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AREA MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 29

8:30 AM OLOL †Edward Gaasterland
 9:00 AM StMary †Rita Plotnik

Tuesday, January 30

8:30 AM OLOL †Bruce Reikowski
 12:00 PM StMary †Huber Family

Wednesday, January 31

8:30 AM OLOL †Gene McNamara
 9:30 AM Clara City Care Center For the People
 12:00 PM StMary †Mary Seeman

Thursday, February 1

8:30 AM OLOL †Gerhard & Dorothy Sampson
 9:30 AM Bethesda Grand Chapel †Bernice Ahlquist
 5:30 PM StClara For the People

Friday, February 2

8:30 AM OLOL †Dona Becker
 12:00 PM StMary †Lyle Mahn

Saturday, February 3

4:30 PM StMary †Kathleen Turbes
 5:00 PM OLOL †Morgan & Pat Nederhiser
 6:00 PM StMary (SP) For the People

Sunday, February 4

8:30 AM StClara †Marie Harguth
 8:30 AM OLOL †Pat Williams
 10:00 AM StMary Mike & Michelle Thein Family
 3:00 PM OLOL AFC Confirmation Mass

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, January 29

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

Tuesday, January 30

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

Wednesday, January 31

9:00 AM Bible Study (OLOL)
 10:00 AM SCC (Bible Study)
 5:30 PM FF Gr. 1-6 (StMary & OLOL)
 7:00 PM FF Gr. 7-10 (StMary & OLOL)
 7:00 PM FF Gr. 9-10 (StClara)
 7:00 PM AFC Gr. 11 Confirmation Rehearsal (OLOL)

Thursday, February 1

1:30 PM Bible Study (OLOL)
 5:00 PM Adoration (OLOL)
 6:30 PM Chat & Craft (StMary)
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study (StClara)

Friday, February 2

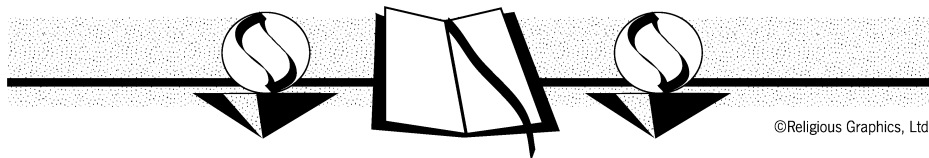
12:00 PM Adoration (StMary)
 7:00 PM Spanish Adoration (StMary)

Saturday, February 3

4:00 PM Rosary (StMary)
 4:00 PM Confessions (StMary)
 4:30 PM Confessions (OLOL)
 5:00 PM Prayer Team (StMary)
 6:00 PM Suyapa Fiesta (StMary)

Sunday, February 4

8:00 AM Confessions (StClara)
 9:30 AM FF Gr. 1-8 (StClara)



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 28, 2024
Save us, O Lord our God!



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.



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



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******

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

Mandatory rehearsal Wednesday, January 31

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

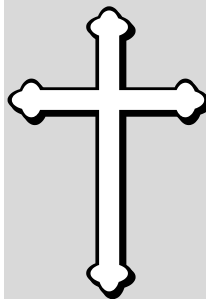
A parent may stand in as proxy for the sponsor if he/she is unable to attend the rehearsal.

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Grade 11 Service Hours are due January 31!

~Hours must be submitted online.~



In your prayers please remember those who have recently died.

†Larry Johnson, the son-in-law of Dody & George Davies (StMary)

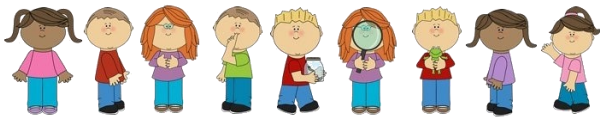
†Tom Peterson, the husband of Lindi Peterson (LOL)

†Elias Fuentes, the husband of Victoria Fuentes & the father of Hailey & Paige Fuentes (StMary)

†Elizabeth “Betty” Peterson, the mother of Mark Peterson (StMary)

†Ken Combs (LOL)

Our sympathy goes out to the families.



Faith Formation



From the Faith Formation Staff:

Congratulations to all who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time recently within our Jesus Our Living Water community. We extend our blessings to those children. "If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing." (1 John 1:9)



Feast of St. Blaise

The Feast of St. Blaise includes the tradition of providing the blessing of throats after Mass. We will be offering the blessing of throats at the end of Mass next weekend, February 3/4.



Wednesday, February 14

MASS SCHEDULE

8:30 AM	Church of Our Lady of the Lakes
12:00 PM	Church of St. Mary
5:30 PM	Church of St. Mary
6:00 PM	Church of St. Clara



St. Mary Family Meal

Wednesday, February 7
4:45 PM - 6:50 PM
All are welcome!

Our Lady of the Lakes Family Meal

This year OLOL is hosting a "Family Meal" on the first Wednesday of the month. Please join us!

Wednesday, February 7
4:45 PM - 6:50 PM
All are welcome!



Tuesday's Table is on Tuesday, February 6

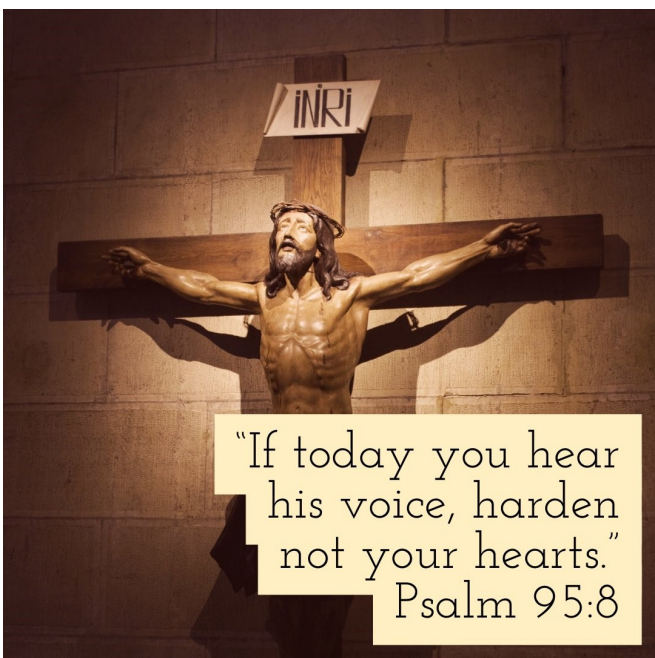
Tuesday's Table, a free community meal continues on the first Tuesday of each month at Our Lady of the Lakes in Spicer. Our next meal is February 6. The meal is served at 6:00. No RSVP required.

*O come, let us
worship and bow
down: Let us
kneel before the
LORD our maker.
Psalm 95:6*



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 and download a registration form.



Men's Lenten Bible Study

Fr. Steve will be leading a Lenten Bible Study for Men in this time of Eucharistic Revival by exploring "The Eucharist in Scripture" from the Little Rock Bible Series. We will be meeting on 5 consecutive Wednesday mornings at the Church of St. Mary in Willmar, starting February 21 and ending March 20. Each session will start at 7 am and last one hour. There is room for up to 14 men in the group. To register and to pick up a book prior to our first session, please email Fr. Steve at frsteve@ourlivingwater.org This is open to all men of our AFC.



St. Clara's Mission Circle will be collecting "Valentine's for San Lucas" during the month of February. There will be envelopes in the back of church to put your donations in. You can put them in each Sunday's collection basket.

We will also be serving coffee and rolls, along with having a bake sale, on Sunday, Feb. 11th. All proceeds from this will be sent to San Lucas.

We were able to send a very generous donation last year so we ask that you support this wonderful cause again this year.

Readings for the Week of January 29, 2024

Monday: 2Samuel 15: 13-14, 30; 16: 5-13

Psalms 3: 2-7

Mark 5: 1-20

Tuesday: 2Samuel 18: 9-10, 14, 25-45, 30-19:3

Psalms 86: 1-6

Mark 5: 21-43

Wednesday: 2Samuel 24: 2, 9-17

Psalms 32: 1-2, 5-7

Mark 6: 1-6

Thursday: 1Kings 2: 1-4, 10-12

1Chronicles 29: 10-12

Mark 6: 7-13

Friday: Malachi 3: 1-4

Psalms 24: 7-10

Hebrews 2: 14-18

Luke 2: 22-40 or 2: 22-32

Saturday: 1Kings 3: 4-13

Psalms 119: 9-14

Mark 6: 30-34

Sunday: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

Psalms 147: 1-6

1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23

Mark 1: 29-39

