

December 28, 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Scripture readings is # 894 in the **Journeysongs Hymnal**

“Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.”



Reflection

All of the major themes found in today’s readings highlight the relational character of family life. In Sirach some of the dynamics of family living and responsibility as exercised in the ancient world unfold before our eyes. The rewards of faithfully observing these family codes are showcased in the responsorial Psalm. Paul directs our attention to the manner of relational living to which we are summoned as members of the family of God, a manner of living that flows from the bond of perfection that unites us. The gospel narrative paints a picture of a family that follows the directives of God.

So much has been said recently about family values. But what exactly are they? The specifics of family customs and roles played within the family may be culture-bound, but it seems that the values out of which they emerge and that inform them are not. They include mutuality, respect, and service between wives and husbands, between parents and children, and between the young and the old.

Mutuality, respect, and service become characteristics of the Church or the ecclesial family as well. What binds the family of God together are virtues that are as relational as are the ties that bind the members of the natural family together. It may be more challenging to live out these values within the church, for those who are called to put on Christ, bearing with one another in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience must relate in this way with people who may be strangers. *Dianne Bergant CSA*

Food & Winter Clothing Drive

As the cold season approaches, we are collecting non-perishable food items and winter clothing to support those in need. Please place donations—food, jackets, coats, hats, gloves, mittens, and other warm items—in the containers at both church entrances. Our local Grand Marais community will be invited to take what they need first, and remaining clothing will be sent to Duluth to support the homeless and others in need.

Piano Donation

Our parish extends heartfelt thanks to Scott Mehlhaff and Chris Holland-Mehlhaff for their generous donation of the piano now enriching our worship space. Their kindness and thoughtfulness will support music ministry for years to come and deepen the beauty of our liturgy. We are truly grateful for this wonderful gift.



Weekend Contributions

<u>St. John's</u>	<u>Dec. 25, 2025</u>	<u>Holy Rosary</u>	<u>Dec. 25, 2025</u>
Envelopes:	\$ 1815.00	Envelopes:	\$ 85.00
Plate:	\$ 1087.00	Plate:	\$ 105.00
Ministries Appeal YTD	\$ 10,735.00	Ministries Appeal YTD	\$ 1,850.00
Ministries Appeal Goal	\$ 22,929.00	Ministries Appeal Goal	\$ 2,238.00

Saint John's Catholic Church - Grand Marais

Holy Rosary Catholic Church - Grand Portage

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Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Mon.-Thu.

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Saint John's — Grand Marais

Saturday	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	12/27/25
5:00 p.m.	Mass - Sr. Marie Joseph Fenlon+	
Sunday	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	12/28/25
9:00 a.m.	Mass - Charlotte Maciejewski +	
Monday	Weekday	12/29/25
8:15 a.m.	Mass -	
Tuesday	Weekday	12/30/25
7:45 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass -	
Wednesday	Mary, The Holy Mother of God	12/31/25
5:00 p.m.	Mass -	
Thursday	Mary, The Holy Mother of God	01/01/26
9:00 a.m.	Mass -	
Friday	Weekday	01/02/26
8:15 a.m.	Mass -	
Saturday	The Epiphany of the Lord	01/03/26
5:00 p.m.	Mass - For our Parishioners	
Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord	01/04/06
9:00 a.m.	Mass - Ken Wielinski+	

Holy Rosary — Grand Portage

Sunday	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	12/21/25
11:30 a.m.	Mass - For our Parishioners	
Thursday	Mary, The Holy Mother of God	01/01/26
11:30 a.m.	Mass - Pam Norris+	

Liturgical Roles for St. John's

Saturday, December 27th:

Lector: Dennis Waldrop

Eucharistic Ministers: Michelle Lewis

Ushers: Jerry Kohl, Mark Quello

Sunday December 28th:

Lector: Ken Wielinski

Eucharistic Ministers: Francis Toms

Ushers: Douglas Hurth, Charlie LaBoda

Wednesday, December 31st:

Lector: Bill Gabler

Eucharistic Ministers: Dennis Waldrop

Ushers: Harvey Sobieck, Bill Wehseler

Thursday, January 1st:

Lector: Ken Wielinski

Eucharistic Ministers: Francis Toms

Ushers: Charlie LaBoda, Douglas Hurth

Pope's Intention for January



For Prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

CONFESSION TIMES

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM

Confessions can also be scheduled by appointment. Call the office to schedule an appointment for a confession for any time during the week.

Please Pray For...

We pray for all parishioners facing life-threatening illnesses, in both our parishes.

Those to pray for:

John Benschoter, Kathleen Sivets, Jimmy Spry, Krystyua Okruszek, Gene Peterson, Jeff Peterson, John Peterson, and Dick Spry.

Prayer Intentions

As a parish family, we lift one another up in prayer. If you have a loved one who is ill—whether physically or mentally—facing surgery, near the end of life, or simply in need of the support of our prayers, we invite you to share their name with us.

Their names will be listed here in the bulletin, so that together we may hold them in prayer before the Lord.

Please contact the parish office at **218-387-1409** with the names you would like included. Submissions must be received by **Thursday mornings** to be published in the upcoming weekend's bulletin.



Mass Intentions

We have openings for Mass Intentions.

\$10.00 per Mass

Contact the Parish Office

(218) 387-1409 or stop by

Monday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.