







St. Augustine Catholic Church

601 NW 2nd Avenue Cohasset, MN 55721

St. Joseph Catholic Church

315 SW 21st Street Grand Rapids, MN 55744

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT AND FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



Pastoral Office-St. Joseph

Phone: 218-326-2843

Website: www.itascacatholic.org Office Hours: 8:30AM-1:00PM M-F

Office Staff-Direct Dial

Pastor: 218-999-6457 Fr. Blake Rozier

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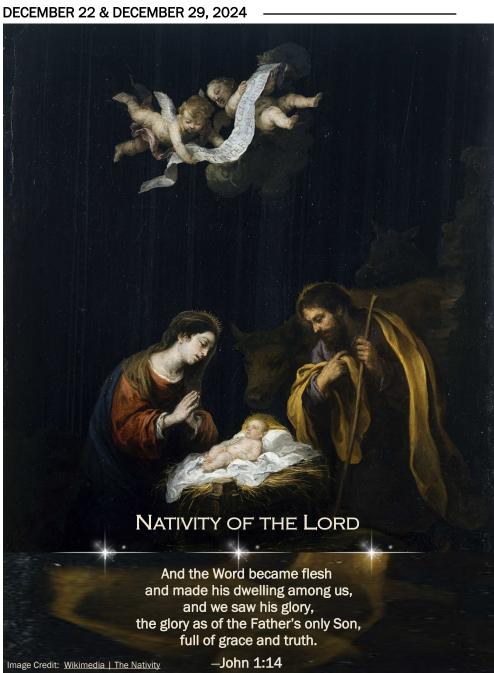
Secretary:

Sue Schuler - 218-999-6463

School Office: 218-326-6232 Principal: Nellie Goshey Secretary: Carmen Watland

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 OUR SHEPHERD



THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH HELP US ENTER THE MYSTERY WE CELEBRATE I HIGHLIGHT ONE OF THE PREFACES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON THAT THE FAITHFUL MAY HEAR AT MASS:

> It is truly right and just. our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For on the feast of his awe-filled mystery, though invisible in his own divine nature. he has appeared visibly in ours; and begotten before all ages, he has begun to exist in time; so that, raising up in himself all that was cast down. he might restore unity to all creation and call straying humanity back to the heavenly Kingdom. And so, with Angels. we praise you, as in joyful celebration we acclaim...

Christmas should give us hope. If we celebrate Christmas well, we should be renewed, through the grace of God. If we celebrate poorly, in a more worldly way, then our Christmas time may have the opposite effect. If we get caught up in the materialism of the season, we will not be renewed. If we do not keep Christ at the center of our Christmas, then selfishness will abound, and it will be difficult to realize hope in this fallen world. We are not fulfilled in this way because we are made for God. We are made for so much more!

THROUGH OUR FALLENNESS. WE ARE REMINDED THROUGH THE PREFACE: he has appeared visibly in ours; and begotten before all ages. he has begun to exist in time; so that, raising up in himself all that was cast down, he might restore unity to all creation and call straying humanity back to the heavenly Kingdom

THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT WE HAVE HOPE IN CHRIST, CHRIST WANTS TO BREAK

Beautiful! Praise God! It can be easy to become discouraged as we fall into worldly ways, but Jesus has shown us that we should not live for this world. With His birth, He came to our rescue to lead us to a realm of glory.

I hope you and your families have a blessed Christmas. May all of us see the amazing love of our God as we celebrate His birth. Happy Birthday Jesus!

May the peace of the Lord be with you always, Fr. Blake



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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 22 8:30am—SA | Our Parishioners 10:30am—SJ | Georgianna Karppi

Monday, December 23 9:00am-SJ | Marilyn Peterson

Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve Nativity of the Lord-Vigil 4:00pm—SJ | Our Parishioners 5:00pm—SA | Our Parishioners

Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day-Nativity of the Lord 9:00am-SJ | Our Parishioners

Thursday, December 26 9:00am—SJ | Cecilia Birkholz

Friday, December 27 7:30am-SJ | Philip Nelson

Saturday, December 28 4:00pm—SJ | Our Parishioners

Sunday, December 29 8:30am-SA | Ron Treml 10:30am-SJ | Matt Ruge

Monday, December 30 9:00am-SJ | Linda Lee Hopkins

Tuesday, December 31 8:30am-SA | Daniel Harrison

Wednesday, January 1—Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary the Mother of God 9:00AM—SA | Cassidy Villeneuve 5:30pm-SJ | Red Cusey

Thursday, January 2 9:00am-SJ | Terry Wiczek

Saturday, January 4

Friday, January 3

7:30am—SJ | Damien Jackson

9:00am-SJ | Deceased Carmelites 4:00pm-SJ | Daniel Greer

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

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



ST. AUGUSTINE

Marlene Cole | 218-244-2828

ST. JOSEPH

Arlyce Perrault | 218-326-6983 Maryann Clafton | 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

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/jobopenings

Submit Application, Cover Letter and Resumé to:

Tracy Smith, Business Manager email: business manager@sjsgr.org



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

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



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FISCAL YEAR:

JULY 1, 2024—JUNE 30, 2025

ST. AUGUSTINE

Ordinary Income—November \$12,689
Total Fiscal YTD '24—'25 \$67,924
Total Fiscal YTD '23—'24 \$70,391

Ministries Appeal Goal '24 \$22,334
Collected YTD \$26,068
Left to Collect GOAL REACHED

ST. JOSEPH

Ordinary Income—November \$56,912
Total Fiscal YTD '24—'25 \$286,274
Total Fiscal YTD '23—'24 \$246,905

Ministries Appeal Goal '24 \$106,989
Collected YTD \$107,428
Left to Collect GOAL REACHED

DAILY MASS READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 22, 2024

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10: Lk 1:39-45

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29: Lk 1:67-79

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 29, 2024

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31: 1 Jn 2:18-21; 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3: 1 Jn 2:29–3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42



CHRISTMAS EVE MASS—Invitation for Children to Sing

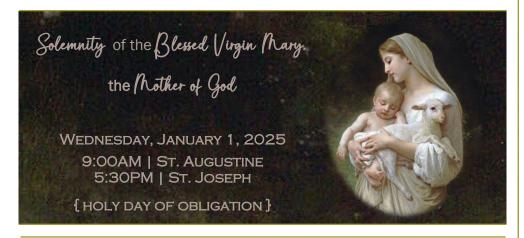
CHILDREN WHO ARE AGE 6 AND OLDER ARE INVITED TO SING TWO PRELUDE SONGS AT THE CHRISTMAS EVE MASS.



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 (Nemorial 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.



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.



Reconciliation Schedule

Wednesdays
4:30PM | St. Joseph
Saturdays
11:00AM | St. Joseph

Sundays 7:45AM | St. Augustine





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.

THIRD ORDER CARMELITE

Third order Carmelite community meets the first Saturday each month at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

8:30AM | Rosary 9:00AM | Mass 10:00AM—11:30AM | Meeting

NEXT GATHERING: SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

For more information on the Carmelite community,

Please contact: Marie Gibeau 218-999-7168 or Karen Tok 218-245-3402

Our Lady of Mount Carmel



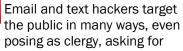
WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AFTER ALL MASSES JANUARY 18 & 19

Your free will offering is appreciated.

Proceeds donated to pro-life organizations

Thank you for supporting the Right to Life!

PLEASE BE AWARE

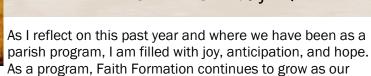


money or personal information. Please be aware of these fake phishing emails and texts that are enticing you to take the bait: such as click on a link, give personal information, or respond in some way. Delete these suspicious emails or texts and do not respond to them.

Our normal parish communications are clearly identified: USPS mail with proper return address, our weekly parish news email (Flocknote), parish bulletin and our website.

https://www.itascacatholic.org/

FAITH FORMATION—Reflection



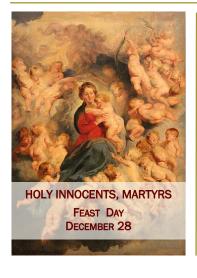
church family grows closer to the Lord and to each other. We have seen incredible growth in the numbers of families participating each year in our parish programming, but the real win is in the increase of families at Mass on the weekends. Everything we do on Wednesday is intended to point to Sunday, not just the head knowledge of our faith, but the beauty of the love and culture, too.

When I started teaching Sunday school 14 years ago, I could never have imagined that I would be sitting in Mass looking around at all the families who have been part of my life since their kids were in pre-school. Some of those families have grown up kids now, and some of them are still in the thick of raising those kids. Each weekend I am amazed at this big family God has given me. This family of faith where everyone comes in from a different place in life, but when we're all together, none of that matters. We get to come before the Lord and just be. To set down our worries, to say a prayer of thanksgiving for the things that went right this week and be present in the company of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

I remember once hearing Fr. Jerry preaching about the Holy Family and how we know so little about their everyday life, yet we know all we need to about them. It is highly unlikely that Joseph never actually talked or that Jesus never tracked mud in the house of that Mary never had a recipe fail. However, in the grand scheme of things, those moments aren't what really mattered. The thing that mattered and what was recorded about them is what they did in their lives that showed us how to know, love, and serve God.

My daughter coined the term "church babies" few days ago, referring to the young adults who grew up in our Faith Formation program. It is the biggest blessing to walk alongside these kids and their families as they grow up into the adults they were created to be. At Christmas, when all the kids come home and we see their families all together at Mass, the joy is immeasurable. These young people taking ownership of their faith and being that example of living so that others can see Christ through them gives me so much hope for our future. The best part is that each year brings the anticipation of new souls waiting to be brought deeper into relationship with Jesus. This is truly my favorite time of the year.

And so, Merry Christmas, and may the blessings of Christ be with you all. -Lisa





December 29

"Holy Family of Nazareth make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family and its beauty in God's plan."

-Amoris Laetitia, 325

Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

WHEN MAKING DECISIONS ON HOW MEMORIALS WILL BE USED FOR YOU OR YOUR LOVED ONE, WE HOPE YOU MIGHT CONSIDER A LASTING OPTION.

ST. JOSEPH HAS TWO ENDOWMENTS THAT PROVIDE SUPPORT NOW AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO IN PERPETUITY.

Planning is not easy, but we want you to know the Development Office can help you with language for obituary memorials while pre-planning your funeral arrangements.

We suggest saving this with your funeral planning:

The family suggests that memorial contributions be sent to: St. Joseph Catholic Church (or School) Endowment, 315 SW 21st Street Grand Rapids, MN 55744

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

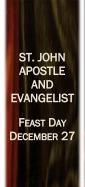
I'm happy to answer any questions you have about a gift to our endowments.

Becky Langenecker
Development Director
St. Augustine | St. Joseph

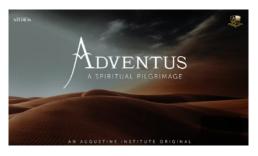


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The generous will be blessed, for they share their food with the poor. - Proverbs 22:9







ON BEHALF OF THE AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE, FORMED IS OFFERING ADVENTUS:

A Spiritual Pilgrimage to everyone this Advent and Christmas Season. In light of the separation we face as communities, this special documentary allows Catholics all around the world to unite and make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land to see the places associated with Christ's Birth.

30 MINUTES B.C. — A NATIVITY PLAY
You know how the Christmas Story
begins...But what happened before
the beginning?

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- 1. Visit https://signup.formed.org/
- 2. Enter zip code 55744

FORMED has many categories to choose from:

Conversion Stories, Documentaries, Mental Health & Faith, Bible Studies, Saints, and many more.

Also, FORMED has Kid Stories and Comics to choose from!



PARISH UPDATES BY EMAIL

Are you missing out on emailed parish weekend updates every Thursday?

These updates contain:

- The latest Mass or schedule changes and event reminders
- Updates that don't make it into our bi-weekly bulletin
- And every so often we invite you to opt-in to parish groups like 'funeral bakers' or 'special event registrations'

To receive these Flocknote emails:

 Sign up on our website; scroll down and look for...



https://tinyurl.com/SASJFlocknoteSignup

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

WHEN OFFERING A CHECK, PLEASE MAKE PAYABLE TO: St. Augustine Church or St. Joseph Church and please note in the memo line what you are supporting (example: Capital Campaign or Regular Giving).

Online Giving is available for anyone through WeShare™, an easy and convenient way to save time and support our parishes. https://www.itascacatholic.org/giving

Bible Story Time



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

Saturdays 9:00AM — 10:00AM: 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!







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!

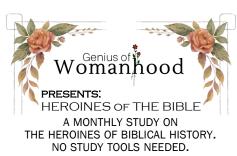
For questions, please contact the school office at: 218-326-6232
Please also visit the school tab on our website. Thank you!
https://www.itascacatholic.org/school







PRINTED COPIES AVAILABLE:
GATHERING SPACE | ST. JOSEPH
SOCIAL HALL | ST. AUGUSTINE





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.}

MARCH 10

WOMAN OF MINISTRY: Mary Magadalene

APRIL 14

MOTHER OF GOD AND HIS CHURCH: *Mary*

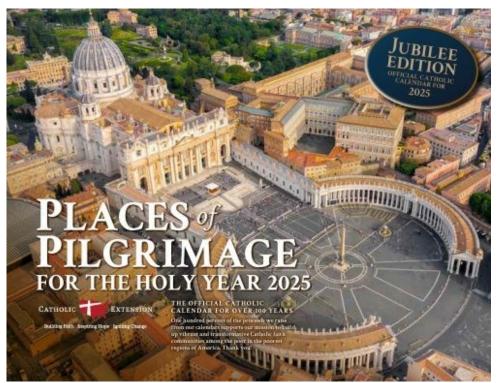
MAY 12

THE WORTH OF A WOMAN: Guest Speaker—Lisa Neary (For Audience 18yrs+)

Questions, please contact:

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

https://www.itascacatholic.org/ geniusofwomanhood



We are experiencing a delay in receiving our annual calendars from Catholic Extension due to a malfunction in their printing equipment. Please watch your email as we will send a Flocknote when they are available for pick up.

These calendars are a valuable resource to many households and include Saint's Feast days, Holy Days of Obligation and Liturgical Seasons. 2025 is a special Jubilee Year for the Catholic Church, that the Holy See has themed, "Pilgrims of Hope." The calendar selected for our parishes features holy places of pilgrimage throughout the world.



SECOND ANNUAL ST. RAPHAEL'S GUILD RETREAT

RETREAT DIRECTION BY: FR. BRIAN FISCHER

JANUARY 24-26, 2025

JANUARY 24-26, 2025 CRAGUN'S ON GULL LAKE

Testimony:

"Gathering as a community of health professionals was incredible. Being with people walking similar career paths united by Christ's truths was very refreshing. The reflection time and rest was much needed and I feel very filled up after attending the retreat."

REGISTRATION OPEN

MORE DETAILS: https://duluthcathmed.org/

