering the Catholic Church, please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Joel, Deacon Steve, or Deacon Bryan (our contact info is on the front of the bulletin) to learn more about initiation into the Church and the way to accomplish this initiation.

THIS WEEK:

Merry Christmas to all! As we are hopefully able to spend time with family, perhaps we are looking for a good Catholic-based movie. FORMED offers several movies (many stories of saints included) along with documentaries on truths of the faith. "The Story of the Nativity: The Truth of Christmas" is one such documentary that invites us to deeper faith and keeping of this holy season. Find it at <https://watch.formed.org/the-story-of-the-nativity-the-truth-of-christmas>

TO SIGN UP:

1. Visit <http://signup.formed.org/>
2. Enter our parish zip or name
3. Enter your name and email

FORMED

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Restored Retreat for Adults

All adults, 21 and older, are invited to come to the diocesan Restored retreat! Come be restored in both body and soul. Enjoy good food, time with others in good community, thought-provoking talks, time for relaxation, and an opportunity for Adoration, Mass, and Confession. The retreat will be taking place January 21 - 23 at Sugar Lake Lodge near Grand Rapids. The link to register and more information can be found at www.dioceseduluth.org/Restored. Spots are very limited due to COVID, so register today!

Saints Mary and Joseph

Log Church Tour

See the Oldest Altar in existence in the Diocese of Duluth and the beautiful Saint Kateri Tekakwitha "Lily of the Mohawks" shrine. The second oldest church in the Diocese is on the National Register of Historic Sites. Narrated tours are available by contacting Deacon Bryan Bassa at 879-6933. Please visit our website a www.stkaterisawyer.com for more info.



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