



Catholic Area Faith
Community of
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Water

February 19, 2012 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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STEWARDSHIP

Finance - Administration

Contributions for Week of February 12, 2012

	OLOL	St. Mary	St. Patrick	St. Thomas More
Children	\$ 41.39	\$ 21.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 4.00
Adult	5,352.74	9,758.00	1,082.50	442.50
Automatic Deposits	681.67	4,470.00		
Total	\$ 6,075.80	\$ 14,249.00	\$ 1,102.50	\$ 446.50
Weekly Budget Amount	7,109.00	15,230.00	1,773.75	975.30
Difference	\$ (1,033.20)	\$ (981.00)	\$ (671.25)	\$ (528.80)
Year-to-Date Collection	\$ 266,455.00	\$ 523,087.00	\$ 55,684.50	\$ 33,055.84
Year-to-Date Budget	241,706.00	517,820.00	60,307.50	33,160.20
YTD Difference	\$ 24,749.00	\$ 5,267.00	\$ (4,623.00)	\$ (104.36)

StTM Ash Wednesday Soup Supper: All are invited to St. Thomas More in Lake Lillian on Wednesday, February 22, for their Lenten Potato Soup Supper that will be served following the 5:30 pm Ash Wednesday Mass.

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Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl

This Lent, our area faith community will be joining millions of Catholics across the country by participating in CRS' Operation Rice Bowl. Your family is invited to pick up a Rice Bowl packet and join in this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl invites us to **pray** with our families and faith communities, **fast** in solidarity with those who are hungry, **learn** about our brothers and sisters around the world, and **give** sacrificial contributions to help those in need.

Black and Indian Missions: Next Sunday, our parish will take up the annual Collection for Black and Indian Missions. Our financial contribution helps to support Catholic American Indian communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities. The collection also supports African American evangelization programs. Let us unite ourselves with the love of Christ in supporting the Black and Indian Mission Collection with generous hearts.

StTM Requests Baked Items: Donations of bake sale items would be greatly appreciated for the Matching Grant Egg Bake Breakfast and Bake Sale at St. Thomas More on Sunday, February 26. Thank you.

StP Ham Dinner Work Sign Up Sheet: The sign up sheet for the different jobs needed to make our ham dinner on March 18 a success is available in the social hall at church. Please take time to look at the opportunities available and make a selection.

StTM Parish Administrative Council (PAC) Meeting is on Tuesday, February 21, at 6:00 pm at St. Thomas More.

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday

4:00 pm St. Patrick, Kandiyohi
5:00 pm Our Lady of the Lakes, Spicer
5:30 pm St. Mary, Willmar

Sunday

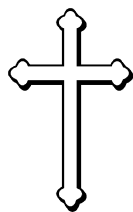
7:45 am St. Thomas More, Lake Lillian
8:30 am St. Mary, Willmar
9:30 am Our Lady of the Lakes, Spicer
10:30 am St. Mary, Willmar
11:00 am St. Patrick, Kandiyohi
12:30 pm St. Mary, Willmar (Spanish)

WORSHIP

Masses - Liturgies - Prayer

Area Mass Schedule

Date & Time	Location	Intention
Mon., Feb. 20		
9:00 AM	St. Mary	+John & Marie Kojetin
Tues., Feb. 21		
8:30 AM	LOLO	+Peter M Hoffman
10:30 AM	St. Thomas More	Poor Souls
12:00 PM	St. Mary	Loretta Schwegman
Wed., Feb. 22	Ash Wednesday	
12:00 PM	St. Mary	+Jerry Behrends
3:30 PM	LOLO	+Theresa Miller
5:30 PM	St. Mary	Colleen Lindstrom
5:30 PM	St. Thomas More	+Cecelia Erickson
6:30 PM	St. Patrick	+Ryan Cain
7:00 PM	St. Mary	Prayer Service w Ashes
7:15 PM	LOLO	+Larry Lussenhop
Thurs., Feb. 23		
8:30 AM	LOLO	+David Gorecki
9:00 AM	St. Mary	Bob Lorentz
10:00 AM	Copperleaf	+Vincent Schorn
5:30 PM	St. Patrick	+Kay Eisenbacher
7:00 PM	St. Mary	Life in the Spirit
Fri., Feb. 24		
7:00 AM	St. Patrick	+Norbert Schmitz
8:30 AM	LOLO	+Milo & Elaine McLouth
12:00 PM	St. Mary	+Math Kotzenmacher
Sat., Feb. 25		
4:00 PM	St. Patrick	+Donny Oeffling
5:00 PM	LOLO	+Clifford Schafer
5:30 PM	St. Mary	+Barb Karp
Sun., Feb. 26		
7:45 AM	St. Thomas More	+Agnes Nelson
8:30 AM	St. Mary	Vern & Rosie Stadtherr
9:30 AM	LOLO	+Bernie Johnson
10:30 AM	St. Mary	+Mickey Strutz
11:00 AM	St. Patrick	For the People
12:30 PM	St. Mary	+Adolph Hipp



In your prayers please remember Pauline Frank, mother of Dorothy Quimby, (LOLO) and Virginia Breyer, (StM); and Mary Wiese, daughter of Erna Kokesch, (StM) who recently passed away. Our sympathy and prayers to all the families.

LENTEN PRAYER RETREAT: All area parish members, area committees, and area councils are invited to attend a Taize Prayer Retreat on Tuesday, March 6, at 7:00 pm at St. Patrick in Kandiyohi. This is an opportunity for us to come together to encounter a night of reflective music and monologues focusing on the main characters of Jesus' journey to the cross.

Calendar of Events

Date & Time	Location
Monday, February 20	
All Area Parish Offices Closed - President's Day	
4:30 PM	Faithfully Fit Forever.....StM
5:30 PM	Handbell Choir.....StM
7:00 PM	Schola ChoirStM
7:00 PM	CCW Mtg LOLO
Tuesday, February 21	
8:00 AM	Divine Mercy Chaplet.....LOLO
8:10 AM	RosaryLOLO
4:30 PM	Prayer Shawl Mtg..... StM
6:00 PM	Parish Admin Council Mtg StTM
6:00 PM	Spanish Prayer Group StM
7:00 PM	RCIA StM
7:30 PM	Rosary StM
Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday	
8:30 AM	Mom's Bible Study StM
9:00 AM	Quilters..... StM
9:15 AM	Bible Study.....LOLO
4:30 PM	Children's Chime Choir StM
All area students attend Mass or Service with their family.	
Thursday, February 23	
5:00 PM	ConfessionsStP
7:00 PM	Life in the Spirit Seminar StM
7:00 PM	Hispanic Ministry Committee Mtg StM
Friday, February 24	
10:00 AM	Mom's Bible StudyLOLO
4:45 PM	Divine Mercy/RosaryLOLO
5:30 PM	Stations of the Cross.....LOLO
5:30 PM	Stations of the Cross.....StP
5:30 PM	KC Soup & Sandwich Supper.....StP
Saturday, February 25	
9:00 AM	Altar Server PracticeStP
3:30 PM	ConfessionsStP
4:30 PM	ConfessionsLOLO/StM
5:00 PM	BaptismStP
Sunday, February 26	
7:30 AM	ConfessionsStTM
8:45 AM	Egg Bake Breakfast & Bake Sale.....StTM
9:35 AM	FF Class..... StM
10:30 AM	RCIA Rite of Sending StM
10:30 AM	Confirmation ReceptionLOLO
11:15 AM	Area Gr 9-11 Diversity RetreatLOLO
12:00 PM	Confirmation ReceptionStP
5:00 PM	Young Adult Dinner & Movie StM

WORD

Faith Formation - Adult Education - Youth Ministry

ADULT

Looking For A Way To Deepen Your Faith

This Lenten Season? The Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water is offering a **Life in the Spirit Seminar**. This is an opportunity for the fire of the Holy Spirit to bring Jesus alive to us. It is an introduction to a life lived in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit and an opportunity to begin to experience more of the gifts that God wants to give each of us. Over the course of the seminar, you will find yourself entering into a genuine, personal relationship with Jesus that you may have only seen in brief glimpses. The Seminar is a six-week Lenten journey meeting Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, beginning February 23, at St. Mary with speakers, prayer, and probing into ourselves about how to invite God into our lives using the gifts of the Holy Spirit.



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Lenten Area Speaker Event: On Sunday, March 4, the Area Word Committee invites everyone to join them at Our Lady of the Lakes Church from 6:30 – 8:30 pm for a special Lenten mini retreat that will be presented by Sister Mary Weidner, OSB (from the College of St. Benedict). The mini retreat is entitled **“Boasting in the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ”** and will give us the opportunity to prayerfully reflect on the power of the cross in our lives.

RCIA: The RCIA group meets on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00 pm in the Resource Room at St. Mary. Fr. Brian will present on the subjects of conscience, moral decision making, and the human dignity.



Adult Education - Cable Channel 8

The Diocese of New Ulm sponsors Catholic Adult Education on Mondays at 11:00 am and repeated at 8:00 pm. The episode for Monday, February 20, is *The Seven Sacraments - Episode 4, “Baptism”*.

WORD

Faith Formation - Adult Education - Youth Ministry

YOUTH

StP / StTM Ash Wednesday Mass at StP for youth and parish on Wednesday, February 22, at 6:30 pm.

StP / StM Confirmation Reception on Sunday, February 26, at 12:00 pm.

OLOL Confirmation Reception for the Newly Confirmed after Mass on Sunday, February 26.

OLOL Reconciliation Centers for Families are scheduled for Thursday, February 23; Friday, February 24; and Saturday, February 25.

OLOL Results of Mission of Love 2012

A BIG THANK YOU to all for helping our parish keep our promise to help our Mission in San Lucas, Toliman, Guatemala! We are able to send **\$699.56!** May God bless the generosity of all who shared in this Mission of Love! Thanks so much for sharing with our brothers and sisters in San Lucas.

StM Families are asked to attend Ash Wednesday services on February 22, in place of classes.

Area Diversity Retreat at OLOL on February 26, from 11:15 am - 3:30 pm. This retreat is being directed by Samantha Lanzrath, a junior in High School from OLOL as her YTM (Youth in Theology and Ministry) project. It is for students in grades 9-11 and can be used as your Greater Church Experience Project (for 10th graders). To attend call OLOL or St. Mary office.

StM: Sunday, March 11, is the Rite of Entrance for all St. Mary's 10th Graders and their sponsors at the 10:30 am or 12:30 pm Masses. Please inform your sponsor of this event. Students and sponsors are asked to be at the church by 10:10 am or 12:10 pm.



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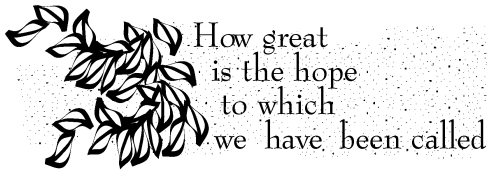
Masses - Liturgies - Prayer

StP Lenten Individual Confessions will be available at St. Patrick on Thursdays starting on Thursday, February 23, to Thursday, March 22 from 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm in addition to Saturdays at 3:30 pm.

OLOL Liturgy of the Word for children ages 4, 5, 6 and 1st grade on Sunday, February 26.

No OLOL Atrium on Monday, February 20.

OLOL Welcomes New Members: Curtis, Lena, Benjamin, Adam, Issac and Nathanael Palmer; Ben and Nikki Bradford; Tom and Mary Allinder; Nicholas and Elizabeth Griffith; Jared, Amanda, Andy and Oliver Groebner; Reid and Ashley Kubesh; Curtis and Fay Kuznia; Kelly and Brysen O'Neal.



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Readings for the Week of February 20, 2012

Monday: James 3:13-18
Psalm 19:8-10,15
Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday: James 4:1-10
Psalm 55:7-11, 23
Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday: Joel 2:12-18
Psalm 51:3-6, 12-14, 17
2 Corinthians 5:2—6:2
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1:1-4, 6
Luke 9: 22-25

Friday: Isaiah 58:1-9
Psalm 51:3-6, 18-19
Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday: Isaiah 58:9-14
Psalm 86:1-6
Luke 5:27-32

Sunday: Genesis 9:8-15
Psalm 25L4-9
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1: 12-15

SERVICE

Parish Nursing - Social Concerns - Hispanic Ministry - Organizations

Life Line Screening: The Church of St. Mary is hosting a Life Line Screening on Tuesday, February 28, 2012. It will be held in the Parish Center and is open to anyone in the community. Life Line offers 5 screenings to determine your risk of stroke or heart attack and osteoporosis. There is a fee associated with the screening. You must pre-register by calling 1-800-324-1851 or online at www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

StP Knight's of Columbus Soup & Sandwich Suppers will be held Friday during Lent at St. Patrick's starting Friday, February 24, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Stations of the Cross will also be held at 5:30 pm each Friday during Lent. The menu for February 24 is: California Medley or Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches, Potato Chips, Pickles, Dessert, Coffee and Juice. Please join us!

Note: KC Members, family members and parishioners are asked to please help the KC's by signing up to help work or by donating desserts on the sheet in the social hall. Thanks!

Blood Pressure Clinic will be held at OLOL on Sunday, March 4, after Mass.

OLOL CCW meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 20 at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Area. All women of the parish are welcome! We have lots of exciting plans and look forward to seeing **you** there!

Lenten Reflection Day

Date: March 3, 2012

Place: Schoenstatt on the Lake
27762 Co. Rd. 27, Sleepy Eye

Time: 10:00 am to 3:30 pm

Theme: The ideal of man and woman with the challenge to love accordingly

Cost: \$20 - Dinner and snacks included

RSVP: 507-794-7727

All are welcome!

Couples' Retreat Weekend

Date: March 2-4, 2012

Place: Schoenstatt on the Lake
27762 Co. Rd. 27, Sleepy Eye

Time: Friday at 7 pm to Sunday at 1 pm

Cost: \$120 per couple RSVP: 507-794-7727

Father Francisco Rojas & Sr. M. Jessica Swedzinski

All are welcome!

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Fasting: Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**.

Fasting means to eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but they should not equal another full meal.

Abstinence: Catholics over the age of 14 are to abstain from meat on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent**. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - RCIA

It's All About Getting To Know Each Other!

What do Sadie Fussy, Christy Perez, Johnny Perez and Whitney Sanderson have in common with you and the entire Church?

Almost a year ago, these individuals in our area faith community expressed the desire to join the Catholic Church and, ever since then, they have been meeting on a weekly basis to share their faith stories and to learn more about the Catholic beliefs and traditions. In the Catholic Church, this journey to full communion with the Church is called The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

This journey to full communion with the Church reaches fulfillment at the Easter Vigil, but as with all journeys, there are three encounters before we reach the Easter Vigil destination. These three encounters are called Rites and they are: The Rite of Sending (a local parish celebration during Mass), The Rite of Election for Catechumens and, The Call to Continuing Conversion for Candidates (these two Rites take place at the Cathedral in New Ulm). Each Rite takes us closer to full communion with the Church and helps us to better understand that we are a community who supports each other and that the Church is much bigger than our local parish.

This year, The Rite of Sending will happen on Sunday, February 26, at the 10:30 am Mass at St. Mary. During this Rite, the candidates (baptized individuals who wish to join the Church) and the catechumen (a person who wishes to join the Church but is not baptized) will be prayed over and encouraged by the entire assembly prior to these people driving to New Ulm to participate in the two diocesan Rites. During the Rites in New Ulm, Bishop LeVoir will meet and pray over each of these people and they will see the large number of people who are seeking to join the Church from around the entire diocese who are on the same journey,

These three Rites do not occur within individual vacuums – they are deeply connected in the sense that the entire Church (not just the local parish and diocese) encourages and prays for those people who are journeying to full communion with the Church. On the First Sunday of Lent, the entire Church celebrates these two diocesan Rites. So, you see, the journey is not only spiritual in nature but also, geographical. And, on the journey, we see the Church as we should see it – as one very big Body of Christ in which we all pray for and support each other.

When you see Sadie, Christy, Johnny and Whitney, call them by name and let them know you are praying for them and encouraging them as they continue their journey to full communion with the Church. And, please join us at the Easter Vigil – it is going to be a night to remember.

