

December 25, 2015 & December 27, 2015

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD ***AND*** ***THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH***

Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"Christian, remember your dignity ... Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom."
- Pope St. Leo the Great (400-461)

MERRY CHRISTMAS! My dear brothers and sisters, celebrate with joy and profound gladness this most happy day on which our Savior was born for us in order to save us from sin and everlasting death in Hell! Sadness should have no part of this day, but rather gladness, in knowing that our God was not content to let us die in our sins, but came to our rescue by becoming one of us, a human being like us in all things, except Himself free from sin.

Fellow Christians, as St. Leo the Great preached to his faithful flock in the fifth century A.D., remember your dignity! You are not some meaningless, random product of evolution, you have been intentionally and lovingly created by God Himself, so that He can share His love, mercy and salvation with you, so that He can fulfill you with the ecstasy of Divine love. This day is one of tremendous rejoicing, one in which we sing with the mighty army of Angels, Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth, peace to people of good will. REJOICE, because you are a beloved son or daughter of God; REJOICE, because you know the source of eternal salvation, Jesus Christ; REJOICE, because your God will go to any lengths to call you back to Himself, to rescue you from all that could harm you, to save you, to give you eternal life in Heaven; REJOICE, because you are wonderfully made, cast in the very image and likeness of God Himself. REJOICE, because "Today, in the City of David, a Savior has been born for you, who is Christ and Lord." (Luke 2:11)

My fellow Christians, today is a day of great gladness and thanksgiving, because today, the mystery of God's loving plan is revealed: there, hidden in a cattle shed, is the God of the universe, wrapped in rags and sleeping peacefully in the arms of our Blessed Mother, guarded carefully by faithful St. Joseph. The God of majesty, power and glory, the Creator and Master of the universe, the All-Holy one, is asleep on the hay, a powerless, vulnerable, dependent baby. Our God has chased after us all the way to His becoming one of us, and placing His life in the hands of His creatures. If we have ever doubted God's love and mercy for us, look at the manger scene- That's what length the All-powerful God of power and might will go to in order to bring you home to Him. You see? "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)

Today, in the midst of the festivities, good food, carols and presents, make sure that we take time to thank God for His coming down to Earth, being born a human being, so that He could one day die on the cross for us and rise to new life, bringing humanity back into right relationship with God the Father. Today, rejoice and be glad, and give thanks to God for He has endless love for you, specifically for YOU. For today, in the City of David, a Savior has been born for YOU, who is Christ and Lord. God bless you, and Merry Christmas!

Please note the daily Mass schedule on the back page. We will not have daily Mass on Tuesday, December 29, but we will have the rosary and morning prayer. Father Steve will be on vacation Monday, December 28–Wednesday, December 30. Father Michael will celebrate the daily Mass on Wednesday, December 30.

December 31: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

4 pm at Holy Spirit, Two Harbors

6:15 pm at St. Mary's, Silver Bay

January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:30 am at St. Mary's, Silver Bay

9:30 am at Holy Spirit, Two Harbors

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Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays 8:45 am - 3:00 pm **K of C Auxiliary Prayer Chain** 226-3639 or 226-3351

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Saturday	<i>ST. STEPHEN</i>	12/26/15
6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
7:15 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Carl Hofschulte</i> ☩	
	Reader.....Jeff Asmussen	
	Cantor.....Tom Palen	
	Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright	
	Chalices....Mary Wright	
	Chalices....Don Seipke	
	Servers.....Giovanni & Corrina Marolt	
Sunday	<i>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH</i>	12/27/15
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i>	
	Reader.....Susan Frericks	
	Cantor.....Joanne Curry	
	Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright	
	Chalices....Lois Kaari	
	Chalices....Marge Jorgenson	
	Servers.....Zack Fredrickson & Laurese McKinney	
Monday	<i>THE HOLY INNOCENTS</i>	12/28/15
Tuesday	<i>ST. THOMAS BECKET</i>	12/29/15
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
Wednesday	<i>OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</i>	12/30/15
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Billie Bianco</i> ☩	
8:50 a.m.	Adoration	
Thursday	<i>ST. SYLVESTER I</i>	12/31/15
6:15 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Allison Bahar</i> ☩	
	Reader.....Jessalyn Hansen	
	Cantor.....Andy Buell	
	Plate.....Jeff Asmussen	
	Chalices....Michael & Cindy Rowlee	
	Servers.....Thomas Rowlee & Jason Blood	
Friday	<i>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</i>	01/01/16
9:30 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i>	
	Reader.....Ed Hynes	
	Cantor.....Sue Bahar	
	Plate.....Lanay Frericks	
	Chalices....Marge Jorgenson & Gerry Bahar	
	Servers.....Lucas & Jake Stadler	
Saturday	<i>STS. BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN</i>	01/02/16
6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
7:15 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for John Grahek</i>	
	Reader.....Rose Elam	
	Cantor.....Terri Frericks-Blood	
	Plate.....Shelley Fredrickson	
	Chalices....Don Seipke	
	Chalices....Jeff Asmussen	
	Servers.....Jason Blood & Zack Fredrickson	
Sunday	<i>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</i>	01/03/16
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i>	
	Reader.....Gerry Bahar	
	Cantor.....Kim Josephson	
	Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris	
	Chalices....Sue Bahar	
	Chalices....Cindy Rowlee	
	Servers.....Thomas Rowlee & Jada Kirk	

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- † **Parishioners:** Lino Rauzi, Marj Von Schenk, Lois Hynes, Lillian Miller, Betty Dugas, Tom Bott, Gale Fredrickson, Susan Gelatic, Lanay Frericks, Alma Ferris, Richard Keseley, Suzanne Seguin, Terry Scallen, Vicky Johnson, Angie Pruse, Marlene Petersen, Deanna Larson.
- † **Clergy:** Fr. Ben Hadrach, Deacon Fred Wright, Fr. Francis Paquette.
- † **Relatives & Friends:** Dawn Stefanich, Alexa & Rauri Byrnes, Grace Kramer, Liam Traut, Elizabeth Johnson, Stephanie (Clifford) Martin, Ariana Marek, Kerry Larson, Diane Mayer, Don Hedin, Mike Rowlee Sr., Betty Westaby, Bob Martinsen, Dick Kunz, Johnny Jerabek, Amy Buckner, Mae Dehnhoff, Elsie McGuire, Jim Morcomb, and Delaney, Cooper, Thomas & William Kutcha.
- † **Military:** Karen McGrane, Alex Seanger, Michael Seipke, Sam West, Chris Gensing, Sean Stebbins.

2016 Catholic Men’s Conference: *Men of Faith, Men of Action*, is scheduled for **February 13, 2016**, at the Marshall School in Duluth. The conference schedule and registration forms (on-line and hard copy) are available at www.duluthcatholicmen.org. Hard copy registration forms are also available in the parish office. Conference registration is \$30 for registrations submitted on or before February 1, 2016, and \$40 after February 1.

WOMEN OF FAITH: Everyday Faith with Timeless Saints will be held on **Saturday, February 27, 2016**, at Marshall School in Duluth starting at 7:30 am and ending in a Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm. The powerful speaker Colleen Carroll Campbell who is a national speaker, former presidential speech writer and author of the inspiring spiritual memoir, “My Sisters the Saints,” will be presenting on this topic. Before Mass the women will enjoy a brief comedy performance by a Chicago comedy troop called Bible Bingo. The Vigil Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Sirba and families are encourage to join in. You can register at www.dioceseduluth.org or call 218-724-9111 or e-mail duluthcwc@gmail.com for any questions.

Please remember to pick up your 2016 calendars and envelopes in the back of the church.

WELCOME TO SAINT MARY’S

We’re happy you’re here. If you are new to our community, please call or stop by the Parish Office.

We would love to meet you and answer any questions you may have.

LAST WEEK’S CONTRIBUTIONS	
General Collection.....	\$2611.00
UCA.....	\$500.00

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

*Rita Kelly
in memory of
Bob & Caitlin Kelly*

*Victoria Johnson
in memory of
Edwin Johnson*

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

*Marilyn Frericks
in memory of
Don Frericks*

*Lillian Miller
in memory of
Jim Miller*

*Betty Hofschulte
in memory of
Carl Hofschulte*

*Karen Nelson
in memory of
Jeff Timm*

*Judy Zupancich
in memory of
Edward Zupancich*

*Steve & Diane Radle
in memory of
Jonathan Radle*

*Dave Mealey
in memory of
Donna Mealey*

*Rob & Karen Nelson
in memory of
Ruth Nelson*

*Shelley Fredrickson
in memory of
John Fredrickson*

*Gerry & Sue Bahar
in memory of
Allison Bahar*

*Ronny & Gerry Clement
in memory of
Bob & Theresa Clement*

*Shelley Fredrickson
in memory of
Fred Kent*

*Ronny & Gerry Clement
in memory of
deceased family members*

*Larry Byrnes
in memory of
Char Byrnes*

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

*Janet Grahek
in memory of
Ed & Gen Grahek*

*Margaret Swindlehurst
in memory of
Robert Swindlehurst &
deceased family members*

*Janet Grahek
in memory of
Aunt Mary & Aunt Alice*

*Larry Byrnes
in memory of
Jeremy Byrnes*

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

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

*Shelley Fredrickson
in memory of
Terry Petric*

*Leona Currier
in memory of
Currier Family*

*Rick & Susan Scheradella
in memory of
William Jepperson*

*Shelley Fredrickson
in memory of
Dick Fredrickson*

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

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

*Meg Puig
in memory of
Ron Puig*

*Meg Puig, Marge Baune &
Renee Kelly
in memory of
Theresa Clement*

*Mike & Susan Smrekar
Merry Christmas
to St. Mary's*

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

*Don & Marge Baune
in memory of
Baune & Heiling family members*