



St. Joseph Catholic Church

*A beacon of hope to
Duluth Heights*

**April 19, 2026
Third Sunday of Easter**

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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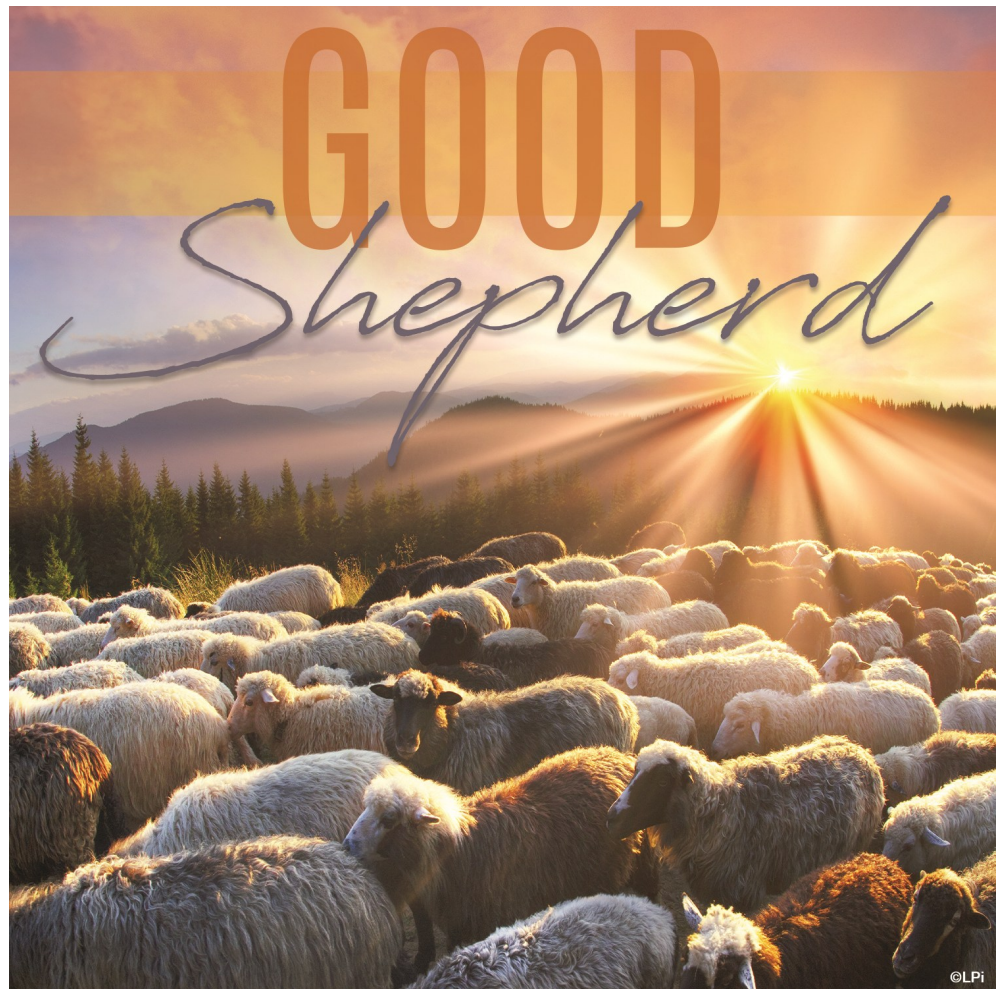
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Office Hours

Monday– Wednesday
8:30 am to 1:00 pm



Calendar of upcoming events:

Sunday, April 19 Children's Mass 9:30 am

Tuesday, April 21 Healing Hearts support group 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 22 Faith Formation 6:00 pm

Friday, April 24 Book club 9 am

Wednesday, April 29 Faith Formation **last class/party** 6:00 pm

Friday, May 1 Book club 9 am

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

Pope's Monthly Intention for April For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 11	4:30pm	All Parishioners
Sunday, April 12	9:30am	Mary Jungles †
Wed., April 15	8:00am	All Parishioners
Friday, April 17	8:00am	All Parishioners
Saturday, April 18	4:30pm	Deann Barta †
Sunday, April 19	9:30am	Helen Leider †

April 18 /19 Ministry Schedule

Saturday

Lector: Sarah Beier

EM: Marilyn Fleming

Ushers: Sarah Kamp / SUB

Sunday

Children's Mass-please see Faith Formation.

April 25 / 26 Ministry Schedule

Saturday

Lector: Nicole Reuter

EM: Betty Fleissner

Ushers: Gloria Brunette / Sarah Beier

Sunday

Lector: Jane MacDougall

EM: Chico Anderson / Raymone Kral*

Ushers: Bob Mosher / Judi Mosher

Altar Servers: Jacob Johnson / Amara Kerfeld

Chico's Bible Study

Due to major Parish Hall construction our May Monday Bible Series on St. Paul will be postponed to September. However, we will offer a one-day Scripture seminar on Five Essential Messages of Jesus. **This one-day seminar will take place on Monday, May 4 from 2:00 to 3:30 PM.** Sorry for the change of plans, but our remodeled Church Hall will be worth the need for postponement. Thanks for understanding. Dcn. Chico Anderson.

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.

From Father's Desk



This weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, which focuses on Jesus as the guardian of souls and who calls His followers by name.

The gospel of John highlights Jesus as the gate and the good Shepherd who lays down his life. It is also recognized as World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

John 10:1-10

Jesus states, "I am the gate for the sheep," emphasizing that he is the way to safety, to abundant life and peace with joy.

Acts 2:14, 36-41

Peter preachers to the crowd, urging them to repent and be baptized after realizing that Jesus, whom they crucified, is Lord and Messiah.

1 Peter 2: 20-25

Peter describes Christ as the shepherd and guardian of souls who bore our sins on the cross.

Vocation Sunday was established by Paul the Sixth. This day encourages prayers for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Special prayer- the Hail Mary for vocations. Remember the diocesan prayer for vocations is found in the breaking bread book.

Today we can reflect upon Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. Last week, on 60 minutes, we saw three Cardinals showing great leadership, great challenge living out the Gospel values. Pope Leo also lives out those Gospel values as he calls for peace and justice in our world. May we join them standing up for what is right? What is truth? What is peace?

Everything You've Always Wondered About Funeral Planning



Please join us and Daniel Dougherty Jr. on Tuesday, May 5, at 2 pm upstairs in the church. Daniel will give a

presentation and answer any questions you may have about types of funerals, options for disposition, pre-planning, and so on. Resources will be available. See you there!



World Day of Prayer
for Vocations ©LPI

churchWIDE RUMMAGE SALE

St Joseph's Rummage Sale

Our third annual rummage sale will be **May 7th & 8th**. Setting up will begin on Monday, May 4th at 3:30 pm. (after Bible Study) and

all day set up Tuesday and Wednesday of that week. Just a reminder to please save clean clothing, household items, and your small furniture. Collection date to be announced in future bulletin. When dropping off your items for the sale, please use the Linden Street entry so that it is easier for hauling items. Please call Pat Reynolds at 218-722-2408 with any questions.

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 or you're welcome to call the parish office to schedule.

If you or anyone you know are aware of any parishioners that are homebound, please let us know as we would love to connect with them. - Fr. John



First Saturday's of the Month

Gatherings Our next gathering will be Saturday, May 2nd for a gathering of

coffee, wine, cheese & conversation. This once a month gathering is sponsored by your Pastoral Council.

Sunday Coffee Hour— Another pie social was a success! Thank you to those who made or bought pies. Our next date is May 10th, we will have pie or donut social after Mass. If you would like to donate a pie or donuts, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the social hall. You don't have to serve coffee, that will be made.



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.



Faith Formation Corner

CHILDREN'S MASS is today!

Listed below are the children who volunteered:
Greeters--The Fellman boys-Salvador, Lincoln, Maverick
Lectors---Noah Larson and Jonathan Crusan
Responsorial --Sam Obaid
Collection--Miller girls--Clara and Scarlett
Gift bearers--Agatha Klug, Lucy Obaid, Theodore Crusan
Altar servers--Jacob Johnson, Aubry Freberg
Music---All the children

First communion parents please reserve April 25th.

Our second grade class will be making their first communion banners/ watching a movie and doing their first confession. We will meet in the church hall at 10:00 AM Any questions please call Rose at 218-722-1332

FIRST COMMUNION will be on May 3rd at our 9:30 Mass. We have four children excited for their day. Please keep them in your prayers.

Our traveling shrine is home for the summer. The shrine will start traveling again in September.

End of year party will be April 29th. We hope our prayer pals can join us. It will be held in the church hall at 6:00 .This will conclude our Wednesday night Faith Formation program for this year.

We have two students who will be confirmed on May 20th at St. James. Please keep them in your prayers.

Children's Liturgy of the Word— the last one for spring is offered Sunday, April 26th 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.



Congratulations to Lucas Koski and Lauren Lemker who married on Saturday, April 11, 2026 here at St. Joseph's. May God continue to bless this couple as they witness to married life.

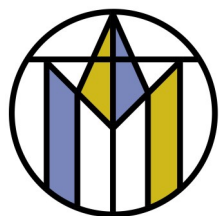
Vocations prayers for Saturday/Sunday:

Saturday, April 18— Fr. Nicholas Nelson
Sunday, April 19— Fr. Scott Padrnos

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 label it "Sanctuary lamp" and place it in the collection basket.



Susan Ritchie



The Ministries Appeal focuses on the shared ministries of the Diocese of Duluth that no one parish can support on their own. If you have not yet given to The Ministries Appeal for 2026, you will be receiving a follow-up Invitation to Give

from Bishop Daniel Felton. Please prayerfully consider a gift in support of the many collective ministries in our diocese.

Checks should be made out to the Diocese of Duluth Ministry Appeal. Thank you!

2026 Ministry Appeal

St Joseph's Goal \$33,111. Given to date \$10,646.

Ways to give



Mail to:

Diocese of Duluth
The Ministries Appeal
2830 E Fourth Street
Duluth, MN 55812



Online at:

dioceseduluth.org



In basket:

At your local church

Collections April 11 / 12, 2026

Envelopes	\$ 3,002.
Loose Plate	\$ 430.
Online giving	\$ 740.
Total	\$ 4,172.



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



Community News

Travel Opportunity: Italy, Austria, Switzerland!

October 19-29, 2026, visiting Italian Lake District * Florence * Venice * Innsbruck * Lucerne Hosted by Fr. Rich Kunst. Contact St. James Church for full brochure 218-624-0125

Polish Dinner Fundraiser at St Mary Star of the Sea

Sunday, April 26th from noon to 3pm. Pork-mashed potatoes & gravy, sauerkraut & polish sausage, sweet & sour cabbage, rolls, polish dessert & beverage. Presale tickets go on sale Sunday, April 12-19th Adults \$20, Kids 6-12 \$15. Day of dinner Adults \$25, kids \$17. Tickets can be purchased in the parish office 218-722-3078 Take out available. Gluten free available.

First Lutheran Church & the Arrowhead Chapter or pleased to present an exciting concert; Nathan Laube,

internationally renowned concert organist. A celebration of the 15th anniversary of the installation of the Jaeckel organ, Opus 52. Sunday, May 3 at 3:00 p.m. First Lutheran- 1100 E. Superior St. Free-will offering (\$20. suggested).

Plover Place fill the pantry! Plover Place is asking for condiments for the fridge and food for the pantry. Jelly, peanut butter, butter, coffee, tuna fish, etc. They are also in need of TV's. This serves a 24 unit, single unit apartments for men and women. Located at 319 Palm St / Office # 651-789-0489. **The residents thank you** for the donations of pillows, blankets, etc. It was very much appreciated! Their thank you is on the bulletin board.

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.

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY TO POLAND! Join Fr. Tony Wroblewski on a spiritual journey to Poland in the Spring of 2027. The journey will include visits to Krakow, Warsaw, the International Shrine of Divine Mercy, Zakopane, Czestochowa and more! To be placed on the priority mailing list to receive your free color brochure & registration form, email your name, address, phone number, and your email address, to Fr. Tony at: fr.anthony.wroblewski@duluthcatholic.org.