



# Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water

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## Area Mass Schedule

Date & Time	Location	Intention
<b>Mon., January 2</b>		
9:00 AM	St. Mary	Int Board Members of CLI
<b>Tues., January 3</b>		
9:00 AM	St. Mary	+Gerald Regan
10:30 AM	Glen Oaks	+Lil Meder
<b>Wed., January 4</b>		
8:30 AM	OLOL	+Jim Plotnik
12:00 PM	St. Mary	+Gene Ormberg
<b>Thurs., January 5</b>		
8:30 AM	OLOL	+Jim Illies
9:30 AM	Bethesda	+Huber Families
<b>Fri., January 6</b>		
	OLOL	<b>No Daily Mass</b>
10:00 AM	OLOL	Funeral Mass for Lucy Gauthier
12:00 PM	St. Mary	+Celeste Danielson
<b>Sat., January 7</b>		
1:30 PM	OLOL	Wedding of Daniel Garding & Erin Twoly
2:00 PM	St. Mary	Wedding of Kelsey Maxfield & Adam Hedlof
4:30 PM	St. Mary	D of I Mass for Peace
5:00 PM	OLOL	Int of Pat Nederhiser
<b>Sun., January 8</b>		
8:30 AM	St. Mary	+Cain Family
10:00 AM	St. Mary	+Jim & Donna Schneider
10:00 AM	OLOL	Int of Poor Souls
11:30 AM	St. Mary (SP)	For the People

## Calendar of Events

### Monday, January 2

AFC Offices Closed

### Tuesday, January 3

6:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group (StMary)

6:00 PM Tuesday's Table (OLOL)

7:00 PM Footprints - Infant Loss Support Group (StMary)

7:30 PM Rosary (StMary)

### Wednesday, January 4

8:30 AM Mom's Bible Study (StMary)

9:00 AM Bible Study (OLOL)

9:00 AM Quilting (StMary)

3:15 PM Gr 1-6 FF Classes (OLOL)

4:30 PM Children's Choir (StMary)

4:30 PM Gr 3-6 BOB Youth Group (OLOL)

5:00 PM Family Meal (StMary)

5:30 PM Gr 1-6 FF Classes (StMary)

6:00 PM Gr 7-12 Youth Meal (OLOL)

6:30 PM Youth Choir (StMary)

7:00 PM Gr 7-11 FF Classes (StMary/OLOL)

### Thursday, January 5

9:00 AM Div. Mercy Chaplet/Rosary (OLOL)

11:00 AM Resurrection Choir (StMary)

5:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (OLOL)

7:00 PM Baptism Class - English (StMary)

### Friday, January 6

Eucharistic Adoration (StMary)

6:00 PM Spanish Holy Hour (StMary)

### Saturday, January 7

Prayer Team in Chapel after Mass (StMary)

9:00 AM Baptism Class - Spanish (StMary)

### Sunday, January 8

Coffee hosted by KC's (OLOL)

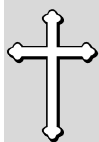
Prayer Team in Chapel after Masses (StMary)

Sunday Social Hour (StMary)

8:30 AM RCIA (StMary)

10:00 AM Liturgy of the Word (StMary/ OLOL)

12:30 PM Spanish Holy Hour (StMary)



In your prayers please remember those who have recently died:

\*Richard Hamstad, son of Eleanor Hamstad (StMary)

\*Jeanette Konold, mother of Jon Konold (StMary)

Our sympathy goes out to the families.

January 1, 2017

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

# STEWARDSHIP

	OLOL	St. Mary	St. Patrick
Adult	11,342	10,755	80
Automatic	935	5,249	
<b>Total</b>	\$ 12,277	\$ 16,004	
Weekly Budget Amount	7,650	16,403	
<b>Difference</b>	\$ 4,627	\$ (399)	
Year-to-Date Collection	\$ 235,962	\$ 432,080	
Year-to-Date Budget	198,900	426,478	
<b>YTD Difference</b>	\$ 37,062	\$ 5,602	
<b>Christmas Collection</b>	\$ 22,785	\$ 39,684	\$ 50

**Mass Attendance** 1133 2069

\*\*AFC offices will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2017.

## DMA Update:

	OLOL	St. Mary
<b>2016-17 DMA Goal</b>	\$27,670	\$54,960
<b>Total Cash &amp; Pledges</b>	\$25,230	\$40,557

Hail Mary  
Mother of God

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# SERVICE

**AFC Baptism Classes** are on Thursdays, January 5 & 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Church of St. Mary. Please call your local parish office to register. These classes are required for all parents having their first child baptized.

## You are invited to OLOL for Tuesday's

**Table:** Our Lady of the Lakes next meal will be **Tuesday, January 3, 2017**, from 6:00-6:30 pm. Meals are free of charge. No sign up is required. All are welcome! For information call Jane Andersen at 796-5209.



### Save the Date!

St. Mary's 20th Annual Gala Event!  
"Academy Awards!"  
Friday, January 27, 2016.  
Mark Your Calendar!!

**Ham Dinner – Save the Date!!** One way to honor the traditions of the Church of St. Patrick will be to have a Ham Dinner on Sunday, March 12! More details will follow. A planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10 at 5:00 pm at the Church of St. Mary in Willmar. Anyone in the area faith community is invited to attend this planning meeting.

## Footprints Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support Group

will meet on **Tuesday, January 3**, from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Church of St. Mary. Footprints is a non-denominational informal group formed to support parents, friends and family members through the loss of a pregnancy or baby one year of age or younger, regardless of cause of death. You do not need to be a member of the Area Faith Community to attend.

**STM D of I Meeting** has been changed from Monday, January 2 to Monday, January 9, 2017.

**Lost:** A woman's class ring was lost at the 3:30 pm Mass on Christmas Eve at the Church of St. Mary. If you found it, please call the office at 235-0118.

# WORSHIP

## \*One-Priest Mass Schedule\*

The Area Pastoral Council has approved a Mass schedule to be used when one of the priests in our area has a planned absence on a weekend. This is necessary because there are simply not enough “extra” priests available to fill in throughout the diocese. We will use this schedule on **January 14/15** when Father Jerry will be out of town.

### Saturday, January 14 only

Willmar 4:00 pm – time change (earlier)

Spicer 5:30 pm – time change (later)

### Sunday, January 15 only

Spicer 8:30 am – time change (earlier)

Willmar 10:00 am – only English Mass in Willmar on Sunday

Willmar 11:30 am (Spanish)



## *Readings for the Week of January 2, 2017*

Monday: 1 John 2:22-28

Psalm 98:1-4

John 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 John 2:29—3:6

Psalm 98:1, 3-6

John 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 John 3:7-10

Psalm 98:1, 7-9

John 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 John 3: 11-21

Psalm 100:1-5

John 1:43-51

Friday: 1 John 5:5-13

Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20

Mark 1:7-11 or

Luke 3:23-28

Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21

Psalm 149:1-6, 9

John 2:1-11

Sunday Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12



## January 1 is World Day of Peace!

Today, on the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, we also observe the World Day of Peace. Please pray for peace in our communities.

## Prayer for Peace in our Communities

Let us pray . . .

O Lord our God, in your mercy and kindness, no thought of ours is left unnoticed, no desire or concern ignored.

You have proven that blessings abound when we fall on our knees in prayer, and so we turn to you in our hour of need.

Surrounded by violence and cries for justice, we hear your voice telling us what is required . . . “Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God” (Mi 6:8).

Fill us with your mercy so that we, in turn, may be merciful to others. Strip away pride, suspicion, and racism so that we may seek peace and justice in our communities.

Strengthen our hearts so that they beat only to the rhythm of your holy will. Flood our path with your light as we walk humbly toward a future filled with encounter and unity.

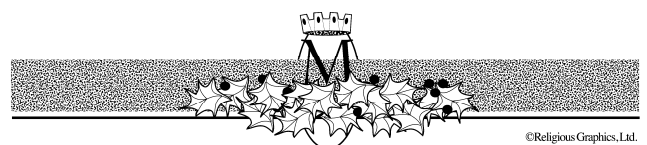
Be with us, O Lord, in our efforts, for only by the prompting of your grace can we progress toward virtue. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

# WORD-YOUTH

## Grade 1 Parent and Youth Session (OLOL)

Come for one hour and fifteen minutes anytime between 3:15-6:00 pm on Wednesday, January 11. You and your child will participate in a variety of activities related to the liturgical year. (If you are unable to participate in the session with your child during regular class time, your son/daughter will view two thirty-minute videos until you are able to arrive at 4:30 pm.)



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