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



December 22nd, 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
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stmaryswarroad.org

Sacred Heart
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218-634-2689
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Williams, MN 56686
Contact Sacred Heart

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218-766-5107
ourlady@mncable.net

Terrie Lynn Dignan - Sec/Bookkeeper
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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. 21
6 pm Mass for the Parishes

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

Tuesday Dec. 24
10pm Christmas Eve Mass for the Parishes

Wednesday Dec. 25
10am Christmas Day Mass
+ Joseph & Jeanne Harren
No Elementary or Middle School RE

Thursday Dec. 26
10:30 am Mass@WSLC + Arnold Freije
7- 10pm Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday Dec. 27
8:30 am Mass + Emily Michael

Saturday Dec. 28
6 pm Mass + Dale Coulter

Sunday Dec. 29
8:30 am Mass for the Parishes
No 6:30 pm HS RE

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday Dec. 28

Commentator— Barb Kotta
Reader— Bob Wennerstrand
Music— Pat
Sacristan— Olga

Sunday Dec. 29

Commentator—Harold Thiessen
Reader— Tom Goldsmith



Our gift to God for
12-15-19
\$1,318.31
We thank God for all gifts!

STUEBENVILLE NORTH YOUTH CONFERENCE

July 24-26 in St. Paul. Register now! Send your registration form and \$50 down payment to the parish office no later than Wednesday, January 15 for the early bird rate. Hurry, the conference does sell out! Open to youth currently in grades 8-12. Anyone wishing to make a donation towards this for the Children of our Parish, please; stop by or mail your donation to St. Mary's parish office or place in clearly marked envelope in collection basket. All donations are much appreciated.

Bible Readings for the Week of December 23-29

Monday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Thursday Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Friday 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Sunday Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



Sacred Heart & St. Joseph's Week Ahead

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

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

Tuesday Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
7pm Mass @ Sacred Heart

Wednesday, Dec. 25
8 am Mass @ St Joseph's for the Parishes

Thursday Dec. 26
11am—3pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, Dec. 28
4:30 pm Mass @ St. Joseph's † Ted Matelski

Sunday, Dec. 29
10:30 am Mass @ Sacred Heart † Dave Jaroszewski

Liturgical Ministers

Wednesday Dec. 25 8am @ St. Joseph's

Eucharistic Minister: Les Nelson
Lector: Jerry Pieper

Saturday Dec. 28 4:30pm @ St. Joseph's

Eucharistic Minister: John Krousey
Lector: John Krousey

St. Joseph Church cleaning

Dec. 28 Tracy Pieper

Wednesday Dec. 25th Christmas Eve Mass @ 7pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Joe Brucciani, Betty Jo Berg
Lector: Todd Higgins
Music: Choir
Altar Server; Caleb

Sunday Dec. 29 10:30am @ Sacred Heart

Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Ellis, Rita Krause
Lector: Jennifer Hovde
Music: Lori, Connie Nesmith
Altar Server: Brayden
Ushers: Mike Gubbels, Liz Lockner

Hospitality Time ~ Sacred Heart

Sunday Dec. 29th: Doug & Pat Nosan
Dave & Carol Gubbels

December 15th	Sacred Heart	St. Joseph
Envelopes	\$1085	\$385
Plate	\$110	\$133
Total	\$1195	\$518

December 22nd, 2019
4th Sunday of Advent

“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.” MATTHEW 1:24
Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

St. Mary's

Religious Education

Sunday December 22

No 6:30-7:30pm High School

Wednesday December 25

No Elementary RE 2-3:30pm

No Middle School RE 6:30pm

Sunday December 29

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



Birthday wishes (Dec. 22—Dec. 28) go out to...Thomas Gerszewski, Carol LePage Christina Peterson, Harry Shepard Jr. Delamaria Hahn, Therese McBride, Patricia Cole, Aaron Washnesky, Lynn Hallett, Heidi Schaum, & Tereza Hrubá

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.

Religious Education for all!

December 29th 12:30-1:30pm

We will be meeting for an hour in the church basement to discuss Sin/Grace, and decision making. Although this was originally planned for the confirmation class, they have said it was okay to invite all adults to join in!

Come learn more about the Church and what she teaches. Thanks,
Deacon Jim



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

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.



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, & Kalvin Krause

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 Ciekliński, 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 be 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



Below is a continuation from last Sunday's bulletin of Pope Francis' Letter *Admirabile signum* on the meaning and importance of the Nativity Scene.

The nativity scene clearly teaches that we cannot let ourselves be fooled by wealth and fleeting promises of happiness. We see Herod's palace in the background, closed and deaf to the tidings of joy. By being born in

a manger, God himself launches the only true revolution that can give hope and dignity to the disinherited and the outcast: the revolution of love, the revolution of tenderness. From the manger, Jesus proclaims, in a meek yet powerful way, the need for sharing with the poor as the path to a more human and fraternal world in which no one is excluded or marginalized.

Children – but adults too! – often love to add to the nativity scene other figures that have no apparent connection with the Gospel accounts. Yet, each in its own way, these fanciful additions show that in the new world inaugurated by Jesus there is room for whatever is truly human and for all God's creatures. From the shepherd to the blacksmith, from the baker to the musicians, from the women carrying jugs of water to the children at play: all this speaks of the everyday holiness, the joy of doing ordinary things in an extraordinary way, born whenever Jesus shares his divine life with us.

7. Gradually, we come to the cave, where we find the figures of Mary and Joseph. Mary is a mother who contemplates her child and shows him to every visitor. The figure of Mary makes us reflect on the great mystery that surrounded this young woman when God knocked on the door of her immaculate heart. Mary responded in complete obedience to the message of the angel who asked her to become the Mother of God. Her words, "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" (*Lk 1:38*), show all of us how to abandon ourselves in faith to God's will. By her "fiat", Mary became the mother of God's Son, not losing but, thanks to him, consecrating her virginity. In her, we see the Mother of God who does not keep her Son only to herself, but invites everyone to obey his word and to put it into practice (cf. *Jn 2:5*).

At Mary's side, shown protecting the Child and his Mother, stands Saint Joseph. He is usually depicted with staff in hand, or holding up a lamp. Saint Joseph plays an important role in the life of Jesus and Mary. He is the guardian who tirelessly protects his family. When God warned him of Herod's threat, he did not hesitate to set out and flee to Egypt (cf. *Mt 2:13-15*). And once the danger had passed, he brought the family back to Nazareth, where he was to be the first teacher of Jesus as a boy and then as a young man. Joseph treasured in his heart the great mystery surrounding Jesus and Mary his spouse; as a just man, he entrusted himself always to God's will, and put it into practice.

8. When, at Christmas, we place the statue of the Infant Jesus in the manger, the nativity scene suddenly comes alive. God appears as a child, for us to take into our arms. Beneath weakness and frailty, he conceals his power that creates and transforms all things. It seems impossible, yet it is true: in Jesus, God was a child, and in this way he wished to reveal the greatness of his love: by smiling and opening his arms to all.