

# Sacred Heart Church ~ Baudette



# Saint Joseph Church ~ Williams

Lake of the Woods, Minnesota



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.

### Mass Times

St. Joseph, Williams ~ Saturday: 4:30 PM  
Sacred Heart, Baudette ~ Sunday: 10:30 AM  
St. Mary, Warroad ~ Sat. 6:00 PM, Sun. 8:30 AM  
Weekdays and Holy days as listed in bulletin.

### Parish Office

104 1<sup>st</sup> St SW, PO Box 738, Baudette MN 56623  
(218) 634-2689 [ourlady@mncable.net](mailto:ourlady@mncable.net)  
This number is not listed in telephone books.  
Office hours: M-W-F 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

### Clergy

**Pastor** Fr. Todd Arends St. Mary's, Warroad  
218-280-7880 [tarends@saintmarywarroad.org](mailto:tarends@saintmarywarroad.org)  
**Deacon** Jim Lukenbill 218-766-5107

### Parish Website

[sacredheartbaudette.org](http://sacredheartbaudette.org)

Find here recent bulletins, monthly calendars and visitor information.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays, 11AM – 5PM in Sacred Heart basement chapel

### Planning a Marriage or Baptism?

Contact our pastor or deacon for more information.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available by request after Sunday or weekday Masses at Sacred Heart and before Mass at St. Joseph or by appointment.

### Homebound or in a health care facility?

### Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Call clergy if Holy Communion and/or a visit is desired. Hospitals will not call unless a patient asks that a priest be notified.

### Are You a New or Seasonal Parishioner?

To help to serve you better, please register with the parish office.

### Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, please contact Cindy Hulst, LSW, the diocesan Victim's Assistance Coordinator at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

### Abortion Alternatives

[Bemidjipregnancyoptions.com](http://Bemidjipregnancyoptions.com) or (218) 444-3035  
Heartbeat International, [optionline.org](http://optionline.org) 1-800-712-HELP

### Roses in December Alzheimer's support group

Local contact: Les Nelson at 218-556-1426



## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, December 16, 4:30 pm** for the parishes

**Sunday, December 17, 10:30 am** John Mitchell †

by Heidi & Jason Jensen

**Wednesday, December 20**

**8:00 am** TBA

**10:30 am** Margaret Keiter †

by Dale & Bernice Merschman

**Friday, December 22, 8:00 am** Jim Kempenich †

by Kathy Philpot

**Saturday, December 23, 4:30 pm** Richard Schaefer †

by Lois Schaefer

**Sunday, December 24, 10:30 am** Vicki Brucciani †

by Joe Brucciani

## Liturgical Ministers

**Saturday, December 23, 4:30 pm** St. Joseph's

*Eucharistic Minister:* Jan Charlton

*Lector:* Sue Lemm

**Sunday, December 24, 10:30 am** Sacred Heart

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*

Tom & Terri Mio, Dale Boretski, Bob Gubbels

*Lector:* Mary Boomgaarden

*Cantor:* Stacy Novak

*Accompanist:* Lorene Hanson

*Altar Server:* Emily Tange

*Ushers:* Liz Lockner, Dale Boretski

**Hospitality Time ~ Sacred Heart**

December 24 – Don & Mary McKay

Jeff & Jennifer Hovde

**St. Joseph Church cleaning**

December 23 – Jeanne Krousey

## Stewardship of Treasure

December 9/10	Sacred Heart	St. Joseph
Envelopes	\$1436(36)*	\$ 589(11)*
Plate	<u>\$ 38</u>	<u>\$ 105</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1474</b>	<b>\$694</b>

**THANK YOU!**

\* Indicates the number of envelopes used.



Coffee and rolls are served downstairs after the 10:30 AM Mass this Sunday. Everyone is welcome to come relax and visit.

## The Week Ahead

**Monday, December 18**

2:00 PM Bingo at the Care Center

**Wednesday, December 20**

8:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart

10:30 AM Mass at the Care Center

4-5 PM 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Education – SH

6:30-8 PM 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Education- SH

**Thursday, December 21**

11am-5pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

5-7 PM Confessions at Sacred Heart

**Friday, December 22**

8:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart

**Saturday, December 23**

4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass at St. Joseph

5:30 PM Potluck and decorating at St. Joseph

**Sunday, December 24**

9:15 AM Choir practice at Sacred Heart

10:05 AM Rosary at Sacred Heart

10:30 AM Mass at Sacred Heart

11:30 AM Hospitality Time – Sacred Heart

7:00 PM Christmas Mass at Sacred Heart

## Students Grade 8-12 don't forget about

### Steubenville North

#### When is Steubenville?

The conference runs from July 27-29, 2018 and takes place on the campus of the University of St. Thomas. We are again looking to leave the night before the conference (July 26<sup>th</sup>) and drive as far as Park Rapids to stay overnight and catch the bus and we are hoping to have time after the conference to relax together and then serve at "Feed My Starving Children." So, the tentative dates are July 26-30, 2018.

#### How much does it cost?

The total cost for registration is \$385, with a non-refundable deposit of \$75 needed to hold your spot. Do not let finances make or break your decision to join us at this great conference.

#### How do I sign up?

We have a limited number of spots available, so all registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. A place will be held for you after you contact Fr. Todd ([tarends@saintmarywarroad.org](mailto:tarends@saintmarywarroad.org) or 218-386-1178) and we receive your \$75 deposit.

**The cutoff date for registration is January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

## Advent Confession Times

### St. Mary's

Saturday Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> 9am-noon

### Sacred Heart

Thursday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 5-7pm

## Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve - Sunday

7 pm Sacred Heart Church - Baudette

10:00 pm St. Mary's Church - Warroad

Christmas Day - Monday

8 am St. Joseph Church - Williams

10 am St. Mary's Church - Warroad

I realize that some people are sensitive to incense so I wanted to let everyone know which Christmas Masses we will be using incense. We will use incense during both of our Christmas Eve Masses and we will not be using incense during either of our Christmas Morning Masses.

## Up Coming Religious Education Classes

1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades Wednesdays, 4-5 PM

7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grades Wednesdays, 6:30-8 PM

Dec. 20, Jan. 3 & 17, Feb. 7 & 21

March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18 at Sacred Heart

## Living Faith – Daily Devotions

The January-March issue of *Living Faith* is now available in the church entryway. Since each devotion is a personal reflection on a Scripture passage from the day's Mass readings, readers pray and meditate along with the seasons of the Church year.

### Bible Readings for the Week of December 18-24

Monday	Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday	Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday	Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45
Friday	1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Saturday	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66 (
Sunday	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/ Lk 1:26-38

## St. Joseph Church Poinsettias and Potluck

If you would like to contribute to the purchase of Poinsettias for St. Joseph Church contact Kathy Pieper at 783-4352.

You are also invited to join in Christmas church decorating and potluck after Mass Saturday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Bingo at LakeWood Care Center

This Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2 PM

Please consider assisting residents in an hour of Bingo. Your help is greatly appreciated. Regular volunteers call Joan at the office by 11AM if you are not able to make it so she can recruit help as needed.

## Poinsettias for the Sanctuary



There are flower donation envelopes in the back of church. Include the names of those you would like remembered.

Place donations in the regular collection or send to the parish office. The memorial/honor names will be listed in the December 24<sup>th</sup> bulletin.

## This Week's Mass Prayers for Contemplation Third Sunday of Advent

### Collect

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

### Prayer over the Offerings

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer after Communion

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts. Through Christ our Lord.



# I'm confused about Holy Days of Obligation and Vigil Masses. How do I know that I fulfilled my obligation? How do I know which Mass "counts?"

*by Father Matthew Kraemer*

There is general confusion about what exactly 'counts' for fulfilling the requirement to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. This is understandable since it is, quite simply, confusing.

First of all, on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation the faithful find themselves at the intersection of Canon Law and Liturgical Law, and knowing where one ends and the other begins isn't easy. Second, the Liturgical Law which governs the calendar is not simple because it regulates something with many variables and caveats. However, the purpose of the canonical element is simple: to make sure the faithful are getting to Mass. Moreover, the purpose of the liturgical element is likewise simple: to ensure the faithful are able to celebrate the mysteries of Christ's life, and that the principle mystery, the Paschal Mystery, is not obscured.

The fulfillment of the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and other Holy Days of obligation is a canonical judgment and is determined simply by what day and time a person goes to Mass. To fulfill one's Sunday obligation, one must attend Mass either on Sunday itself or the evening before (Code of Canon Law 1248). The canonical day is from midnight to midnight, and canonical consensus indicates that the "evening" begins at 4 p.m. (Canon 202). To fulfill one's Sunday obligation, one must attend Mass between 4 p.m. on Saturday and midnight on Sunday. The same is the case for Holy Days of Obligation: one must attend Mass on that day, or at 4 p.m. or later on the preceding day.

It is frequently said that so long as the readings are for the Sunday or Holy Day, the Mass "counts" to fulfill the obligation. But that isn't entirely true. The readings to be used are determined by Liturgical Law. Generally, the readings for the Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation will be read at a Mass that fulfills one's obligation. However, this is not always the case, so it is a poor determination of whether or not one's obligation has been fulfilled. For instance, on a Sunday in Ordinary Time (or 4 p.m. or later on a Saturday afternoon in Ordinary Time), a wedding Mass with the readings and prayers for the ritual Mass for marriage may be used. In this case the readings would not be for the Sunday, but one's Sunday obligation would still be fulfilled. So, the fulfillment of one's obligation is not determined by what readings were read, but rather, on what day and at what time one attends Mass.

Another point of confusion can arise when Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation fall on consecutive days, which will be the case this year, since Christmas falls on Monday. **The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent and Christmas, which is a Holy Day of Obligation, are back-to-back. A person with a mind for efficiency might be tempted to try a two-for-one. Couldn't the Christmas Vigil Mass, since it would be on Sunday evening, count for both the Sunday and Christmas obligations? The canonical answer is "no, it would not fulfill the law." There are two obligations, and they need to be fulfilled with two Masses. The liturgical answer goes a little further: "no, but why would you even want to do that?"**

We need to remember that the Christian life is so much more than mere legalism. The Church asks us to attend Mass on these days because it is vital for our life in Christ.

St. Irenaeus of Lyon once said that "the Glory of God is man fully alive." We receive supernatural life through the Mass. The same sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross, whereby which he perfectly glorified the Father and gave life and holiness to man, is made present. He allows us to join him in giving glory to the Father, and we in return receive life, life in abundance.

(reprinted with permission. emphasis added)

## **So what does this mean for Christmas this Year?**

As Fr. Kraemer points with the Fourth Sunday of Advent also being December 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve) we are called to attend Mass twice from Saturday Evening through Monday Morning. We can go to Mass twice on the 24<sup>th</sup> once in the morning and once in the evening, or we could go on the evenings of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> or we could go on the evening of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and morning of the 25<sup>th</sup>, or we could go on the morning of the 24<sup>th</sup> and morning of the 25<sup>th</sup>. You get the picture; we are called to attend one Mass to celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent and one to celebrate Christmas. So please do plan to join us in coming together to celebrate the gift of Advent and the great gift of Christmas.