

# St. Mary's Catholic Church



**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

**January 1, 2017**

**The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem  
and found Mary and Joseph,  
and the infant lying in the manger.**

## **Mass Times**

**St. Mary's Warroad**

**Saturday 6pm~Sunday 8:30am**

**St. Joseph Williams~Saturday: 4:30pm**

**Sacred Heart Baudette~Sunday 10:30am**

## **Are You a New Parishioner**

To help serve you better,  
please register with the Parish Office.

## **Parish Office**

511 Cedar Ave NW

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218-386-1178

Website

[stmaryswarroad.org](http://stmaryswarroad.org)

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Jennifer Hilligoss - Sec/Bookkeeper

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## **Planning a Marriage or Baptism?**

Contact pastor for more information



**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Thursdays~7pm-10pm**

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Tuesdays 5:45-6:45pm

Saturdays 3-3:30 pm

Anytime by appointment

## **Low Gluten Hosts are available at St. Mary's**

Please see Pastor before Mass if you  
need to receive a Low Gluten Host.

## **Homebound or in a health care facility? Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**

Call pastor if Holy Communion/or a visit is  
desired. Hospitals will not call unless a  
patient asks that a priest be notified.

## **Parishioners**

Please notify the parish office of changes  
of address or telephone number.

If you would like the bulletin emailed to you send  
Jennifer an email at [stmarys2@mncable.net](mailto:stmarys2@mncable.net).

## **Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator**

Louann McGlynn~[lmcglynn@crookston.org](mailto:lmcglynn@crookston.org)

Safe and confidential line 218-281-7895

## **Abortion Alternative**

Birthright~1-800-550-4900

Crisis Pregnancy Helpline~1-888-4-OPTIONS

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday Dec. 31 6pm Mass +M. Madge Saurette  
 Sunday Jan.1 8:30am Mass For the parishes  
 Tuesday Jan 3 No MASS  
 Thursday Jan. 5 10:30am Word & Communion @WSLC  
 Saturday Jan. 7 6pm Mass +Dave Jaroszewski  
 Sunday Jan. 8 8:30am Mass +Milo Larson

## Liturgical Ministers

Saturday Jan. 7  
 Commentator—Tim Paquin  
 Reader—Barb Kotta  
 Musician—Pat/Dignans  
 Sacristan—Phil

Sunday Jan. 8  
 Commentator—Lois Thiessen  
 Reader—Tom Goldsmith  
 Music—Heather  
 Sacristan—Jeri

If you are unable to serve in the ministry you are scheduled for please contact a substitute.



Our gift to God for

12-25-2016

\$1486.00

Christmas

\$1634.00

We thank God for all gifts!

## Bible Readings for the Week of January 2-8

Monday 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-2  
 Tuesday 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-3  
 Wednesday 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-4  
 Thursday 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51  
 Friday 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28  
 Saturday 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-1  
 Sunday Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



## Prayer Requests

Denise, Hall, Leonard, Dahlgren, Dan  
 McKinnon, Kevin Smith, Arne Freije, James  
 Michael Sweeney, Megan Knott, Lisa Lewis,  
 Jerome Novak, Ryan Detweiler, Jim Benoit, Alice  
 Mohs, Bernie Burger, Dale Telle, Phil Goulet,  
 Kassie Horner, and Stephanie Schmitz.

Please remember to call the office when a name should be added or removed.  
 Those listed in the "Prayer Request" box will listed for two months and  
 then removed unless a request is made to keep them on the list.

## The Week Ahead



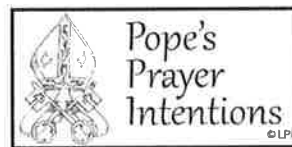
Sunday Jan. 1  
 8:30am Mass

Wednesday Jan. 4  
 10:30am Prayer & Fellowship  
 3:20-5pm Elem RE

Thursday Jan. 5  
 10:30am Word & Communion @ WSLC

Saturday Jan. 7  
 6pm Mass

Sunday Jan. 8  
 8:30am Mass  
 Breakfast following Mass  
 KC meeting following breakfast



January Prayer Intention of  
 Pope Francis

Christian Unity.

That all Christians may be  
 faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with  
 prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial  
 communion and by collaborating to meet the  
 challenges facing humanity.

[www.apostleshipofprayer.org](http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org)

## January 1, 2017

### Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." LUKE 2:19

Mary is the perfect role model for living a stewardship lifestyle. She listened to God and said "yes" to His invitation to be the Holy Mother of His son. She also trusted in the God's providence on a daily basis. As we start a new year, take time every day to listen to how God is calling you; trust that He has a better plan for you than you could ever imagine.

## Student Ministry

Note from Fr. Todd:

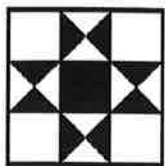
I will be out of the office from January 2<sup>nd</sup> through January 10<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Mario Prada will once again be taking my place for our weekend Masses, please welcome him warmly. While I am gone in case of emergency please contact Deacon Jim at Sacred Heart in Baudette at 218-634-2689 or Fr. John Kleinwachter in Roseau at 218-463-2441. Peace and God Bless,  
Fr. Todd

### Christmas Giving Tree.

Of the many wonderful things about our Catholic faith one that always stands out is the fact that we do not simply celebrate Christmas for a single day or even for a couple of days. We have an entire Christmas Season. An entire season to celebrate the coming of the Christ Child. I encourage everyone please don't let go of this great season to soon, continue to celebrate, continue to rejoice in Christ's coming for the entire season of Christmas. Christmas shouldn't go by the wayside on Christmas morning along with the wrapping paper. Instead, let's keep Christmas alive by encouraging "random acts of kindness" in our community. For example, maybe you can go grocery shopping for someone who has trouble getting out, or surprise a busy young family with a casserole to make one night of the week a little less hectic. Maybe one of your family members can shovel off the driveway of a neighbor. These small acts of kindness exhibit the best of what Christians have to give - a piece of themselves. After you have done something, write it down on one of the cards provided and hang it on the tree in the gathering space. Let's fill this tree with unique ideas that help brighten the long winter days and keep the Spirit of Christmas!



Thanking everyone for their overwhelming response and giving hearts for the mitten and glove drive.. It was above and beyond any expectations! Thank you all!



Piecemakers Prayer Quilt Ministry  
Quilt & Craft Retreat  
Friday & Saturday Jan. 13-14  
Friday 2pm-Saturday 4pm

### HONOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

#### We Keep in our prayers...

Jacob Larson, Tyler Larson, Brett Hebel, Nic Gray, Joseph Larson, Shane Thompson, Krista Johnston, Kampton Carpenter, Alex Johnston, Pamela Genereaux, Derek Woodward, Jason Hilligoss, Deb Lien & Kyle Mohrbacher.



### Elementary Faith Formation

Jan. 4 3:20-5pm

### Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Jan. 11 6:30-8pm

### Confirmation

Jan. 15  
6pm.

## Steubenville North — University of St. Thomas

### What is Steubenville?

This summer over 2000 youth from all over the U.S and Canada are coming together in Minnesota to encounter Christ. The 2017 theme is "Elevate" describing God's desire to make us new in His love. The conference features dynamic speakers, incredible worship music (led by the familiar faces of Sonar), and profound moments of prayer and Eucharistic Adoration.

### When is Steubenville?

Our Conference trip will run from July 27-31, 2017, which includes our time at the conference, time to relax together and time of serving at "Feed My Starving Children."

### Who can go to Steubenville?

Students currently in grades 8-12 along with recent High School Graduates.

### How much does it cost?

The total cost for registration is \$385, with a non-refundable deposit of \$75 needed to hold your spot. DO not let finances make or break your decision to join us at this great conference – there is a fundraising plan in place to help cover the cost of the conference. Registration covers the conference, meals, lodging and an overnight at the Waterpark of America.

### How do I sign up?

We have a limited number of spots available, so all registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. A place will be held for you after you contact Fr. Todd ([tarends@saintmarywarroad.org](mailto:tarends@saintmarywarroad.org) or 218-386-1178) and we receive your \$75 deposit.



Knights of Columbus Breakfast  
Sunday Jan. 8

Following the 8:30am Mass  
All are invited. Good food & fellowship.

KC Meeting  
Sunday Jan. 8  
Following breakfast

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthday wishes (Jan. 2-8) go out to....Jason Furuseth, Mary Mohbacher, Lisa Lewis, Nicholas Ogden, & Russell Warne.

# Mary, Mother of God



A while back I had a discussion with a young man about Jesus. He told me that although he called himself a Christian, he did not believe that Christ was God. He said that he believed that Jesus was just a great man. I asked him how being a follower of Christ for him would be any different from being a follower of Marx, or of Ghandi, or of Martin Luther King or any other figure from history. He left pondering an answer to this question because he knew that he recognized Jesus as far more than a historical figure.

The whole question of whom Jesus is as well as the importance of understanding His divinity gave rise to the great theological statement that He is the Son of God as well as the Son of Mary. His nature, what He is, is both God and man. His person, who He is, is the Eternal Word of God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. He has only one Person, one Who. Therefore, the Council of Ephesus proclaimed in 449, Mary, although herself a human being, is also the Mother of God. Through the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, Mary conceived within herself the second person of the Holy Trinity. And so we pray, "Holy Mary, Mother of God," and we celebrate this today, the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

At Christmas, we sing beautiful carols and even lullabies that put us emotionally back into Bethlehem. We spend time contemplating Jesus as a baby. At the same time, though, the Church reminds us who this Jesus is. Jesus is the Pre-existent Word of God. He is the Lord and the Messiah. He is the Savior who is fully God and fully human. This is all a mystery, how Jesus could be fully God and fully human; but it is faith that we profess, not a system of scientifically proven facts. We are reminded today that the One whose birth we romanticize with Silent Night is the One who was present at the creation of the universe.

Mary pondered all this within her heart, scripture tells us. She, obviously, knew about the mysterious conception of the child nine months earlier. She continually reflected on the events of Jesus' birth. Normally a baby boy was received into his home with a festival of musical instruments played by the people of the neighborhood. Jesus was received with the songs of an Angelic choir. Normally a boy was given the name of a relative. Jesus was given the name, Yahweh Saves. When many years later, after Pentecost, the apostles proclaimed, "This Jesus whom you have put to death is in fact Lord, Messiah and Savior," Mary had to remember that the shepherds appeared that holy night carrying the message of the angels, "To, you, this day is born in the City of David a Savior who is Messiah and Lord."

Mary was a woman of faith, complete faith. She had faith that somehow God would care for her in her pregnancy, in the childbirth, throughout her life, and at the foot of the cross. She had faith that His plan was working through this wonderful child. She had faith that she was changing the diapers of the Son of God. On this, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, we pray for faith, real faith, not faith that demands proofs but faith that God is working His plans in and through us in mysterious ways. We pray today for the Gift of the Holy Spirit called understanding. The gift of understanding is helps us realize that God is far greater than our intelligence can comprehend. This gift leads us to take the step of faith that proclaims along with Mary that the child of Bethlehem is the Son of God.