



## St. Augustine Catholic Church

601 NW 2nd Avenue  
Cohasset, MN 55721

## St. Joseph Catholic Church

315 SW 21st Street  
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD AND THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 5 & JANUARY 12, 2025

# Welcome!

#### Pastoral Office—St. Joseph

Phone: 218-326-2843

Website: [www.itascacatholic.org](http://www.itascacatholic.org)

Office Hours: 8:30AM—1:00PM M-F

#### Office Staff—Direct Dial

**Pastor:** 218-999-6457

Fr. Blake Rozier

**Deacons:** 218-999-6464

Dcn. Steve Schuler

Dcn. Ron Guertin

Dcn. Dan Goshey

Dcn. Gary Gibeau

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#### Maintenance Supervisor:

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#### Music Director:

Sarah Copeland — 218-999-6450

#### Secretary:

Open Position

<https://www.itascacatholic.org/job-openings>

#### School Office: 218-326-6232

Principal: Nellie Goshey

Secretary: Carmen Watland



## The Epiphany of the Lord

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. —Matthew 2:10-11

#### 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 DAN GOSHEY

*May the peace of the Lord be with you always*



Dcn. Dan

One of the things I love about Christmastime is how we see God connect with different people in the way that works for them. Just a few examples:

Shepherds were uneducated and the lowliest of the population. They were unlikely to know scripture well and probably were not very familiar with the prophecy of the coming of the Messiah. God came to them by providing an incredible and extravagant sight – an angel appearing – a multitude of angels in fact. They could see them fill the night sky and they could hear them sing! They needed something incredible to happen to recognize God speaking to them. Then the angels specifically told them exactly where to go and what to look for: an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. It was with an awesome display and experience that the shepherds were told about the newborn king. Speaking of kings, what about them?

The three (or however many there were) kings or wisemen or magi were astronomers. They were scientists of a sort. They were well educated, and they studied the stars. To them, an astronomical sign was given to tell them a new king was born and where to go and how to find him. We hear nothing in scripture that indicates they were contacted by an angel, either awake or in a dream. God showed them the signs in the way they could read them. Then there was Simeon and Anna.

Simeon was “righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel.” He knew scripture and knew what to look for in the coming of the Messiah. God had told him he would see the Messiah before he died. Could it be that Simeon knew Mary and knew of her holiness and of her vow of perpetual virginity? Maybe when he saw her come into the temple carrying her baby, he knew what he was seeing – a virgin who bore a Son! And the prophetess, Anna, we are told, never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. She was close to the Lord, and she too recognized the virgin birth. Simeon and Anna understood because of their deep spiritual life.

In each circumstance, God communicated in a different way – the way the recipient needed. What about you and me? How is God speaking to us? What is God asking of us? What does he want to show us? How do we hear Him? It’s going to be different for each of us. There are two things we can do to be more disposed to hearing Him.

One is to read scripture regularly. Scripture is God’s word. He speaks to us on every page. Read scripture and ponder it in your heart. I might suggest that you don’t make it a goal to get through the scriptures. Rather, ask God to let the scriptures **get through to you**.

The second way we can be more disposed to hearing God’s voice in our lives is through prayerful silence. Set aside a predetermined amount of time to pray each day. Ten minutes? Thirty minutes? An hour? More? Start small and be consistent. Consider it an important appointment that you must keep – and honor it as such. Then, show up every day, and then quiet your mind. Prayer isn’t about you speaking (even in your mind) as much as it is listening. Tell God you love Him. Thank Him for His many gifts in Your life. Then...listen. It may take some time, but if you form this habit, you will begin to recognize God’s voice in your heart. You will also realize how near He is... not far off... but right there next to you... rejoicing that you desire to be with Him.

God Bless,  
Deacon Dan

## MASS INTENTIONS



**Sunday, January 5**  
8:30am—SA | Mark Payment  
10:30am—SJ | Our Parishioners

**Monday, January 6**  
9:00am—SJ | Marilyn Peterson

**Tuesday, January 7**  
8:30am—SA | Raymond Evans

**Wednesday, January 8**  
5:30pm—SJ | Leo Pulskamp

**Thursday, January 9**  
9:00am—SJ | Dennis Roy

**Friday, January 10**  
7:30am—SJ | Pete DeCenzo

**Saturday, January 11**  
4:00pm—SJ | Our Parishioners

**Sunday, January 12**  
8:30am—SA | Max Villeneuve  
10:30am—SJ | David Andrews, Sr.

**Monday, January 13**  
9:00am—SJ | Kenneth Clifton

**Tuesday, January 14**  
8:30am—SA | Dcn. Ron Guertin

**Wednesday, January 15**  
5:30pm—SJ | Leo LaLonde

**Thursday, January 16**  
9:00am—SJ | Red Cusey

**Friday, January 17**  
7:30am—SJ | Matt Ruge

**Saturday, January 18**  
4:00pm—SJ | Patricia Vogt

**Sunday, January 19**  
8:30am—SA | Our Parishioners  
10:30am—SJ | Jim Ryan

\*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.

Please register/schedule online:

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

or contact the local coordinator

for assistance in scheduling:

Laurie Lloyd—218-360-4664

[dolloyd2@msn.com](mailto:dolloyd2@msn.com)

### 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 application, please see:**

<https://www.itascacatholic.org/job-openings>

**Submit Application, Cover Letter and Resumé to:**

Tracy Smith, Business Manager

email: [business\\_manager@sjsgr.org](mailto:business_manager@sjsgr.org)

## Restored Retreat

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

**February 28—March 2, 2025**

Sugar Lake Lodge | Cohasset, MN

Sponsored by: Diocese of Duluth

**REGISTRATION OPEN:**

<https://dioceseduluth.org/restored-retreat>

**PLEASE NOTE:** This year there will be a Track 1 for those who have never experienced Restored, as well as a Track 2 for those who desire to come back and go deeper.

We are offering a discount of \$20/person for those who have never attended.

We are also offering an early-bird discount of \$10/person or married couple who register by January 15th.



### ST. JOHN SCHOLARSHIP

Did you know that students who either attended, and/or have a family member who attended St. John's Catholic Church in Hill City can apply for a \$1,000 scholarship for post-secondary education?

St. John's Catholic Church in Hill City has funded a scholarship available to graduating seniors or any adult pursuing secondary education. Applicants must have either been a parishioner of St. John's Catholic Church or have a family member who was a member of St. John's.

More than one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded. Apply through the Grand Rapids Community Foundation Scholarship Portal:

<https://gracf.org/scholarships/scholarship-application/>

**APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED FROM  
JANUARY 1 UNTIL MARCH 1, 2025**

## DAILY MASS READINGS

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 5, 2024

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5:

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 6:

1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 7:

1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8:

1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 9:

1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 10:

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11:

1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 12, 2024

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 13:

Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 14:

Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15:

Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 16:

Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 17:

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 18:

Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17





## Genius of Womanhood

PRESENTS:  
HEROINES OF THE BIBLE

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



MONDAY, JANUARY 13  
ST. AUGUSTINE | 6:00PM—7:30PM

WOMEN OF THE KINGS:  
*Abigail, Michal and Bathsheba*

FEBRUARY 3  
WOMEN OF THE EXILE AND RETURN:  
*Esther, Judith*

*and the Maccabean Mother*  
{PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE  
FROM THE ORIGINAL SCHEDULE.}

Questions, please contact:  
Amy Pautsch | 218-999-6456  
amy.pautsch@duluthcatholic.org  
<https://www.itascacatholic.org/geniusofwomanhood>

## MARCH FOR LIFE

*Celebrate Life in 2025!*

TRAVEL BY COACH BUS TO THE  
STATE CAPITOL IN ST. PAUL FROM  
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

LEAVE: 7:30AM

RETURN: 9:00PM

COST: \$20 per person  
(Thanks to a grant from  
Duluth Diocesan  
Human Life Development Fund)

*Signup sheets at both parishes.*

For more details, Contact:  
Catherine McLynn  
218-326-1313 or [cat@mclynn.net](mailto:cat@mclynn.net)

## SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

ST. AUGUSTINE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN  
*A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a St. Augustine graduating  
senior pursuing a post secondary education.*

Submit applications to:  
Wanda Edwards  
[bwed71@msn.com](mailto:bwed71@msn.com)



Or place in St. Augustine  
CCW lock box  
located in St. Augustine  
Social Hall and address  
application to Wanda Edwards

Due by Thursday, March 14

Application available at St. Augustine or online <https://www.itascacatholic.org/staugustineccw>

## 2025 MONTHLY MISSION CHALLENGE

TO ACCOMPANY A PERSON OR PERSONS NOT ACTIVE OR OUTSIDE OF OUR  
FAITH COMMUNITY WITH INTENTIONAL ACTIONS, TO ATTAIN HEAVEN  
TOGETHER, WITH THE HELP OF GOD.

Each month during  
2025, there will be a  
series of challenges for  
parishioners (everyone is invited  
to participate). These challenges  
will help you grow in your own faith  
while you journey with another person.

St. Augustine and  
St. Joseph will have a  
month-long display in their  
respective gathering space. As  
you complete the monthly  
challenge, add a written note of  
your own experience to the display.

CHALLENGES HAVE THEIR ROOTS IN SPIRITUAL AND CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY.

*For complete details of the Monthly Mission Challenge, flyers will be available at  
each parish respective gathering space. Also, kids Monthly Mission Challenge, too.*

My Dear Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you are all safe,  
warm and ready for 2025. The Council of Catholic Women at  
St. Joseph has done the job of supporting, educating and empowering  
women in this parish. **CCW IS THE VOICE OF CATHOLIC WOMEN  
TODAY!** Many thanks to everyone who stepped up to help or donate your  
time and talents to the things accomplished this year. Did you help at or  
make bars for a funeral, or donate to Support Sunday, or bake something  
to share on our 3rd Sunday Coffee obligation? Did you help at the garage  
sale, sit at the pro-life booth at the fair, stuff envelopes for a mailing, add  
your gift to the Toys for Tots or give food to the Advent Almsgiving? All  
these and many more are what make this a great community of which to  
be a part. The Bible tells us that we should do all this without expecting  
thanks but **thank you all so much.**

Finally, thank you to Fr. Blake for his support of CCW. He has been  
generous with his time and always willing to give us opportunities  
to be the hands and feet of Christ.

In His Love,  
Connie Andrews



### ROSES FOR LIFE

WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AFTER ALL MASSES  
JANUARY 18 & 19

Your free will offering is appreciated.

Proceeds donated to  
pro-life organizations

*Thank you for supporting  
the Right to Life!*



### SAVE-the-DATE Pancake Breakfast Catholic Schools Week

Sunday, January 26  
St. Joseph Social Hall

*Proceeds support  
St. Joseph Catholic School*



ST. JOSEPH'S  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**NEW STUDENT  
REGISTRATION  
2025-2026 School Year**

### ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

*Grounded in the tradition of the Catholic Church,  
St. Joseph's School is a community dedicated to forming disciples  
of Jesus Christ through faith, academic excellence, and service to others*

- Kindergarten and Preschool Registration opens for St. Joseph Catholic School families **first part of January**.
- Registration for parish families (not enrolled in the school) opens **Jan 24**.
- Registration for non-parish, non-school families opens **Feb 7**.

If you have a child who will be ready in the fall of 2025 for Preschool (age 4 by Sept. 1, 2025), Kindergarten (age 5 by Sept. 1, 2025), or a new student entering grades 1-6, please come to our office or visit our website for registration forms: <https://www.itascacatholic.org/admission-registration>

**It is a good idea to register early to reserve a spot for your child as our class sizes are limited.**

Parents and parish members continue to be our best "public relations representatives". We appreciate each time you let someone know what a great place St. Joseph's School is for children to learn and grow spiritually.

We welcome visitors to our school and classrooms to see what wonderful learning is happening here. If you know someone who has school age children that might be interested in checking into our school, please bring them in and introduce them to us, and we will answer their questions and show them around our school!

**For questions, please contact the school office at: 218-326-6232**

Please also visit the school tab on our website. Thank you!

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



ST. JOSEPH'S  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## Follow us!

For school events, updates and more

St. Joseph's Catholic School



Thank you to all those who have given to the St. Joseph School Annual Fund. We have reached and exceeded our goal of \$25,000. Due to your prayers and financial support, we are able to update classrooms with new technology and adaptive furniture for students. With this funding we are able 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. We appreciate you making the decision to partner in our success.

**YOU ARE WELCOME TO CONTINUE TO GIVE.**

DONATIONS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED | <https://tinyurl.com/2024StJoesAnnualFund>





# Christmas Memorial Offering

THANK YOU TO OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HONORED A LOVED ONE WITH YOUR MEMORIAL GIFT OF BEAUTY THAT DECORATED YOUR PARISH DURING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON.

WITH OUR PRAYERS AND APPRECIATION WE PRESENT THE NAMES OF THOSE HONORED AND REMEMBERED.



## St. Augustine

### CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL GARDEN

Charlie & Myrt Anderson  
Dick & Bertha Backes and Family  
Will Backes  
Barten Family deceased members  
Diann Boser  
Bob & Bev Christopherson  
A. Dan & Muggs Fiala  
Art & Bernice Gibeau  
Charles Gibeau  
Donnie Gibeau  
Carole Gornick  
Darl & Sylvia Jones  
Bob Lewis  
Joe & Margaret Moehrle  
Bud & Margie Payment  
Greg Payment  
Lou Payment  
Mark Payment  
Nap & Betty Payment  
August, Laura and Kenny Sahr  
Russ & Bernice Vanatta  
Rex & Babe Watkins



## St. Joseph

### CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

Paul & Margaret Anderson  
Tim Bischoff  
Jackie & Micah Bischoff  
Larry E. Bishop  
Edward Alfred Burton  
Anita Cefaratti  
Joseph Cefaratti  
Louis & Florence Cerar  
Kenneth Clifton  
Ralph & Agnes Couble  
Caden Michael Endres  
Lawrence, Doris & Keith Gagner  
Daniel Greer  
Scotty Greer  
Matthew Greer  
Peter & Martha Karls  
Burl Ives  
Bob & Betty LaTarte  
Allan Lawrence  
Robert Liebel  
John McLaughlin  
Deceased family members of Dave & Lois Ness  
Myron Roswold  
Colleen Smith  
Tom & Betty Smith  
Frank & Lucy Smolke  
William Stimac  
Mearl & Geraldine Sutherland  
Matthew Varberg



Thank You and God Bless