

December 29, 2024



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ST. MICHAEL'S & ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCHES MAHNOMEN, MINNESOTA



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New Office Hours: Tuesday through Thursday 8:30am-3:00pm
(Closed from 12:00-12:30pm for lunch)



December 29, 2024 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family.

In Celebration of the 12 Days of Christmas And Our Christmas Season

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day)

Tuesday, December 31st at St. Joseph's – 5:00 pm Mass

Wednesday, January 1st at St. Michael's – 10:00 am Mass

Let us come and begin the New Year in prayer – one and all!

The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated the weekend of January 4th and 5th, normal Mass times. All are invited to an Epiphany Party, 11:30 am at St. Michael's Parish Hall, for all members of our Parishes/School. Like the Magi brought gifts to Jesus, the newborn Savior of the world, we celebrate all the many gifts of "time, talent and treasure" you give throughout the years! ALL are welcome. Invite your Families and Friends. Our Pastoral/Parish Councils and Parish Staffs are serving a Brunch: Egg Bake, fresh fruit, cinnamon rolls, juice and coffee. There will be a program and drawings for door prizes!

The Baptism of the Lord on January 12th concludes the Christmas Season. Let us celebrate the whole Christmas Season with a growing Faith, Hope and Love. Let us give God "glory" and thank God for the coming of Jesus Christ the Lord, Emmanuel – God with us!

The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, January 1^h. The office will be open Thursday from 8:30 am-3:00 pm.

Fr. Andrew leaves for Uganda to visit his family on Monday, January 6th and will return on Thursday, January 30th. Thank you for keeping him in your prayers for safe travels. During his absence, Fr. Greg Gallagher, OMI and Fr. Matthews Zulu, OMI from the White Earth Catholic Community Churches will substitute for him for the weekend Masses and daily Masses on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. They will also cover any sacramental emergencies.

Dear God

I end this year with this simple prayer.

Please heal the broken people. Make well the sick.

Restore happiness to those in despair.

Bring love to the lonely, food to the hungry

and Peace to our world. Amen!



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<p>Saturday 12/28/24</p> <p>Team 4</p>	<p>4:30 pm Reconciliation at St. Michael's 5:00 pm Mass at St. Michael's: † John Stall by Marlys Johnson Sacristan: Bev Schoenborn Servers: Tate and Morgan Houdek Lector: HELP NEEDED Commentator: Tom Houdek Eucharistic Ministers: Tom and Amy Houdek, Bill and Denise Nelson, Doris Eyrnck Ushers: Tom Houdek, Gary Klinkhammer, Elmer Schoenborn, HELP NEEDED Cantors: Dave Kochmann, Evan Bruggeman, Keith Francis Pianist: Brenda Sorensen</p>
<p>Sunday 12/29/24</p> <p>Team 2 (Rotation)</p>	<p>8:00 am Reconciliation at St. Joseph's 8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's: For the Parionshioners Server: Norah Geray Lector: Cletus Geray Commentator: Deb McNamee Gifts: Shelly Benson/Marlene Klinkhammer Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff Crandall, Rita Wolbeck, Joe Buresh, PauliAnn Neisen, JoAnn Kersting</p> <p>10:30 am Mass at St. Michael's: † Andrew and † Beryl Wambach by Bruce and Beth Slette Sacristan: John Darco Servers: Brandon Miller and Dakotah Littlewolf Lector: John Darco Commentator: Peggy Darco Eucharistic Ministers: John and Peggy Darco, Karen Hanson, Roger and Peggy Francis Ushers: Ryan Ennen, Steve Worms, HELP NEEDED Cantor: Jill Bisek Pianist: Gina Worms</p>
<p>Monday - 12/30/24</p>	<p>No Mass</p>
<p>Tuesday 12/31/24</p>	<p>9:30 am Collection Counters: Mara Felland and Karen Hanson 10:00 am Catholic Daughters Rosary at Mahnomen Senior Living: Diane Spaeth 5:00 pm Mass at St. Joseph's: For the Parishioners Server: Olivia Halforsen Lector: Joe Buresh Commentator: JoAnn Kersting Gifts: Doug and Yvonne Kersting Eucharistic Ministers: Doug & Yvonne Kersting, JoAnn Kersting, Jerome & Ann Schoenborn</p>
<p><i>Happy New Year!</i> Wednesday 1/1/25</p> <p>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>10:00 am Solemnity of Mass at St. Michael's: † John Stall by Richard and Ann Stall Sacristan: Tim Spaeth Servers: HELP NEEDED Lector: Mark Jirik Commentator: Char Spaeth Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Jirik, Tim Spaeth, Bob Spaeth, Karen Hanson, HELP NEEDED Ushers: Mark Jirik, Tim Spaeth, Bob Spaeth, HELP NEEDED Cantor: Char Spaeth Pianist: Diane Spaeth No Faith Formation Classes</p>
<p>Thursday 1/2/25</p>	<p>2:00 pm Bulletin Folder: Patti Vizenor 5:30 pm Mass at St. Michael's: † Darryl and † Ray Bruggeman by Marina Bruggeman 6:00 pm Reconciliation</p>
<p>Friday 1/3/25</p>	<p>8:30 am Mass at St. Michael's: † Ruby Klinkhammer (DOD) by Wes & Lois Klema & Family 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration – 10:00 am Benediction</p>
<p>Saturday 1/4/25</p> <p>Team 1</p>	<p>9:00 am First Saturday Devotions 4:30 pm Reconciliation at St. Michael's 5:00 pm Mass at St. Michael's: † Andrew and † Beryl Wambach by Bruce and Beth Slette Sacristan: Juanita Zimmerman Servers: Claire, Heath and Malynn Sather Lector: Dave Zimmerman Commentator: Juanita Zimmerman Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Janisch, Dave Zimmerman, HELP NEEDED Ushers: Don Eveslage, Don Kaiser, Gary Klinkhammer, HELP NEEDED Cantors: HELP NEEDED Pianist: HELP NEEDED</p>
<p>Sunday 1/5/25</p> <p>Team 1</p>	<p>8:00 am Reconciliation at St. Joseph's 8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's: For the Parishioners Server: Wyatt Geray Lector: Vickie Anderson Commentator: Joe Buresh Gifts: Joe Buresh and Marilyn Buresh Eucharistic Ministers: Cletus Geray, Rita Wolbeck, PauliAnn Neisen, Joe Buresh, Jeff Crandall</p> <p>10:30 am Mass at St. Michael's: † John Stall by Richard and Ann Stall Sacristan: Fred Houdek Servers: HELP NEEDED Lector: Judy McCollum Commentator: HELP NEEDED Eucharistic Ministers: Judy McCollum, Fred Houdek, Karen Ahmann, Jason and Tina Starkey Ushers: HELP NEEDED Cantor: HELP NEEDED Pianist: HELP NEEDED</p>



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For The Week of December 22, 2024

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Christmas	\$ 50.00	
Retired Religious	\$ 75.00	
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00	

YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED - Please pray for those in need for their healing & peace.
We Especially Remember:

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And all recipients of the Catholic Daughter Prayer Blankets.

To add to or remove someone from our Parish Prayer Chain, please call the Parish Office (218-935-2503)



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**St. Michael's School**  
**Classes resume on January 2nd.**

**December 29, 2024**  
**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

*"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 JOHN 3:1)*

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

**January 1, 2025**  
**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

Numbers 6:22-27  
Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 2:16-21

**January 5, 2025**  
**Epiphany of the Lord**

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13  
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Matthew 2:1-12

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is

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**THANK YOU** to all who helped prepare during Advent for the celebration of Christmas and our Christmas Season: Liturgical Ministers (Musicians, Lectors, Commentators, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Mass Servers), Sacristans, Church Environment Decorators, CDA Leaders of the Rosary, Fr. Mathews Zulu, OMI and Fr John Kleinwachter who helped with the sacrament of Reconciliation, Donors for Christmas Flowers/Decoration and Giving Tree Gifts for Care & Share, Crookston and Mary's Place, Detroit Lakes, and all Second Collections & Diocesan Collections, Parish Office, Faith. Family. *Future*. Volunteers, Altar Linen Helpers, and others we forget! God bless you!

**Thank You:** I hope you all had a nice Christmas filled with peace, joy, and laughter. With heartfelt gratitude, I want to thank you all for the love you showed me during this Christmas. I appreciate all the Christmas cards, gift cards and certificates, money, clothes, treats, food, and everything that I received from you. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness. I celebrated the 9:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve for all of you, the Parishioners of St. Michael's and St. Joseph's. May the good Lord bless you abundantly in the New Year 2025 and grant all your intentions.

Fr. Andrew

**Year-end Gifts:**

Thank you for all your Stewardship of Treasure. Please know we greatly welcome all year-end gifts for our Parishes and/or School. Please remember that for gifts to be included in the 2024 year all checks must be written prior to, or on December 31, 2024. Thank you.



***A special prayer is offered for you  
on this New Year's Day -  
May God in His unceasing love  
Send many gifts your way.  
And may He fill your heart with peace  
And be forever near,  
Blessing you and guiding you  
Throughout the coming year!***

***May many blessings be  
yours in the New Year!***

**Sacraments**

**Baptisms:** Please call the parish office for baptismal preparation, and to set a date for baptism.

**Reconciliation:** 4:30 pm Saturdays at St. Michael's – 8:00 am Sundays at St. Joseph's or anytime by appt. with the Pastor

**Marriages:** Congratulations! Please contact the parish office as soon as possible (ideally, at least six months in advance) so that we can work with you to prepare for your marriage.

**Pastoral Visitation:** If you desire a home visit, communion for the homebound, or the Sacrament of the sick, please call the office at 935-5115.

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