

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

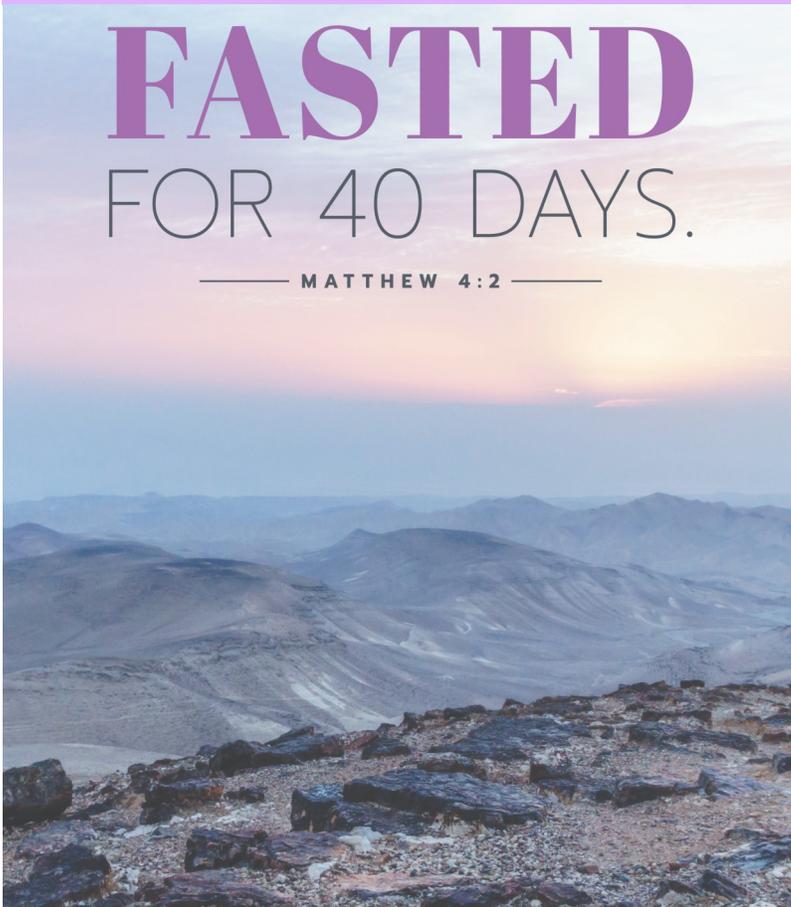


1st Sunday of Lent

February 22nd 2026

FASTED
FOR 40 DAYS.

— MATTHEW 4:2 —



Office Hours

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Up-Coming Events:

April 2nd - Holy Thursday

April 3rd - Good Friday

April 4th - Holy Saturday

April 5th - Easter Sunday

Reconciliation

St. Mary's

1/2 Hour before each Mass.
And during Adoration

St Charles

Saturday 10:00 - 11:00 AM.
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. 8:30 AM - **St. Mary's**

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

Greetings (Boozhoo)

Choices. Our scriptures for this first Sunday of Lent speak to us of choices made for good or ill in the biblical tradition. They also call us during this penitential season to reflect on our own choices and the place to which they have taken us. It may mean that we have to make new choices on our journey of salvation.

Adam and Eve, when offered the possibility of knowing good and evil, accepted the option and quickly discovered what evil was. In the midst of their blessings and the experience of good, they violated the single precept that had been given them. Thus began the cascading torrent of evil to which all humanity was subjected. In speaking to the Romans, Paul teaches that, as a result of Adam's revolt, subsequent humanity has appropriated his sinfulness through disobedience in one form or another. Thus did sin more and more abound.

But there were other choices as well. The favor of God, achieved through Christ, has far exceeded Adam's sin in its consequences. Through obedience to the Father, Christ reversed the tide of sin and obtained new life for all those who accept it. This choice of obedience is seen primarily but not exclusively in Christ's saving death. In the course of his earthly life, he repeatedly made choices in favor of the Father's will.

In the gospel today there is a dramatic presentation of the type of temptation to which Jesus is subjected at various moments of his earthly mission. Like Moses and Elijah before him, he spends forty days of prayer and fasting in the desert, after which the tempter approaches him. To appease his human appetite of hunger, Jesus is offered bread; to cater to his sense of self-importance, he is offered a display of self-aggrandizement; to appeal to a sense of wealth and power, he is offered riches and prestige. He rejects all these temptations.

The narrative bears a striking similarity to the appeals of our own day. The temptation to satisfy the sensual appetites appears in various guises—sex, alcohol, and drugs, to name a few. Advertising constantly appeals to our basic appetites, as well as our legitimate human needs, and pushes us far beyond what is necessary. Second, we all know how often pride goes before a fall. We jockey for position, cultivate the powerful, and generally dislike being in second place. We take precedence over others in order to get ahead. Finally, wealth and power attract not only those of modest means but also those who have acquired more than sufficient riches. Greed is found in executive offices as well as on the lower floors. And the greed of management has made employees and simple investors bear a heavy burden.

Lent is a time for reflection. It is a time to evaluate our own choices, to repent for past mistakes, and to pray for right judgment in the future. We are all children of Adam and bear a share of culpability. Yet the example of Christ is always before us, and his grace is ours for the asking. Will Lent come and go with no change in our life and attitude? Or will it be a moment in which we choose a new and better path?

Lawrence Boadt and Celine M. Allen, eds., *The Paulist Liturgy Planning Guide: For the Readings of Sundays and Major Feast Days*, vol. 1 (New York; Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 2004–2007), 61–62.

God bless, Father Trevor Peterson

Mass Offerings

Feb. 22nd - Feb. 28th



Sun: St. M: 22nd	† Kathy (Besse) Seelye
St. C: 22nd	Denise Klein
Mon: 23rd	No Mass
Tue: 24th	Cyras Post
Wed: 25th	Ryan & Maria Voigt Family
Thurs: 26th	† James and Agnes Nash
Fri: 27th	Devin Markel
Sat: 28th	Zack Karima

*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

Question: According to Acts, who was selected to replace the Apostle Judas?



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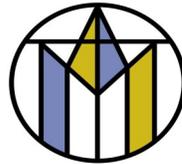
Class will be in session February 25th

Elementary: 2:35 - 4:00 pm

St. Mary's Youth Group: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

The Ministries Appeal is happening this weekend! If you have not already done so, please make your gift in support of the collective ministries. **3 ways to Give:**

Mail to: Diocese of Duluth
Ministries Appeal
2830 E Fourth Street
Duluth, MN 55812



On-Line at:
dioceseduluth.org/the-ministries-appeal.

In the basket: At your local church

Share Our Bulletin

Is there someone you know who is unable to attend Mass? Please pick up an extra bulletin and personally deliver it. The next best thing is to have one mailed. Please call the office to arrange. Did you know our bulletin is published each week online? Go to our websites listed on the front of this bulletin and click on bulletins. Have a Blessed day!

Saintly Words of Wisdom

"Be one of the small numbers who find the way to life, and enter by the narrow gate into heaven. Take care not to follow the majority and the common herd, so many of whom are lost. Do not be deceived; there are only two roads: one that leads to life and is narrow; the other that leads to death and is wide. There is no middle way." - St. Louis de Montfort

Lenten Blessing:

Bless us in Your mercy, Lord, as we enter these 40 Days of Lent. Use this time to call, anoint, bind, strengthen, and inspire us anew. Like a good shepherd, teach us Your voice, and give us the strength to follow. Amen.

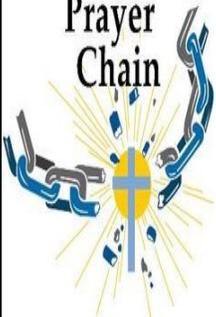
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St. Mary's 2026 Church Cleaning

The Sign-up sheet is out. A few months open. We can use your help in keeping our church a clean place to worship our God and Savior. God Bless & Thank You!



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

Answer: St. Mathias.

PRAYER CHAIN



St. Charles

Join Us for Coffee & Donuts after Sunday Mass



All Bulletin

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

February 15th 2026 Contribution Report

Thank you for your generous contributions!



Parish	Envelopes	Plate	On-Line	Total	Ministries Appeal Goal	Collected As of 1/1/26	Balance Due
St. Charles	\$680.10	\$110.00	\$415.00	\$1,205.10	\$11,453.00	\$50.00	\$11,403.00
St. Joseph	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$300.00	\$4,419.00	\$0.00	\$4,419.00
St. Mary's	\$205.00	\$557.00	\$210.00	\$972.00	\$12,528.00	\$300.00	\$12,228.00