

DECEMBER 24—JANUARY 7

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Cromwell-Wright

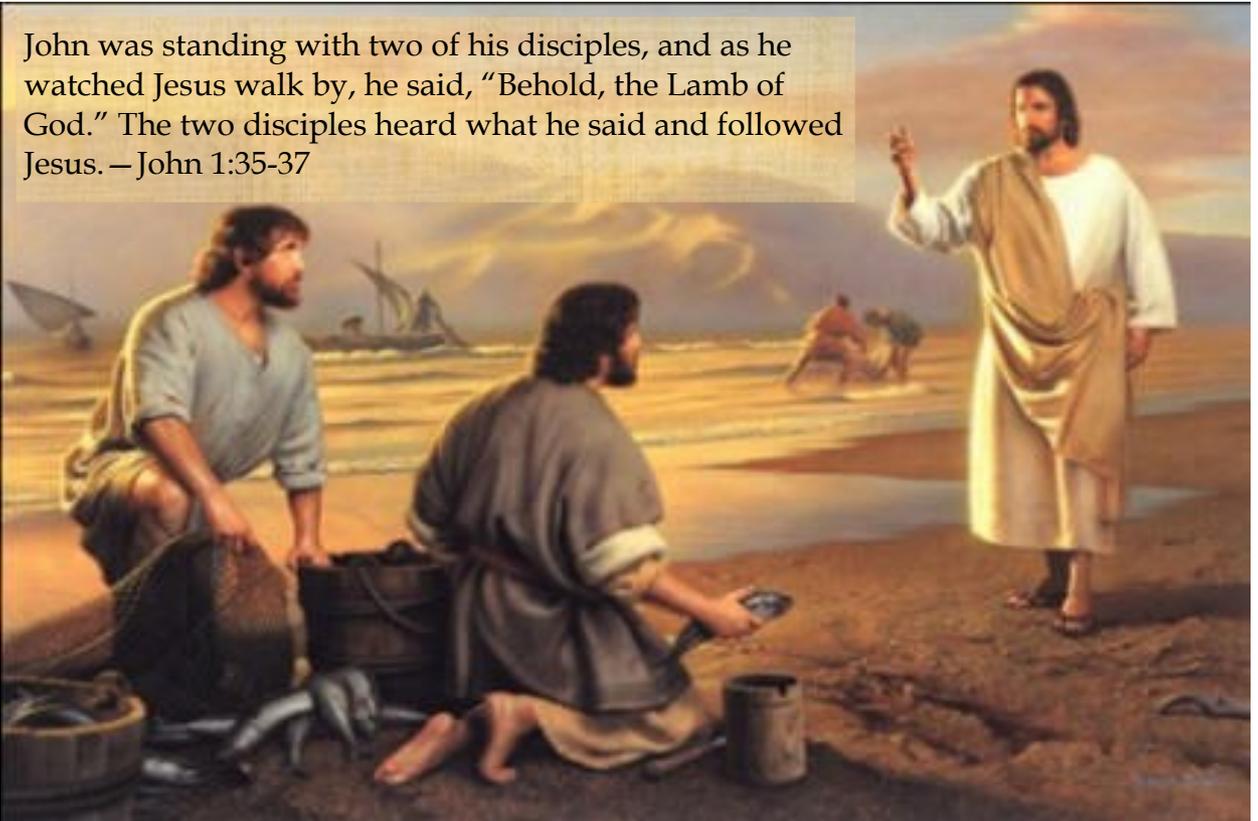
ST. MARY'S

Meadowlands

ST. LOUIS

Floodwood

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. — John 1:35-37



MASS SCHEDULE and CONFESSIONS

St. Louis

105 E 4th Ave, Floodwood, MN 55736

Sunday: 10:30 AM
Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30 AM
Confessions half hour before Mass on Sunday
and Saturday from 10:00-11:00 AM

Immaculate Conception,

5944 Hwy 210, Cromwell, MN 55726

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Thursday: 8:30 AM
(Note: On the first Thursdays of each month at
Villa Vista Senior Community)
Confessions half hour before Mass on Saturday

St. Mary's

9999 Hwy 133, Meadowlands, MN 55765

Sunday: 8:00 AM
Friday: 8:30 AM followed by
Adoration and Benediction
Confessions half hour before Mass on Sunday

STAFF

Fr. Pio Atonio.....Pastor
Melissa Brenna.....Secretary / Bookkeeper
Jessica Rich.....DRE
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See the bulletin online in the parish website

(Bulletin deadline is Thursday at 12 pm)

Tri-Parish Website: nemncatholic.com

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Before any detailed arrangements are made, parents must attend a pre-baptism class.

Funerals: Arrangements are to be made with Fr. Pio before publication in newspapers.

Weddings: Arrangements are to be made in person with Fr. Pio at least six months in advance.

Sick Calls: Inform the Rectory or Office of the ill and homebound.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 14, 2018

2nd Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

"He first found his own brother Simon and told him, 'We have found the Messiah.'" After spending the day in the company of Christ, Andrew took action. He shared the good news! Instead of keeping his newfound friendship with Jesus all to himself, Andrew invited his brother into the fold. Andrew found Simon and "brought him to Jesus." This was no small matter because Simon would become Peter, the first pope! How important it is to bring others along with us to meet Christ! Yet, how often do we reach out with the kind of confidence that Andrew had? Are we ready and willing to share our faith with our family and friends? Do we consider our relationship with Jesus a gift to be shared, or a fact to be safely hidden away in our personal prayer corner? Part of our call as Christians is to evangelize others, to share with them the good news of salvation. Loving Jesus and following his moral commands is essential, of course, but it is not the end of the story. The Gospel message is meant for all people, and we are meant to be its messengers. Sometimes this requires us to step out of our comfort zone. It may mean speaking up when we'd rather be silent. It may mean inviting someone to Mass when they might say no. But it might also mean a conversion for someone we care about. It might mean a new minister for the Church. Ultimately, it might mean another saint in heaven.

None of that is up to us, however. What we can control is only whether we share our faith joyfully and extend the invitation to others to experience the peace that comes from knowing Christ.

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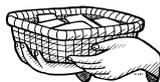
COLLECTION COUNTERS

January 14

St. Mary's Jodie, Len, Lisa
 St. Louis Michael, Elaine, Carrie

January 21

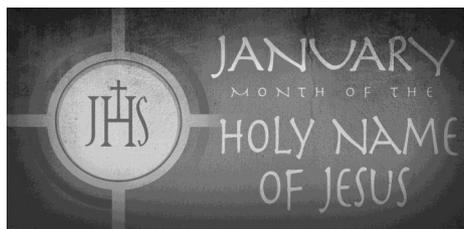
St. Mary's Ann, Don, Barb
 St. Louis Elaine, Carrie, Eleanor



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

- 1/16 8:30 a.m. St. Louis
Tim Schermann +
- 1/17 8:30 a.m. St. Louis
Mary Gunderson – B
- 1/18 8:30 a.m. Villa Vista
John Zelazny +
- 1/19 8:30 a.m. St. Mary's
Caelen & Danna Fosness
- 1/20 5:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception
Our Parishioners
- 1/21 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's
Gene Simon +
- 1/21 10:30 a.m. St. Louis
Tom Strapple +

*Fr. Pio will be gone at a clergy retreat from February 5 – 9th. There will be no weekday mass that week.



Questions of the week:

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

How do you hear God's voice in your life?

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Paul emphasizes the importance for believers to avoid immorality. How do you manage this spiritual exercise?

LITURGICAL ROLES

January 21, 2018

Lectors

St. Mary's Shannon Fosness
 St. Louis Michael

Greeters

St. Mary's Steve Kucera Family
 St. Louis Utecht Family

Ushers

St. Mary's Kevin Kowarsch & Gene Kowarsch, Jr.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

St. Louis Colleen C.

Altar Servers

St. Mary's Neal Norrell & Joey Fosness
 St. Louis Kalli & Nakaiyah

Rosary Leader:

St. Mary's Gene

Church Cleaning

St. Mary's John Stoessel (Jan 15 – 20)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To Our Dear Faith Family,

We sincerely want to thank each and every one of you who remembered us in prayer. Especially now, since the distraction of Christmas has ended, we continue to mourn the death of our Mal.

The past year brought our family the most difficult trial we've ever faced, and we never could have endured such a thing without your prayers upholding us throughout the entire journey. Even though the outcome was not what we had hoped, the biggest lesson out of this is: Never underestimate the power of prayer! When we had no energy left, God provided us with the strength to walk the road he set us on, and we are certain it was because of all the loving prayers offered on our behalf.

You fulfilled the corporal works of mercy by feeding us, and visiting us when Mal was in the hospital, and by attending Mallory's funeral. You continue to fulfill the spiritual work of mercy by praying for our family, and Mal's soul. May God richly bless each one of you.

From the bottom of our hearts, with humility and sincerity, we thank you for taking such good care of us.

With much love,

The Norrell Family

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

12/31/17

Immaculate Conception

ENV	\$ 1,090.00
PLATE	\$ 185.00
UCA	\$ 0.00
YTD	\$ 1,584.57

St. Mary's

ENV	\$ 435.00
PLATE	\$ 75.00
UCA	\$ 70.00
YTD	\$ 4,339.21

St. Louis

ENV	\$ 3,438.00
PLATE	\$ 60.00
UCA	\$ 0.00
YTD	\$ 4,104.00
Loan Payable	\$84,760.00 as of 1/01/18

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

- ◆ During January, February, and March, the Thursday mass will be at Villa Vista.
- ◆ Parish Council meeting Jan 20th after mass.

ST LOUIS

- ◆ **BINGO**: Sunday January 28th. Mark your calendars. We will be needing donations of prizes for bingo and baskets for the raffle.

ST. MARYS

- ◆ Parish Council meeting January 17th at 7:00pm
- ◆ Beginning in February, we will have 1st Saturday of the month mass at 8:30am.

ALL PARISHES

- ◆ **Position Open** : We are looking for someone to fill the DRE position to work at all 3 parishes. Please see Fr. Pio if interested.

2018 Catholic Women's Conference

Beyond Me

Guest Speakers are Teresa Tomeo & Father Jim Sichko.

February 24, 2018 at Marshall School in Duluth
Women of all ages are encouraged to register at www.dioceseduluth.org. For questions contact Betsy Kneepkens at 218-724-9111.

2018 Catholic Men's Conference

Men of Faith – Men of Spirit

Guest speaker is Peter Herbeck

February 17, 2018 at Marshall School in Duluth.
Registration available on-line at www.duluthcatholicmen.org. Only \$30 on or before Feb 5, 2018.

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

EDUCATION

Holiness is Always in Season. By Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

This inspiring audiobook presents the Pope's numerous reflections on many saints arranged according to the calendar year. He shows how the life of each saint has something unique to teach us about virtue, faith, courage and love of Christ. Dozens of saints are covered in this wonderful spiritual book. The Pope exhorts us through their lives, "Be holy! Be saints!" www.formed.org. Use parish code is **GPTWNB** to register for the first time.

