Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water

Sharing the life of Christ
Being the love of Christ

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AREA MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 16

8:30 AM	OLOL	†Beste Family Intentions
9:00 AM	StMary	†Lyle Mahn

Tuesday, January 17

8:30 AM	OLOL	†Joseph & Irene Pyka
12:00 PM	StMary	†Marion & Guy Hinton

Wednesday, January 18

8:30 AM	OLOL	†Dorothy Gerhard Sampson
9:30 AM	Clara City Care Center	For the People
12:00 PM	StMary	†Leo & Bernadine Larson

Thursday, January 19

8:30 AM	OLOL	†Myra Reining
9:30 AM	Sunrise Village	†Frank & Sonne Linhoff
5:30 PM	StClara	For the People

Friday, January 20

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

Saturday, January 21

4:30 PM	StMary	†Velma Thein
5:00 PM	OLOL	†Ken Stalboerger
6:00 PM	StMary (SP)	†Manuel Lopez

Sunday, January 22

8:30 AM	OLOL	†Dona Becker
8:30 AM	StClara	For the People
10:00 AM	StMary	†Buck & Kim Stahl

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, January 16

5:30 PM	Bell Choir (StMary)
7:00 PM	Adult Choir (StMary)

Tuesday, January 17

9:00 AM	Quilting (StMary)
4:30 PM	Prayer Shawl (StMary)
5:30 PM	Parish Society (StMary)
6:00 PM	Spanish Prayer Group (StMary)

Wednesday, January 18

9:00 AM	Bible Study (OLOL)
10:00 AM	SCC (Bible Study) (StMary)
3:15 PM	FF Gr. 1-6 (OLOL)
5:30 PM	FF Gr. 1-6 (StMary)
5:30 PM	Clara City KC Pancake Supper (StClara)
7:00 PM	FF Gr. 7-11 (StMary & OLOL)
7:00 PM	FF Gr. 9-11 (StClara)

Thursday, January 19

9:00 AM	Divine Mercy Chaplet / Rosary (OLOL)
1:30 PM	SCC (OLOL)
5:00 PM	Adoration (OLOL)
7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study (StClara)

Friday, January 20

Saturday, January 21

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

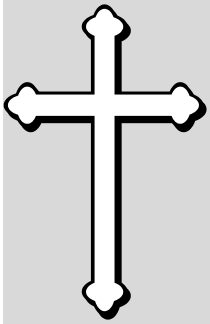
Sunday, January 22

9:30 AM	FF Gr. 1-8 (StClara)
9:30 AM	10th Gr. Serving Coffee (OLOL)

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 15, 2023
This is my Beloved, in whom I am well pleased!

Faith Formation

All faith formation families have been emailed revised FF calendars reflecting schedule changes that have been made. Please refer to these new revised calendars for the rest of the FF year.
If you did not receive your revised calendar, please contact Julie Swoboda at julieswoboda@ourlivingwater.org or 320-235-3982.



In your prayers please remember those who have recently died.

†Rita Gravley, wife of Gene & mother of Jill Pulsifer (OLOL)
†LaVerne Gleason (OLOL)
†Clark "Corky" Johnson, father of Steve Johnson (StMary)

Our sympathy goes out to the families.

First Reconciliation

St. Mary: Grade 2 and Sacramental Prep.

First Reconciliation
January 18 from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm

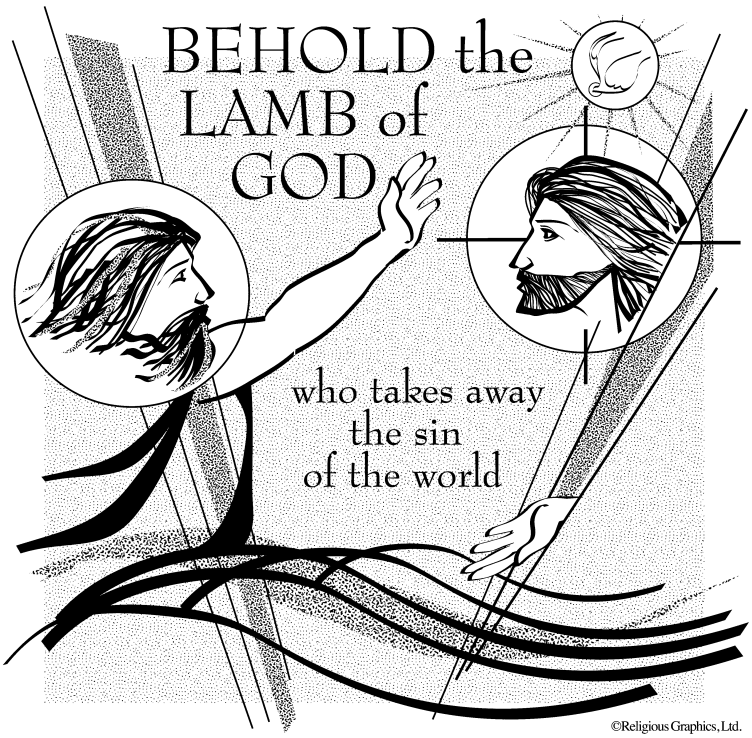
No regular class for these students only this day. Parents have signed their children up for individual times. An email will be sent out to these families with a schedule of times and details for that day. Please keep these children in your prayers as they celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

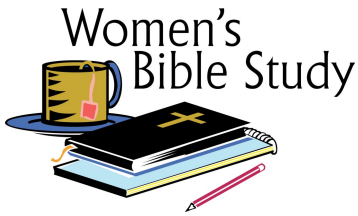
Clara City KC Pancake Supper

Wednesday Night January 18, 2023.
Time: 5:00 PM to 7:00PM
St Clara Catholic Church Basement.
We will be serving Pancakes, Sausage and Potatoes.
Everyone is Welcome. Free Will Donation.

Nursing Home Masses

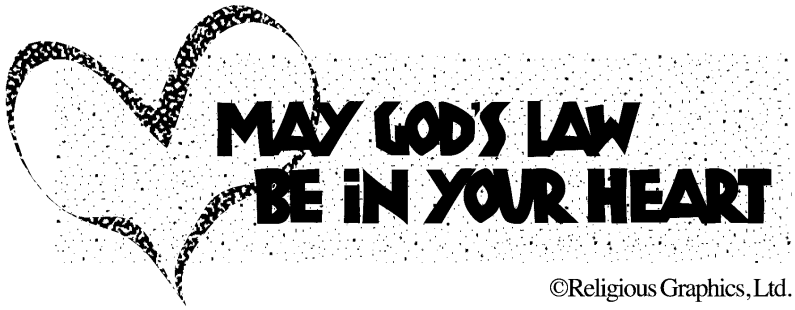
First Thursday: Bethesda Grand Chapel - 9:30 am
Second Thursday: Carris Health Care Center & Therapy Suites (formerly Rice Care Center) - 10:30 am
Third Thursday: Sunrise Village - 9:30 am
Fourth Tuesday: Bethesda North Pointe - 10:00 am
Fourth Thursday: Copperleaf - 9:30 am
Fifth Thursday: St. Mary's Chapel - 9:00 am





St. Clara Women's Bible Study

Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm
At St. Clara's school
If you would like to join, contact Kaitlyn Speiser at 320-212-5629.



The local Knights of Columbus Councils are organizing a bus to the March for Life at the Capitol on Sunday January 22, 2023

Picking up in Spicer at OLOL (7:50 AM) and Willmar at the Kandi Mall (8:13 AM), returning after 6:00 PM.

Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul at noon, and walk/ride to the Capitol for the MCCL program at 2:00 PM.

Anyone interested call Tom at 796-0063.

Bus ride is free. You must bring your own food/drinks

Journey to Eternity…Whether you use a paper map or a GPS app, do you know where you are going? CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for March 3-5, 2023, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is $70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for bulletin items is 9:00 am on Tuesdays. Items should be emailed to AFCOffice@OurLivingWater.org. Please understand that items will be edited for space and clarity. If there is room, we will include items for other organizations, but our priority is for information and events in our area faith community.

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.

AFC Confirmation

Bishop Zielinski will be at the Church of St. Mary on Sunday, February 12 to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for the 11th grade students in our area faith community. **This Mass will be at 10:30 am.**
Our Confirmation Masses are usually full, so if you normally attend the 10:00 am Mass on Sundays in Willmar, you may want to consider the Saturday afternoon Mass, or attending Mass in Spicer or Clara City on that date.

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!

St. Mary's Gala A date has been set for the Church of St. Mary Gala. Don't get zonked! Save Friday, April 28, 2023 in your calendar. The planning team is working on the theme and the details. More information to follow.

Charitable Donations

Annual donation reports will be prepared by Friday, January 20. This year, we are not mailing these reports, due to the fact that many people do not itemize and don't need the physical report. If you are in need of your report, please call the AFC office and talk to Mary or Tabitha and they will put it in the mail for you or send it electronically via email. Thank you for your continued financial support of our parishes and area faith community.

Walk by the LIGHT of the LORD

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