



St. Joseph Catholic Church

*A beacon of hope to
Duluth Heights*

**December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent**

Mass Times

Saturday
4:30 pm

Sunday
9:30 am

Wednesday & Friday at 8:00 am

Confession Times

**Friday 7:30 AM, Saturday 3 PM,
Sunday 8:15 AM**

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Office Hours

Monday—Wednesday 8:30 am to 1 pm



**I am baptizing you with water, for repentance,
but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I.
I am not worthy to carry his sandals.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**



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.

Vocations prayers for Saturday/Sunday:

*Saturday, December 6- Fr Corbin Eddy
Sunday, December 7— Fr. William Fider*

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Heights
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stjosephduluth.com**

December

For Christians in areas of conflict
Let us pray that Christians living in areas of
war or conflict, especially in the Middle
East, might be seeds of peace,
reconciliation, and hope.

Calendar & Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec 6	4:30pm	Dorothy Barker †
Sunday, Dec 7	9:30am	Barb Gustafson †
Monday, Dec 8	8:00am	Holy day of obligation
Wed., Dec 10	8:00am	Delores Napoles †
Friday, Dec 12	8:00am	All Parishioners
Saturday, Dec 13	4:30pm	All Parishioners
Sunday, Dec 14	9:30am	Karen Schommer †

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.

December 6 / 7 Ministry Schedule

Saturday

Lector: Tony Larson

EM: Annette Ouellette

Ushers: Gloria Brunette / Joanie McNamara

Sunday

ALL: Religious Education Students

December 13 / 14 Ministry Schedule

Saturday

Lector: Daniel Crusan

EM: Betty Fleissner

Ushers: Sarah Beier / Gloria Brunette

Altar Server: Theodore Crusan

Sunday

Lector: Hannah Freberg

EM: Chico Anderson / Jane MacDougall*

Ushers: Judi Mosher / Bob Mosher

Altar Servers: Abby Freberg / Libby Kittelson

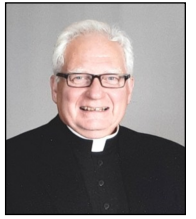
Chico's Bible Study

Our Third Sunday of Advent Bible Study will be on Monday, Dec. 8 from 2:00 PM to 3:15 PM in the Church Hall. The Third Sunday is called "Gaudete Sunday." Gaudete means "REJOICE!" Let us gather to break open the Sacred Word and "REJOICE." Refreshments served and, always, good fellowship offered.

2026 calendars are in church. Please take one (or two if needed) home with you so you know what's happening in 2026!

Donations for the Christmas flowers in honor or in memory of your loved ones will be listed in the Jan. 4th bulletin. Slips are available on the back table in church.

From Father's Desk 2nd Sunday of Advent



The advent wreath holds four candles. Three are purple and one is pink. The candles represent Jesus coming as the light into the darkness. One candle lit each Sunday until all four candles are lit. As Christmas draws near, each candle brings a little more light into the darkness. Sometimes a white candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas day to symbolize that Jesus is with us. This can be referred to as the Christ candle. Each of the candles lit before Christmas represents an aspect of the preparation—the first candle is hope, the second week is peace, the third week (which is pink) represents joy and the fourth week is love.

Holy day of obligation, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrated Monday here at St Joseph's with an 8 o'clock mass.

Come and join us as we celebrate Mary, our Mother.

Confession Times for Advent

Our normal parish times 7:30 AM Wednesday morning before mass
7:30 AM Friday morning before mass 3:30 PM Saturday afternoon before mass 8:30 AM Sunday morning before mass.

Additionally: Wednesday's, Dec. 10th, Dec. 17th at 5pm &
Monday, Dec. 22nd at 5 pm



Plan for your Christmas celebration-Mass times this year

Christmas Eve 24th of December 4:30 PM mass

Christmas Day 25th of December 9:30 AM mass

This year, we will have overflow seating in the church hall with the Mass televised from upstairs to downstairs on the big screen TV. There will be room for everyone. Bring your family and bring your friends.

And we together, we will have a very, Merry Christmas!

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holyday of Obligation-Thursdays, January 1 9:30 AM mass

There will be **no mass** on Wednesday, December 31st.

Please keep in your prayers

Parishioner, Jim Mosack. Jim's funeral will be here Wednesday, Dec. 10th. Visitation at 10am, with funeral mass at 11am. Please pray for him and his family.

Eternal rest grant on to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.



Faith Formation Corner

Today is our Children's Mass. The following children have volunteered to serve:

GREETERS- Agatha Klug Jonathan Crusan

LECTORS- 1st reading-Claire Reuter 2nd reading -Sam Obaid

USHERS- Braxton Knute Cora Kerfeld

GIFT BEARERS- Scarlett Miller Clara Miller Collin Victrelli

ALTAR SERVERS- Jacob Johnson Aubry Freberg

ENTRANCE SONG-- All the children.

PARENTS, please nudge your child/ren when their service is needed. Thank you, children, for your service and making our Faith Formation group extra special!

Father will hear the older children's confessions this Wednesday and finish with 3rd graders on December 10th.

Our children will be making Christmas cards for the Duluth Heights Lodge residents on Dec. 10th. If you have any old Christmas cards or art supplies to make "new" Christmas cards, please give them to Rose. Our children enjoy this activity & welcome any supplies you can spare. If you would like to help with this activity, join us at 6:00 in the social hall.

We will be delivering the Christmas cards and caroling at the Duluth Height Lodge on December 20th (Saturday) at 1:00



Dec 20th--Prior to caroling we ask all children participating in the Christmas program to arrive at the church around 11:00 for practice. After practice we ask all parents to transport child/ren to the Duluth Heights Lodge for Christmas caroling.

The Christmas program is Sunday, Dec. 21st after Mass.

Our Faith Formation Christmas Party is December 17th. Prayer Pals please join us in the social hall at 6:00 for the fun!

We still have prayer pal cards 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" has started visiting homes. 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.

Remember if schools cancel due to bad weather we're cancelled too.



SOCIAL HALL FLOORING

I think our church stands out as the brightest and most beautiful building in the area thanks to the community's strong faith, generous sharing of resources, and dedication to creating something that honors and praises God among us.

With all of that, I introduce a new plan to redo our floor in the church hall and stairways. It has been the constant and great work of our ladies and their yearly rummage sales that we have \$12,300 to use for the floor project. We thank them again for diligent work.

Today I invite the parish to support our new hall floor project, which will cost about \$25,000. Those who wish to contribute can send donations in a white envelope over the coming months. Thank you in advance.



Coffee Fund donation to the Social Hall Flooring

With your donated dollars at Sunday morning coffee, which donates then back for altar flowers and the outdoor pots of flowers in the summer, we have also given a donation of \$500. for the social hall floor. Thank you!



First Saturday's of the Month Gatherings

Come for a gathering of coffee, wine, cheese & conversation Saturday, December 6th. This once a month gathering is sponsored by your Pastoral Council.



Sanctuary Lamp for the Week

For the week of December 7
Merle & Martha Carter

Collections November 29/30, 2025

Envelopes	\$	3,915.00
Loose Plate	\$	443.00
Online giving	\$	.00
Total	\$	4,358.00



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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council # 8268

We are one of more than 16,000 councils headquartered in Catholic parishes around the world. Our mission is to empower practicing Catholic men 18 years or older to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work, and in their community. We want new members! Our services support the Church and community. Our core principles are charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Let's talk.
Contact info: Eric Berlin (218) 580-8251.

OCIA begins in January

Deacon Chico and Fr. John invite you to join them on Saturdays next year at 10 a.m. for the OCIA program. This program is designed for individuals interested in becoming Catholic or seeking a conversion of heart, as well as confirmed Catholics who wish to deepen their understanding of their faith. With both instructors leading, you can expect engaging conversations and presentations. If you know someone who may be interested, please have them reach out to Father.

Damiano Need

Greetings Everyone,

I have been notified that the church that has been volunteering at the Damiano Community Kitchen on the 4th Wednesday of each month, will no longer be covering that time slot. After talking with Fr. John, we would like to see if we could offer our help.

If we can schedule enough people to cover that day, I would like to commit to taking it on. As most of you are aware, it is about a 5 hour commitment, once a month, from 8:30 - 1:00. There is no meal planning, as Flo (the head chef) takes care of that. We would be doing food prep, chopping, packing, and serving.

St Joes Knights of Columbus has one Friday a month that they handle, and we, as a church community also have the 3rd Monday of each month. This would be in addition to those current obligations. I certainly don't want to disrupt those long term involvements.

Please talk to your friends and family to see if we can get a group together. We need 3-4 people per month. There is no training involved. Just a willing person to give of their time. I would like to schedule a couple months out so everyone knows to keep the date open.

If you are interested, or know of someone that is, please let me know.

Damiano will be anticipating our involvement on Dec 24th morning. When I mentioned to Flo that that was Christmas Eve Day, she informed me that "People are hungry on Christmas Eve too". Valerie Ouellette 218-390-5925

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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.

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!

Around the Diocese

Annual Lessons and Carols: Experience the beauty and hope of the season at our Service of Lessons and Carols on Monday, December 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary. Through scripture, choral anthems, and familiar carols, we'll journey together through the story of Christ's birth in a contemplative setting. All are warmly invited to attend and make this prayerful evening part of your family's Christmas tradition. Reception to follow.

Handel's Messiah: Experience the power and beauty of Handel's *Messiah* on Sunday, December 21 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary. Featuring chorus, soloists, and orchestra in the Cathedral's soaring acoustic, this beloved Christmas tradition brings to life the hope and joy of the season. Join us as we gather in community to be uplifted and inspired by this timeless masterpiece. Ticket info: <https://www.borealischamberartists.com/buy-tickets/p/handels-messiah>

Community News

"Love's Everlasting Light" -St. Paul's Episcopal Church will present their annual Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 14, at 6pm. Under the direction of Thomas Hamilton, Minister of Music, the choir continues the time-honored tradition which began in England over 140 years ago and continues today. The service presents readings from the Bible along with musical responses sung by the choir, handbells, and congregation altogether. The service is offered as a gift to the Twin Ports Community for the holiday season. A reception follows in the Parish Hall.

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