

December 21, 2014

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pastor's Notes:

The Reason for the Season: This Sunday we read the story of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. This story is found only in Luke's Gospel.

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. Last week we reflected on John the Baptist's announcement that the Savior was among us, although not yet recognized. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. (Loyola Press)

Personal Thanks! to the members of our parish staff and to all of our volunteers in whatever ministry they share. Together they make a community of faith happen. A much blessed Christmas to them and to their families, as well as to all of our parish participants. Fr. Michael

Christmas Gifts: Have you considered including your parish in your gift-giving? Please do so with a special/additional gift in response to God's Gift of the Savior. Thank You!

Join the FUN! We will be decorating right after Mass this **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.

2015 Beautiful You Girls Retreat - "Free to Be..." With so many pressures and messages about who you need to be, how you need to be, and where your worth comes from, it is easy to get discouraged and confused. Would you like a little clarity? The answer lies in WHO made you, WHY you were made, and HOW you were made. Young Ladies in grades 8-12 are invited to join us at St. Rose parish in Proctor, the fun starts on **Friday, January 9, at 6:30 pm** and concludes on Saturday, January 10, at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$20 which includes meals and a t-shirt. Register at www.qoparish.com under Youth Notes, Youth Events.

Please come early to the **Christmas Eve Mass** to hear the beautiful Christmas music provided by your music ministry. The Christmas music will begin at **6:30 pm**.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, December 22, 5-6 pm & Tuesday, December 23, 6-7 pm

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

December 31: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

5 pm at St. Mary's, Silver Bay

January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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

Church Hall 226-3691 **Parish E-Mail** stmary@mchsi.com **Parish Website** www.stmarysilverbay.org

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

Fr. Michael Lyons (218) 834-4313 **Fr. Michael's E-Mail** mjlyons@mchsi.com

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| 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 | |
| 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 | |
| Monday | <i>WEEKDAY IN ADVENT</i> | 12/22/14 |
| 7:50 a.m. | Rosary | |
| 8:15 a.m. | Mass - Intention for Rick Frericks | |
| Tuesday | <i>ST. JOHN OF KANTY</i> | 12/23/14 |
| 7:50 a.m. | Rosary | |
| 8:15 a.m. | Mass - Intention for Carl Hofschulte | |
| 7:00 p.m. | AA Meeting | |
| Wednesday | <i>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</i> | 12/24/14 |
| 7:00 p.m. | Mass Reader.....Tom Frericks Cantor.....Terri Frericks-Blood & All Cantors Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris Chalices....Marjorie Jorgenson Chalices....Rose Elam Servers.....Thomas Rowlee & Jason Blood | |
| Thursday | <i>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</i> | 12/25/14 |
| 9:00 a.m. | Mass at Holy Spirit, Two Harbors | |
| Friday | <i>ST. STEPHEN</i> | 12/26/14 |
| 7:50 a.m. | Rosary | |
| 8:15 a.m. | Mass - Intention for Janet Grahek | |
| Saturday | <i>ST. JOHN</i> | 12/27/14 |
| 7:15 p.m. | Mass - Intention for Deanna Larson Reader.....Jeff Asmussen Cantor.....Terry Scallen Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Mary Wright Chalices....Don Seipke Servers.....Sheena & Mita Frericks | |
| Sunday | <i>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH</i> | 12/28/14 |
| 7:50 a.m. | Sacrament of Penance | |
| 8:30 a.m. | Mass - Intention for All Parishioners Reader.....Susan Michels Cantor.....Joanne Curry Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Lois Kaari Chalices....Marge Jorgenson Servers.....Zack Fredrickson & Todd Curry | |

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- † **Parishioners:** Leesyl 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, Allison Bahar, 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.



Next Food Distribution
Saturday, December 27, 2014

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Mary MacDonald Center Gym
99 Edison Blvd. Silver Bay MN

- You receive an abundance of grocery items
- Everyone who gets hungry qualifies
- Registration begins at 10:00 AM
- \$20 **Cash** donation at the door

BRING OWN BOXES, BASKETS, TOTES OR COOLERS FOR FOOD

More Info? Email: rubyspantrysilverbay@gmail.com

www.rubyspantry.org

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!

Last Week's Contributions

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| General Collection..... | \$1801.73 |
| Building Fund..... | \$200.00 |
| Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious..... | \$275.00 |
| UCA..... | \$25.00 |

*Thank you
for Remembering Your Loved Ones
with a Beautiful Poinsettia*

*Tom & Lucy Ludolph
in memory of
deceased Thoma family members*

*Judy Zupancich
in memory of
Edward Zupancich*

*Karen Nelson
in memory of
Jeff Timm*

*Rob & Karen Nelson
in memory of
Ruth Nelson*

*Larry Byrnes
in memory of
Jeremy Byrnes*

*Dave Mealey
in memory of
Donna Mealey*

*Lillian Miller
in memory of
Jim Miller*

*Susan Gelatic
in memory of
John William Gelatic*

*Greta Stefanich
in memory of
Louis Stefanich*

*Janet Grahek
in memory of
deceased family members*

*Bud & Mary Anne Stebbins
in memory of
deceased family members*

*Betty Hofschulte
in memory of
Carl Hofschulte*

*Steve & Diane Radle
in memory of
Jonathan Radle*

*Susan Gelatic
in memory of
John Gelatic*

*Jim & Lanay Frericks
in memory of
Leo & Leona Woelfel*

*Tom & Lucy Ludolph
in memory of
deceased Ludolph family members*

*Margaret Swindlehurst
in memory of
Robert Swindlehurst*

*Deacon Fred & Mary Wright
in memory of
John & Peggy Wright*

*Jim & Lanay Frericks
in memory of
Al & Elizabeth Frericks*

*Larry Byrnes
in memory of
Char Byrnes*

*Marilyn Frericks
in memory of
Don Frericks*

*Gale Fredrickson
in memory of
Dick and John Fredrickson*

*Rita Kelly
in memory of
Bob & Caitlin Kelly*

*Rick & Susan Scheradella
in memory of
William Jepperson*

*Betty Dugas
in memory of
Eddie & Ken Dugas*

*Mike & Susan Smrekar
in memory of
our parents*

*Janet Grahek
in memory of
Ed & Gen Grahek*

*Victoria Johnson
in memory of
Edwin Johnson*

*Tom & Mary Bott
in memory of
deceased family members*

*Judy Zupancich
in memory of
deceased family members*

*Rick & Susan Frericks
in memory of
Jerry & Judy Sowieja*

*Charlie & Susan Michels
in memory of
Donald Michels*

*Deacon Fred & Mary Wright
in memory of
Ray & Phyllis Schlichting*