

St. William

Sunday December 14, 2025

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Saturday, December 13th 6:00 pm

People of the Parish

Saturday, December 20th 6:00 pm

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Reader Lorena Murphy

Wine Eric Stuart

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to everyone who helped make our first Lutefisk Dinner a smashing success! From the kitchen crew and servers to those who set up and cleaned up, your hard work and spirit of service were a true blessing. We are especially grateful to all who donated food and supplies. Because of your generosity and dedication, we were able to host a wonderful evening of fellowship. God bless you all!



FOOD DRIVE FOR THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR RESIDENTS IN NEED OF HELP.

The Town of Superior Volunteer Fire Department will be having a food drive on Saturday, December 20th. There will be boxes to put your nonperishable items in the entrance of the parish hall and also in entrance to the church. Please consider helping the fire department out. Thank you for your support.



ST. WILLIAM'S PIES FOR SALE

Dutch Apple Pie - Take and Bake (raw frozen)
Pecan Pie - Frozen and Baked (thaw & enjoy)



\$20 each



Call Amy at 218-590-7354. Pick up after Mass or make arrangements to pick up.

The 2026 Catholic Calendars are available at the entrance of the church.



Weekly Contributions December 6, 2025

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| Envelopes..... | \$ 530.00 |
| Loose..... | .00 |
| Online Giving..... | \$ 320.25 |
| Flowers..... | \$ 55.00 |
| Immaculate Conception..... | \$ 20.00 |

Thank you to all of our parishioners who continue to support our parish at Mass, on Line, or by Mail.

Pray for Their Health and Welfare

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| Fr. Ron Olson | Fr. Jim Tobolski | Mary Kunz |
| Maryann Grymala | Krista Hudacek Lambert | |
| Wendy Johnson | Carolyn Ward | Carl Schultz |
| Julia Dalbec | Chris Litchke | Marreddy Yannam |
| Scott Hockenbrock | | |

Pray for Those in the Armed Services

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| Nathaniel Grymala | Joe Austin |
| Nathan Blair | Brandon Anderson |



Third Sunday of Advent

*Jesus said to them in reply,
"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind
regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are
cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and
the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."
- Mt 11:4-5*

ST. WILLIAM WREATH SALE

32" decorated balsa evergreen wreaths

Greens are freshly cut and are made



by parishioners. **\$30.00**



Available to purchase after Mass

or call Joannie Thompson at 715-399-2743.



ST. WILLIAM'S FAMILY BINGO

Tuesday, December 2nd

Concessions will be available at 5:30

Bingo starts at 6:30. Bingo is free.



WEEKLY MEDITATION

Here are some of the themes in the readings for the 3rd Sunday of Advent.

1st Reading - Isaiah 35:1-6a,10

- All creation on earth will be renewed by the glory and splendor of the Lord.
- When God comes upon his people, the blind see, the deaf hear, the lame leap and the mute sing.

Psalm - 146:6-10

- "Lord, come and save us."
- The Lord God nurtures, heals and supports his people.

2nd Reading - James 5:7-10

- Like a farmer tending the soil, we must be patient for the Lord.
- We stand firm without complaint, for the Just Judge is near.

Gospel - Matthew 11:2-11

- From prison, John the Baptist sends disciples to Jesus if he is the one who is to come.
- Christ responds by quoting the prophets Isaiah and Malachi, affirming that while John is the greatest of all the prophets, the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Fr. Andrew

Question for Children: Why is Christmas such a time of happiness for people?

Question for Youth: God speaks to you every day: Isaiah tells us our ears and eyes will be opened in Christ to hear God's voice. What do you hear God saying to you?

Question for Adults: What is there in this promise from the Prophet Isaiah that gives you hope? How have you seen this promise fulfilled in Christ?

Readings for the week of December 14, 2025

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| Sunday: | Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11 |
| Monday: | Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27 |
| Tuesday: | Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32 |
| Wednesday: | Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17 |
| Thursday: | Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25 |
| Friday: | Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25 |
| Saturday: | Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38 |
| Next Sunday: | Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b) Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24 |



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Ed. Classes

Wednesday, December 17th in Cathedral Kress Hall.
PreK – 6th grade classes from 5:30-6:30pm.
7th grade - Confirmation class from 7-8pm.

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES:

- December 18th - Middle School Concert 5:30pm in the Gymnasium
- December 19th - Preschool Concert 10:00am in the Gymnasium (**Doors Open at 9:30am**)
- December 19th - Elementary Concert 1:00pm in the Gymnasium (**Doors Open at 12:15pm**)
- December 22nd - January 2nd - No School - Christmas Break

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This advent, we received this note:

"Blessings to you and yours. I appreciate everything you guys did to get me where I am at. Not sure if you are told it, but what you do is godsend... you saved my life.. And if that's not God, I don't know what is. If you ever need anything I'm always here for you, too. Even angels need angels. I appreciate you so much."

The hours of service, the financial gifts and the prayers truly do make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters.

Voice mail: 715-398-4039
Mailing Address: SVDP
P.O. Box 98
Superior, WI 54880



CLUSTER NEWS

MASSSES AT ST. MARY HOSPITAL-SUPERIOR

Masses are celebrated at St. Mary's Hospital, Superior, on Wednesdays at 11:15 A.M.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN OUR CLUSTER:

Cathedral – every Thursday from 1-3pm
St. Anthony, L.N. – every Thursday from 9-10am
St. William – 1st Saturday from 5:30-6pm
Holy Assumption – 1st Friday from 7:30-8:00am
St. Anthony, Sup. – 1st Tuesday from 8-8:30am



PRAYER GROUP MEETING

Monday, December 15th
6:00 PM Cathedral – Kress Hall
All are welcome!



Any questions please call Anna Marie ~ 715-392-1673

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

Catholic Men's Group will meet on Monday's at 7:00 p.m. once a month in Kress Hall. Men of all ages are invited for Catholic fellowship and discussion.

Catholic Men's Group 2025-2026: Into the Breach

Dec. 22 – Aidan Jones presents on Evangelization
Jan. 26 – Isaac Hopke presents on Brotherhood
Feb. 23 – Bill Kovaleski presents on Suffering
Mar. 30 – Brad Montgomery presents on Masculinity
Apr. 27 – Tom Tracy presents on Prayer



COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, December 16th at 6:00 pm at Cathedral
~This will be a Prayer Service with readings, homily and Examination of Conscience
~People will have the opportunity to go privately to one of the Confessors present
~Note: This is **NOT** general absolution

OCIA/ADULT FORMATION

Thursday, December 18~ 6:30-8:30pm in Kress Hall
The Case for Jesus – This series is presented by well-known author, Dr. Brant Pitre. Each session draws evidence from both early Christian and non-Christian writings attesting to the authenticity, authorship, and dating of the Gospels, and gives an in-depth look at the Gospel accounts of Jesus's Crucifixion, Resurrection, and the proclamation of Christ's divinity.

Session Topics ~ Questions & Answers

The Cathedral Book Club 2025-2026

We meet in the Cathedral Parish Office at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to join us.

Jan. 14 - Ghost Soldiers by Hampton Sides
Feb. 4 - Acts of the Apostles
March 11 - Hope: The Autobiography by Pope Francis
May 6 - Golden Doves by Martha Hall Kelly



MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RETREATS

Men's Retreat: Jan. 24-25

Women's Retreats: 1st, Jan. 31-Feb. 1; 2nd, Feb 7-8

The annual Diocesan Men's and Women's Retreats are taking registrations! Information can be found below and on the Diocese of Superior Website. Space is limited for each retreat. Call (715) 234-5044 BEFORE registering online. (Please note: there is a commuter price this year for those who do not want to stay on site. Please call to let us know if you will be staying

off site.) If you are registering with a group of two or more, **ONLY ONE PERSON NEEDS TO CALL**. This must be done first to ensure lodging is available. Once lodging is confirmed, you can let your group know they can register online. Be ready to provide the following information

Name, phone #, and date you called

The retreat you want to attend (Men's, Women's 1st or 2nd). The lodging (see website for options) and number of nights you prefer. The number of people who will be lodging with you and their names. Prices are final as we are being charged a flat rate for each retreatant. The price has already been significantly reduced due to generous donors. The deadlines for registering are very important for us to ensure enough food is available for everyone. Please register by the following dates:

Jan 2nd: Men's Retreat

Jan 9th: Women's Week 1

Jan 16th: Women's Week 2

On the registration link, you will note that you have an option for a refund for an extra fee. Please know that you will have to go through Active, the registration platform, for that refund. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer refunds after the deadlines.

CLUSTER CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Masses

Wednesday, December 24th

4:00pm – Cathedral

6:00pm – St. William

Midnight Mass – Cathedral



Christmas Day Masses

Thursday, December 25th

9:00am – Holy Assumption

9:00am – St. Anthony, Superior

10:30am – Cathedral

11:00am – St. Anthony, Lake Nebagamon

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COMMUNITY NEWS

A Service of Lessons and Carols and the Santa Lucia Vesper Tea

Sunday, December 14, 2025 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Pilgrim Choir & Choral Friends
from the Twin Ports area

Curtis Hanson, Director

~ free will offering ~

Pilgrim Lutheran Church ~ 820 Belknap St.



LOVES EVERLASTING LIGHT

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 14, 2025 ~ 6:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

1710 East Superior Street

Duluth, Minnesota



SENIOR MEALS AT HOLY ASSUMPTION

Mondays through Thursdays. Please reserve your meal at least 24 hours in advance to Senior Connections at 715-394-3611. **Donation \$5.00**

Cenacle Prayer Group

Would you like to be part of a faith sharing small group? Are you looking for a weekly opportunity to pray and reflect on how God is working in your life, but in a way that respects your time and is both focused and positive? Our cluster is looking for people who want to grow together in faith through a Cenacle prayer group.

Cenacle – a faith sharing small group (it refers to the “Upper Room” where the disciples met.)

Cenacle Key Points

The group is ideally composed of 4-7 people.

Each week, a different person in the group leads the Cenacle.

The group meets weekly (with rare exceptions based on holidays and life situations).

The Cenacle lasts between 30-60 minutes; it never goes beyond an hour.

The group can meet in person or digitally

- If in person, do it at a regular time that suits everyone (after Mass, over coffee, at home, etc.)
- If online, use what works for your group (FaceTime, Google Meet, a Zoom call, etc.)

Cenacle Format – THIS IS WHAT YOU ACTUALLY DO

- Opening Prayer (1-2 minutes)
 - Led by whoever is leading the meeting that week; when in doubt, use the Our Father!
- Check in with each other (10-15 minutes)
 - Each person takes 2-4 minutes (never more than 5!) to share events from the past week
- Reflection (15-30 minutes)
 - Sunday Gospel Reading
 - The Gospel is read out loud
 - People share something (a word/phrase/image) that touched them from the reading
- Goals for the coming week (10-15 minutes)
 - Each person takes 2-3 minutes to share their goals and objectives for the coming week.
- Closing Prayer
 - Each person names any specific prayer intentions that they have.
 - The Leader offers a concluding prayer; if you're not sure what prayer to use, say the Hail Mary!

Hallmarks of a healthy Cenacle

- Positivity – the focus is always on personal growth when sharing struggles; “venting” is to be avoided.
- Vulnerability – requires participants to be real in their joys and burdens.
- Leadership – group is accountable: gossip, toxic behaviors, being present, not monopolizing time, etc.
- Investment – participants make the Cenacle a priority and are thoughtfully present and prepared.

Who can join?

- Anyone! What's required is someone who wants to make a weekly commitment to grow in faith.
- In fact, if you connect each week on a Zoom call, you can be anywhere in the world!
 - Note: the big thing is that people make this a priority in their lives.
 - Once a week, they come together to pray, reflect, and support each other.
 - It's not complicated, but over time we find ourselves growing closer to God and each other.

Choose a Group Leader and connect with Fr. Andrew to begin

- The Leader keeps the group organized and communicates with Fr. Andrew.
- This person emails Fr. Andrew at fatherandrew97@gmail.com to let him know the group has formed.