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### AREA MASS SCHEDULE

#### Monday, February 24

#### Tuesday, February 25

8:30 AM OLOL †Mike Rieke  
 12:00 PM StMary †Len Matthys

#### Wednesday, February 26

8:30 AM OLOL †Ron Pyka  
 12:00 PM StMary †Sharon & Steve Larson

#### Thursday, February 27

9:30 AM Clara City Care Center For the People  
 9:30 AM Sunrise Village †Ruth Trageser

#### Friday, February 28

8:30 AM OLOL †Colette Illies  
 12:00 PM StMary †Louise Franco

#### Saturday, March 1

4:30 PM StMary D of I Mass for Peace  
 6:00 PM StMary (SP) For the People

#### Sunday, March 2

8:00 AM StClara Merle Harguth  
 9:00 AM StMary †Bernice Genereux  
 10:00 AM OLOL †Duane Day

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Monday, February 24

9:30 AM Bible Study (OLOL)  
 6:30 PM Gala Team Meeting (StMary)  
 6:30 PM Spanish Adult Faith Formation (StMary)  
 7:00 PM KC Officer Meeting (OLOL)

#### Tuesday, February 25

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

#### Wednesday, February 26

8:00 AM Confessions (OLOL)  
 9:30 AM Bible Study (OLOL)  
 10:00 AM Bible Study (StMary)  
 5:30 PM FF Gr. 3 & 4 PAY Session (StMary & OLOL)  
 5:30 PM FF Gr. 1-6 (StMary & OLOL)  
 6:45 PM FF Gr. 9-10 (StClara)  
 7:00 PM FF Gr. 7-10 (StMary & OLOL)

#### Thursday, February 27

1:30 PM Bible Study (OLOL)  
 5:00 PM Adoration (OLOL)

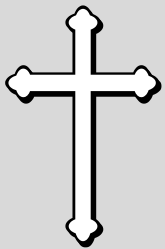
#### Friday, February 28

#### Saturday, March 1

3:45 PM Confessions (StMary)  
 4:00 PM Rosary (StMary)  
 5:30 PM Prayer Team (StMary)  
 6:45 PM Spanish Baptism Class (StMary)  
 6:45 PM Spanish RCIA (StMary)

#### Sunday, March 2

7:30 AM Confessions (StClara)  
 8:00 AM Bell Choir (StMary)  
 9:00 AM Mission Circle Coffee & Rolls (StClara)  
 9:30 AM FF Gr. 1-8 (StClara)  
 9:30 AM FF Gr. 3 & 4 PAY Session (StClara)  
 10:00 AM Prayer Team (StMary)



In your prayers please remember those who have recently died.

†Harlan Pieper, father of Dan (Rhonda) Pieper (St Clara)  
 †Dean Miley, father of Mark Miley (StMary)

Our sympathy goes out to the families.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 February 23, 2025  
*O Lord, I trust in your merciful love!*

# Pastor's NOTES

**PASTOR NOTES:** In the Gospel from Luke on this Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, we continue with the Sermon on the Plain. What a holy examination of conscience is offered in the message to love. We pray with the teachings of Jesus. How do we love our enemies, do good, blessing others, stop judging, giving generously, and be children of the Most High? The good news is the Lord is kind and merciful. May the mercy of God be with us so we can live the teachings of Jesus.

Please pray for our Confirmation students who are in retreat this Sunday. May God bless them as they begin the journey to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year.

I ask for your prayers for my mother Arlene Huberty who will have hip surgery this Thursday, Feb. 27.

Fr. Ronald Huberty



## Greetings Crafters!

Our next project will be Beaded Serving Utensils! Check out the sample in the Parish Office when you sign up to reserve your space and pay \$10.

**What:** Beaded Serving Utensils

**When:** Thursday, March 6 at 6:00

**Where:** St. Mary's Room 19

Please register and pay class fee (\$10) by **Monday, March 3** as class size is limited to 12 crafters.

**Bonus:** A surprise Penny Project (all supplies provided)

**What to Bring:** Needle Nose Pliers

**What is Provided:** Wire, beads, glue, and utensils. Feel free to bring your own utensil if you prefer to embellish your own.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Your Chat and Craft leaders,  
Deb, Helen, Sara and Sharon

# Happy 68th Anniversary!

Happy 68th Wedding Anniversary on February 26 to  
Luverne & Roselyne Stadtherr.



## Parish Software Upgrade

We are preparing for a major software update/conversion for our parish censuses. We would like you to update your information with the parish office. Examples of things you should update are an address change, updated phone number, no longer have landline, or your children have moved from the area or joined another church. Updating this information will be greatly appreciated because it will make the transition go more smoothly. Update by calling 320-235-0118 or email [AFCOffice@ourlivingwater.org](mailto:AFCOffice@ourlivingwater.org). Thank you!

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## Women's Bible Study

The Gospel of Luke Bible Study  
will be held at the following locations  
Beginning Monday, March 17

### Our Lady of the Lakes

Mondays at 6:30 PM

**Church of St. Mary**

Thursdays at 3:00 PM

**Church of St. Clara**

Thursdays at 7:00 PM

\*Pre-registration is required.  
Please contact Ann Voller (320) 226-5205  
To sign up .



# Faith Formation

## StM & OLOL Gr. 3 & 4 PAY Session

Date: Wednesday, February 26

Time: 5:30 PM

Parent and Youth must attend!

**AFC:** No classes Wednesday, March 5!  
**Attend Ash Wednesday Mass with Family!**

**March is Minnesota Food Share Month**  
During the month of March you are encouraged to help those in need by contributing cash and/or donating food. Your contribution allows the **Kandiyohi Area Food Shelf, The Link, & Prairie 5** to purchase food through **2nd Harvest Heartland** at a discounted price.

**For every \$20.00 donated, food shelves can purchase almost \$200.00 worth of food.**

Envelopes are located in the Gather Areas of each of our churches.

**Please make checks payable to your parish,** and return your donations prior to **March 26** and we will forward them on to the "Radio for Relief" live broadcast on March 20 from the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf.



**St. Clara:** No Classes March 9!

## We need more substitute Faith Formation 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.

### *Readings for the Week of February 24, 2025*

Monday:	Sirach 1: 1-10 Psalms 93: 1-5 Mark 9: 14-29
Tuesday:	Sirach 2: 1-11 Psalms 37: 3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Mark 9: 30-37
Wednesday:	Sirach 4: 11-19 Psalms 119: 165, 168, 171-172, 174-175 Mark 9: 38-40
Thursday:	Sirach 5: 1-8 Psalms 1: 1-4, 6 Mark 9: 41-50
Friday:	Sirach 6: 5-17 Psalms 119: 12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 Mark 10: 1-12
Saturday:	Sirach 17: 1-15 Psalms 103: 13-18 Mark 10: 13-16
Sunday:	Sirach 27: 4-7 Psalms 92: 2-3, 13-16 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58 Luke 6: 39-45



**Wednesday, March 5**

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

8:30 AM	Church of Our Lady of the Lakes
12:00 PM	Church of St. Mary
5:00 PM	Church of St. Clara
6:00 PM	Church of St. Mary
7:00 PM	Church of Our Lady of the Lakes

# Bishop Zielinski asks parishes to prepare for rededication of Mary under the title ‘Our Lady of the Prairie’

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

After the Diocese of New Ulm was formed in 1957, one of Bishop Alphonse J. Schladweiler's first official acts as bishop was to dedicate the diocese to Mary, the Mother of God. This was confirmed in December 1992 when Bishop Schladweiler's successor, Bishop Raymond A. Lucker, officially decreed that the patronal feast of the Diocese of New Ulm is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, celebrated each year on January 1.

When I arrived in the diocese in 2022, during my installation homily, I invited all the faithful of this diocese to join me in “Hearing God, Handing Him Your Heart, and Having Hope.” Mary herself is a beacon of Hope, leading us to her Son, Jesus, in the Eucharist.

One of my first tasks as your new shepherd was to drive to all four corners of this rural diocese, visiting you in your parishes and Catholic schools. I could not help but notice the loveliness of the thousands of acres of prairie land. From this experience, a desire flowed in me to rededicate the Diocese of New Ulm to Mary under the title Our Lady of the Prairie. Therefore, early last year, I commissioned Damien Walker, founder and director of The Studio of Saint Philomena in New Zealand, to paint a life-size image (approx. 6.6 ft. tall x 5 ft. wide) of Our Lady of the Prairie. This image is meant to represent all the faithful in the Diocese of New Ulm - a symbol of Hope, Evangelization, and Mother to all of God’s people.

## **Who is Damien Walker, and why was he chosen to create a painting of Our Lady of the Prairie?**

Damien Walker is a renowned Catholic artist from New Zealand who specializes in painting, restoration, and gilding. He is well known for working with dioceses, parishes, and other groups to bring beauty and meaning into the world through his art. Many of you may have met Damien in your parish when he visited the diocese last summer to capture the rural character, the prairie landscape, and the overall history of this diocese in preparation of his artwork of Our Lady of the Prairie.

I first learned of Damien’s talent in 2023 while serving as chairman of the Native American Affairs Subcommittee. I was attending the International Conference on Indigenous in Washington, D.C. where I was introduced to Damien’s beautiful artwork “Ko Hāta Maria, te Matua Wahine o te Atua” (“Holy Mary Mother of God”) which he was commissioned to paint by the Catholic bishops of New Zealand.

The Our Lady of the Prairie artwork, which has been funded entirely through the generosity of individual benefactors, is expected to arrive in the Diocese of New Ulm sometime in May. Please join me at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New Ulm on Sunday, June 22 at the 10 a.m. Mass when the painting will be unveiled and I will reconsecrate the Diocese of New Ulm to Our Lady of the Prairie.

The following Sunday, on June 29, all parishes in the diocese will rededicate their Area Faith Communities to Mary under the title Our Lady of the Prairie. I invite each of you to participate in this rededication by offering your prayers and intentions for our diocese and our shared journey of faith.

It is my hope that throughout this Jubilee Year of Hope, and for many more years to come, this artwork of Our Lady of the Prairie will serve as a powerful visual catechesis, inspiring us with the intimate relationship we have between Christ and His Church and Mary’s pivotal role as our advocate and intercessor.



Most Rev. Chad W. Zielinski  
Bishop of New Ulm

