

December 14, 2014

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pastor's Note:

Rejoicing Sunday: The Gospel for today combines a brief passage from the prologue to John's Gospel with a report about John the Baptist. As in Mark's Gospel, the Gospel of John contains no birth narrative. Instead, John's Gospel begins with a theological reflection that has come to be called the "prologue."

This prologue places the story of Jesus in its cosmological framework. It speaks of Jesus' existence with God since the beginning of time. In John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word, the light that is coming into the world's darkness.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete, a Latin word which means "rejoice," is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass. This theme is echoed in today's second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand. (Loyola Sunday Connection)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Please note that I will be available for Confessions this Thursday (18) from 11 to 12 noon and for one-half hour prior to Mass on Sunday (21). Other times may be offered during the last week of Advent! A Blessed Advent! Fr. Michael

Pancake Breakfast: The Knights of Columbus will serve their famous pancake breakfast after Mass this **Sunday, December 14**. We look forward to seeing everyone downstairs for a great breakfast and fellowship. Free will offering. Plus, during the pancake breakfast be sure to check out **Annual Bake Sale** by Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary. Proceeds for both will go to the Silver Bay Food Shelf, helping those in need.

The Knights of Columbus Christmas Party will be **Thursday, December 18** in the Church Hall at **5 pm**. Bring a dish to share and an inexpensive gift for the dice game.

Advent Reflections: Go to www.stmarysilverbay.org to read or listen to Father Barron's daily reflection.

Faith Formation will meet **Wednesday, December 17**, starting with dinner at **6 pm**, followed by education at **6:30 pm**. For Adult Faith Formation, there's a fun community outreach project being planned. We hope you can join us! ALL are welcome for both dinner and education. If you'd like to attend but have children who are too young for the Faith Formation program, child care is provided. For more details, please contact the parish office.

Join the FUN! We will be decorating right after Mass on **Sunday, December 21**. The more, the merrier! Plus, it is much easier with LOTS of help. No one is too young or too old to help.

Thank you to Thrivent Financial members who have designated St. Mary's Church as your charity for your **Thrivent Choice Dollars**. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to everyone who has purchased a poinsettia for St. Mary's in memory of a loved one. If you still want to do so, there is still time. The cost is \$9 each. Please use a "flower envelope" so we have all the correct information in the Christmas Bulletin.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - December 24: The Nativity of the Lord

4 pm at Holy Spirit, Two Harbors

7 pm at St. Mary's, Silver Bay

Christmas Day - December 25: The Nativity of the Lord

9 am at Holy Spirit, Two Harbors

St. Mary's Catholic Church — 57 Horn Blvd., Silver Bay, MN 55614

Parish Office Located in Rectory 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday **Office/Rectory** 226-3100 **Fax Machine** 226-3116

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Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **K of C Auxiliary Prayer Chain** Call — 226-3639 or 226-3351

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Saturday	<i>ST. LUCY</i>	12/13/14
7:15 p.m. Mass - Intention for Johnny Jerabek Reader.....Jim Frericks Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Accept. Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Susan Frericks Chalices....Ken Kruger Servers.....Sheena & Mita Frericks Gifts.....Volunteer		
Sunday	<i>THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT</i>	12/14/14
7:50 a.m. Sacrament of Penance 8:30 a.m. Mass - Intention for All Parishioners Reader.....Marge Jorgenson Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Accept Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Bonnie Kruger Chalices....Lois Kaari Servers.....Jada Kirk & Thomas Rowlee Gifts.....Volunteer		
Monday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ADVENT</i>	12/15/14
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Mass - Intention for Jackie Cherek ☩		
Tuesday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ADVENT</i>	12/16/14
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Mass - Intention for Joseph Fredrickson 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting		
Wednesday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ADVENT</i>	12/17/14
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Mass - Intention for Deanna Larson 8:50 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration		
Thursday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ADVENT</i>	12/18/14
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Mass - Intention for Caitlin Kelly ☩		
Friday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ADVENT</i>	12/19/14
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Mass - Intention for Deanna Larson		
Saturday	<i>SATURDAY IN ADVENT</i>	12/20/14
7:15 p.m. Mass - Intention for Joseph Fredrickson Reader.....Jody Majewsky Cantor.....Marilyn Frericks Plate.....Don Seipke Chalices....Rose Elam Chalices....Shelley Fredrickson Servers.....Jason Blood & Mita Frericks Gifts.....Volunteer		
Sunday	<i>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT</i>	12/21/14
7:50 a.m. Sacrament of Penance 8:30 a.m. Mass - Intention for All Parishioners Reader.....Thomas Clifford Cantor.....Sue Bahar Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris Chalices....Marjorie Jorgenson Chalices....Lois Kaari Servers.....Zack Fredrickson & Todd Curry Gifts.....Volunteer		

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- † **Parishioners:** Leesy McKinney, Terry Scallen, Betty Dugas, Jim Tedrick, Lois Hynes, Alma Ferris, George Asmussen, Suzanne Seguin, Angie Pruse, Marlene Petersen, Deanna Larson, Walter Skalsky, Charlie & Doris Vincent, Leona Currier, Johnny Jerabek, Vicki Johnson, Joseph Fredrickson.
- † **Clergy:** Fr. Michael Lyons, Deacon Fred Wright
- † **Relatives & Friends:** Amy Buckner, Rhowyn Byrnes, Sonny Joyce, Mae Dehnhoff, Mary Lundgren, James Currier, Emma Cavataio, Don Hedin, Pat LeBlanc Sr., Stephanie (Clifford) Martin, Lois Kind, John Asmussen, Kenneth Moe, Roger Gale, Jeff Mitchell, Arthur Barthman, Kennady Roberts, Kathy Thompson, Steve Keller, Diane Janousek, Larry Pickran, Elsie McGuire, Jim Morcomb, Alan Larson, Susan Manning, Joe Kowalowski, Grace Kramer, Gladys Gatz, Vern Walentiny, Deb MacMillan.
- † **Military:** Karen McGrane, Alex Seanger, Michael Seipke, Sam West, Chris Gensing, Sean Stebbins.

Old Blue Hymnals needed to be replaced due to copyright laws. We can no longer use or donate these books, they may only be used for personal use. So, even though they are in great shape, the renewal of our subscription required us to purchase the new red books. The old blue hymnals are in the back of the church. Please help yourself, we would love to see them being used in your home versus just being recycled. .

Give blood. Give life to someone in need. Every 2 seconds someone needs blood. The need is constant. The supply is not. Local nonprofit Memorial Blood Centers needs your help to ensure a stable blood supply this winter, when blood donations are often low. Please consider giving blood. Your simple act of giving can make a life-saving difference to someone in need.

Plus – those who donate blood December 1 – 31 are eligible to win a Winter Getaway.

Donate blood Sunday, December 21 – Sunday, January 4 and also receive a long-sleeve shirt. There are Memorial Blood Centers in Duluth and Superior. Visit MBC.org or call 1-888-GIVE-BLD to schedule an appointment.

The Blood Mobile will be in Silver Bay on January 13. They will be parked at the William Kelley parking lot. Call Michele Keil at 218-340-9196 to schedule appointment.

Last Week's Contributions

General Collection.....	\$2350.85
Building Fund.....	\$70.00
Campaign for Human Development.....	\$10.00