



## St. Joseph Catholic Church

*A beacon of hope to  
Duluth Heights*

## February 2, 2025 Presentation of the Lord

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### Mass Times

#### Saturday

4:30 pm; Confession 3:30pm

#### Sunday

9:30 am; Confession 8:30 am

#### Wednesday & Friday

8:00 am; Confession 7:30 am

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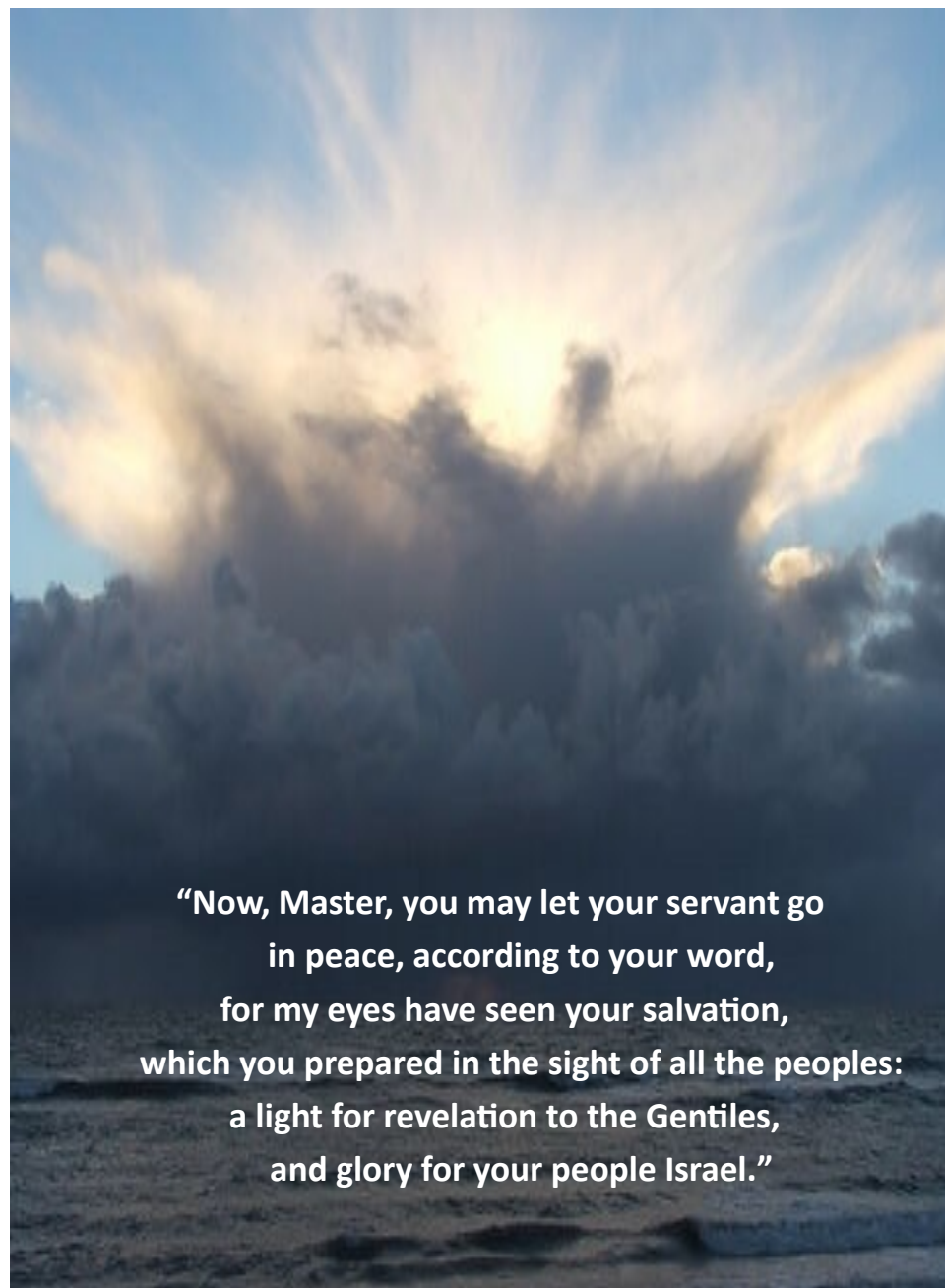
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### Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:30am-1:00 pm  
by phone.

Tuesday—Thursday  
in person.

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**“Now, Master, you may let your servant go  
in peace, according to your word,  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples:  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and glory for your people Israel.”**

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@ St. Joseph in the  
Heights  
or our website:  
stjosephduluth.com**

#### **Pope Francis February intention:**

**For vocations to the priesthood and religious life**

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

## Mass Intentions

Sat, February 1	Mary Murphy†
Sun, February 2	All Parishioners
Wed, February 5	NO MASS
Friday, February 7	NO MASS
Sat, February 8	All Parishioners
Sun, February 9	Lucia Velasco†

### ***This week's ministry schedule. . .***

**Lector:** Sarah Beier

**EM:** Marilyn Fleming

**Ushers:** Erin Keeley / Joan McNamara

#### **Sunday**

**Lector:** Jane MacDougall

**EM:** Chico Anderson / Cary Weber\*

**Ushers:** Judi Mosher / **need one**

**Altar Servers:** Jacob J. & Amara K.

### ***Next week's ministry schedule. . .***

**Lector:** Daniel Crusan

**EM:** Erin Keeley

**Ushers:** Claudia Kamp / Sarah Kamp

#### **Sunday**

**Lector:** Annette Ouellette

**EM:** Chico Anderson / Jane MacDougall\*

**Ushers:** Connie Murphy / Joe O'Brien

**Altar Servers:** Jacob J. & Taylor H.

**We are in need of USHERS for Saturdays and Sundays.** Training will be provided. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help or have any questions.

### **Chico's Bible Study returns...**

Fifty percent of the New Testament Sunday Mass Second Readings are from letters from Paul or attributed to the Apostle Paul. On the first three Mondays in February, Feb. 3, 10 and 17, our St. Joseph Adult Bible Study will explore some of the essential Pauline themes in the New Testament. We will meet from 2:00 to 3:00 PM in the Church Hall to "break open God's Word." All are welcome.



**Just a reminder that the deadline for each week's edition of the bulletin is Tuesday by noon.**



## **From Father's Desk**



The Presentation of the Lord, also known as the feast of the presentation of Jesus at the temple, will be observed on Sunday, February 2, 2025. Here is a Christian celebration that commemorates the presentation of the infant Jesus at the temple in Jerusalem, as described in the gospel of Luke.

Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord will come to the temple.

Psalm 24

The Lord is the king of glory.

Hebrews 2:14-18

Jesus became like us in order to save us.

Luke 2:22-40

Simeon recognizes the infant Jesus as the promised Messiah.

Today the church celebrates the feast of the presentation of Jesus in the temple. The presentation, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, is not mentioned in other gospels. Only Luke tells the story most likely because he writes for a gentile Christian audience who are not familiar with the Jewish right of presentation and purification. In addition, the intent of Luke's gospel is to show that God's promise to Israel, fulfilled in Jesus, extends to the gentiles.

Simeon and Anna become for us types as they look with faith for the Lord and the redemption of the people. It is the light in Jesus that becomes the revelation to the gentiles and the glory of your people Israel. Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise, given to all.

**Fr. John will join all the priest of the Diocese of Duluth on retreat next week; Monday through Friday, so no 8:00 am Mass Wednesday or Friday morning.**  
**We ask the parish to pray for all the priests.**

### **Parishioner Listings**

Certain parishioner information such as name, address, phone number, and email address may be given out to parish volunteers in the performance of their roles in supporting St. Joseph and its parishioners. If you have any objection to this information being made available, please contact the parish office and your information will not be given out. Thank you!

**In Honor or in Memory of a loved one you can sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp for a week for a \$20.00 donation. Contact : stjosephduluthheights@gmail.com, or leave a name and donation in an envelope labeled "Sanctuary lamp" and place it in the collection basket during mass.**



**For the week of Feb 2**  
**for the Health & Welfare of**  
**all Priests in the Diocese**

## Faith formation corner

St. Joseph's Weekly updates/news

Everyone came back with a smile on their face and eager to learn.

The children continue to grow in their knowledge of Catholicism as we cover their lessons. Thank you for allowing us to share our faith with your children.

If schools cancel due to bad weather, we also will cancel classes.



### First Saturday's of the Month Gatherings!

To be held after Mass TODAY— Saturday, February 1. We have started a new gathering of coffee, wine, cheese & conversation once a month after the Saturday evening Mass. Please join us!



### For Emergencies— all parishioners need to know

The defibrillator is located by the door in the back of the sanctuary. There is a medical emergency backpack hanging in the priest sacristy by the fridge on the wall. Thank you!

**ST. JOSEPH'S PLUS 55 CLUB** Meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month from February through December at 12:00 pm. Newcomers welcome. **Contact info:** Judi Mosher 218-393-2575.

### Readings for the week of January 26, 2024

Sun:	Mal 3: 1-4	Heb 2: 14-18	Lk 2:22-40
Mon:	Heb 11: 32-40	Mk 5: 1-20	
Tues:	Heb 12: 1-4	Mk 5: 21-43	
Wed:	Heb 12: 14-7, 11-15	Mk 6: 1-6	
Thur:	Heb 12: 18-24	Mk 6: 7-13	
Fri:	Heb 13: 1-8	Mk 6: 14-29	
Sat:	Heb 13: 15-17, 20-21	Mk 6: 30-34	
Sun:	Is 6: 1-2, 3-8	1 Cor 15: 1-11	Lk 5: 1-11

### **Vocations prayers for Saturday/Sunday:**

*Saturday, February 1 - Pope Francis*  
*Sunday, February 2— Fr. Peter Akudugu*

## WINDOWS

### St. Joseph's Window Restoration

**YAY! Way to go!**

**LOOK AT THIS!**

**We met our goal of \$40,000!**

*Won't Fr. John be surprised and happy upon his return!*

**Gifted to date**

### **Collections January 25/26, 2024**

Envelopes	\$ 2,551.00
Loose Plate	\$ 435.00
Online giving	\$ 635.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,611.00</b>

You will receive an end of year **STATEMENT** from the Diocese for your **MINISTRY APPEAL** contributions. It will no longer appear on the church statement.

Remember, if you want to simplify your online giving to St. Joseph, please use the Engage QR code shown here.



**Children's Liturgy of the Word** offered today, Sunday Feb 2nd during the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Children are welcome to join us downstairs during the Liturgy of the Word to listen to a children's version of today's Gospel, learn about God's love and to do follow up activities.



### **The Father Solanus Casey Fraternity of Secular**

**Franciscans** meets the third Sunday of every month at 12:30 PM at Holy Family Catholic Church in Duluth. Guests are welcome. Secular Franciscans are Catholics who strive to live out Gospel simplicity and joy more deeply in the ordinary circumstances of life, family, work, and church. For more information, talk to Jane and Bob Barnes, or contact Franz Hoefflerle at [hoefflerf1@q.com](mailto:hoefflerf1@q.com).



## From Stella Maris

**High School Open House:** SMA is hosting a Senior High Information Night on Monday, Feb. 3rd, from 5:00 - 6:30 pm. This event is for current and prospective students, and their parents. The event will provide an opportunity to visit the classrooms, meet our teachers and staff, and take a tour of our campus. Dinner will be available. Please RSVP [www.stellamaris.academy/openhousersvp](http://www.stellamaris.academy/openhousersvp)

**SMA is seeking to hire a 2nd grade teacher, kitchen manager, and long-term subs for spring maternity leaves.** If you or someone you know might be interested in a rewarding career at SMA please visit the below link for more details about each opening <https://www.stellamaris.academy/employment>



The weekend of February 1 / 2 we will have Stella Maris students here to sell raffle tickets. You may want to have a few \$5. or a \$10. in your pocket if you'd like to help support SMA. Thank you!

## Around the Diocese

### First Friday Adoration at the State Capitol January-May

For the past two legislative session years, and for the foreseeable future, the Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC) is doing Eucharistic Adoration in the Capitol on First Fridays of the month from January through May, 9 AM to 4 PM. Bringing our Lord into the Capitol is a powerful antidote to the attacks on the dignity of the human person that we see in public life. His presence casts out fear and darkness. We believe that prayer works and invite you to join us. More information and RSVP are

### **Knights of Columbus Men's Conference**

Please join us March 8<sup>th</sup> in Brainerd for a day filled with inspiring talks from our Bishop and Fr Philip Scott. This event is about Healing, Hope and Joy; empowering men to be the best version of themselves. Connect with like-minded individuals and gain valuable insights from our speakers. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to grow and learn. Learn more and register at <https://KOCMensConference.eventbrite.com>.

**Communion and Liberation** is a movement for the ongoing education in the Catholic faith. Our formation doesn't end at a certain age, but lasts a lifetime because it is always being renewed and deepened. The same is true in the experience of love, of artistic creativity, and even in the simplicity of everyday life. The search for what is true, beautiful, good, and for happiness is never-ending. We may find this in community with one another, continually learning and experiencing the life our Lord has given to us as a beautiful gift. In Communion & Liberation we deepen our faith through "School of Community," in which we study and meditate on texts written by Father Luigi Giussani and other associates. Ultimately we view our Christian faith not only as training for life, but as an adventure of life. Locally we meet in Duluth on Sunday evenings, with occasional gatherings in between. Additionally, we participate in one monthly charitable work project. Explore Communion and Liberation further at <https://english.clonline.org/cl>, and please consider joining us in this wonderful, blessed journey! Contact our local facilitator [wfvouk@gmail.com](mailto:wfvouk@gmail.com) for more information.



**Hard Liquor / Hard Questions is to host WHY BE CATHOLIC AND NOT JUST CHRISTIAN?** At Cathedral of Our Lady in the social hall on Saturday, February 8th. 6-6:30 pm social with the presentation to begin at 7:00 pm. There will be time for question and answers.

### **Bishop Felton on Revive Podcast**

Bishop Felton was thrilled to join the Revive conversation about misperceptions regarding evangelization with co-hosts Sr. Alicia and Tanner. You can catch the full episode at on Revive's Youtube channel or find the video on the diocesan website, [www.dioceseduluth.org](http://www.dioceseduluth.org).

**Registration Now Open** for in-person **Weekend for the Engaged** being offered February 22 & 23, 2025 at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral in Duluth and March 29 & 30, 2025 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Crosby. Engaged couples, please register as soon as possible because weekends fill-up quickly. Engaged Weekends are part of the discernment process for couples as they prepare and approach the Sacrament of Matrimony. If you know a couple getting married in the Catholic Church within the next two years, please invite them to register. More information and registration are available at: <https://dioceseduluth.org/marriage-and-family-life>

### **Registration for the Restored Retreat is now open!**

For adults 21 and older to come and experience the healing, hope, and joy of Jesus! February 28 - March 2 at Sugar Lake Lodge, and this year there will be a Track 1 for those who have never experienced Restored, as well as a Track 2 for those who desire to come back and go deeper! We are offering a discount of \$20/person for those who have never attended!

Registration and additional details are available at <https://www.dioceseduluth.org/restored-retreat>