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Fourth Sunday in Advent / The Nativity of the Lord | December 23, 2018

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PLEASE NOTE THESE EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

December 30	**Wednesday, December 19**
January 6	**Wednesday, December 26**

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

Mass Schedule	**Confession Schedule**
Saturday: 4:30 pm	Friday: 7:30 - 8:00 am
Sunday: 11:00 am	Saturday: 3:30 - 4:15 pm
	Or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration: Fridays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Holy Spirit Office Hours:
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Monday - Thursday
7:00 am - 11:00 am Fridays
Office is located in parish basement.

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ST. MARY'S PARISH

Mass Schedule	**Confession Schedule**
Saturday: 7:15 pm	Saturday: 6:30 - 7:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am	Sunday: 7:50 - 8:15 am
	Or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesdays 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

St. Mary's Office Hours:
8:00 am - 2:00 pm Monday - Thursday
Office is located in St. Mary's Rectory.

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Parish News

Come Early to Mass on Christmas Eve

Our Music Ministry will be providing Christmas music starting at **6:45 pm on Christmas Eve**. Come early to enjoy!

Thank you to ALL our Volunteers

To those who offer themselves very generously in the service of our parish life, we can't tell you enough how much it is greatly appreciated. There are too many to identify individually; they include catechists, coordinators, liturgical ministers, Finance Council members and Trustees, Deacons, parish staff, Women's Circles, Knights of Columbus, snow removal crew, and others who, from time to time, pitch in to help with various programs and events. THANK YOU!!

Looking for a way to grow in your faith?

Join us for our **Adult Faith Formation** on **Wednesday, January 2.** We start the night with dinner & fellowship at **6 pm**, followed by class at 6:30 pm. We meet the first and third Wednesday of each month. This is an opportunity to not only grow in your faith but to meet new people, too. Child care available.

Bible Study starting January 6

New Bible Study beginning January 6: The Turning Point. This is a 9-week study offered through Dynamic Catholic. We'll watch videos, read the Gospel of John, and work through a thought-provoking workbook – all to help us understand the Bible better and develop a more meaningful relationship with Jesus. Please consider joining us! We meet Sunday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall. There's no pressure to be there every week. We always look forward to and welcome new members! If you are interested or want more information, please contact Cindy in the Parish Office.

St. Mary's Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Mark your calendars for our annual spaghetti dinner on **Wednesday, January 30.** The spaghetti dinner is hosted each year by our Religious Education Department to raise money to feed the poor. This is a great opportunity for us all to work together and have some fun while we are helping those in our community.

FREE Dynamic Catholic Resources

Please check out these amazing resources and help yourself to the wonderful books & CDs in the kiosk at the back of the church. Once you have read or listened to them, pass them on to a friend or family member. What a great, easy way to share the faith!

Please Keep These People In Your Prayers:

- ✝ **Parishioners**: Tim Downey, Susan Gelatic, Richard Smach, Lillian Miller, Rose Elam, Mary Ann Stebbins, Deanna Larson, Elwood Youngberg, Marion & Bill McKeever, Leanne Buell, Ted Youngberg.
- ✝ **Clergy***:* Deacon Fred Wright.
- ✝ **Relatives & Friends:** John Grahek Jr, Andy McBride, Josh Solberg, Lisa Shea, Mike Hartfiel, Ryan Kelly, Johnny Jerabek, Brad Hove, Dan Moudry.
- ✝ **Military**: Bryce Brooks, Todd Curry, John Ferguson, Karen McGrane, Michael Seipke, Chris Grensing, Sean Stebbins, Sam Andrus, Kris Topp.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

A reminder from Thrivent to designate your 2018 Thrivent Choice Dollars to the organization of your choice. For your funds to go to the charity of your choice, you need to make your designation twice a year and it is that time of year again. Please call 800-847-4836 today and state "Thrivent Choice" to designate your dollars. There are also forms available in the parish office that can be completed and mailed in. If you have questions, contact Greg Hanson at 218-226-8736.

Thank you to Thrivent Financial members who have designated St. Mary's Church as your charity. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Family Faith Formation

We will meet next on **Wednesday, January 2 at 6 pm.** We start with dinner at 6 pm followed by classes at 6:30 pm. **All parishioners are invited** to join the parents on this Adult Faith Formation journey. If you would you like more information about our program, please contact Cindy at 218-226-3100.

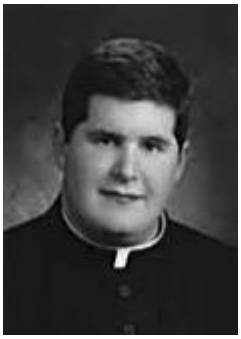
2019 Giving Envelopes & 2019 Calendars

Please pick up your envelopes at the back of the church. If you don't find your name and would like envelopes, please contact the parish office. Also, the 2019 calendars are on the table, please help yourself.

Welcome to St. Mary's

We're happy you're here! If you are new to our community and would like to be a registered member of our parish, or even if you're just a frequent visitor, please call or stop in to the Parish Office so we can meet you and tell you about some of our programs. We'd love to get to know you and welcome you into any programs that might interest you.

From the Desk of Father Steve:



"Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live forever." *-1 John 2: 15-17*

As we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and as we also look forward to and begin to celebrate the great solemnity of Christmas, I want to reflect for a moment on a practical aspect of what it means to be a Catholic Christian, especially at this time of the year. We all know that in these days, the joy of Christmas is present just about everywhere that we go. There are Christmas parties, Christmas sales, Christmas decorations, Christmas cookies, and Christmas music playing in just about every public place. This societal celebration of the holiday season has been going on now since at least the day after Thanksgiving. But sadly, for a lot of people, it ends the night of the 25th of December. Christmas, for our world, is mostly viewed as a one-day event. It's not uncommon to drive through the neighborhoods on December 26 or 27 and to see people's Christmas trees laying on the curb, ready for pick-up. The holiday music stops for the most part, and any thought of celebrating turns toward the celebration of New Year's Eve.

This is very sad. Why? Because the joyous event of the birthday of the Savior, Jesus Christ, cannot be contained in one day's worth of celebrations! As Catholics, we wait to celebrate Christmas until Christmas Eve, and then we celebrate Christmas for over two solid weeks. The "Christmas season" is ***not*** from the day after Thanksgiving through Christmas Day: that's Advent. The Christmas Season is from Christmas Eve until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which this year takes place on Sunday, January 13, 2019. That is exactly the reason why when we come to Mass on the Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday, December 30th), or on the great feast of the Epiphany of the Lord (Sunday, January 6th), we sing Christmas hymns at Mass, the Christmas decorations are still joyfully displayed, the clergy wear the celebratory white vestments of Christmas, and we wish each other "Merry Christmas" after Mass. This is one of those moments in time in which our practices as Catholics directly contradict those of the prevailing society around us- we don't end our celebration of Christmas on December 26th; that's just the beginning!

I say all of this to remind of us something important: being a follower of Jesus means that living our Catholic faith in a real way will sometimes put us at odds with the prevailing practices and opinions of the world around us. St. John the Evangelist knew that well and reminded his hearers of this in the scripture passage cited above. As Christians, our faith in God comes first (or, at least, it is supposed to!), and that means that sometimes what we believe and do will contradict and "go against the flow" of modern public opinion, practices, and beliefs. One very exciting way that this is true is the fact that we joyfully celebrate the birthday of our Savior for several weeks, not just one day. So, brothers and sisters, CELEBRATE! Even if the world around us has moved on, we do not. Listen to your favorite Christmas hymns all the way until the Baptism of the Lord on January 13th. Leave your Christmas tree up a little longer than you typically would, and let it brightly and proudly display the joy of the birth of the Savior. Wish those around you Merry Christmas not just on Christmas Day, but for the next several weeks, and explain to them why you are doing so when they look at you funny (which they certainly will!). And each day this Christmas season, pray, worship, and give thanks to God that in His great love, He has come to this earth in order to save us from the burden of sin and death that we had incurred through our disobedience. May you and your family be truly blessed and gifted with God's grace and peace this Christmas season and always!

God bless you! ~ *Fr. Steve*

Christmas Mass Schedule	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
Christmas Eve - December 24: The Nativity of the Lord 4:30 pm at Holy Spirit, Two Harbors 7:15 pm at St. Mary's, Silver Bay **Christmas Day - December 25: The Nativity of the Lord** 9:00 am at St. Mary's, Silver Bay 10:00 am at Holy Spirit, Two Harbors	**Monday, December 31:** 4:30 pm at Holy Spirit, Two Harbors 7:15 pm at St. Mary's, Silver Bay **Tuesday, January 1:** 9:00 am at St. Mary's, Silver Bay 10:00 am at Holy Spirit, Two Harbors

Holy Spirit, Two Harbors

Offertory Envelopes
Envelopes for the new year are available for pick up in the back rows of the church. If you do not see your name and would like to receive envelopes, please contact Treasaigh in the parish office.

Chili Feed
Join us on Jan. 13th at 5:30 pm for a chili feed. Several varieties of chili will be available for you to try, each made by a different person. This will be provided for a free-will donation. All those who have helped with preparations for the construction project between Mass and dinner will eat free.

Save the Date
January 13—everyone's help is needed to move everything out of the entrance, nave, and sanctuary to prepare for the new flooring. A chili feed will follow which will be free for those who have helped.
Some help is also needed during the week (Jan. 1—11) to remove some carpeting, to unscrew pews, and to tie up kneelers. If you can help with that portion, please let Cassi know.

Mom's Group
All moms are encouraged to join in the Mom's Group at Holy spirit as we share in the ups and downs for our vocation to motherhood. We are currently reading and discussing the book Getting Past Perfect. We read it together so there is no pressure of homework. We also have time for prayer...and, of course, coffee, tea, and treats! Join us in the library section of the social hall in January:
Wednesdays, January 2, 16, & 30 at 6:00 pm
Fridays, January 11 & 25 at 10:00 am (child care available for these sessions if you RSVP to Cassi at cassi.beamer@duluthcatholic.org.)

2019 Steubenville Mission Trip

Calling all 9th - 12th graders at
Holy Spirit & St. Mary's

Monday, July 8, 2019 - Monday, July 15, 2019

The mission trip will include:
- Mission work in the Twin Cities
- The Steubenville Conference in Springfield, MO
- A fun day at an amusement park

This trip fills up fast! If we want to join Fr. Mike Schmitz, we need to register early. If you are interested in this awesome opportunity, contact Cindy at 218-226-3100.

Please Keep These People In Your Prayers:

† **PARISHIONERS**: Arthur Barthman, Florian Burger, John Erickson, Ed Gudowicz, Virgil Jasmer, Ron Kor, Bonnie McGregor, Mary Murphy, Verna Rafn, Joe Seeber, Marilyn Schaefer, and Howard Shultz.

† **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Bill Carlson, Brian Hoffman, Robert Linn and Heidi Penman.

† **MILITARY PERSONNEL**: Garrett Aho, Nate Berger, Jacob Kearin, James Mickle, Christopher Uremovich, Maddison Zavoral and Sophia Zavoral.

SACRED HEART CANDLE: Ruby Walsberg.

Cassi's Corner

TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Did you know that this Christmas Carol was really a memory tool for children in England to learn the teachings of the Church? During the age when Catholicism was illegal in England, they used the song to remember key elements of the faith. See how many you know and which you maybe missed:

True Love = God

Me = each baptized person

- A Partridge in a Pear Tree = Jesus (to really catch the meaning, see Luke 13:34)
- 2 Turtle Doves = the Old and New Testaments
- 3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological Virtues
- 4 Calling Birds = the Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists
- 5 Golden Rings = the first Five Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch," which gives the history of man's fall from grace
- 6 Geese a-Laying = the Six Days of Creation
- 7 Swans a-Swimming = the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit and/or the Seven Sacraments
- 8 Maids a-Milking = the Eight Beatitudes
- 9 Ladies Dancing = the Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- 10 Lords a-Leaping = the Ten Commandments
- 11 Pipers Piping = the Eleven Faithful Apostles
- 12 Drummers Drumming = the Twelve Points of Doctrine in the Apostle's Creed

Credit to: Fr. Hal Stockert, https://www.ewtn.com/library/HOMELIBR/TWELVDAY.TXT

St. Mary's Mass Schedule

Saturday *WEEKDAY DURING ADVENT* **12/22/18**

6:30 p.m. **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
7:15 p.m. **Mass -** *Intention for Carl Hofschulte* ✞
Reader ..... Jody Majewsky
Cantor..... Andy Buell
Plate..... Tom Frericks
Chalice..... Mike & Cindy Rowlee
Servers..... Valerie Melander & Brooke Velcheff

Sunday *4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT* **12/23/18**

7:50 a.m. **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
8:30 a.m. **Mass -** *Intention for All Parishioners*
Reader ..... Marge Jorgenson
Cantor..... Joanne Curry
Plate..... Deacon Jack Ferris
Chalice..... Judy Zupancich & Karen Nelson
Servers..... Nicolas Reineccius & Owen Zabrocki

Monday *VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD* **12/24/18**

7:15 p.m. **Mass -** *Intention for Fr. Francis Paquette* ✞
Reader ..... Tom Frericks
Cantor..... Terri Frericks-Blood & All Cantors
Plate..... Don Seipke
Chalice..... Mike & Cindy Rowlee
Servers..... Thomas Rowlee & Carter Zabrocki

Tuesday *THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD* **12/25/18**

9:00 a.m. **Mass -** *Intention for All Parishioners*
Reader ..... Laura Swartz
Cantor..... Patty Armstrong
Plate..... Deacon Jack Ferris
Chalice..... Evan Swartz & Jeff Asmussen
Servers..... Nicholas Swartz & Valerie Melander

Wednesday *ST. STEPHEN* **12/26/18**

No Mass

Thursday *ST. JOHN* **12/27/18**

No Mass

Friday *THE HOLY INNOCENTS* **12/28/18**

No Mass

Saturday *ST. THOMAS BECKET* **12/29/18**

6:30 p.m. **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
7:15 p.m. **Mass -** *Intention for Allison Bahar* ✞
Reader ..... Rick Frericks
Cantor..... Tom Palen
Plate..... Lanay Frericks
Chalice..... Susan Frericks & Paula Fredrickson
Servers..... Zack Fredrickson & Brooke Velcheff

Sunday *THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH* **12/30/18**

7:50 a.m. **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
8:30 a.m. **Mass -** *Intention for All Parishioners*
Reader ..... Susan Michels
Cantor..... Kim Josephson
Plate..... Tom Frericks
Chalice..... Judy Zupancich & Karen Nelson
Servers..... Natalie Reineccius & Owen Zabrocki

Holy Spirit's Mass Schedule

Saturday *WEEKDAY DURING ADVENT* **12/22/18**

9:00 a.m. **Cookie baking**
10-11 a.m. **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
3:30 p.m. **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
4:30 p.m. **Mass -** *Intention for All Parishioners*
Reader.....To be determined
Chalice.....Beth Egan & Carol Anderson
Servers .....Nathan Campbell

Sunday *4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT* **12/23/18**

11:00 a.m. **Mass -** *Intention for Rita Svir* ✞
Reader.....Isaiah Beamer
Chalice.....Nancy Olsen & To be determined
Servers .....Ethan & Rachel Bopp

Monday *VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD* **12/24/18**

4:30 p.m. **Mass -** *Intention for Pope Francis*
Reader.....Barb Haynes
Chalice.....Nancy Olsen & Carol Anderson
Servers .....Isaiah Beamer & Anthony Lemke & Christian Beamer

Tuesday *THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD* **12/25/18**

10:00 a.m. **Mass -** *Intention for All Parishioners*
Reader.....Mike Hoffman
Chalice.....Linda Hoffman & To be determined
Servers .....Noah Mecklin & To be determined

Wednesday *ST. STEPHEN* **12/26/18**

No Mass

Thursday *ST. JOHN* **12/27/18**

No Mass

Friday *THE HOLY INNOCENTS* **12/28/18**

No Mass

Saturday *ST. THOMAS BECKET* **12/29/18**

3:30 p.m. **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
4:30 p.m. **Mass -** *Intention for All Parishioners*
Reader.....Liz Scheidt
Chalice.....Shari Hendren & To be determined
Servers .....Livy Hendren & Casey Underdale

Sunday *THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH* **12/30/18**

11:00 a.m. **Mass -** *Intention for Rita Svir* ✞
Reader.....Louis Button
Chalice.....Nancy Olsen & Joanne Button
Servers .....Noah Mecklin & Vincent Samuelson

Parish Holiday Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 24; Tuesday, December 25; and Tuesday, January 1.

Weekend Collection

Due to the bulletin deadline being much earlier than usual because of Christmas, contribution amounts from the weekend of December 15-16 were not available at the time of printing.

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