

# Catholic Churches of

## St Mary's

15 1st Ave. NE  
Deer River, MN  
56636

## St. Josephs Mission

51061 Wolf Drive  
Ball Club, MN  
56636

## St. Charles

308 Central Ave. N  
Cass Lake, MN  
56633



## Third Sunday of Advent

December 14th 2025



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." - Mt 11:10

## Reconciliation

### St Charles

Saturday 10:00 - 11:00 AM.  
And during Adoration

### St. Mary's

1/2 Hour before each Mass.  
And during Adoration

### St. Josephs

During Adoration.

## Adoration

### St. Mary's

Wednesday 9-10AM

### St. Charles

Thursday 9-10AM

### St. Josephs

Saturday 3:30-4:30PM  
followed by Benediction

## Weekend Mass Times

Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 PM St. Joseph

Sunday 8:30 AM St. Mary's

Sunday 11:00 AM St. Charles

## Weekday Mass Times

Tue. & Wed. 830 AM - St. Mary's

Thur. & Fri. 8:30 AM - St. Charles

## Office Hours

(218)-246-8582

Mon - Thu 9:00am-1:00pm

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Greetings (Boozhoo Aaniin)!

I hope the Advent season is going well for everyone! It can be difficult not to celebrate Christmas early, but it is very healthy to take this time to be able to allow silence into our daily life. We remember that we were created out of Love (God) for Love, and to love. Our reason here on earth is that we get to heaven and help each other to get to heaven. As I returned to the Church, I was excited in learning about the Catholic faith. I as look back, I see how God was with me on my conversion—how he waited for me to be at my lowest in life before raising me back to where he wants me. I must say that I am still growing in my relationship with him.

I felt that at the beginning of my conversion, in 2009, I learned the basic prayers first before I prayed the Creed. I learned how to pray the “Our Father”, then the “Hail Mary”, and lastly, the “Glory be”. Yes, I had to begin from the beginning, go back to elementary level learning. A month or so later, I began to recite the Creed at Mass. When I did, I felt that I truly meant what I said—that I believe in One God, the Father almighty. After reciting the Creed with true belief, then the fun really began—digging deeper into the mysteries of the Catholic faith.

As I continue to look at my conversion, I also found that God had me leave my old friends and acquaintances. As I moved, my old friends slowly and naturally went away. But God brought new friends and acquaintances into my life. These new people were ones that lived out their faith life, and they helped me learn more about the faith. I also remember the first priest that God brought me to during the initial stages of my conversion, and it was Father Rich Kunst, now pastor of Saint James in West Duluth. He is a good apologist who I enjoyed when he taught about our faith.

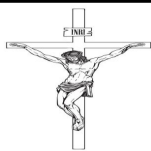
It is now sixteen years since I began my journey back into the Catholic Church. I have grown a lot in the faith and my relationship with God. However, I do have much more to learn and grow. This all happened by saying “yes” to the invitation from Jesus, and to cooperate as best as I could to his grace. We are all invited and ought to respond. It takes perseverance, but as one grows deeper, one will find more peace, joy, and reason in life. I continue to pray that each of you will take this opportunity to grow in your relationship with God and the Catholic faith. You will not regret it!

God bless, Father Trevor Peterson

Question: During the liturgical year, when is the very first solemnity celebrated?

### **Prayer for the third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete**

Dear Lord, In this season of bustle, help us to stay watchful and alert to the spaces and places You are calling us to bring Your love and light. Amen.



## **Mass Offerings**

**Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>**



Third Sunday  
of Advent

<b>Sun: St. M:</b>	14 <sup>th</sup>	†	For the Parishioners of our cluster parishes
<b>St. C:</b>	14 <sup>th</sup>	†	James & Agnes Nash
<b>Mon:</b>	15 <sup>st</sup>		No Mass
<b>Tue:</b>	16 <sup>th</sup>	†	Alice Hickey
<b>Wed:</b>	17 <sup>th</sup>	†	John Larson
<b>Thurs:</b>	18 <sup>th</sup>		Isaac Claffin
<b>Fri:</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>		Amy Schmitd
<b>Sat:</b>	20 <sup>th</sup>		For the Parishioners of our cluster parishes

Free will offering

**SIP, SIP  
HOORAY!  
COFFEE  
&  
DONUTS  
ON US  
TODAY!**

**St. Charles  
After Mass**



*Do you desire to offer  
Mass for your loved ones?*

*Mass Intention envelopes are available  
in the entry of the church. You may  
drop them off in the  
Weekend collection basket.  
“I will raise him on the last days” -  
John 6:40*





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**W**elcome to the third Sunday of Advent!! As I was looking at Formed, trying to discern where God might be guiding me, I found Behold | Advent with Dr. Miriam James, SOLT. I watched the first episode (there's one each week about ten minutes long) and it was, in a word, moving. I've never really considered Advent as a time of healing and I find that intriguing. I will definitely be watching each week during Advent this year. When you get a chance, check it out. I think we could all use a little healing.



## Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve. Wednesday December 24th @ St. Joeseph's Mission 5:00pm

Christmas Day Thursday Dec. 25th @ St. Charles 8:00am

Christmas Day Thursday Dec. 25th @ St. Mary's 10:30am

Answer: December 8th — the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Mary's Deadline extension. Would you like to have love ones remembered in the **Christmas Memorial Garden?**

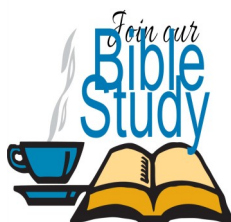
**December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Sign up sheets are in the narthex of the church.

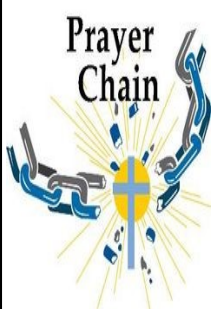


The third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete Sunday" Gaudete in Latin is "Rejoice". Marked with the rose candle. This celebration is a reminder to us that God is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy.

Fr. Trevor will be presenting a Bible study starting January 6th @ 7pm. Sponsored by the St. Mary's Men's group. Keep a watch out for more details in the bulletin or our website. [lakewinniecatholicparishes.com](http://lakewinniecatholicparishes.com)



**Save the date. February 13th 2026**  
**Faith Formation Fundraiser "Trivia Night"**  
More information to come in the bulletin.



### St. Charles

Prayer requests, call or Text:  
Kathleen Braun (218)-760-3644

### St. Joseph & St. Mary's

Prayer requests, call:  
Elaine Grossell  
(218)-246-8099



**All Bulletin announcements** must be submitted no later than 11:00 AM on Mondays, two weeks prior to said event. Thank You & God Bless



## St. Mary's

**CCW**  
Council of Catholic Women

January 4th Following Mass  
The Epiphany of the Lord Breakfast Egg  
Bake with muffins, fruit, juice, coffee.  
Come join us for good eats & fellowship.

## November 30<sup>th</sup> 2025 Contribution Report

Thank you for your generous contributions!



Parish	Envelopes	Plate	On-Line	Total	Ministries Appeal	Ministries Appeal Goal	Collected By 11/17/25
St. Charles	\$370.00	\$156.00	\$415.00	\$941.00	\$50.00	\$10,146.00	\$6,242.00
St. Joseph	\$290.00	\$91.00	\$100.00	\$481.00	-	\$3,538.00	\$2,267.00
St. Mary's	\$255.00	\$489.00	\$185.00	\$929.00	\$40.00	\$11,066.00	\$8,770.00