

# 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



## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



## THE HOLY FAMILY

"Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt." - Mt 2:14

Question: What is the meaning of "Marana tha?"

## 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

December 28th 2025

### Office Hours

**(218)-246-8582**

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

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[lakewinniecatholicparishes.com](http://lakewinniecatholicparishes.com)

## 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. 8:30 AM - St. Mary's

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

Greetings (Boozhoo Aaniin)!

Merry Christmas everyone! I hope that everyone was able to be with family and friends as we celebrated Jesus' birthday! However, the Catholic Church sees this as a big celebration and does not celebrate Jesus' birthday for only one day. She celebrates and invites us to celebrate His birth just over two weeks which the season ends on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, when we celebrate Jesus' baptism. I invite everyone to take the Christmas season with great joy and celebration!

On January 1<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate the Solemnity of Holy Mary, Mother of God (Theotokos). Here is a snippet from *The Catholic Company on Theotokos*:

*"Theotokos" means "God-bearer"—that is, one who gave birth to God.*

*The word was in use by the 3rd century. The Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. formally approved it, making it the Blessed Mother's first official title. Subsequent councils reaffirmed the vital significance of Theotokos, most notably the Council of Ephesus in 431.*

*Why was the Church so bent on reminding everyone about this title?*

*Because Theotokos is far more than a devout way of honoring the Blessed Mother: it is a one-word defense of the Hypostatic Union—that is, the union of Christ's two Natures, divine and human, in His one divine Person* ([What does the word "Theotokos" mean? | The Catholic Company®](#))

Because we honor Mary as Mother of God, January 1<sup>st</sup> is a Day of Obligation. Mass at Saint Charles Church will be on December 31<sup>st</sup>, at 5:30 PM, and at Saint Mary's Church on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 AM. Let's come together on the first day of the year to worship our God through Mary, His Mother!

Lastly, we have the Trivia Night team sign up on our website! Please let as many people know! This fundraiser is to help pay our DRE wages! A Director of Religious Education is very important at any parish. They work hard to set up classes, teach classes, go to camps, put summer activities together, create healthy and strong relationships with students and families, to help the pastor at the parish, and the list goes on. So, I pray that we may have as many teams as we can raise enough money to help cut the cost down from the collection baskets. Lastly, we are always looking for volunteers to help with this event. Please contact Rick Norris if you are interested in helping at this event. Thank you for all your help.

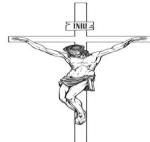
God bless, Father Trevor Peterson

## **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD.**

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> 5:30 PM**  
**ST. CHARLES (VIGIL MASS)**

**THURSDAY JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
**9:00 AM ST. MARY'S**

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



## **Mass Offerings**

**Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> - Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The Holy family of **Sun: St. M:** 28<sup>th</sup>  
Jesus, Mary, Joseph

**Mon:** 29<sup>th</sup>

**Tue:** 30<sup>th</sup>

**Wed:** 31<sup>st</sup>

**Thur:** 1<sup>st</sup>

**Fri:** 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Sat:** 3<sup>rd</sup>

**The Universal Church**  
For the Parishioners of  
our cluster parishes

No Mass

Lucille Greeler

Alice Hickey

Milly Mracek

James & Agnes Nash

Rita Howard



**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*

Solemnity of Mary  
St. Basil the Great



# Faith Formation

Answers: Come, Lord Jesus

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Faith Formation classes will resume **January 7th**:

"Awake, mankind! For your sake God has become man...I tell you again: for your sake, God has become man."

-- St. Augustine

**Weekly Offering Envelopes** are here.



If you requested envelopes,

Please don't forget to pick them up today.

If you like, you can donate on-line by going to our website at [lakewinniecatholicparishes.com](http://lakewinniecatholicparishes.com)

**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed **JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>** for the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.**



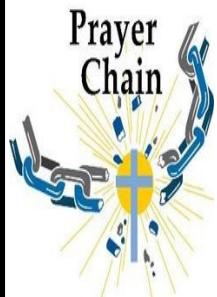
*St. Mary's Epiphany Egg Bake*  
**When:** following Mass January 4th 2026  
**Cost:** Free will offering  
**Join us for fellowship, a sip and a chew.**

**St. Mary's 2026 Church Cleaning**



*Sign-up sheet is out  
 Please consider  
 Cleaning the Church.*

**Prayer Chain**



**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



Elementary: 2:35 - 4:00 pm

Confirmation: 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Youth Group (High School): 6:00 - 7:30 pm

"There are two ways of knowing how good God is: one is never to lose him, and the other is to lose him and then to find him"  
 -Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



*May God Bless  
 You And Yours  
 This  
 Christmas  
 Season*



**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 marked "Christmas Flowers" and drop it in the collection. Look to the bulletin & our website for the remembrance list. Please Pray always!

**All Bulletin**

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

**December 14<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	\$345.00	\$160.00	\$465.00	\$970.00	-	\$10,146.00	\$6,242.00
St. Joseph	\$495.00	\$53.00	\$150.00	\$698.00	-	\$3,538.00	\$2,267.00
St. Mary's	\$165.00	\$168.00	\$185.00	\$518.00	-	\$11,066.00	\$8,770.00