



Holy Spirit Parish
227 Third St.
Two Harbors, MN

St. Mary's Parish
57 Horn Blvd.
Silver Bay, MN



WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF HOLY SPIRIT & ST MARY'S

Fourth Sunday of Advent | December 19, 2021



4th SUNDAY of Advent

"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." - Lk 1:43-44

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SACRAMENTS OF MARRIAGE, BAPTISM, ANOINTING OF THE SICK:
Please contact your parish office.

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

Bulletin Announcements must be submitted to your parish office
before 4:30 pm on Mondays.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 11:00 am

Confession Schedule

Friday: 7:30 - 8:00 am
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:15 pm
Or by appointment.

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

Holy Spirit Office Hours:

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Monday - Thursday
7:00 am - 11:00 am Friday

Office is located in parish basement.

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ST. MARY'S PARISH

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 7:15 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am

Confession Schedule

Saturday: 6:30 - 7:00 pm
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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(218) 834-4313

fr.steven.laflamme@duluthcatholic.org

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 24.

Bible Study

Our Bible Study group meets Sunday evenings **6:30 - 8 pm.**

Help Prepare the Church for Christmas

Join us after Mass this **Sunday, December 19** to decorate the church in anticipation for the Christmas season. LOTS of help is needed so please come and lend a hand!

The Chosen Watch Party

Join us on Tuesday nights to watch Season 2. It is never too late to join us as we gather together to watch scripture come alive in this remarkable series.

Your Parish NEEDS YOU!

- Assisting with the liturgy (Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Sacristans & Ushers). There are many who have faithfully served for MANY years but are needing to step away from the ministry due health reasons. We would like to have some adult Altar Servers trained so the Priest always has a server on weekends & funerals. If you're willing to help fill any of these roles, contact Cindy so we can coordinate a time for training in the ministry.
- Clearing sidewalks before weekend Masses. Sign up for a weekend and clear the sidewalks before Mass if needed. We have the supplies and equipment - we just need volunteers to do the work. There's a sign-up sheet and calendar at the back of the church.

Our volunteers keep our parish thriving and growing. Can you help spread the gospel with your service? Please prayerfully consider assisting with these important tasks.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry group will not meet on Wednesday, December 22.

Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday 9 am - 3 pm.

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Weekly Collections

Contributions not available due to early bulletin deadline.

Please Keep These People In Your Prayers

- † **Parishioners:** Don Baune, Sharon Kelley, Bob Connor, Sharon Stauss, Lyle Shepersky, Marge Jorgenson, Don Seipke, Lino Rauzi, Greta Stefanich, Joe & Elaine Rollins, Gale Fredrickson, Mary Ann Stebbins, Carol and Elwood Youngberg.
- † **Clergy:** Fr. Bill Skarich.
- † **Relatives & Friends:** Bob Martinsen, Joanne Baier, Marc Huss Sr., Amanda Simonsen, Bill Crandall, Johnny Jerabek, Andy McBride, Mike Hartfiel, Jerry Pybas, Brad Hove, Dan Moudry.
- † **Military:** Mason McClellan, Logan Scallen, Todd Curry, Kris Topp, John Ferguson, Karen McGrane, Michael Seipke, Chris Gresing.

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday	DECEMBER 18
6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:15 p.m.	Mass - Intention for Paulina Buffman
	Cantor..... Terri Frericks-Blood
	Reader..... Greg Johnson
	Plate..... Paula Fredrickson
	Server Brooke & Addison Velcheff
Sunday	DECEMBER 19
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
8:30 a.m.	Mass - Intention for All Parishioners
	Cantor..... Sue Bahar
	Reader..... Susan Michels
	Plate..... Gerry Bahar
	Server Natalie Reineccius
Monday	DECEMBER 20
	No Mass
Tuesday	DECEMBER 21
8:15 a.m.	Mass - Intention for Deacon Fred Wright ☩
Wednesday	DECEMBER 22
8:15 a.m.	Mass - Intention for Stevie Walters ☩
9:00 a.m.	Adoration with Benediction at 3 pm
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Thursday	DECEMBER 23
	No Mass at St. Mary's - MVH Mass for Residents
Friday	DECEMBER 24
7:15 p.m.	Mass - Intention for Pope Francis
	Cantor..... Terri Frericks-Blood & All Cantors
	Reader..... Tom Frericks
	Plate..... Cindy Rowlee
	Server Nicholas & Elizabeth Swartz
Saturday	DECEMBER 25
8:30 a.m.	Mass - Intention for All Parishioners
	Cantor..... Tom Palen
	Reader..... Jeff Asmussen
	Plate..... Jeff Asmussen
	Server Valerie & Wade Melander
Sunday	DECEMBER 26
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
8:30 a.m.	Mass - Intention for All Parishioners
	Cantor..... Andy Buell
	Reader..... Jim Frericks
	Plate..... Cindy Rowlee
	Server Brooke & Addison Velcheff

From the Desk of Father Steve: St. Bernard's Reflection on the Blessed Virgin



We are now very close to the coming of our Lord- Christmas is just six days away! As we celebrate this Fourth Sunday of Advent, we hear a very familiar Gospel passage at Mass: the account of the annunciation of the Archangel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary, telling her of God's plan for her to become the Virgin Mother of God, as well as her response to this heavenly invitation. St. Bernard of Clairvaux, a 12th century Abbot and Doctor of the Church, wrote a beautiful homily on this moment of the annunciation. In this homily, he imagines that he is witnessing the brief moment in time that occurred in between when Gabriel had made his request of Mary to consent to being the Mother of God, and her response. It provides great material for prayerful reflection, especially as we celebrate these final days of the Advent Season, and prepare for the great celebration of Christmas.

Enjoy, and God bless you! ~ Fr. Steve

"You have heard, O Virgin, that you will conceive and bear a son; you have heard that it will not be by man but by the Holy Spirit. The angel awaits an answer; it is time for him to return to God who sent him. We too are waiting, O Lady, for your word of compassion; the sentence of condemnation weighs heavily upon us.

The price of our salvation is offered to you. We shall be set free at once if you consent. In the eternal Word of God we all came to be, and behold, we die. In your brief response we are to be remade in order to be recalled to life.

Tearful Adam with his sorrowing family begs this of you, O loving Virgin, in their exile from Paradise. Abraham begs it, David begs it. All the other holy patriarchs, your ancestors, ask it of you, as they dwell in the country of the shadow of death. This is what the whole earth waits for, prostrate at your feet. It is right in doing so, for on your word depends comfort for the wretched, ransom for the captive, freedom for the condemned, indeed, salvation for all the sons of Adam, the whole of your race.

Answer quickly, O Virgin. Reply in haste to the angel, or rather through the angel to the Lord. Answer with a word, receive the Word of God. Speak your own word, conceive the divine Word. Breathe a passing word, embrace the eternal Word.

Why do you delay, why are you afraid? Believe, give praise, and receive. Let humility be bold, let modesty be confident. This is no time for virginal simplicity to forget prudence. In this matter alone, O prudent Virgin, do not fear to be presumptuous. Though modest silence is pleasing, dutiful speech is now more necessary. Open your heart to faith, O blessed Virgin, your lips to praise, your womb to the Creator. See, the desired of all nations is at your door, knocking to enter. If he should pass by because of your delay, in sorrow you would begin to seek him afresh, the One whom your soul loves. Arise, hasten, open. Arise in faith, hasten in devotion, open in praise and thanksgiving. *Behold the handmaid of the Lord, she says, be it done to me according to your word.*"

Christmas Mass Schedule	
Holy Spirit, Two Harbors	St. Mary's, Silver Bay
Friday, December 24 at 4:30 pm	Friday, December 24 at 7:15 pm
Midnight Mass at 12:00 am	Saturday, December 25 at 8:30 am
Saturday, December 25 at 10:30 am	

Mass Schedule for the Feast of the Holy Family: Sunday, December 26
Reminder: There will not be Vigil Masses for the feast of the Holy Family on Saturday, December 25. This means that all Catholics will have to attend Mass on Sunday morning, December 26. St. Mary's at 8:30 am and Holy Spirit at 11 am.

Additional Opportunity for Confession
Both Parishes will have an additional opportunity for confessions on Wednesday, December 22, 5 pm-6 pm

Holy Spirit, Two Harbors

Parish News

The office will be closed on Dec. 24th for Christmas.

Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve

As we watch for the birth of Jesus at the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass, we will be doing just what our parish ancestors did exactly 100 years ago as they celebrated the very first Mass in this church!

Weather Watchers NEEDED

In order to keep our sidewalks safe, we are in need of individuals or families who are willing to take a weekend (or one day) in which you watch for snow or ice accumulation. If any occurs, you ensure the entrances and sidewalks of the church are cleared by 30 minutes prior to Mass. A sign-up calendar is on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Simply add your name and phone number.

Lefse Sale: The Bentlers and Hodges are once again making lefse! Purchase yours after Masses this weekend! Cost is \$5 for four lefse. Proceeds go towards church flowers after the Christmas season.

Poinsettias Memorials/Honorariums for Christmas

If you would like to donate money or a plant in honor or in memory of someone as part of our Christmas decorating, please drop a clearly marked envelope with their name(s) in the collection or in the office no later than Dec. 22nd.

Children's Activity Bags

We are in need of a volunteer or two who would tidy up and switch out books occasionally in the activity bags. Please contact Cassi if you can help.

Epiphany Party

Continue the Christmas season with us on Epiphany, January 2nd, after the 11:00 Mass. There will be a light lunch and several fun activities for all age groups celebrating the arrival of the Magi. This event will wrap up around 2:00.

Parish History Books

If you have not already purchased our new history book, you're missing out! This book is the story of how our church came to be and the challenges faced. It has fascinating tidbits about the continual development of the building, stories of what the parish has meant to its members over the years, and is filled with pictures. The cost is just \$15 to cover printing. Pick yours up in the office.

Well-Read Moms Book Club

The next book club gathering is on Jan. 7th at 6:30 pm in the parish library. There's room to join! Contact Cassi.

Contributions not available due to early bulletin deadline.

As of 12/11/21, we still need to raise \$2,582.00 for UCA.

Please Keep These People In Your Prayers:

- † **PARISHIONERS:** Margie Murphy, Lyle Shepersky, Florian Burger, Don Cavallin, William Fosness, Ed Gudowicz, Noreen Jackson, Fran Magnuson, Bonnie McGregor, Verna Rafn, Joe Seeber, Linda Hoffman.
- † **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Brian Schmitt, Bill Highmark, Justin Clark, Fr. Bill Skarich, Fr. Ben Hadrich, Luci Mischel, Jean Frank, Barb Hankiewicz, Jane & Dick Eimer, Rose Mascarenas, Brian Hoffman, Joseph Hoffman.
- † **MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Nate Berger, Christopher Uremovich, Brandon Madsen, James Mickle, Maddison Zavoral and Sophia Zavoral.

SACRED HEART CANDLE: Delores & Carol Burger

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday	DECEMBER 18
3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:30 p.m. Mass - Intention for All Parishioners Lector: Andy Rogers Server: Ava & Olivia Fosness Usher: Duke Gilbert & Mike Anderson	
Sunday	DECEMBER 19
11:00 a.m. Mass - Intention for Delores Isensee ✠ Lector: Cassi Beamer Server: Colman & Ashlyn Kortuem Extraordinary Minister: Louis Button Usher: John Seeber & Scott Ross	
Monday	DECEMBER 20
No Mass	
Tuesday	DECEMBER 21
5:30 p.m. Mass - Intention for Dick Phillips ✠ 6:00 p.m. Choir practice	
Wednesday	DECEMBER 22
No Mass	
Thursday	DECEMBER 23
8:15 a.m. Mass - Intention for Suzanne Lott	
Friday	DECEMBER 24
4:30 p.m. Mass - Intention for Pope Francis Lector: Dan Thomasen Server: Kenneth Joslyn Usher: George Hyland & Connie Koss 12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass Lector: Gina Lemke Server: Anthony Lemke, Joseph & Jude Carlson Usher: Curt Anderson & Nancy Olsen Extraordinary Minister: Chris Lemke	
Saturday	DECEMBER 25
10:30 a.m. Mass - Intention for All Parishioners Lector: Deirdre Schlunegger Server: Needed Usher: Scott Ross & Tom Simonsen Extraordinary Minister: Needed	
Sunday	DECEMBER 26
11:00 a.m. Mass - Intention for All Parishioners Lector: Aaron Carlson Server: Ava & William Fosness Usher: Nancy Olsen & Curt Anderson Extraordinary Minister: Carol Anderson	

JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Holy Spirit

DECEMBER 24

4:30 PM

12:00 AM*

*THIS MASS MARKS 100 YEARS IN OUR CHURCH AND WILL BE CELEBRATED AT OUR HIGH ALTAR WITH MUSIC BY THE CHAMBER CHOIR

DECEMBER 25

10:30 AM

**DECEMBER 26

11:00 AM

**THIS SUNDAY MASS IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. THERE IS NO VIGIL MASS FOR THIS FEAST. SO THIS IS THE ONLY AVAILABLE MASS TO FULFILL THE HOLY DAY PRECEPTS.

St. Mary's

DECEMBER 24

7:15 PM


DECEMBER 25

8:30 AM

**DECEMBER 26

8:30 AM

HOLY SPIRIT IS LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF 3RD AVE & 3RD ST. TWO HARBORS ST. MARY'S IS LOCATED AT 57 HORN BLVD, SILVER BAY

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

Epiphany Party

JANUARY 2, 2022
AFTER 11:00 MASS

BRING ONE SMALL GIFT FOR THE CHRIST CHILD

GOLD: something desired
FRANKINCENSE: something for the soul
MYRRH: something for the body

Find ideas at www.holyspirittwohARBORS.org

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Calling all 9th - 12th Graders

Steubenville Mission Trip
Tuesday, July 12 - Sunday, July 17

Steubenville Conference
Mission Work

FEARLESS


JOHN 1:5


Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

You don't want to miss out on this amazing opportunity! Contact Cindy at 218-220-1582 so we can reserve our spots before they are all taken. We would be leaving Tuesday, July 12 and returning Sunday, July 17.

The mission trip will include:

- Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Mission Work
- Steubenville Conference
- Amusement Park

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