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

The Epiphany of the Lord | January 2, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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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.

Office ..... (218) 834-4659
Office E-mail..... hspirit@outlook.com
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Deacon Tim Egan..... (218) 834-4659
Prayer Intentions ..... (218) 834-4659
Birthright..... (800) 550-4900

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.

Office/Rectory..... (218) 226-3100
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Parish E-mail..... stmarysilverbay@outlook.com
Parish Website..... www.stmarysilverbay.org
Deacon Jack Ferris (Retired)……..(218) 226-4753
Father Michael Lyons (in Residence) (218) 830-1600
mjlyons16@gmail.com
Prayer Chain..... (218) 226-2111 or (218) 226-4662

St Mary's, Silver Bay

Bible Study
We meet on **Sunday evenings at 6:30 pm** in the Social Hall. New members are always welcome. We will not meet this Sunday, January 2 but join us on **Sunday, January 9**.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus are excited to be serving their famous pancake breakfast after Mass next **Sunday, January 9**! Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a delicious breakfast & great fellowship. Free will donation.

2022 Giving Envelopes & 2022 Calendars
Please pick up your envelopes & your 2022 calendars at the back of the church. If you don't find your name and would like envelopes, please contact the parish office.

Snow Removal Volunteers– Adopt a Weekend
Please consider signing up for a weekend of keeping our walkways clear of snow & ice. The sign up sheet is in the back of the church. Thank you to those who are sharing their time to care for our church.

Looking for a way to grow in your faith?
Our Adult Faith Formation meets during our Family Faith Formation. We meet next on **Wednesday, January 5**. 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 is available.

The Chosen Watch Party
Join us on **Tuesday, January 11** as we continue watching Season 2. It is not too late to join us as we gather together to watch scripture come alive in this remarkable series.

Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday 9 am - 3 pm.

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Now start enjoying all the great programs, movies & books!

Collection from December 18-19

General	$2,362.82
UCA	$100.00

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 Grensing.

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday — JANUARY 1
9:00 a.m. **Mass - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
6:30 p.m. **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
7:15 p.m. **Mass** - *Intention for Marilyn Frericks* ✝
Cantor..... Patty Armstrong
Reader..... Gerry Bahar
Plate..... Paula Fredrickson
Server ..... Hadlee Rohloff

Sunday — JANUARY 2
7:50 a.m. **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
8:30 a.m. **Mass** - *Intention for All Parishioners*
Cantor..... Joanne Curry
Reader..... Laura Swartz
Plate..... Evan Swartz
Server ..... Natalie Reineccius

Monday — JANUARY 3
No Mass

Tuesday — JANUARY 4
8:15 a.m. **Mass** - *Intention for John Grahek* ✝

Wednesday — JANUARY 5
8:15 a.m. **Mass** - *Intention for Lyle Shepersky*
9:00 a.m. **Adoration**
3:00 p.m. **Benediction**

Thursday — JANUARY 6
8:15 a.m. **Mass** - *Intention for Deacon Fred Wright* ✝

Friday — JANUARY 7
8:15 a.m. **Mass** - *Intention for Barb Anselment* ✝

Saturday — JANUARY 8
6:30 p.m. **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
7:15 p.m. **Mass** - *Intention for Donna Gustafson* ✝
Cantor..... Rick Frericks w/Guitar Accpt.
Reader..... Susan Frericks
Plate..... Michael Rowlee
Server ..... Jake Stadler

Sunday — JANUARY 9
7:50 a.m. **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
8:30 a.m. **Mass** - *Intention for All Parishioners*
Cantor..... Rick Frericks & Wade w/Guitar Accpt.
Reader..... Jim Frericks
Plate..... Lanay Frericks
Server ..... Valerie Melander

From the Desk of Father Steve: The Epiphany of the Lord

This weekend we celebrate the great feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. An "epiphany" is a sudden realization of a profound reality or truth. It's when a person sees or understands something in a new and clearer way. People sometimes speak of having "had an epiphany" when everything sort of "clicks" in their mind regarding some important topic, or when they understand a profound reality clearly for the first time or in a new way. Often, epiphanies are related to spiritual matters or supernatural happenings.

And our celebration today is just that- a profound, spiritual realization of a supernatural event. What is realized is that this newborn infant being held in Mary's arms is not just a child like any other; *this* child is far beyond what the physical eye can see. *This* child is not just the son of Mary, but is the Son of God; *this* child is God Himself. And this reality of the divinity of the Christ child is not observable with the power of the five senses. In regards to what the Magi could observe with their five senses, this child is a human being like any other. But, His divinity is observable through the eyes of faith, which are able to look beyond the physical appearance and see the reality of Who is truly present.

That's the power of the Epiphany story. The three wisemen, following the light of the star as it guides them to the child Jesus, are able to see with the eyes of faith what many people who would encounter Jesus Christ could not see due to a lack of faith. Their souls, which are open to the movements of God, can sense the spiritual reality of the divine presence of the Son of God, which has been united with human nature. This is why they fall down in worship and render the Christ child homage and praise- they recognize that they are in the presence of God Himself, revealed to them in this tiny infant child, Jesus. It is an epiphany for them- they see with clarity what is hidden to most, and they recognize the spiritual significance of this incredible supernatural event- God has become man!

As we celebrate this feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, may I suggest another opportunity for an epiphany that is regularly presented to us? It is true that we who live in 2021 are not able to participate in the epiphany of the Magi- we have to rely on the inspired text from the Gospel of St. Matthew to let us in on what that experience was like for the Magi to encounter the living God by encountering the infant Jesus. However, we actually participate in an epiphany that is just as powerful and real on a regular basis, and hopefully we recognize it. Every time that we go to Mass, we encounter the mysterious and real presence of Almighty God, a presence that is just as real, just as divine, just as true as the real presence of Almighty God that the three kings encountered. Every time that the Mass is celebrated, and the bread and wine is substantially changed into the true Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ our Lord and God, God becomes truly present on the altar, in the ciborium, and in our souls when we receive Him. This is an opportunity for a true epiphany, because it is a supernatural event which presents the greatest of spiritual realities to us. Even though to the observations of the five senses, the consecrated Host appears to be ordinary bread, to those with the eyes of faith, the reality of God's real presence is evident. That outward appearance of bread disguises the reality of the fact that the consecrated Host is not bread; after the consecration, it is the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us pray, this epiphany, that we might have a deeper and more profound grasp and understanding of the reality of Jesus' real presence in the Most Holy Eucharist, and through that deepened understanding, fall in love with and worship God with even more gratitude and desire. For we experience the exact same Lord and God at each Mass that the three Magi traveled hundreds if not thousands of miles to see and worship. Through the Eucharist, the event of the epiphany comes to us! Praise God for his goodness!

God bless you! ~ *Fr. Steve*

Father Steve's Schedule

Fr. Steve is on vacation this week. He will be leaving in the evening on Sunday, January 2 and returning Friday, January 7. If you are in need of a priest during this time due to a sacramental emergency (i.e. Last Rites), please contact Fr. Michael Lyons at (218) 830-1600.

Holy Spirit, Two Harbors

Parish News

Snow Removal - Adopt a Weekend
Sign up for a weekend and clear the sidewalks before Mass if needed. We have the supplies and equipment by the doors. A sign-up calendar is on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Simply add your name and phone number.

Family Faith Formation
Our next class is January 5th. Supper at 6:00 pm with classes from 6:30-7:30. Not signed up? It's not too late to join in. Call Cindy at 226-3100.

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.

Thank you for your contributions
Thank you to all who made Christmas a bit brighter for those in need through our annual toy drive.

Cassi's Corner
I've been grateful lately reflecting on the unity shown in our parish over the past year. A year ago we were very close, literally, celebrating Mass in the social hall. At that point we were also still live-streaming Mass, and while we weren't all physically together, it allowed us to at least feel a bit connected. We also used an online platform while simultaneously meeting in person to share teachings of the faith in Basics of Catholicism classes. Those classes brought us to the Easter season when we not only gathered once again in our renovated worship space, we also welcomed new Catholics into the fold. Over the summer we had several opportunities for community building with park play days, VBS for elementary kids, a diocesan camp for middle schoolers and mission trip for high school students, and monthly coffee socials for all age groups. The choir also brought us together for a musical performance in April and a traditional vespers service in November. As we celebrated our 100th year in our building, the 100-year committee organized many festivities including a Living Rosary and a blessing of our worship space, Mass, and family dinner. As we unified within the parish, we also served the community of Two Harbors together beyond our doors.

In May, we hosted an open house which brought many local citizens and former priests to our church to see the work we accomplished. In July, we had a float in the Heritage Days parade. We also contributed to the area through donations to the schools' caring closets, providing Thanksgiving baskets, and donating to the annual toy drive.

While there is so much unity to look back on from 2021, my hope is that we will come together even more in 2022 through worship and outreach.

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 and Sophia Zavoral.

SACRED HEART CANDLE: All Parishioners

Liturgy Schedule—Rosary prayed 30 minutes before Masses

Saturday — **JANUARY 1**

9:00 a.m. **Mass**- *Intention for All Parishioners*
3:30 p.m. **Sacrament of Penance**
4:30 p.m. **Mass** - *Intention for All Parishioners*
Lector: Gloria Uremovich
Server: Kennedy Gilbert
Ushers: Mike Anderson & Jim Gilbert

Sunday — **JANUARY 2**

11:00 a.m. **Mass** - *Intention for Jeff Aho* ✞
Lector: Cassi Beamer
Servers: Noah Mecklin
Ushers: Tom Simonsen & Erin Mecklin
Extraordinary Ministers: Linda Hoffman

Monday — **JANUARY 3**

No Mass

Tuesday — **JANUARY 4**

No Mass
6:00 p.m. **Choir practice**

Wednesday — **JANUARY 5**

No Mass

Thursday — **JANUARY 6**

No Mass

Friday — **JANUARY 7**

7:30 a.m. **Sacrament of Penance**
8:15 a.m. **Mass** - *Intention for Robert "Bobbie" Baxter* ✞
9:00 a.m. **Adoration with Benediction at 3 pm**

Saturday — **JANUARY 8**

3:30 p.m. **Sacrament of Penance**
4:30 p.m. **Mass** - *Intention for All Parishioners*
Lector: Dan Thomasen
Server: Ava & Olivia Fosness
Ushers: Andy Rogers & Deanne Thomasen

Sunday — **JANUARY 9**

11:00 a.m. **Mass** - *Intention for Paul Shepersky* ✞
Lector: Louis Button
Servers: Jude Carlson & Kenneth Joslyn
Extraordinary Minister: Gina Lemke
Ushers: Connie Koss & John Seeber

Weekly Collection for December 18/19

General	$3,110.00
Building Fund	$265.00
Retired Religious	$70.00
UCA	$1,191.05
Special Building Projects	$110.00

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

Epiphany Party

JANUARY 2, 2022
AFTER 11:00 MASS

A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE SERVED
THE EVENT WILL LAST UNTIL 2:00ISH

BRING A SMALL GIFT FOR THE CHRIST CHILD
(to be given to the homeless and those in need)

Gift ideas:

Frankincense (for the soul):
(write on a card)
- Saying the Rosary
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Fast from a particular food, game, habit once a month

Myrrh (for the body):
- deodorant
- toothbrush/toothpaste
- wet wipes/baby wipes
- hand & foot warmers
- chap stick
- lotion
- dry shampoo

Gold (a gift of value/desire):
- Gas station gift card($5-20)
- Hotel gift card (1 night)
- Restaurant gift card ($5-20)

CREATING BUILDING BLOCKS

UNDERSTANDING, EXPLAINING, AND RESPONDING TO GENDER ISSUES

January 19,
6:30 pm

Guest Speaker:
Jen Messing from
Into the Deep

Live at Holy Spirit and
on Zoom at St. Mary's