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## Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water

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### AREA MASS SCHEDULE

#### Monday, January 22

8:30 AM OLOL Seminarians: Brent Sundve, David Rabaey, Noah U'ren & Matthew Wood  
 9:00 AM StMary †Ann LaPatka

#### Tuesday, January 23

8:30 AM OLOL †Deceased Members of Joe & Clara McCann Families  
 12:00 PM StMary †Bob Simmons

#### Wednesday, January 24

8:30 AM OLOL †Deceased Members of OLOL CCW  
 9:30 AM Clara City Care Center †Rose Shepersky  
 9:30 AM Copperleaf †Velma Thein  
 12:00 PM StMary †Marie Larson & Steven Larson

#### Thursday, January 25

8:30 AM OLOL †Fay Kuznia  
 5:30 PM StClara †LeRoy Dobmeier

#### Friday, January 26

8:30 AM OLOL †Dona Ridl  
 12:00 PM StMary †Bill Peters, Sr.

#### Saturday, January 27

4:30 PM StMary Jim & Sherrie Thein  
 5:00 PM OLOL †Gene Platt  
 6:00 PM StMary (SP) For the People

#### Sunday, January 28

8:30 AM StClara †John & Anna Zeller  
 8:30 AM OLOL David Ahlquist  
 10:00 AM StMary †Katie Hughes

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Monday, January 22

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

#### Tuesday, January 23

9:00 AM Quilting (StMary)  
 6:00 PM Alleluia Prayer Group (StMary)  
 6:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group (StMary)  
 6:00 PM RCIA (StMary)

#### Wednesday, January 24

9:00 AM Bible Study (OLOL)  
 10:00 AM SCC (Bible Study) (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 25

1:30 PM Bible Study (OLOL)  
 5:00 PM Adoration (OLOL)  
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study (StClara)

#### Friday, January 26

6:00 PM Hispanic Ministry Meeting (StMary)

#### Saturday, January 27

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

#### Sunday, January 28

8:00 AM Confessions (StClara)  
 9:30 AM FF Gr. 1-8 (StClara)  
 11:00 AM KC Coffee & Rolls (StMary)

### Diocesan Ministries Appeal

Thank you for your continued support of the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. The numbers shown below reflect your contributions through 1/16/2024. As indicated, 20% of every dollar donated to the DMA is returned to the parish.

Parish	Goal	Received for DMA	Received for Parish	Total Received
St. Clara	\$11,760	\$7,444	\$1,861	\$9,305
Our Lady of the Lakes	42,830	31,876	7,969	39,845
St. Mary	74,024	48,944	12,236	61,180

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2024

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord.*



## Prayer

### AFC Prayer Network

Do you know someone who is in need of prayers and would benefit from being put on our Prayer Network? Please call the AFC office at 320-235-0118.

Due to the Privacy Act in order for individuals to be on our prayer network, the individual or a family member must contact our parish office.



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

#### Who are the Shawls for?

There are no set guidelines for receiving a prayer shawl from the church. It may come from a staff member who hears of someone with a particular need or from a parishioner who needs one for a loved one. Some will go to adults; some will go to children; to anyone who is in need of prayers, hope, comfort and the love of a community can be a recipient of a shawl.

Please call the AFC office if you know someone in need of a prayer shawl.



### 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 11<sup>th</sup> grade students in our area faith community. **This Mass will be at 3:00 PM.**

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

### **\*\*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\*\*\*\***

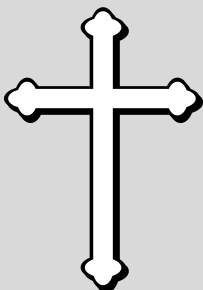


**Grade 11 Service Hours are due January 31!**

~Hours must be submitted online.~

### Hospital/Nursing Home/ Homebound

- **Visits:** If you or a loved one is in the hospital, nursing home, or is homebound, and wish a visit or to receive communion from a priest or pastoral care minister/ volunteer, please contact the parish office. Because of the Privacy Act, neither the hospitals, nursing homes, nor rehab facilities notify the Parish when you are admitted.



In your prayers please remember those who have recently died.

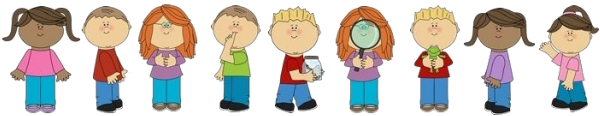
- †Jim Thoma (StClara), husband of Donna Vosika-Thoma (OLOL)
- †Chris Schueler, son of Kevin and Sherrie Reineke (StMary)
- †Connie Mara, mother of Bryan Mara (StMary)
- †María de la Luz Sepulveda, mother of Arturo Sepulveda (StMary)

Our sympathy goes out to the families.

**And the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,**

**—Jonah 3:1**





# Faith Formation

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade & Sacramental Prep Reconciliation

**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 at 235-0118. 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.



### 2023 Contribution Statements

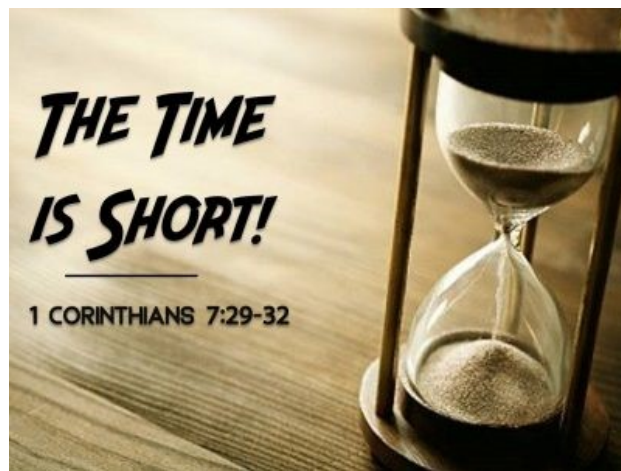
2023 Contribution statements were mailed out this week. If you don't receive yours by January 29, please call the AFC office, or email

[MaryNordstrom@OurLivingWater.org](mailto:MaryNordstrom@OurLivingWater.org)



### Inclement Weather

In case of inclement weather please check our AFC website or listen to KWLM/Q102 or go to [www.willmarradio.com/weather\\_related\\_announcements/](http://www.willmarradio.com/weather_related_announcements/) for church related announcements.



### 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 29. 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



### *Readings for the Week of January 22, 2024*

Monday: 2Samuel 5: 1-7, 10  
Psalms 89: 20-22, 25-26  
Mark 3: 22-30

Tuesday: 2Samuel 6: 12-15, 17-19  
Psalms 24: 7-10  
Mark 3: 31-35

Wednesday: 2Samuel 7: 4-17  
Psalms 89: 4-5, 27-30  
Mark 4: 1-20

Thursday: Acts 22: 3-16 or Acts 9: 1-22  
Psalms 117: 1-2  
Mark 16: 15-18

Friday: 2Timothy 1: 1-8 or Titus 1:1-5  
Psalms 96: 1-3, 7-8, 10  
Mark 4: 26-34

Saturday: 2Samuel 12: 1-7, 10-17  
Psalms 51: 12-17  
Mark 4: 35-41

Sunday: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20  
Psalms 95: 1-2, 6-9  
1Corinthians 7: 32-35  
Mark 1: 21-28



### **Prayer Service for Life and MCCL March for Life**

– January 22, 2024 – St. Paul, MN

Check out the opportunities for bus transportation to St. Paul leaving from Marshall, New Ulm, or Spicer by going to [www.dnu.org/familylife](http://www.dnu.org/familylife)

Come and join Bishop Zielinski and people from around the diocese in St. Paul to give witness to the dignity of every human life. If you are unable to attend please join us in prayer that day.



### **Looking for a great Lenten experience?**

Riverbend TEC is offering a 3-day retreat centered on the Paschal Mystery of Christ. The retreat is scheduled for February 17-19, 2024 at Holy Redeemer School in Marshall, and all those aged 16 and over are invited and encouraged to attend. Due to a generous donor, the cost for the February weekend is just \$15. To register, visit [riverbendtec.org](http://riverbendtec.org) and download a registration form.

