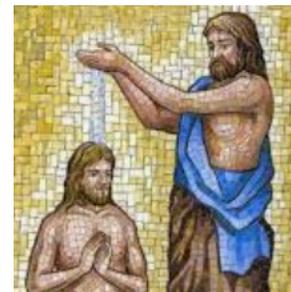




St. Mary's Warroad, MN Sacred Heart Baudette, MN



Parish Office



St. Mary's
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218-386-1178
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Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Mary's: Saturdays 3:30-4:30pm
Tuesdays: 5:45pm—6:30pm

Sacred Heart: Sundays following Mass



Sacred Heart
104 1st St. SW
P.O. Box 738 Baudette, MN 56623
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Office Hours: Tues—Fri. (Variable times)

Staff defined times are below, please be understanding as sometimes our schedules may change. You may also be scheduled by appointment with staff members.

Fr. Christon's Schedule:
Out of the Office

Terrie Lynn's schedule this coming week:
Out of Office

Tammi: by appointment.

Knights of Columbus Council 10235

KC Meetings held 2nd Sunday of the month at 7pm
Meeting held in the St Augustine's Room.

Website: <https://kc10235.mnknights.org>
KC Breakfast will be every 2nd Sunday of the month following Mass

Donuts, drinks & good fellowship are served the last Sunday of every month following Sunday morning Mass at St. Mary's, Warroad.
1st & 3rd Sundays at Sacred Heart, Baudette

St. Mary's Week Ahead

Sacred Heart's & St. Joseph's Week Ahead

St. Mary's Masses & Intentions

Saturday, Jan 10th, Mass@ 5 pm: Marlene Bishop

Sacristan: Kris Drees

Lector: Tim Paquin

Body: Mary Lou Wesolowski

Communion Cup: Deacon Jim & Deb Culleton

Sunday, Jan. 11th, Mass @ 8:30am: Arthur & Betty
Barthman

Sacristan: Jess Gustafson

Lector: Brian Gustafson

Body: Tom Goldsmith

Communion Cup: Deacon Jim & Harold Thiessen

* If you can stay and help put Christmas décor away, that would be appreciated.

Tuesday, Jan. 13th, No Mass @ 5:15pm:

Faith Formation Committee Mtg @1:30pm

Wednesday, Jan. 14th, Rosary Group 10:30am

Faith Formation

Family Faith Night—Dinner and Bingo (NO MASS)
Dinner to start at 6pm for all students, teachers & Families; bingo starts promptly at 6:30pm

Thursday, Jan. 15th, No Mass @ Warroad Senior
Center

*Adoration at St. Mary's at 5pm

Friday, Jan. 16th, No Mass@ 9am: Marlene Bishop

Please Welcome Fr. Raul Perez-Cobo

Saturday, Jan 17th, Mass@ 5 pm: Ron Bishop

Sacristan: Olga Osse

Lector: Darlene Smith

Body: Bob Wennerstrand

Communion Cup: Louise Dignan & Clarice Dahlberg

2nd Collection Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

Sunday, Jan. 18th, Mass @ 8:30am: Frank Marvin

Sacristan: Harold & Lois Thiessen

Lector: Denise St. Germain

Body: Mary Lou Wesolowski

Communion Cup: Deacon Jim & Theresa Thunder

2nd Collection Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

12-2pm: Accompaniment Project Adult Training

Sacred Heart Masses & Intentions

Please Welcome Fr. Raul Perez-Cobo

Sunday, Jan. 11th, Mass @10:45 am: Don McKay

Rosary @10:15 am

Wednesday, Jan 14th, Word & Communion @ 8:30am:

Sunday, Jan. 18th, Mass @10:45 am: Norman & Dorothy

Rosary @10:15 am

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* 2nd collection: Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

Weekend Offerings

Jan 4th	Sacred Heart	
Envelopes		1262
Plate		333
Total		\$1595



The Sacred Heart Women's Group will be meeting January 18th after Mass for a brief meeting. We will discuss the Valentine Cookie Boxes project, select a Vice President for 2026, and confirm committee leads. All ladies are encouraged to join us with a cup of coffee and donut. ~Ann Ellis



There will be a 2nd Collection the weekend of Jan. 18th Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

Happy Birthday wishes!



(Jan 11th– Jan 17th)

Connie Borowicz
Jessica Boyd
George Farnes

St. Mary's Sunday

Collection, Jan 4th

Envelopes: \$2473

Online: \$360

Income to Expenses for Dec 2025

Income: \$22,554.44

Expenses: \$17,192.48



Jan 11th, 2nd Collection

We will have a 2nd collection to help offset Fr. Christon's emergency travel expenses. Any donation is much appreciated.



Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Already in 300 AD, the Eastern Church celebrated the Epiphany and the Baptism of Jesus on 6 January. In the Western Church, this feast was mentioned in the Liturgy of the Hours. With the reform of the liturgy in 1969, the date for this Feast was set on the Sunday after the Epiphany.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove [and] coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Mt. 3:13-17).

Jesus along the Jordan

The Gospel passage begins with a geographical annotation: Jesus goes from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John the Baptist. On His arrival, Jesus does not declare Himself to be the Messiah, He does not preach. Instead, He stands with everyone else there, wanting to be baptized, thus manifesting his solidarity with the sinful people. Jesus does not isolate Himself, but He goes out among the people, even those marked by the wounds of sin. He puts Himself at risk by being with them, just as He put Himself at risk by becoming Man in the womb of Mary. There is, therefore, a consistent design in how Jesus "moves about" along His "itinerary of salvation".

John the Baptist

"I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" the Baptist says on seeing Jesus. We witness the prophet's bewilderment who just a few verses earlier expressed himself thus: *"The one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals ..."* (Mt 3:11). It seems to be the same bewilderment Peter experienced in Caesarea when, having reprovved Jesus after the revelation of the Passion, death and resurrection that awaited Him, saying, *"God forbid, Lord!"*, hears the Lord's reply, *"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are not thinking as God does, but as human beings do"* (Mt 16:22-23).

Another time was in the Upper Room when Peter refused to allow Jesus to wash his feet (cf. Jn. 13:6-8). Reactions such as the Baptist's and Peter's reveal our discomfort at seeing Jesus so weak and yielding.

"Allow it"

There are moments when it is important to "allow things to happen". What seems so abnormal that John the Baptist feels embarrassed is, however, part of God's plan that will "bring to fulfillment" every righteousness, since Jesus – as He Himself would one day declare – did not come to abolish the law and the prophets (cf. Mt. 5:17), but to bring God's justice "to fulfillment". This justice does not humiliate, does not separate, does not judge. Rather, it unites, breaks down barriers, responds to everyone's needs and respects everyone. God's justice is superior than human justice: He does not use the measuring stick of "how much" – you pay according to the measure that you have offended. Rather, He uses the measuring stick of love, mercy, forgiveness – the only measuring stick that can bridge distances and heal wounded hearts since it is from within that evil intentions are born (cf. Mk. 7:1-23).

The heavens opened

Jesus' choice is confirmed with the opening of the heavens, with the gift of the Spirit and the voice of the Father that seals Jesus' mission: *"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased"*. With the opening of the heavens, "justice" cancels the separation between humanity and God, bringing us back to the dawn of creation when the Spirit hovered over the waters. In Jesus, God the Father shows us the New Man, His beloved, the One who pleases Him. It was as if He were saying: *"You make me so happy. I am so proud of you"*. This happiness exists in each one of us because each of us bears God's image within. We are made in his "image and likeness" (Gn. 1:26). No one can ever erase this image for *"God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good"* (Gn. 1:31). Jesus' coming tells us that God is interested in us. It's like He is saying, *"With you, I want to begin a new story of salvation, a new beginning"*. We are made new to the extent that we learn to recognize life as a gift of love and that we live in this Love.