



St. Joseph Catholic Church

*A beacon of hope to
Duluth Heights*

**May 3, 2026
Fifth 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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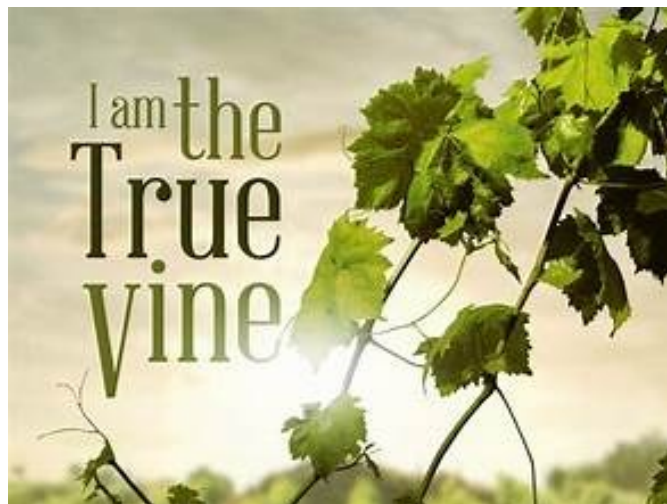
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Office Hours

Monday– Wednesday
8:30 am to 1:00 pm



*I am the true vine and you are the
branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains
in me, and I in him, bears fruit in
plenty, alleluia.
John 15: 1,5.*

Calendar of upcoming events:

Sunday, May 3 First Communion –Mass

Monday, May 4 Chico Bible Study 2 pm

Rummage sale set up starting 3:30 pm

Tuesday, May 5 Funeral planning 2 pm Upstairs

Tuesday & Wednesday-Rummage sale set up all day downstairs

Thursday, May 7 Rummage sale 9 am to 6 pm

Friday, May 8 Rummage sale 9 am to 3 pm

Tuesday, May 12 Knights of Columbus meeting

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

Pope's Monthly Intention for May That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 2	4:30pm	Jack Kuriger †
Sunday, May 3	9:30am	Betty Johnson †
Wed., May 6	8:00am	All Parishioners
Friday, May 8	8:00am	All Parishioners
Saturday, May 9	4:30pm	Susan Ritchie †
Sunday, May 10	9:30am	All Parishioners

May 2 / 3 Ministry Schedule

Saturday

Lector: Russ Lemker

EM: Erin Keeley

Ushers: Joanie McNamara / Gloria Brunette

Sunday

Lector: Raymone Kral

EM: Chico Anderson / Patty Ahrens*

Ushers: Arlette DeGrio / Pat Reynolds

Altar Servers: Elizabeth Larson / Lucy Obaid

May 9 / 10 Ministry Schedule

Saturday

Lector: Annette Ouellette

EM: Marilyn Fleming

Ushers: Claudia Kamp / Sarah Kamp

Sunday

Lector: Tony Larson

EM: Chico Anderson / Jane MacDougall *

Ushers: Raymone Kral / Arlette DeGrio

Altar Servers: Noah Larson / Sam Obaid

From Father's Desk

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Today, we reflected on Christian unity, emphasizing the belief that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, and is the sole path to the Father. As a parish community, we join together to celebrate our young members' first Holy Communion, marking their reception of the Lord in body, blood, soul, and divinity, and welcoming them into the life of Christ around the altar. By extending Holy Communion to them, it is our hope that they will continue to grow in faith, hope, and love, and develop into Christians who uphold, live, share, and exemplify the truth in their daily lives.

We are all greatly blessed as we come to the Father through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who shares with us the extension of grace and hope, healing and joy as we come together in unity, we become ever stronger in our faith and our witness.

May the blessings of the Lord be extended to our young people who receive their First Communion. To their families, and to the total parish, we grow together on our journey to the promise of resurrection, the promise of eternal life, the promise of heaven. For now, we have the Eucharist to be our strength food for our spiritual lives.

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!

Chico's Bible Study Monday, May 4th

Our Monday Bible Seminar dealing with some essential life questions the Bible offers answers will be on Monday, May 4, from 2:00 to 3:30 PM in the St. Joseph Church Hall. We will focus on some important questions. Do we have a heavy yoke? What does it mean to be important? Is it humble to be humble? Who is really in control? Death ... what next? This will be our last session until Autumn. Deacon Chico is already "cooking up" come informative classes for September/October before we delve into Matthew's Advent's Bible Study session.

**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, May 5th & Wednesday, May 6th—great way to get acquainted with fellow parishioners. We need lots of hands this week! Let Pat know you can volunteer.

Just a reminder for 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.



Knights of Columbus Scholarship

The Saint Joseph Knights of Columbus Council 8268 are once again offering their academic scholarship for post-secondary education based on qualified applicants. Consideration will be given to those students who are—or have been—actively involved in the parish (such as altar server, reader, usher, music liturgy, Life Teen, a helper at Knights of Columbus functions, and so on) graduating in this academic year, 2025-2026. To download an application use the link, below, or scan the QR code and follow the instructions to apply. Deadline for submissions is Tuesday 30th June 2026.



The St Joseph's Knights of Columbus would like to extend a sincere "Thank you" to all who contributed so generously to the Tootsie roll campaign last weekend. 100% of the donations

collected stay right here in the Duluth area to support children and youth struggling with intellectual disabilities. We collected \$456.00!

Vocations prayers for Saturday/Sunday:

Saturday, May 2 Deacon Dennis Anderson

Sunday, May 3 Fr James Bissonette



Please note that our grief group, **Healing Hearts**, will meet for the last time before summer break on Tuesday, May 5 from 7-8:30 pm in the church social hall. All are welcome!

Thank you from Chum

Thank you Fr. John and St Joseph's Church in the Heights, for your contribution of **153 pounds** of food. Your gift has been designated for Chum's Food Shelf....



The Ministry Schedule will be created mid-May. Please check your calendars and email the office for any weekends in June, July and August that you cannot volunteer. Please do this by Friday, May 8th. Thank you! It is very much appreciated.

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

FIRST COMMUNION is today. We have four excited children.

Their names are:

Ivy Ronchetti

Ronan Kerfeld

Owan Kerfeld

Jonathan Crusan



Please keep them in your prayers.

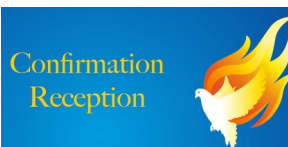
We had a great time at our "end of year" party. We want to thank our prayer pals who prayed for us and who were able to attend our party. This party concluded our Wednesday night Faith Formation program for this year.

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

CONFIRMATION- We have two students who will be confirmed on May 20th at St. James.

Please keep:

Jacob Johnson and Emily Cain in your prayers.



We need three volunteers who can help with the confirmation social at St. James such as setting out the food, replenishing the food table, and cleaning up. **TIME TO ARRIVE 7:15-7:30** on May 20th (Wednesday). Please contact Rose in the church or 218-722-1332.



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.

Sanctuary Lamp for the Week

Annette Barker

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.

Please contact the parish office...

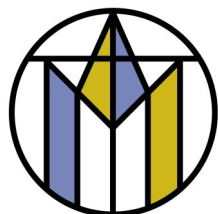
for arranging baptisms, marriage preparation, funeral planning or any sacramental needs. We are here to help and navigate whatever your needs are. Thank you!

Need your lawn mowed this summer?

Hannah Freberg wants to earn extra money- will cut your lawn this summer. Please call 218/481-4082 if you're interested.



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



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 \$12,710.

Left to goal \$20,401. Percentage of goal: 38%

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

St Joseph's Collection

Collections April 25 / 26, 2026

Envelopes	\$ 3,831.
Loose Plate	\$ 459.
Online giving	\$ 890.
Total	\$ 5,180.



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



Silent/Live Auction
Food
Polka Band
Stein Holding Contest



Friday, May 29th
5:00 PM
Stella Maris Academy
High School Campus

Stella Maris News

Our annual Stellabration is coming up on May 29th with an Oktoberfest theme! This important fundraiser supports all of our campuses, helping to

cover everything from curriculum costs and building maintenance to technology, teacher development, and playground equipment. It's also one of the most fun ways to connect with our community - featuring great food, drinks, music, and exciting auctions.

There are many ways to support this special event: purchase tickets, sponsor a table, donate items to our live or silent auction, or contribute to your classroom's themed basket. Each grade level creates a basket to be auctioned off, with bidding available both at the event and remotely.

Community News

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.

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.

Plover Place Needs... Plover Place is asking for men's & women's tennis shoes, socks and jackets. Any donated item they can't use goes to Salvation Army. They have one new picnic table but are looking for outdoor chairs. This serves a 24 unit, single unit apartments for men and women. Located at 319 Palm St / Office # 651-789-0489.

Please join the Duluth Serra Ministry in praying for our May Seminarian of the Month, Zavior Franck. Zavior is in his third year of Configuration at the North American College in Rome. His home parish is St. Joseph in Crosby.