



St. Joseph Catholic Church

*A beacon of hope to
Duluth Heights*

February 1, 2026
4th Sunday in Ordinary
Time

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

Contact Information

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Office Hours

Open Monday– Wednesday
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.

Calendar for the week

Tuesday, February 3 2:00 PM EM training

Wednesday, February 4 6:00 PM Faith Formation classes

Friday, February 6 9:00 AM Book club meet

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

Pope's Monthly Intention for February
For children with incurable diseases
Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Calendar & Mass Intentions

Saturday, Jan 31	4:30pm	Barb Gustafson†
Sunday, Feb 1	9:30am	Margaret Hodnik†
Wed., Feb 4	8:00am	People of Elysian
Friday, Feb 6	8:00am	All Parishioners
Saturday, Feb 7	4:30pm	All Parishioners
Sunday, Feb 8	9:30am	Deann Barta†



January 31 / Feb 1 Ministry Schedule

Saturday

Lector: Sarah Beier

EM: Daniel Crusan

Ushers: Joanie McNamara / Claudia Kamp

Sunday

Lector: Raymone Kral

EM: Chico Anderson / Carol Mason*

Ushers: Bob Mosher / Judi Mosher

Altar Servers: Aubrey Freberg / Lucy Obaid



February 7 / 8 Ministry Schedule

Saturday

Lector: Tony Larson

EM: Marilyn Fleming

Ushers: Claudia Kamp / Sarah Kamp

Sunday

Lector: Janelle Hnatko

EM: Chico Anderson / Cary Weber*

Ushers: Joe O'Brien / Pat Reynolds

Altar Servers: Amara Kerfeld / Abby Freberg

OCIA begins in January

Deacon Chico and Fr. John invite you to join them on Saturday, Jan. 31 through Saturday, March 28th at 10 a.m. for the OCIA program. This



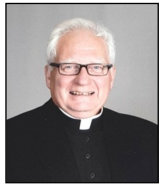
program is designed for individuals interested in becoming Catholic or seeking a conversion of heart, as well as confirmed Catholics who wish to deepen their understanding of their faith. With both instructors leading, you can expect engaging conversations and presentations. If you know someone who may be interested, please have them reach out to Father.

For Emergencies

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!

From Father's Desk

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12–13

I will leave in your midst of people, humble and lowly.

Psalm 146

Blessed are the poor and spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

1 Corinthians 1: 26–31

God chose the weak of the world.

Matthew 5:1–12

Blessed are the poor in spirit.

Saint Paul relates to his listeners that wisdom, power, and worldly recognition count for nothing before the Lord, quite the opposite: God delights in choosing the lowly.

Jesus tells his disciples and us something very similar in the Gospel today. Bless the poor in spirit. This will surprise them because self-confidence, prestige, and wealth are typically considered signs of God's blessing. But Jesus turns them upside down. Humility is the path to blessing. That is because when we are poor in the spirit, we recognize that God is the source of all that we have and all that we are. Everything is a gift from him so when we come before the Lord empty-handed, we can allow him to fill us with his gifts, his wisdom, his grace, and we live with humility, relying upon the help of God. Knowing that we are nothing without him, we can boast on the gifts of God, the grace of God and the power of God working through us. We are truly blessed when our hearts are free and open to God, we can trust him to fulfill our needs and to answer our prayers.

Thank you, Lord, for choosing me as an instrument of your peace and for blessing me on this day! Amen.



Children's Liturgy of the Word– is offered every Sunday in February 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 PRAYER TEAM

For prayer requests or to be added to the prayer team, please contact Rose Kolasinski at 218-722-8479. More team members are needed. Please reach out if you are interested in being on our prayer chain.



Faith Formation Corner

Our children are busy learning our faith. Let's continue to show them our faith in action.

Our traveling shrine has started visiting homes again. When your child brings the "traveling shrine" 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.



Homebound EM's needed!

Have you ever felt like the Holy Spirit was drawing you to visit parishioners who are homebound and bring them Holy

Communion? Would you like to know more about it? Perhaps you are already doing so and would like to refresh your skills? We will be offering information and training about this very important faith-based ministry February 3 and 10 at 2:00pm. Please call Paule Barbeau (218) 390-6631 for more information.

Book Club has resumed on Friday's from 9 to 10:30 am. We will be reading **It's Personal: Cultivating Your Relationship with God** by Fr. Mike Schmitz. Books will be supplied by the church. All are welcome!



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, and fraternity. Let's talk. **Contact** info: Eric Berlin (218) 580-8251.

***Our next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 10th -6:30 PM rosary, 7:00 PM meeting.**

Mass intention request forms -are in the back of the church. Many weekday Mass times are open for remembering a special person to be prayed for at Mass. Simply drop the form off in the collection plate or at the parish office in the Social Hall.

Coffee & Conversation after Sunday morning Mass

Anyone who would like to serve, please sign up on the calendar downstairs. Reimbursement for expenses if you save and bring in your receipts to the parish office. If you need to learn the kitchen, make coffee, call Arlette 218-390-7058. Serve what you wish -donuts, bars, cookies, cake, all are appreciated!

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!

The **new plaque in the social hall** of the History of St. Joseph's Catholic Church was graciously donated by Don Lemmerman. Thank you, Don!

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 **Sanctuary Lamp for the Week**



For the week of February 1
Joe Cherro

Fr. John will be in church for prayer on Tuesday'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.

Collections January 24/25 2026

Envelopes	\$ 3,532.
Loose Plate	\$ 614.
Online giving	\$ 990.
Total	\$ 5,136.



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

Community News

The Borealis Chamber of Artists invite you to join us for a winter evening of Beethoven & Schubert!

We would love to invite you to a special evening of chamber music on Friday, February 6, 2026, at 7:30 PM, at Pilgrim Congregational Church.

This intimate winter program brings together two beloved works: Schubert's joyful and expressive Trout Quintet and Beethoven's radiant Cello Sonata in A Major. Together, they offer music that is warm, lively, and deeply human—perfect for a February evening.

We hope you'll join us for a memorable night of great music and shared experience. Tickets available at the door.

Friends of the Felgemaker will host a concert called **"Balm for Troubled Times"** at Sacred Heart Music Center (201 West 4th St., Duluth) at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 15, 2026.

In light of all that is happening in our communities, our country, and the world, local musicians have come together to perform at this unique event, hoping it will offer a time to pause, reflect, and remember how music connects and inspires us all as human beings.

The program will feature a variety of singers and instrumentalists from the Duluth-Superior community in a varied program of reflective and meditative music. Musical selections will include movements from *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré, for chorus and organ.

The event is free. However, donations to the CHUM Warming Center are gratefully accepted upon exiting the venue.



Save the Date! Annual Salmon Dinner & Silent Auction

Benefit for the Star of the North Maternity Home

Friday, March 20, 2026

5:30 - 8:00 PM

St. James Catholic Church | 721 N. 57th Ave. W. | Duluth



Please Consider Sponsoring!

Purchase Tickets Here

Tickets at: www.starofthenorthmaternityhome.org/events



Vocations prayers for Saturday/Sunday:

Saturday, Jan 31—Pope Leo XIV

Sunday, Feb 1—Fr Peter Akudugu

Stella Maris News



Prayer is at the heart of our mission at Stella Maris Academy. As we begin this new year, we'd like to offer our prayers for you and your intentions. If you have a prayer request, we invite you to scan the QR code below to submit it. Our community will be honored to pray for you.

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, contact Jane at twinportsfranciscans@gmail.com.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Bring back the spark that started it all: St. Andrew's in Brainerd is hosting World Wide Marriage Encounter April 18th and 19th. All registrations will be occurring online at: <https://northmnwwme.org/applyWeekend.php>



2026 Engaged Weekends

Engaged Weekends are part of the discernment process for couples as they prepare and approach the Sacrament of Matrimony. The dates for 2026 have been set for February 7 & 8, April 25 & 26, May 2 & 3, and October 3 & 4. Registration at: <https://www.dioceseduluth.org/marriage-and-family-life>

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a group that grows in holiness--through prayer, and service to our neighbors in need. If you feel called to grow with us, join us at our regular meeting on the first and third Mondays at 5:15 pm at St Mary Star of the Sea social hall. For more information call our assistance number and we will call you back. 218-409-6887.