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AREA MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 8

8:30 AM OLOL †Jim Plotnik
9:00 AM StMary †Joe Rothmeier

Tuesday, January 9

8:30 AM OLOL †Morgan & Pat Nederhiser
12:00 PM StMary Dan Wells

Wednesday, January 10

8:30 AM OLOL †Margie Beste
9:30 AM Clara City Care Center †John & Anna Zeller
12:00 PM StMary †Guy & Marion Hinton

Thursday, January 11

8:30 AM OLOL Catholic United Financial
10:30 AM CentraCare †Huber Family
StClara **No Mass**

Friday, January 12

8:30 AM OLOL †Jim Hoffman
StMary **No Mass**

Saturday, January 13

4:30 PM StMary †Bill Schindele
5:00 PM OLOL †James Bechthold
6:00 PM StMary (SP) For the People

Sunday, January 14

8:30 AM StClara †Diane Coulter
8:30 AM OLOL †Ron Pyka
10:00 AM StMary Irene Weis

*Please note there is no Mass at St. Clara on Thursday, January 11

*Please note there is no Mass at St. Mary on Friday, January 12

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, January 8

5:30 AM Bell Choir (StMary)
7:00 PM Adult Choir (StMary)
7:00 PM D of I Meeting (StMary)
7:00 PM Spicer KC Meeting (OLOL)

Tuesday, January 9

9:00 AM Quilting (StMary)
5:00 PM Baptism Prep Class (StMary)
6:00 PM Eucharistic Revival Meeting (StMary)
6:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group (StMary)
6:30 PM Alleluia Prayer Group (StMary)

Wednesday, January 10

9:00 AM Bible Study (OLOL)
10:00 AM SCC (Bible Study)
4:00 PM FF Gr. 2 & Sac. Prep Reconciliation (StMary)
5:30 PM FF Gr. 1-6 (StMary & OLOL)
7:00 PM FF Gr. 7-11 (StMary & OLOL)
7:00 PM FF Gr. 9-11 (StClara)

Thursday, January 11

1:30 PM Bible Study (OLOL)
5:00 PM Adoration (OLOL)
6:00 PM Hispanic Ministry Meeting (StMary)
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study (StClara)

Friday, January 12

Saturday, January 13

4:00 PM Rosary (StMary)
4:00 PM Confessions (StMary)
4:30 PM Confessions (OLOL)
6:00 PM Esquipulas Fiesta (StMary)

Sunday, January 14

8:00 AM Confessions (StClara)
9:30 AM FF Gr. 1-8 (StClara)
9:30 AM KC Coffee (OLOL)
11:00 AM Sunday Social Hour (StMary)

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2024
Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

STEWARDSHIP

	OLOL	St. Mary	St. Clara
December 3 Adult Env. + Loose Plate	9,564	22,946	1,357
December 10	10,113	11,224	3,881
December 17	8,385	14,167	
December 24/Christmas	45,727	64,334	6,444
December 31	8,798	19,982	9,076
December Automatic Contributions	7,367	22,586	4,430
December Weekly Average	22,488	38,810	8,396
Weekly Budget Amount	8,251	17,656	2,200
Year-to-Date Collection	\$ 302,628	\$ 505,326	\$ 78,566
Year-to-Date Budget	222,785	476,709	61,610
YTD Difference	\$ 79,843	\$ 28,617	\$ 16,956



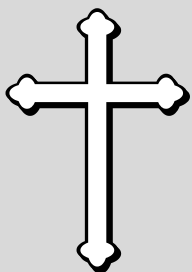
St. Mary Church Christmas Environment

We will be taking down the Christmas Environment on Tuesday, January 9 at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to come and help out.

PEW RESTORATION PROJECT

Pew Restoration

Pew Restoration will be starting at the Church of St. Mary this week and will take several weeks to complete. **All daily Masses will be held in the chapel during this time.** Thank you for your patience as the pews get some much needed attention. New kneelers will eventually be installed as part of this project as well.



In your prayers please remember those who have recently died.

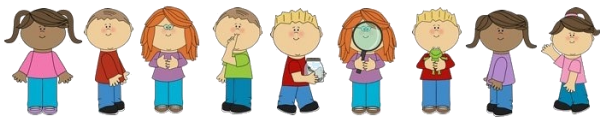
†Kathy Turbes, wife of Glen Turbes (StMary)
 †Dennis Collins, husband of Mary Ellen Collins (StMary)
 †Mary Lou Sherod (OLOL)
 †Mary Schnell (StMary)

Our sympathy goes out to the families.

Welcome to God's family our newly baptized:

Church of St. Mary
 William Steven Ziegler
 Morgan Elliot Brakken
 McKenzie Rae Brakken
 Ayden Jacob Pena
 Kaysen James Pena
 Flora Belle Zappa
 Arturo Haggenjos





Faith Formation

2nd Grade & Sacramental Prep Reconciliation

St. Mary, Willmar

Date: Wednesday, January 10

Location: Church of St. Mary, Willmar

Our Lady of the Lakes, Spicer

Date: Wednesday, January 17

Location: Church of Our Lady of the Lakes, Spicer

St. Clara, Clara City

Date: Sunday, January 21

Location: Church of St. Clara, Clara City

No regular class for those students on the date of their scheduled First Reconciliation. An email was sent out to these families with a schedule of times and details for that day. Parents have signed their children up for individual times.

Please keep these children in your prayers as they celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

AFC Grade 10 & 11 Class Service Project

Location: Bethesda Grand-Willmar

Time: 12:30 – 1:30 pm

Date: Sunday, January 7

Transportation not provided!



We need more substitute teachers!

All Grades:

If you know of someone who is interested in helping- please have them contact the Faith Formation office.

Remind the potential volunteer that all of the lesson curriculum, activities and craft supplies are provided.

With the winter season upon us, our need for subs exceeds our supply. Please consider asking a spouse, friend or even grandparent if they might be willing to help volunteer in our classrooms.



Clara City KC Pancake Supper

Wednesday Night January 17, 2023.

Time: 5:30 PM to 7:00PM

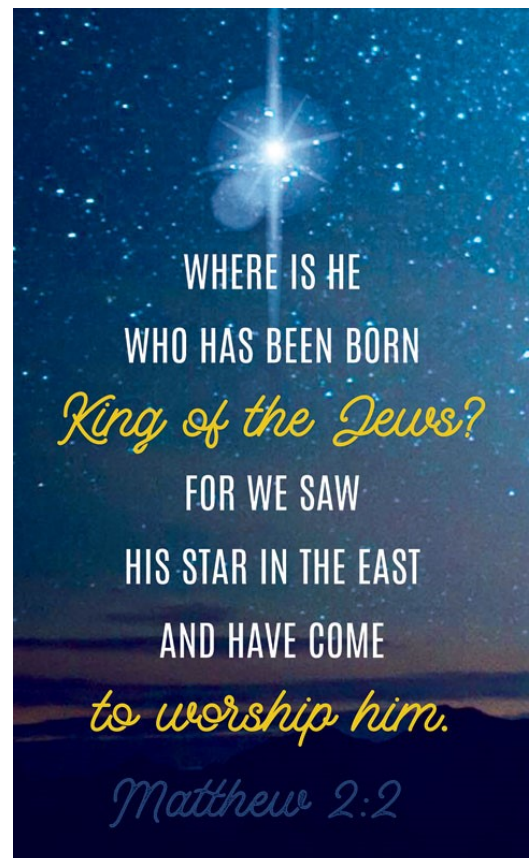
St Clara Church Basement.

We will be serving Pancakes, Sausage and Potatoes.

Everyone is Welcome! Free Will Donation.



Please remember to update your contact information with the parish office at 320-235-0118 or email AFCOffice@ourlivingwater.org **when you have a change in address, or are going to be temporarily away, phone number, or email, or if you have an addition to your family.**





Thank you!

On behalf of MACCRAY Public School, I'd like to thank-you for your generosity this Christmas Season. Thank-you to all of those who purchased gifts for students at MACCRAY. Your kindness is greatly appreciated and helped make Christmas a little brighter for many families.



AFC Social Justice Team: will meet on **Thursday, January 18, at 7:00 pm** via **zoom** All are welcome to attend. Please email Barb Garding at barbgarding54@gmail.com if you would like to receive the Zoom link to attend the meeting.



**MAY ALL KINGS BOW
DOWN TO HIM AND ALL
NATIONS SERVE HIM.**

- PSALM 72:11

If you are in a position to help someone, help them. God may be answering that person's prayers through you. Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. The next English retreat will be held March 1-3, 2024, cost of the weekend is \$70.00. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.



March for Life bus to the State Capital

The bus will arrive at the Cathedral a little after 10:00. There will be a prayer service at the Cathedral at 10:30. After the prayer service, we will proceed to the Capitol by bus, or walking, to join the rally. MCCL will have a program at 12:00. Following the program, we will board the bus and return home.

Contact John Molacek if you plan on attending. 320-220-1317 molacekj@gmail.com

Bring your own food and drink for the day.

Monday, January 22, 2024

Depart	Our Lady of the Lakes	6:30:00 AM
Arrive	Kandi Mall	6:53:00 AM
Depart	Kandi Mall	7:03:00 AM

Return Trip

Arrive	Kandi Mall	4:05:00 PM
Depart	Kandi Mall	4:10:00 PM
Arrive	Lady of the Lakes	4:33:00 PM



D of I Meeting

D of I will be having their January meeting on **Monday, January 8 at 7:00 PM**

**INCLEMENT
WEATHER
INFORMATION**



Inclement Weather

In case of inclement weather please check our AFC website or listen to KWLM/Q102 for church related changes and/or closings.