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t. Mary's Warroad, MN
t. Joseph's Williams, MN
acred Heart Baudette, MN



December 15, 2019

Mass Times

St. Mary's Warroad Saturday 6pm

Sunday 8:30am

St. Joseph Williams Saturday: 4:30pm

Sacred Heart Baudette Sunday 10:30am

Parish Offices

St. Mary's
511 Cedar Ave NW
PO Box 33 Warroad, MN 56763
218-386-1178
stmarys-warroad.org

Sacred Heart
104 1st St. SW
P.O. Box 738 Baudette, MN 56623
218-634-2689
sacredheartbaudette.org

St. Joseph's
400 Park Ave
Williams, MN 56686
Contact Sacred Heart

Fr. Andrew Obel-Pastor
218-850-1783
aobel@mncable.net

Deacon Jim Lukenbill
218-766-5107
ourlady@mncable.net

Terrie Lynn Dignan - Sec/Bookkeeper
stmarys2@mncable.net

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Mary's: Tuesday 5:45-6:45, Saturday 3-3:30pm,
Sunday 7:45-8:15am

St. Joseph's : before Mass

Sacred Heart: by request after Mass

Anytime by appointment

Homebound or in a health care facility?

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Call pastor if Holy Communion/or a visit is desired.

Hospitals will not call unless a patient asks that a priest be notified.

Planning a Marriage or Baptism?

Contact pastor for more information

Parishioners

Please notify the parish office of changes of address or telephone number.

If you are new to the area or a seasonal parishioner please register with the parish office

Abortion Alternative

Birthright~1-800-550-4900

Crisis Pregnancy Helpline~1-888-4-OPTIONS

Bemidjipregnancyoptions.com or 218-444-3035

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Cindy Hulst, LSW,

218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

St. Mary's Week Ahead

Saturday Dec. 14
6 pm Mass + Dale Coulter
(Soup & Sandwiches following Mass)

Sunday Dec. 15
8:30 am Mass + Richard LaChappelle
6:30 pm HS RE

Tuesday Dec. 17
5:15 pm + Tim Holmseth

Wednesday Dec. 18
10:30 am Rosary/Prayer Group
2 - 3:30 pm Elem RE
6:30 pm MS RE and Penance Services

Thursday Dec. 19
10:30 am Mass@WSLC + Karin Johnston

Friday Dec. 20
8:30 am Mass + Sandra Huerd

Saturday Dec. 21
6 pm Mass for the Parishes
Tree Decorating

Sunday Dec. 22
8:30 am Mass Tom Gerszewski
No 6:30 pm HS RE

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday Dec. 21

Commentator— Deb Culleton
Reader— Rose McDonald
Music— Pat
Sacristan— Phil

Sunday Dec. 22

Commentator— Phillip Ellenson
Reader— Kim Hruba
Music— Heather
Sacristan— Jeri



Our gift to God for
12-8-19
\$2,059.33
We thank God for all gifts!

St. Mary's Warroad

Our 2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA) goal is \$11,915.00. We are very close; only \$543.18 remains for us to make our goal. So far \$11,371.82 has been given by 50 families. Thank you! If you haven't yet made a gift to the 2019 DAA it's not too late. You can offer this gift till January 31, 2020. [DAA envelopes can be found in the back of the church or go to www.crookston.org/daa](#) where you can give online.

Bible Readings for the Week of Dec. 16—Dec 22

Monday Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Thursday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Friday Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
Sunday Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Sacred Heart & St. Joseph's Week Ahead

Saturday Dec. 14
4:30pm Mass@St. Joseph's † George & Gill Motl

Sunday Dec. 15
10:30 am Mass@Sacred Heart
Mass for the Parishes

Wednesday, Dec. 18
No 8:30 am Mass@Sacred Heart
10:30 am Mass@Lakewood † Fr. Don

Thursday Dec. 19
11am—3pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, Dec. 21
4:30 pm Mass @ St. Joseph's † Barb Nelson

Sunday, Dec. 22
10:30 am Mass @ Sacred Heart † Coletta Reisinger

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday Dec. 21 4:30pm @ St. Joseph's

Eucharistic Minister: David Cassi
Lector: Sue Lemm
St. Joseph Church cleaning
Dec. 21 Volunteer

Sunday Dec. 22 10:30am @ Sacred Heart

Eucharistic Ministers: Don & Kathy Krause
Lector: Mary Boomgaarden
Music: Lorene & Tabitha Ubel
Altar Server: Hunter
Ushers: Mike Gubbels, Liz Lockner

Hospitality Time ~ Sacred Heart

Sunday Dec. 22nd
Pat & Lori Gubbels
Eric & Liz Tange

December 8th	Sacred Heart	St. Joseph
Envelopes	\$1185	\$605
Plate	<u>\$36</u>	<u>\$45</u>
Total	\$1221	\$650

Sacred Heart Baudette

Our 2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA) goal is \$8,330.00. We are close; \$970.00 remains for us to make our goal. So far \$7,360.00 has been given by 39 families. Thank you. If you haven't yet made a gift to the 2019 DAA it's not too late. You can offer this gift until January 31, 2020. DAA envelopes can be found in the back of the church or go to [www.crookston.org/daa](#) where you can give online.

December 15, 2019

3rd Sunday of Advent

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

St. Mary's

Religious Education

Sunday December 15

6:30-7:30pm High School

Wednesday December 18

Elementary RE 2-3:30pm

Middle School RE 6:30pm

Sunday December 22

No 6:30-7:30pm High School RE



Birthday wishes (Dec. 16—Dec. 23) go out to...Theresa Thunder, Dale Demmerly, Callen

Marvin, Randy Gryskiewicz, Susan Gryskiewicz, Dawna Harren, Maddex Cole, Kirby Stoskopf, Heather Koerbitz, Barret, Bukowiec, Thomas Gerszewski, Carol LePage, and Christina Peterson.

Christmas Flowers

Help decorate our Church with Christmas flowers, a beautiful way to remember your loved ones or honor tribute to your loved ones. Simply place your donation in a clearly marked envelope (include names of those to be remembered) and drop in collection basket or at parish office.



A Penance Service for Advent

There will be a Penance Service at St. Mary's Church, Warroad; **Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30 pm.** Fr. George Noel of Greenbush and Fr. John Kleinwachter of Roseau will come to assist with that exercise.

Parish Tree Decorating.

Join us for fun and refreshments as we assemble and decorate the parish Christmas tree and church on Sunday Dec 22 after 8:30 Mass. Coffee, hot chocolate and donuts will be provided. All help is appreciated.



Soup and Sandwich Dinner

Join us for a soup and sandwich dinner after the 6 pm Mass Saturday, December 14th. Free-will offering with the proceeds going to Father Andrew to take and share it with the poor people of his village during his upcoming trip home in January. Thank you ~Tom and Cyd Amiot.



HONOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

We Keep in our prayers...

St. Mary's: Ryan Hartman, Maksymilian Crompton, Jacob Larson, Tyler Larson, Brett Hebel, Nic Gray, Joseph Larson, Shane Thompson, Krista Johnston, Alex Johnston, Derek Woodward, Jason Hilligoss, Deb Lien & Kyle Mohrbacher.

Sacred Heart: Evan Torgeson, Ryan Torgeson, Jennifer Dalton, Victoria Chamberlain and Brandon Lockner, & Calvin Krause

St. Joseph's & Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart

Coffee and rolls will be served downstairs after the 10:30 am Mass., all are welcomed downstairs to join in great fellowship.

Winners of Sacred Heart Christmas Tea

Ice Fishing @ Sportsman's Lodge – Norma Anderson

Christmas Quilt – Kevin Scharfenkamp

Dinner for 2 @ Ballard's Resort– Joe Brucciani

\$50 Gift Certificate – Don McKay

Large Cookie Tree – Jennie Moorman

Small Cookie Trees – Lori Gubbels and Ann Ellis

Holiday Blanket – Sue Smith

Bear & Book – Carol Scharfenkamp

Margo Hanson Books – Karen Hanson

Scarf from Pat's Parlor – Connie Nesmith

Holiday Decoration – Sue Baron

Lotion Basket – Betty Sorenson

Angels – Sue Smith

Door Prize – Anika Plourde

We thank everyone for making this a successful tea.

Christmas Flowers at Sacred Heart

There are envelopes in the back of church for anyone who would like to donate in memory of, or in honor of a loved one. The funds will be used to purchase poinsettias for the church. Thank you.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Dec. 24th Masses; 7pm @ Sacred Heart
10pm @ St. Mary's

Christmas Day Dec. 25th Masses; 8am @ St. Joseph's
10am @ St. Mary's



Prayer Requests

Marvel Draper, Loretta Coulter, Katrin Peterson, Tom Gerszewski, Asher Sorrels, Kathy Stokke, Richard Merrill, Kai Canfield, Deanne Johnson, Charlene Kuznia, Fr. Todd, Ellen Otto, Gerti Muggli, Ann Winkler, Roberta Brunell, George Ganyo, Frank Ciekliniski, Susie Lykken, Loren Olson, Dale Telle, and Stephanie Schmitz.

Please remember to call the office when a name should be added or removed. Those listed in the "Prayer Request" box will listed for two months and then removed unless a request is made to keep them on

Apostolic Letter
A Reflection on the Meaning of the Nativity Scene



On December 1st, 2019 at the Shrine of the Nativity in Graeco, Pope Francis signed his Apostolic Letter *Admirabile signum*, on the meaning and importance of the Nativity Scene. Below is the part of the text beginning with paragraph four:

4. I would like now to reflect on the various elements of the nativity scene in order to appreciate their deeper meaning. First, there is the background of a starry sky wrapped in the darkness and silence of night. We represent this not only out of fidelity to the Gospel accounts, but also for its symbolic value. We can think of all those times in our lives when we have experienced the darkness of night. Yet even then, God does not abandon us, but is there to answer our crucial questions about the meaning of life. Who am I? Where do I come from? Why was I born at this time in history? Why do I love? Why do I suffer? Why will I die? It was to answer these questions that God became man. His closeness brings light where there is darkness and shows the way to those dwelling in the shadow of suffering (cf. *Lk 1:79*).

The landscapes that are part of the nativity scene also deserve some mention. Frequently they include the ruins of ancient houses or buildings, which in some instances replace the cave of Bethlehem and become a home for the Holy Family. These ruins appear to be inspired by the thirteenth-century *Golden Legend* of the Dominican Jacobus de Varagine, which relates a pagan belief that the Temple of Peace in Rome would collapse when a Virgin gave birth. More than anything, the ruins are the visible sign of fallen humanity, of everything that inevitably falls into ruin, decays and disappoints. This scenic setting tells us that Jesus is newness in the midst of an aging world, that he has come to heal and rebuild, to restore the world and our lives to their original splendour.

5. With what emotion should we arrange the mountains, streams, sheep and shepherds in the nativity scene! As we do so, we are reminded that, as the prophets had foretold, all creation rejoices in the coming of the Messiah. The angels and the guiding star are a sign that we too are called to set out for the cave and to worship the Lord.

“Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us” (*Lk 2:15*). So the shepherds tell one another after the proclamation of the angels. A beautiful lesson emerges from these simple words. Unlike so many other people, busy about many things, the shepherds become the first to see the most essential thing of all: the gift of salvation. It is the humble and the poor who greet the event of the Incarnation. The shepherds respond to God who comes to meet us in the Infant Jesus by setting out to meet him with love, gratitude and awe. Thanks to Jesus, this encounter between God and his children gives birth to our religion and accounts for its unique beauty, so wonderfully evident in the nativity scene.

6. It is customary to add many symbolic figures to our nativity scenes. First, there are the beggars and the others who know only the wealth of the heart. They too have every right to draw near to the Infant Jesus; no one can evict them or send them away from a crib so makeshift that the poor seem entirely at home. Indeed, the poor are a privileged part of this mystery; often they are the first to recognize God’s presence in our midst.

The presence of the poor and the lowly in the nativity scene remind us that God became man for the sake of those who feel most in need of his love and who ask him to draw near to them. Jesus, “gentle and humble in heart” (*Mt 11:29*), was born in poverty and led a simple life in order to teach us to recognize what is essential and to act accordingly. [*To be continued next week*].