

St. Augustine Catholic Church

601 NW 2nd Avenue
Cohasset, MN 55721

St. Joseph Catholic Church

315 SW 21st Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT AND THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 8 & DECEMBER 15, 2024

Welcome!

Pastoral Office—St. Joseph

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Website: www.itascacatholic.org

Office Hours: 8:30AM—1:00PM M-F

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Principal: Nellie Goshey

Secretary: Carmen Watland



SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

AS IT IS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE WORDS OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH:

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low.

The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made

smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

—Luke 3:4—6

Image Credit: National Gallery | Saint John the Baptist in the Wilderness

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 4:00PM—St. Joseph
Sunday 8:30AM—St. Augustine
Sunday 10:30AM—St. Joseph

Weekday Mass Times

Monday 9:00AM—St. Joseph
Tuesday 8:30AM—St. Augustine
Wednesday 5:30PM—St. Joseph
Thursday 9:00AM—St. Joseph
Friday 7:30AM—St. Joseph
1st Saturday 9:00AM—St. Joseph

Reconciliation

Saturday 11:00AM—St. Joseph
Sunday 7:45AM—St. Augustine
Wednesday 4:30PM—St. Joseph

A MESSAGE FROM DEACON RON GUERTIN

May the peace of the Lord be with you always



Dcn. Ron

PUT CHRIST BACK IN CHRISTMAS.

We are already at the second Sunday of Advent and closing in on the third Sunday of Advent! We have all heard the saying “Where does time go!” It does seem, this time of year, that the days seem shorter with it getting dark earlier and time runs short. The hustling back and forth shopping, decorating, parties, and all else that pertains to the season.

Another saying we hear is “Put Christ back in Christmas!” What is our reaction when we hear this? Does it bring us to what the Advent season and the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ really means? Does this remind us of how much God loves us? Does this make us stop and think about how we are conducting our lives at this time? When we think of Christmas in this way it should truly change our mindset about the season. Our Lord’s birth was prophesied and long awaited in the Old Testament. It’s coming and it’s here and celebrated around the world!

What parts of the Advent and Christmas season draw us closer to the real meaning, which is Jesus? Do all of those around us see Jesus or is it about the material things we give or receive?

“Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! See, I am coming.” (Zech 2:14) The Lord is near! We can cry out with joy and gladness, his coming is what we’ve been waiting for, for weeks! The advent of our God into our world! The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete (“rejoice”) Sunday. Let us embrace with joyful anticipation of the coming of our Lord! The rose candle on the advent wreath and rose vestments worn on Sunday, turn our attention to the Joy during Advent and remind us that we should delight in anticipation of the arrival of Christ!

So let us put Christ back in Christmas every day this Advent season!

God Bless,
Deacon Ron



ST. AUGUSTINE—First and Third Thursday
6:30PM—7:30PM

ST. JOSEPH—Perpetual Adoration—Christmas
Closes: 12:00PM Noon Tuesday, December 24
Reopens: 12:00PM Noon Thursday, December 26

(PLEASE CALL 218-326-2843 IF YOU DESIRE AN HOUR THAT IS PRESENTLY IN NEED OF AN ADORER.)

Please note: During inclement weather, the Chapel will not formally close.
Please follow local weather safety alerts to ensure you stay safe.

*Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
the Mother of God*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025

9:00AM | ST. AUGUSTINE
5:30PM | ST. JOSEPH

{ HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION }



MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday, December 8

8:30am—SA | Our Parishioners
10:30am—SJ | Darrell Kessler

Monday, December 9—Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am—SJ | Ava Maria Anderson
5:30pm—SA | Tim Frits

Tuesday, December 10

8:30am—SA | William Filipiak

Wednesday, December 11

5:30pm—SJ | Pat & Allison Hopkins

Thursday, December 12

9:00am—SJ | Shelly Huewe

Friday, December 13

7:30am—SJ | Renae Gielen

Saturday, December 14

4:00pm—SJ | Terry & Herbert (Red)
Cusey

Sunday, December 15

8:30am—SA | Will Backes
10:30am—SJ | Our Parishioners

Monday, December 16

9:00am—SJ | Red Cusey

Tuesday, December 17

8:30am—SA | Spencer Yurrick

Wednesday, December 18

5:30pm—SJ | Pamela Berg

Thursday, December 19

9:00am—SJ | James McCluskey

Friday, December 20

7:30am—SJ | Mark Payment

Saturday, December 21

4:00pm—SJ | Sue Motherway

Sunday, December 22

8:30am—SA | Our Parishioners
10:30am—SJ | Georgianna Karppi

*Mass Intention prayed privately by
Fr. Blake when local Mass is cancelled.

PRAYER Requests

ST. AUGUSTINE

Marlene Cole | 218-244-2828

ST. JOSEPH

Arlyce Perrault | 218-326-6983

Maryann Clifton | 218-326-5968

Marge Petermeier | 218-244-9100



Monday, January 13

Mobile Unit | St. Joseph parking lot

PLEASE NOTE:

SIGNUP SHEETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.

You must register/schedule online:

<https://www.mbc.org/>

or contact the local coordinator
for assistance in scheduling:

Laurie Lloyd—218-360-4664

dolloyd2@msn.com

Restored Retreat

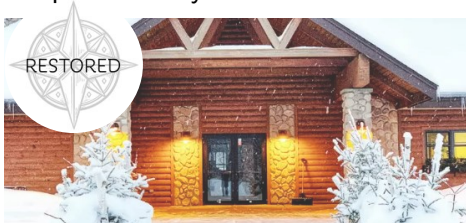
Come be restored in body and in soul. Experience the healing, hope and joy of Jesus.

SAVE-THE-DATE

February 28—March 2, 2025

Sugar Lake Lodge | Cohasset, MN

Sponsored by: Diocese of Duluth



Advent NIGHT OF HEALING DECEMBER 12 | 6PM-8PM

St. Joseph Catholic Church

TESTIMONIES, ADORATION
MUSIC, PRAYER

ALL ARE WELCOME
INVITE A FRIEND



PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE DATES IN OBSERVANCE OF:

CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, December 24
Wednesday, December 25
And Thursday, December 26



NEW YEAR'S DAY

Tuesday, December 31
Wednesday, January 1

St. Augustine - St. Joseph First Reconciliation



Saturday, December 14

9:00AM—First Reconciliation

RECONCILIATION HELD AT

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

For questions, please contact:

Amy Pautsch—Faith Formation Coordinator

amy.pautsch@duluthcatholic.org

or call Faith Formation Office

218-999-6456

*Blessings on your
First Reconciliation*

WITH GRATITUDE TO THE CREED FUND

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DAILY MASS READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 2024

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12: Zec 2:14-17; or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2024

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17: Gn 49:2, 8-10; 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21: Sg 2:8-14; or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45



Advent

HOPE
PEACE
JOY
LOVE

Advent Schedule

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation—Monday, December 9

9:00AM | St. Joseph
5:30PM | St. Augustine

Night of Healing

6:00PM—8:00PM | St. Joseph—Thursday, December 12

Third Sunday of Advent

4:00PM | St. Joseph—Saturday, December 14
8:30AM | St. Augustine—Sunday, December 15
10:30AM | St. Joseph—Sunday, December 15

Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00PM | St. Joseph—Saturday, December 21
8:30AM | St. Augustine—Sunday, December 22
10:30AM | St. Joseph—Sunday, December 22

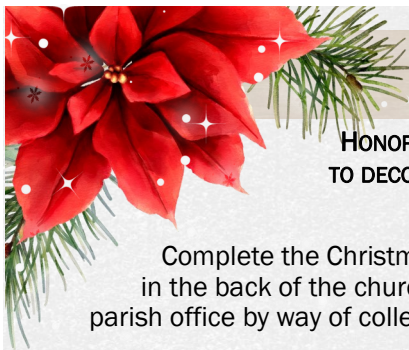
CHRISTMAS EVE MASS—Invitation for Children to Sing

CHILDREN WHO ARE AGE 6 AND OLDER ARE INVITED TO SING TWO PRELUDE SONGS AT THE CHRISTMAS EVE MASS.



If you plan to attend Christmas Eve Mass (4:00PM | Tuesday, December 24 at St. Joseph), we would love to have your children sing with us!

We will sing “*Away in a Manger*” and “*O Little Town of Bethlehem*”. Please have your children seated with you in the church pews by 3:30PM.



Christmas Memorial Offering

HONOR A LOVED ONE WITH YOUR MEMORIAL GIFT OF BEAUTY TO DECORATE YOUR PARISH DURING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON.

ST. AUGUSTINE

Complete the Christmas Memorial Garden envelope located in the back of the church and return it with your donation to the parish office by way of collection basket, mail or drop it off at St. Joseph.



ST. JOSEPH

Fill out the Christmas Flower Offering envelope Located in the Gathering Space and drop in the secure parish mailbox near the parish office door with your donation.



Reconciliation

Reconciliation Schedule

Wednesdays

4:30PM | St. Joseph

Saturdays

11:00AM | St. Joseph

Sundays

7:45AM | St. Augustine

Friday, December 20

6:00PM | St. Joseph



Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Schedule

Tuesday, December 24 — Christmas Eve

The Nativity of the Lord - Vigil

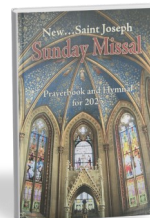
4:00PM | St. Joseph (incense)

5:00PM | St. Augustine

Wednesday, December 25 — Christmas Day

The Nativity of the Lord

9:00AM | St. Joseph (incense)



NEW...SAINT JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSAL

PRAYERBOOK AND HYMNAL 2025

NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE: \$5.00

LOCATED IN KIOSK NEAR PARISH OFFICE.

Christmas Celebration

FOR THE WOMEN OF
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

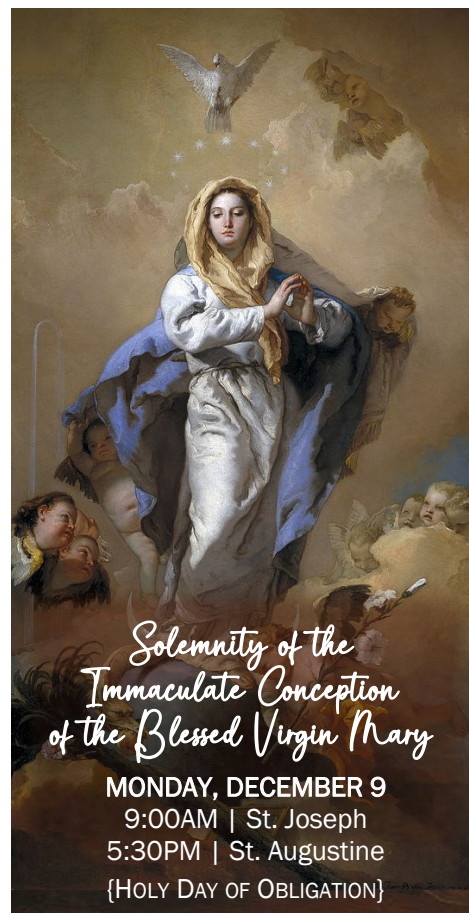
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10
5:00PM - 7:00PM

SOCIAL HALL | ST. JOSEPH

Dinner, Wine & Dessert

Music & Door Prizes

RSVP BY: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6
TO: CHERI NILES 218-360-1944



*Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9
9:00AM | St. Joseph
5:30PM | St. Augustine
{HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION}

PIANO *Patience, People, for the Lord is coming*



REGISTER TO
RING

The Salvation Army offers you the opportunity to register as an individual or as a group leader for local bell ringing this Christmas Season.

<https://www.registertoring.com/>

Locations are: L&M Fleet Supply, Super One Foods (two locations) and Walmart.

ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
PRESENTS: *An Advent for Almsgiving*

Schedule

Week 3 (Dec 9—Dec 15)

- Canned Meat: Chicken, Salmon, Tuna, etc.

Week 4 (Dec 16—Dec 22)

- Paper Products
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Personal Care Products

Please donate food that has a good use by/expiration date. They are unable to accept home-canned food or privately processed meat due to food safety regulations.

We are grateful for your generosity.

Please bring in only the items requested for each Advent week to the Gathering Space at St. Joseph. These items have been specified as the most requested, needed and used. Donations will go to Second Harvest Northland Food Shelf.



ST. AUGUSTINE
COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Christmas
PARTY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10
4:30PM

at Forest Lake Restaurant | COST: \$5

All women of the Parish invited

PLEASE BRING A GIFT TO EXCHANGE (\$10 VALUE)

RSVP: Signup sheet is located in Social Hall
~ Questions, contact ~
Leona 218-328-5520 | Lisa 218-326-3759





Prayer Shawls are intended to be a reminder of God's ever present love which is as near to you as your own body is to your soul. If you would like a prayer shawl for any reason such as:

- to give to someone ill, alone or in need of comfort
- to give to someone who would like a prayer shawl; perhaps a new acquaintance or even a stranger, a family member, friend, or neighbor
- for your personal use to take home with you and bring with you for your chapel visits

Please inquire at the parish office. We are happy to offer you a prayer shawl constructed by loving and prayerful volunteers. ~Peace in Christ

Note: For cleanliness reasons, we no longer store communal use prayer shawls in the Adoration Chapel.



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MISSION FIELD RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES
OTHER CATHOLIC PARISHES WITHIN OUR MISSION FIELD
RECONCILIATION TIMES & LOCATIONS

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS—BIGFORK
Tues & Weds—8:30AM-8:45AM | Sun—8:00AM-8:45AM

ST. CATHERINE—SQUAW LAKE
Sat—3:00PM-3:45PM

ST. MICHAEL—NORTHOME
Sat—6:30PM-6:45PM

MARY IMMACULATE—COLERAINE
Sat—10:00AM-11:00AM | First Friday—4:00PM-5:00PM
Thursday, December 12 | 4:00PM*

ST. CECILIA—NASHWAUK
Tues—5:00PM-5:30PM | Sat—3:30PM-4:00PM
Sunday, December 8 | 4:00PM*

ST. MARY—DEER RIVER
Tues, Weds & Sun—8:00AM
Sunday, December 15 | 4:00PM*

ST. JOSEPH MISSION—BALL CLUB
Sat—3:30PM

ST. CHARLES—CASS LAKE
Thurs, Fri—8:00AM | Sat—10:00AM

*Additional times available for Advent Season



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
NOTICE & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

PLEASE NOTE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE: Beginning Thursday January 2, the main phone line to the parish office will not be monitored regularly. Please use the prompts in the recorded message to direct your call to a staff member or use their direct line as published on the front of the bulletin. The parish office will continue to be open: Monday—Friday | 8:30AM—1:00PM. We apologize for any inconvenience.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY—Part Time or Full Time
For full job descriptions and applications, please see:
<https://www.itascacatholic.org/job-openings>


Submit Application, Cover Letter and Resumé to:
Tracy Smith, Business Manager
email: business_manager@sjsgr.org




Diocese of Duluth

Join the Diocese of Duluth as we journey through Advent together.

Embrace Advent with posted daily reflections from Scripture, the Saints, Bishop Felton and more. Each day features a reflection question and a prayer to center your heart on Jesus this season.



Join us by visiting our website for links to our social media pages!



AN ADVENT OF
Healing, Hope, Joy,
& Abundance

<https://dioceseduluth.org/advent-devotional>