



St. Augustine Catholic Church

601 NW 2nd Avenue
Cohasset, MN 55721

St. Joseph Catholic Church

315 SW 21st Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE AND FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 24 & DECEMBER 1, 2024

Welcome!

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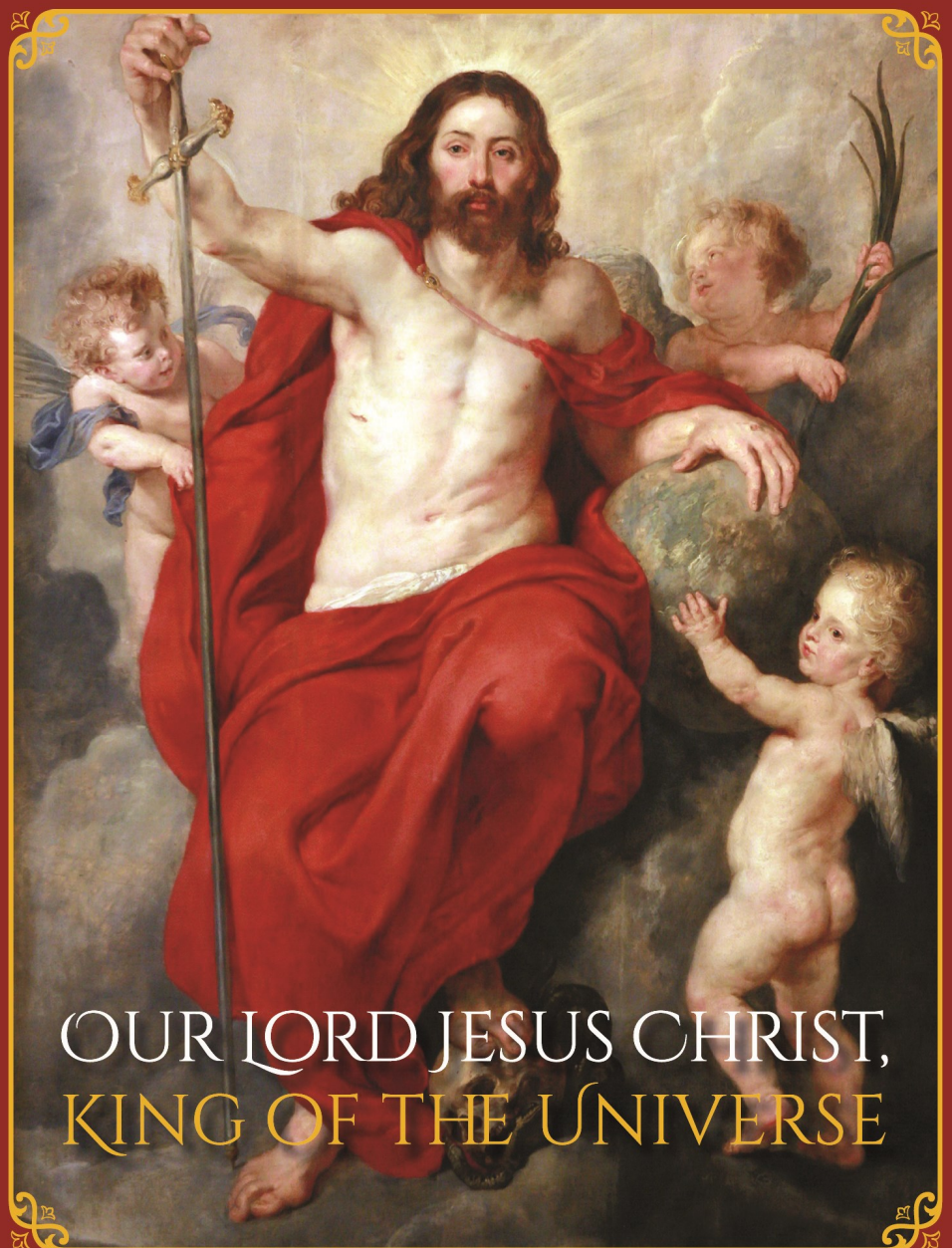
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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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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 GARY GIBEAU

May the peace of the Lord be with you always



Dcn. Gary

J.M.J

How Messy is Your Manger?

Advent is a very unique time. Through it we prepare for both the first and the second coming of Christ. The first coming of Christ, as we all know, is his birth in the manger. He comes and dwells among us. The second coming is when he will come in glory to judge the living and the dead. Are you ready?

St Augustine tells us that we must embrace his first coming, before we can embrace his second. Christ took on our humanity so we may share in his divinity.

What does it look like to embrace his first coming, the coming of the Christ child? It starts by looking at the manger inside each of us, where God dwells in our soul. This is where the Christ child will be born. Ask yourself, how messy is your manger?

Each Advent we must begin a new and fresh process. Our focus on heaven has blurred. Worldly things have crept into our lives that prevent us from fully receiving our Lord. The world and life in general affect us. We have new challenges. This Advent is a time of reflection, waiting and preparation. It is a time to see and remove what clutters your manger.

A great way to start is to make a really good confession. Dive deep. *Sunday, December 1st at 4:00pm* there will be several priests available for confession at St. Joseph's Church, in Grand Rapids. Please come and take advantage of this opportunity. This is a great way to start the season of Advent.

With the coming of a child, parents and families experience a great change. There is anticipation when they await the birth of a child. The joy is not just at the time of birth. They feel great joy for the nine months building up to the birth. There's an urgency and everything is different in their lives, their priorities change. The people around them can see the change and this change lasts for the rest of their lives. We have to ask ourselves, **When the Christ child comes and resides within you, are people going to notice anything different?**

These days, it's hard. There are many distractions this time of year that keep us from being prepared. Many of us pray the St. Michael prayer, in it we pray, "Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil." These snares can take the form of commercialism and excessive tinsel.

The enemy wants to eliminate the calm in our souls so that we are not ready to receive the baby Jesus. The hustle and bustle of Pre-Christmas distracts us from the Advent of our Lord. When the Blessed Christmas Day comes we are worn out and not ready. That's what the enemy wants. It would be like having a child and forgetting it at the hospital. "We have a *Baby* coming!" **We need to get ready and focus on what's important.**

May God bless you and your families this Advent season and May Christ be the resident in your soul.

God Bless,
Deacon Gary



ST. AUGUSTINE—*First and Third Thursday*
6:30PM—7:30PM | No adoration December 5
ST. JOSEPH—*Perpetual Adoration*—Thanksgiving
Closes: 5:30PM Wednesday, November 27
Reopens: 12:00PM Noon Monday, December 2

MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday, November 24

8:30am—SA | Will Backes

10:30am—SJ | Our Parishioners

Monday, November 25

9:00am—SJ | Georgianna Karppi

Tuesday, November 26

8:30am—SA | Spencer Yurrick

Wednesday, November 27

5:30pm—SJ | John & Morgan
Hopkins

Thursday, November 28

9:00am—SJ | Cyrus & Lynnea Dorry

Friday, November 29*

Timothy and Andrew Rupert

Saturday, November 30

4:00pm—SJ | Our Parishioners

Sunday, December 1

8:30am—SA | Darin Evans

10:30am—SJ | Red Cusey

Monday, December 2

9:00am—SJ | Nikolas Timothy Berg

Tuesday, December 3

8:30am—SA | Nicholas Hopkins

Wednesday, December 4

5:30pm—SJ | Mark Payment

Thursday, December 5

9:00am—SJ | Marvin Karppi

Friday, December 6

7:30am—SJ | Marilyn Peterson

Saturday, December 7

9:00am—SJ | Deceased Carmelites

4:00pm—SJ | Lois Grow

Sunday, December 8

8:30am—SA | Darrell Kessler

10:30am—SJ | Ava Maria Anderson

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

SCHEDULE CHANGE

MASS AND SCHEDULE CHANGES TO NOTE:

Cancelled: Friday daily Mass
November 29 | 7:30AM | St. Joseph

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



ST. JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

EMPLOYMENT

STEM INSTRUCTOR—Part Time

Submit Application, Cover Letter and Resumé to: Nellie Goshey
218-326-6232 or principal@sjsgr.org

Job Descriptions and Applications on Parish Website: <https://www.itascacatholic.org/job-openings>



HOME is where the heart is Dinner Fundraiser

A Benefit for Grace House

Thursday, December 5

5:00PM—10:00PM | Timberlake Lodge

Prime Rib Dinner—Tickets \$65

Dinner Music by Moonlight Serenade

Available for purchase at:

Grand Rapids Super One Stores,
Timberlake Lodge and Grace House,
or call 218-326-2790

(Tickets are \$70 after Nov. 30)

Bible Story Time



Join us for songs,
children's Bible story
and fun craft.

Saturdays 9:00AM — 10:00AM:
Nov. 30 | Jan. 4 | Feb. 1
Mar. 1 | Apr. 5

St. Joseph Catholic
School Library
(Park & Enter
at School Entrance)



Parent/Child Activity
focuses on ages 0-5
but all ages welcome!

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



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FISCAL YEAR:

JULY 1, 2024—JUNE 30, 2025

ST. AUGUSTINE

Ordinary Income—October	\$15,111
Total Fiscal YTD '24-'25	\$55,235
Total Fiscal YTD '23-'24	\$61,636
Ministries Appeal Goal '24	\$22,334
Collected YTD	\$25,843
Left to Collect	GOAL REACHED

ST. JOSEPH

Ordinary Income—October	\$67,228
Total Fiscal YTD '24-'25	\$229,362
Total Fiscal YTD '23-'24	\$194,231
Ministries Appeal Goal '24	\$106,989
Collected YTD	\$103,071
Left to Collect	\$3,918

DAILY MASS READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
NOVEMBER 24, 2024

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; L 21:1-4

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26: Rv 14:14-19; 96:10, 11-12, 13; Lk 21:5-11

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9; Lk 21:12-19

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28:
Thanksgiving Day: Sir 50:22-24; 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a; Lk 21:29-33

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30: Rom 10:9-18; 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 1, 2024

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8



SAVE-the-DATE

Monday, January 6

Mobile Unit | St. Joseph parking lot

Happy Thanksgiving

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation.

We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities.

We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes.

We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Prayer: USCCB.org

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

Advent gives us the opportunity to cultivate a spirit of generosity. It gives us a chance to share what we have with other people. It puts us in communion with others and helps us understand that we are all members of the Body of Christ.

Our goal for each week of Advent is a quantity of 500.

We will be able to easily reach this goal if each household would generously bring in one (or more) item each week during An Advent for Almsgiving.

Schedule

Week 1 (Nov 25—Dec 1)

- Peanut Butter & Jelly

Week 2 (Dec 2—Dec 8)

- Pasta & Sauce

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 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 North Central Food Bank.

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.



St. Joseph's Catholic School needs people like YOU!

2024-2025 School Annual Fund

YOUR PRAYERS AND CHARITABLE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS ARE NEEDED.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND

For this year's school annual fund request, we are requesting donations to update classrooms with new technology and adaptive furniture for students. As software, digital updates, and classroom needs change, our school needs to purchase the newest hardware (iPads, tablets and laptops) and maintain a 1:1 ratio of student technology resources. Additionally, classrooms enhanced with adaptive furniture will help reach all of our learners.



You can give online at: <https://tinyurl.com/2024StJoesAnnualFund>

Every gift counts! Join fellow supporters and help provide exceptional Catholic Education for the greater Grand Rapids area. Your gift, no matter the size, to the St. Joseph's Catholic School Annual Fund will make a difference. Thank you for your consideration and prayers for our school.



Advent

HOPE
PEACE
JOY
LOVE

Advent Schedule

First Sunday of Advent

4:00PM | St. Joseph—Saturday, November 30
8:30AM | St. Augustine—Sunday, December 1
10:30AM | St. Joseph—Sunday, December 1

Advent Penance Service—Reconciliation

4:00PM | St. Joseph—Sunday, December 1

Genius of Womanhood: Heroines of the Bible

Women of Judges—Deborah & Jael | Ruth & Hannah

6:00PM | St. Augustine—Monday, December 2

First Saturday Mass

9:00AM | St. Joseph—Saturday, December 7

Second Sunday of Advent

4:00PM | St. Joseph—Saturday, December 7
8:30AM | St. Augustine—Sunday, December 8
10:30AM | St. Joseph—Sunday, December 8

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



Reconciliation Schedule

Wednesdays

4:30PM | St. Joseph

Saturdays

11:00AM | St. Joseph

Sundays

7:45AM | St. Augustine

Friday, December 20

6:00PM | St. Joseph



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)



PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE DATES—IN OBSERVANCE OF:

THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 28
And Friday, November 29

CHRISTMAS

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

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Tuesday, December 31
Wednesday, January 1





Genius of Womanhood

PRESENTS:
HEROINES OF THE BIBLE
A MONTHLY STUDY ON
THE HEROINES OF BIBLICAL HISTORY.
NO STUDY TOOLS NEEDED.



MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

{PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE
FROM THE ORIGINAL SCHEDULE.}

ST. AUGUSTINE | 6:00PM—7:30PM

WOMEN OF JUDGES:

Deborah & Jael | Ruth & Hannah

Questions, please contact:

Amy Pautsch | 218-999-6456
amy.pautsch@duluthcatholic.org

For full schedule:

<https://www.itascacatholic.org/geniusofwomanhood>

Since 1947



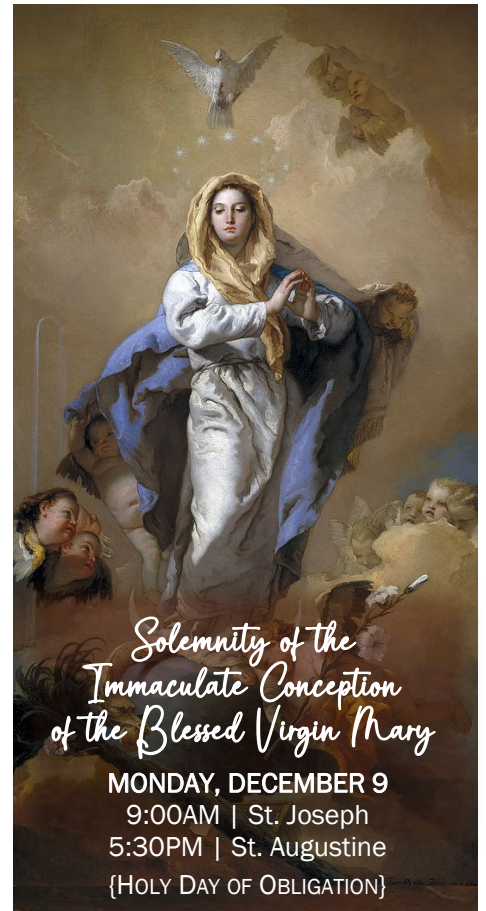
Toy Collection Dates:
November 9—December 8

We are Collecting
New Unwrapped Toys
for Area Children

All ages 0-18 with a little greater
need for older kids
(games, sports related activities, etc.)

*Drop off table will be located in
Gathering Space | St. Joseph*

Thank you!



*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}

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Knights of Columbus
Christmas Card Sale

AFTER ALL MASSES

November 30 & December 1

December 7 & December 8

*Keeping Christ
in Christmas*



**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



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

St. Joseph Catholic Church

TESTIMONIES, ADORATION
MUSIC, PRAYER

ALL ARE WELCOME
INVITE A FRIEND

St. Augustine - St. Joseph
First Reconciliation



Wednesday, December 4*
Sacrament Formation Class

Saturday, December 14
9:00AM—First Reconciliation

ALL CLASSES AND 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

*Class begins with Mass at 5:30PM



FEAST OF

Saint
Nicholas

DECEMBER 6

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



FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
GIVE A GIFT IN HONOR OF SOMEONE TODAY

Do you or your children struggle with what to give for birthdays, anniversaries or Christmas? Do you wonder what to do in memory of a loved one or where to send a check if a friend passes away? Consider a donation in their name to one of the two St. Joseph's Endowments:

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH ENDOWMENT | ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL ENDOWMENT

Our office will send a notice to the person honored to let them know about the gift; you will receive a thank you and a receipt for your charitable tax deduction.

IT'S EASY TO GIVE TO THE ENDOWMENTS ON OUR WEBSITE. SIMPLY GO TO:

<https://tinyurl.com/SJEndowment> AND SELECT EITHER THE CHURCH OR SCHOOL ENDOWMENT

Becky Langenecker—Development Director
St. Augustine & St. Joseph Catholic Churches
218-999-6458 | beckyl@stjosephscatholic.org



The generous will be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.—Proverbs 22:9

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.

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.

TOBIT

Theology of the Body Immersion for Teens
Grades 9–12

January 17–19, 2025 | Big Sandy Camp

GET AWAY FOR A WINTER OF FUN, RENEWAL AND JESUS.

Explore the teachings of the *Theology of the Body* and how they relate to your life as a young person in 2025.



Weekend Includes:

Talks | Mass & Confession | Small Groups
Music | Indoor Activities | Broomball
Tubing | Prayer Time | Meals
Other Great Stuff

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

COST: \$175 | DEADLINE: Jan. 4, 2025

Registration & Information:

<https://dioceseduluth.org/tobit>



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.



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Second Collection—December 7 & 8:

This special collection supports the Retirement Fund for Religious. Donate to help the more than 24,000 senior religious who have dedicated their lives to service retire with dignity. Donations will provide for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have served for decades—usually for little to no pay. Show your appreciation by supporting those who have given a lifetime. You can contribute to this fund via your contribution envelopes or the WeShare link at: <https://tinyurl.com/RetiredReligious>



ST. JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

EXTENDED CARE

Hello everyone! My name is Susanna Elsen. I am the Extended Care Facilitator at St. Joseph's Catholic School. Extended Care is a new program this year and is an "add on" to the preschool program. Essentially, children have the option to be at St. Joseph's School for full days - attending preschool in the morning or afternoon and attending Extended Care when they are not at preschool. This option allows families to have care plus preschool all in one place. So far, the year has been going great. There was a great response to the Extended Care option and with this being the pilot year, we are learning together each week!

As the facilitator, I have been overwhelmed with gratitude by the donations of items and time that individuals from the St. Joseph's community have given - every few weeks, I have someone else asking "Could you use this?" for the classroom as well as items donated to get the classroom up and running. We in Extended Care are SO grateful for this. We had times over the summer and at the beginning of the year where individuals came in to move furniture and get the classroom set up and we had staff and families jump in when we needed substitutes to fill in. The amount of energy and time put into taking this new program on is noticed and we just want to say a big THANK YOU to all of you who have donated your time, items and brain power to the program. We want to offer wonderful care to the littlest learners as well as create a solid relationship with the families that have children attending. We appreciate every one of you and in this season of giving thanks wanted to extend a big THANK YOU!

-Miss Susanna, Miss Lucy, Miss Annie and Miss Marissa-



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>