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AREA MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 15

8:30 AM OLOL †Frank, Sr. & Mary Plotnik
 12:00 PM StMary †Ann LaPatka

Tuesday, January 16

8:30 AM OLOL Patty Armbrust
 12:00 PM StMary †George & Jeanette Fuchs

Wednesday, January 17

8:30 AM OLOL †Dcn. Ken Stalboerger
 9:30 AM Clara City Care Center †Tonya Hanson
 12:00 PM StMary †Bernice Genereux

Thursday, January 18

8:30 AM OLOL †James Salviski, Jr.
 9:30 AM Sunrise Village Jerry Moudry
 StClara **No Mass**

Friday, January 19

8:30 AM OLOL †Randy Nissen
 StMary **No Mass**

Saturday, January 20

4:30 PM StMary †Duane Mayer
 5:00 PM OLOL †Mary Ellen Trueman
 6:00 PM StMary (SP) For the People

Sunday, January 21

8:30 AM StClara †Ray, Phyllis & John George
 8:30 AM OLOL †Dick & Diane Meier
 10:00 AM StMary †Buck & Kim Stahl

- ◆ Please note the time change for Mass at St. Mary on Monday, January 15
- ◆ Please note there is no Mass at St. Clara on Thursday, January 18
- ◆ Please note there is no Mass at St. Mary on Friday, January 19

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, January 15

Tuesday, January 16

9:00 AM Quilting (StMary)
 2:30 PM Prayer Shawl (StMary)
 6:00 PM RCIA (StMary)
 6:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group (StMary)

Wednesday, January 17

9:00 AM Bible Study (OLOL)
 10:00 AM SCC (Bible Study)
 FF Gr. 2 & Sac. Prep Reconciliation (OLOL)
 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 18

1:30 PM Bible Study (OLOL)
 3:30 PM Parish Society (StMary)
 5:00 PM Adoration (OLOL)
 6:00 PM CCW Meeting (OLOL)
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study (StClara)

Friday, January 19

7:00 PM Spanish Adult FF (StMary)

Saturday, January 20

4:00 PM Rosary (StMary)
 4:00 PM Confessions (StMary)
 4:30 PM Confessions (OLOL)
 6:45 PM Spanish RCIA (StMary)

Sunday, January 21

8:00 AM Confessions (StClara)
 9:30 AM FF Gr. 2 Reconciliation (StClara)
 9:30 AM FF Gr. 1-8 (StClara)
 12:30 PM Carmelites (OLOL)



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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 2024

All the earth shall sing to your name, O Most High!



2023 Contribution Statements

2023 Contribution statements will be mailed out this next week. If you don't receive yours by January 29, please call the AFC office, or email MaryNordstrom@OurLivingWater.org



AFC Confirmation

Bishop Zielinski will be at the **Our Lady of the Lakes Church** on Sunday, February 4 to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for the 11th grade students in our area faith community. **This Mass will be at 3:00 PM.**

******Please note the location change******



Thank you

St Clara Parishioners - Thank you all who generously donated to the Montevideo VA Home. Your kindness did not go unnoticed.

****2024 Confirmation Students & Sponsors****

Mandatory rehearsal Wednesday, January 31

Our Lady of the Lakes from 7:00-8:15 pm

A parent may stand in as proxy for the sponsor if he/she is unable to attend the rehearsal.

******Please note the location change******



Church of St. Mary Service Unit Letter

Each family is assigned to a Monthly Service/Working Unit. The letters for February 2024 and March 2024 are being sent next week.

These letters give families the opportunity to volunteer within our church community. We welcome people to volunteer anytime you are available.



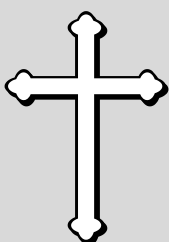
Grade 11 Service Hours are due January 31!

~Hours must be submitted online.~



Thank you

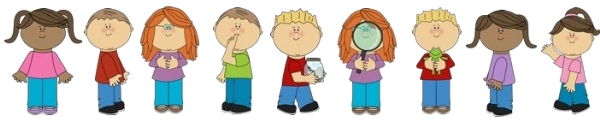
To the many volunteers who helped set up and take down the Christmas environments in our churches. We couldn't do it without you. You are very much appreciated!



In your prayers please remember those who have recently died.

†Peter Thein, brother of Irene Weis (StMary) & Stan Thein (StClara)

Our sympathy goes out to the family.



Faith Formation

2nd Grade & Sacramental Prep Reconciliation

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.



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.



Something New!

Looking for a fun night out and an opportunity to meet other adult parishioners while exploring your creative side? Come CHAT and CRAFT with us.

Where: Church of St. Mary

When: Thursday, February 1 at 6:30 pm

What: Heart and Snowflake String Art

Please bring: Small hammer and needle nose pliers- All other supplies will be provided.
Registration fee of \$10 can be made at the office at the time of registration-deadline of Monday, January 29th. Since space is limited to 12, please sign up early.

If you have questions please call 235-0118 or stop by the office

Please see bulletin for future opportunities to CHAT & CRAFT.

Your CHAT & CRAFT leaders,
Deb, Helen, Sara and Sharon

PEW RESTORATION PROJECT

Pew Restoration

Pew Restoration has begun 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.

Readings for the Week of January 15, 2024

Monday: 1Samuel 15: 16-23
Psalms 50: 8-9, 16-17, 21, 23
Mark 2: 18-22

Tuesday: 1Samuel 16: 1-13
Psalms 89: 20-22, 27-28
Mark 2: 23-28

Wednesday: 1Samuel 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51
Psalms 144: 1+2, 9-10
Mark 3: 1-6

Thursday: 1Samuel 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7
Psalms 56: 2-3, 9-14
Mark 3: 7-12

Friday: 1Samuel 24: 3-21
Psalms 57: 2-4, 6, 11
Mark 3: 13-19

Saturday: 2Samuel 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19-, 23-27
Psalms 80: 2-3, 5-7
Mark 3: 20-21

Sunday: John 3: 1-5, 10
Psalms 25: 4-9
1Corinthians 7: 29-31
Mark 1: 14-20



IF YOU
WANT
PEACE
WORK
FOR
JUSTICE

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.



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

Speak
Lord
your servant
is listening
1 Samuel 3:10