



St. Joseph Catholic Church

*A beacon of hope to
Duluth Heights*

**October 5, 2025
27th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Mass Times

**Saturday
4:30 pm**

**Sunday
9:30 am**

Wednesday & Friday at 8:00 am



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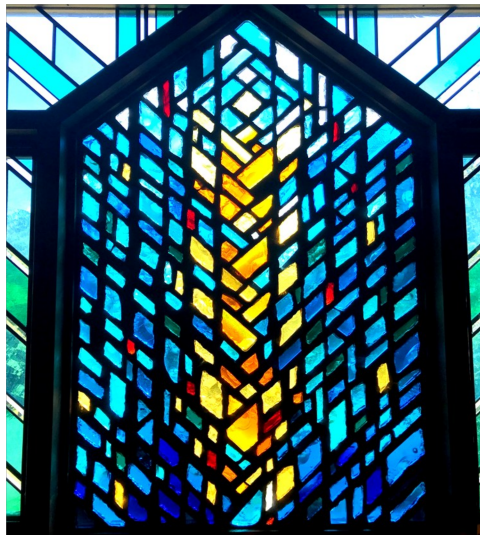
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Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
in person next week 8:30 am to 1:00 pm



Welcome!

We are glad you are here. If you wish to become a parishioner here at St. Joseph, registration forms can be found at the back of the church near the bulletins. Please fill it out and place in the giving basket during Mass times or turn it into the office during office hours.

Visit our Facebook page
@ St. Joseph in the
Heights
or our website:
stjosephduluth.com

Pope's Monthly Intention for September For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Calendar & Mass Intentions

Saturday, Oct. 4	4:30pm	Greg Kamp †
Sunday, Oct. 5	9:30am	Marc Snow †
Wed., Oct. 8	8:00am	All Parishioners
Friday, Oct. 10	8:00am	Catholic Extension Society
Saturday, Oct. 11	4:30pm	All Parishioners
Sunday, Oct. 12	9:30am	Barb Gustafson †

Fr. John will be in church for prayer on Tuesday's and Wednesday's afternoons from 3-5 pm, if you need to speak with him. You are welcome to visit the blessed sacrament, pray, study and be present. All are welcome to join Father.

October 4 / 5 Ministry Schedule

Saturday

Lector: Janelle Hnatko

EM: Marilyn Fleming

Ushers: Claudia Kamp / Gloria Brunette

Sunday

Lector: Don Lemmerman

EM: Chico Anderson / Carol Mason*

Ushers: Joe O'Brien / Arlette DeGrio

Altar Servers: Sam & Lucy Obaid

October 11 / 12 Ministry Schedule

Saturday

Lector: Marilyn Fleming

EM: Betty Fleissner

Ushers: Sarah Beier / Joanie McNamara

Sunday

Lector: Bob Barnes

EM: Chico Anderson / Rose Hallgren*

Ushers: Judi & Bob Mosher

Altar Servers: Amara Kerfeld / Jacob Johnson

Vocations Director to speak next weekend

On Saturday, Oct. 11th & Sunday, Oct 12th we will have Scott Paternos—New vocation Director for the Diocese. He will be here to celebrate Masses and to talk about vocations to the priesthood and to share with us, stories about the men studying for priesthood and the future of the Catholic church in northern Minnesota.

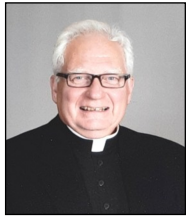
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council # 8268

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month September through May. Next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 14th.

Contact info: Eric Berlin (218) 580-8251. 6:30 pm Rosary followed by a 7:00 pm meeting.

From Father's Desk

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



God speaks to us in many ways, including through the Sunday scriptures. The challenge for us is to see how the Sunday scripture readings connect to our daily life to give us meaning and understanding of what God is doing in our lives.

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The patience of the just man shall be rewarded when he sees the vision fulfilled.

2 Timothy 1: 6–8, 13–14

Paul urges Timothy to remain strong in the spirit of faith Timothy received.

Luke 17:5–10

Jesus teaches the apostles the importance of faith and service to God.

In today's gospel, we hear Jesus' teaching about faith and service to God. The context is a continuing dialogue between Jesus and his followers about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus has just finished an instruction on sin and forgiveness. There are two related teachings that Jesus offers to his disciples when they cry out for an increase in faith. The first is the familiar reminder that faith, even just a little, will enable to followers of Jesus to do wondrous things. But this uplifting and inspiring teaching is quickly followed by the second teaching, caution about knowing one's place in God's plan. The disciples of Jesus are to understand themselves as servants of God and his plans. Even when God works wonders through us with our mustard seed size faith, we must not seek praise. Our participation in God's plan is God's grace to us nothing more, nothing less. When we are graced enough to cooperate with God, the work we do is nothing more than our obligation to God as faithful stewards. And yet our faith enables us to believe that what we have offered in service to God, as his service, can be made to produce a hundredfold. We can become the hands, the eyes, the ears, the strength, and the mind of God as we serve both God and our neighbors.

Chico's Bible Study

Our final Bible Study of the Jewish Jesus in Matthew's Gospel will be this Monday in the Church Hall from 2:00 to 3:15 PM. We will discuss Jesus as the "New Moses" and Matthew's Gospel as the gospel of the Church. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served. Our next Bible Study Series will begin on Oct. 20 as we study the Book of Wisdom (also call the Wisdom of Solomon). A HUGE thanks to all who helped with these sessions, especially those who provided refreshments. "Well done good and faithful servants!"

Faith Formation Corner

This year our middle school children will be meeting in the church rectory basement. Our new teacher (Nicole) will team teach with Russ.

We have a total of 30 students registered now. Registration is still open, so spread the word.

Last Wednesday Oct 1st. Father did a teaching on the rosary. We all participated in one decade of the rosary as part of the teaching. Each child had a rosary in hand as we all prayed together.

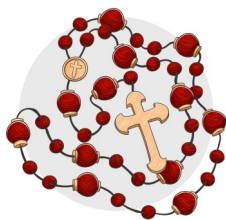


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The "Prayer Pal" will return this year. We had the children fill out the cards. Like last year the cards are placed in the back of the church along with the clipboard to identify who has who so prayers flow both ways. Please take a card and start praying for your chosen child.

Our "traveling shrine" will start visiting homes soon. When your child brings it home, please use the time for family prayer. Remind your child to return it the following week to keep it traveling.

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!

The Ministries Appeal

Evangelization & Outreach fosters personal and spiritual growth through charitable initiatives, support services and outreach ministries. Liturgical resources also help us in celebrating the sacred rites in the Diocese of Duluth. Communications and Support Services are provided to the parishes to keep the diocese connected. If you haven't made your gift yet to the 2025 Ministries Appeal, please prayerfully consider doing so.



St Joseph's Church

Ministry Appeal **goal** \$25,349.00

Ministry Appeal **given** \$19,046.00

Every gift matters

No gift is too large and no gift is too small



We welcome and pray for
KENNETH DOUGLAS JOHNSON

as a member of the Catholic Church. Kenneth was baptized at St. Joseph's –Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025. Congratulations to the parents & blessings on Kenneth!



Children's Liturgy of the Word– TODAY-Sunday, October 5th 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 follow up activities.

St Joseph's Book Club

We will be reading the book entitled "Beautiful Hope: Finding Hope Every Day in a Broken World" by Matthew Kelly, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Archbishop José H. Gomez, Pope Francis, Dr. Allen R. Hunt and others. We will meet in the church social hall on **Friday mornings at 9 am.** All are welcome!



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

For the week of October 5
Patrick Menor

Collections September 27 / 28, 2025

Envelopes	\$	1,940.00
Loose Plate	\$	587.00
Online giving	\$	415.00
Total	\$	2,942.00



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

Faith Filled Small Library

Thank you for all the donations to the faith library located in the social hall. We have so many books & CD's that we are in need of more shelf space! If you have a bookshelf you'd like to donate to the parish, please reach out to Denise in the office.

Remember you can take home and peruse at your leisure any book or CD's that tickles your fancy. We just ask that you bring back the items for the next parishioner to view once you are finished. Thank you!



First Saturday's of the Month Gatherings

Come for a gathering of coffee, wine, cheese & conversation once a month after the Saturday evening Mass sponsored by your Pastoral Council. Next gathering is TODAY-Sat., October 4th!

Community News



Come enjoy an evening of faith and fellowship at **Real Presence Radio's Fundraising Banquet!** Join us in Duluth on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, with keynote speaker Dr. David Anders. Reserve your spot today by scanning the QR code or call Margaret Ricci at 701-960-0229 for details!

From Stella Maris

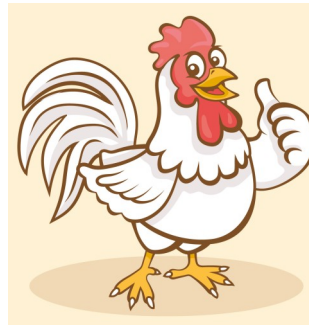
The 2025 Stella Maris Academy Fall Flannel Fest featuring the First Annual Father Ben Five K is just around the corner! Sat., Oct. 11 for a day of community fun. Race festivities will run from 9-11 AM, followed by food and entertainment from 11 AM-2 PM. All proceeds from this event directly support our SMA activities, including sports programs, theatre and music productions, and various student clubs. Registration is now open! Please visit our website at sentinelactivities.academy/flannelfest

We are in need of **Substitute Teachers** at Stella Maris Academy for the 2025/2026 school year. If you are interested in being a sub at any grade level, please apply at <https://www.stellamaris.academy/employment>.

We also have **many volunteer opportunities** at each of our campuses at Stella Maris. Please reach out to any of the campus secretaries if you are interested in being a volunteer this year! We have opportunities in the lunchroom and library as well as in the classrooms at all 4 of our campuses.

Around the Diocese

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.



St. Rose Church in Proctor will be holding their **Chicken Dinner & Bake Sale on Sunday, October 12th** from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. The menu includes your choice of white or dark meat chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, coleslaw, rolls, cranberry sauce, and banana cream pie for dessert. Come

for the best chicken dinner around! Adults are \$12, Children under 12 years are \$6 and Children under 5 years are free. Dine-in or take-out. Don't forget to check out our Bake Sale and Basket Raffles as well! St. Rose is handicapped accessible and is located at 2 Sixth Ave, Proctor, MN.

Women's Silent Retreat- The Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus are offering a silent retreat for women at Trinity Woods Retreat Center in Trego, WI Dec. 5-7. For more information email cathedral.handmaids@duluthcatholic.org.

Anniversary Mass

Couples from the Diocese of Duluth celebrating the anniversary milestones of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and 55 years or more are invited to our annual Anniversary Mass on Oct. 18. Mass will be at 4:30 p.m. with Bishop Felton, at St. Joseph Church, 315 SW 21st Street, Grand Rapids, MN 55744. All are welcome at Mass.

Vocations corner:

Matthew 9:38 "Ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Our response in prayer: Hail Mary; for the intention of vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, consecrated life, and lay ministry.

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