

# 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



## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21st 2025



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,  
because he will save his people from their sins." - Mt 1:21

## 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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We have arrived on the Fourth Sunday of Advent! I pray that everyone's Advent Season was fruitful and was able to grow closer to God. As Saint Paul teaches us to compete as to win, and finish the race strong, I encourage everyone to finish Advent strong by continuing what began four weeks ago! If anyone did not start anything for Advent, I highly encourage to begin even though there are only a few days until the great celebration of Christmas, Jesus' Birthday!

As a reminder, Christmas Eve Mass is at Saint Joseph's and is at 5:00 PM. Christmas Day Masses, Saint Charles' will be at 8:00 AM and Saint Mary's is at 10:30 AM. There is something very special about being a parishioner at a parish. It is not a member of a club, but part of a family. So, I hope parishioners who are not traveling will consider joining us for Masses at their home parishes because it makes Christmas Mass special when family (New Covenant) comes together to celebrate Jesus' birthday.

Lastly, I pray that everyone has a blessed and Merry Christmas. May God bless all of you. For our parishioners who are traveling for Christmas and New Years, know that we will be praying for you as you celebrate with loved ones elsewhere, and have safe travels.

God bless, Father Trevor Peterson



Getting to know the Saints.

St. Stephen | Feast Day December 26

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

Answer: The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

	<h2>Mass Offerings</h2> <p>Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> - Dec. 27<sup>th</sup></p>		
<p>Fourth Sunday of Advent</p>	<p><b>Sun: St. M:</b> 21<sup>st</sup> †</p>	<p>Rita Howard</p>	<p><i><u>Do you desire to offer Mass for your loved ones?</u></i></p> <p><i>Mass Intention envelopes are available in the entry of the church. You may drop them off in the Weekend collection basket.</i></p> <p><i>"I will raise him on the last days" - John 6:40</i></p>
	<p><b>St. C:</b> 21<sup>st</sup> †</p>	<p>Dennis Bergeron</p>	
	<p><b>Mon:</b> 22<sup>nd</sup></p>	<p>No Mass</p>	
<p>St. John of Kanty</p>	<p><b>Tue:</b> 23<sup>rd</sup> †</p>	<p>Maryquinn Rafferty</p>	
	<p><b>Wed:</b> 24<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Eva Greeler</p>	
<p>Nativity of the Lord</p>	<p><b>Thurs: St. C:</b> 25<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>For the parishioners of our cluster parishes</p>	
	<p><b>St. M:</b> 25<sup>th</sup> †</p>	<p>Ashton Russell Jr.</p>	
<p>St. Stephen</p>	<p><b>Fri:</b> 26<sup>th</sup> †</p>	<p>Don Fry</p>	
<p>St. John, Apostle</p>	<p><b>Sat:</b> 27<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Dan Villeneuve Family</p>	





FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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**W**elcome to the fourth Sunday of Advent!! Check out Behold | Advent with Dr. Miriam James, SOLT. There is one episode for each week of Advent about ten minutes long. Check the QR code to your right and share with friends and family. There will be NO classes December 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Classes will resume January 7<sup>th</sup> 2026

*There will be NO Morning Mass @ St. Mary's on Tuesday Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> & Wednesday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>.*

"He who carries God in his heart bears heaven with him wherever he goes"  
—St. Ignatius of Loyola



### St. Joseph's Mission

Christmas Eve

Wednesday

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>

**5:00 PM**



### St. Charles Christmas Day

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> **8:00 AM**

St. Mary's  
Christmas Day

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>

**10:30 AM**

### Holy Day of Obligation Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

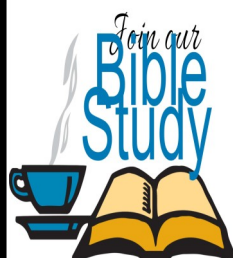
Wed. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> Vigil Mass St. Charles 5:30 pm

Thurs. Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> Mass St. Mary's 9:00 am

Save the date. February 13th 2026

Faith Formation Fundraiser "Trivia Night"

Morse Town Hall on Highway 46



Fr. Trevor will be presenting a Bible Study starting January 6th @ 7pm.

Downstairs at St. Mary's church. Sponsored by the St. Mary's Men's group. Keep a watch out for more details in the bulletin or our website.

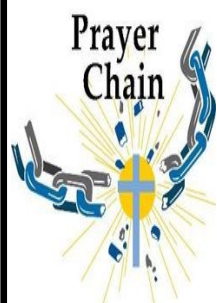
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### All Bulletin

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

### Hello St. Charles Parishioners

If you would like to make a donation towards Christmas flowers in remembrance of a loved one, please put your name, the name of your loved one(s), with your free will donation in an envelope and drop it in the collection. Look to the bulletin & our website for the remembrance list. Please Pray!



### 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



### December 7<sup>th</sup> 2025 Contribution Report

*Thank you for your generous contributions!*



Parish	Envelopes	Plate	On-Line	Total	Retired Religious	Ministries Appeal Goal	Collected By 11/17/25
St. Charles	\$390.00	\$48.00	\$555.00	\$993.00	\$155.00	\$10,146.00	\$6,242.00
St. Joseph	\$290.00	\$238.00	\$185.00	\$713.00	\$110.00	\$3,538.00	\$2,267.00
St. Mary's	\$440.00	\$229.00	\$1,145.00	\$1,814.00	\$160.00	\$11,066.00	\$8,770.00