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### AREA MASS SCHEDULE

#### Monday, March 17

#### Tuesday, March 18

8:30 AM OLOL †Ermina Loxtercamp  
 12:00 PM StMary †Marvin & Lenny Uhrich

#### Wednesday, March 19

8:30 AM OLOL †Don Schwaegerl  
 12:00 PM StMary †Marge Schwaegerl

#### Thursday, March 20

9:30 AM Clara City Care Center For the People  
 9:30 AM Sunrise Village †Kevin Derynck  
 11:00 AM OLOL Funeral Mass for Ethel Bechthold

#### Friday, March 21

8:30 AM OLOL †Randy Nissen  
 12:00 PM StMary †Louise Franco

#### Saturday, March 22

4:30 PM StMary †Sandy Jensen  
 6:00 PM StMary (SP) For the People

#### Sunday, March 23

8:00 AM StClara †Wayne Harguth  
 9:00 AM StMary †Mary Wilkowske  
 10:00 AM OLOL †Marlene & Gene Platt

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Monday, March 17

6:00 AM That Man is You Bible Study (StMary)  
 9:30 AM Bible Study (OLOL)  
 3:30 PM Parish Society Meeting (StMary)  
 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study (OLOL)

#### Tuesday, March 18

9:00 AM Quilting (StMary)  
 3:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry (StMary)  
 6:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group (StMary)  
 5:30 PM Gala Team Meeting (StMary)  
 7:00 PM AFC Social Justice Team (Zoom)

#### Wednesday, March 19

8:00 AM Confessions (OLOL)  
 9:30 AM Bible Study (OLOL)  
 10:00 AM Bible Study (StMary)  
 5:30 PM FF Gr. 1-6 (StMary)  
**No Faith Formation (OLOL)**  
 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross / Soup Supper (StClara)  
 6:45 PM FF Gr. 9-10 (StClara)  
 7:00 PM FF Gr. 7-10 (StMary)

#### Thursday, March 20

1:30 PM Bible Study (OLOL)  
 3:00 PM Women's Bible Study (StMary)  
 5:00 PM Adoration (OLOL)  
 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross / Soup Supper (StMary)  
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study (StClara)

#### Friday, March 21

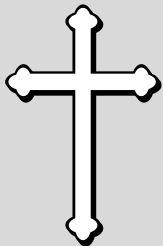
3:30 PM KC Fish Fry (StMary)  
 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross / Soup Supper (OLOL)  
 7:00 PM Spanish Adult Faith Formation (StMary)

#### Saturday, March 22

3:45 PM Confessions (StMary)  
 4:00 PM Rosary (StMary)  
 6:45 PM Spanish RCIA (StMary)

#### Sunday, March 23

7:30 AM Confessions (StClara)  
 8:00 AM HimSing (StMary)  
 9:00 AM Mission Circle Coffee & Rolls (StClara)  
 9:30 AM FF Gr. 1-8 (StClara)  
 11:00 AM CCW Coffee (OLOL)



In your prayers please remember those who have recently died.

†Ethel Bechthold (OLOL)  
 †Dean Suter, brother of Milton Suter & Mary Ann Groothuis (StClara)  
 †Rosemary Peters (StMary)  
 Our sympathy goes out to the families.

**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**March 16, 2025**  
*Redeem us, O God of Israel!*

# Pastor's NOTES

**PASTOR NOTES:** The Second Sunday of Lent always has the story of the Transfiguration. The disciples, Peter, John, and James see Jesus glorified on Mount Tabor. They went up the mountain to pray with Jesus and were blessed to see this glorious moment of Jesus. The disciples had to follow Jesus down the mountain and on the way to Jerusalem and the Cross that awaited. This moment of joy renews our hope to remain committed to carrying our cross and faithfully following Jesus. May our Lenten disciplines of fasting, praying, and almsgiving strengthen us to follow Jesus through this season of Lent on the way to the ultimate joy of the Easter resurrection.

Please note the Daily Mass in Willmar on Wednesday. It is moved to 9am. Fr. Josh and I will be at the Deanery 2 Priest gathering in Winsted at noon.

Please note the Communal Penance Service for our AFC that will be held at St. Mary's on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. and the Individual Confessions that are schedule in the Lenten Season. May we experience the love and mercy of Jesus in the gift of this sacrament.

Next Sunday, March 22-23, there will be a second collection taken up in our parishes that will go to support Catholic Schools in the Diocese of New Ulm. This is one of the required collections taken up every year in the Diocese.

Fr. Ronald Huberty



## 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.



Thank you to everyone who participated in the 141<sup>st</sup> annual Black and Indian Mission Collection last weekend. Your prayerful support enables people to come to know Jesus Christ in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities all over the U.S.A. Spreading the Gospel couldn't happen without your support.



## Second Collection for Catholic Schools

Next weekend, March 22/23 Our Area Faith Community will be taking up a second collection for Catholic Schools within the New Ulm Diocese.

As we reflect on the incredible blessing of Catholic education in our diocese, our 13 Catholic schools play a vital role in forming young minds and hearts, teaching the faith, and preparing students to become compassionate leaders and active disciples of Christ.

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education in the Diocese of New Ulm. May God bless you for your generosity!

## Lenten Regulations:

### Fasting

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means to eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but they should not equal another full meal.

### Abstinence

Catholics over the age of 14 are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat.



## Willmar KC Fish Fry

Friday, March 21

3:30 - 7:00 PM Dine-in or Takeout

Fish, baked potato, cole slaw, bread & cookie

\$15.00 a meal

For questions call  
Kevin Reineke 320-212-5827



### THANK YOU

Thank you does not say enough for all the wonderful help we had for our first fish fry at St. Clara. Everyone was fabulous. Thank you also to the Condon family for supporting us. Our turnout was unbelievable.

### AFC Baptism Class



This class is required for all parents having their first child baptized. Our next class will be Tuesday, April, 1 at 6:00 pm at the Church of St. Mary. Please call the AFC office to register. Attending this class prior to the birth of the child is encouraged.

### AFC Individual Confession Schedule

#### Church of St. Mary

Every Saturday	3:45 PM
Tuesday, March 25	5:00 PM
Tuesday, April 1	5:00 PM
Tuesday, April 8	5:00 PM
Tuesday, April 15	5:00 PM

#### Our Lady of the Lakes

Every Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday, March 27	5:00 PM
Thursday, April 3	5:00 PM
Thursday, April 10	5:00 PM

#### Church of St. Clara

Every Sunday	7:30 AM
Thursday, April 10	10:30 AM



# Faith Formation

**OLOL:** No Class on Wednesday, March 19  
Happy Spring Break!

**\*\*St. Mary and St. Clara will have classes March 19\*\***

**St. Mary & St. Clara:** No class on Wednesday,  
March 26 & Sunday, March 30  
Happy Spring Break!

**\*\*OLOL will have classes on Wednesday, March 26\*\***



SCHOLARSHIP  
OPPORTUNITY

### St. Mary scholarships

The St. Mary Scholarship applications for high school seniors are available online at [OurLivingWater.org](http://OurLivingWater.org), 2025 Scholarship Information. **Applications with transcripts are due no later than Monday, April 28, 2025**



### Social Justice Team & Catholic Social Teaching

“May Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas, intercede for us so that we can see and respond to each other, immigrant and citizen, through our common identity as children of the one Father, and therefore, as brothers and sisters. This is the identity that transcends all others, including legal status.”

*Put on the cloak of kindness toward all neighbors, our family, our friends, no matter how different they are from us.*



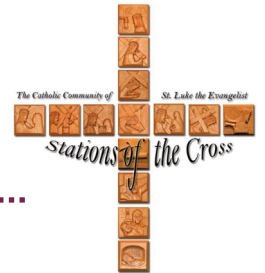


# Spring 2025 Opportunities



## Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper

Wednesdays 5:30 pm St. Clara 3/12 - 4/9  
 Thursdays 5:30 pm St. Mary 3/13 - 4/10  
 Fridays 5:30 pm OLOL 3/7 - 4/11



## KC Meals & more!

Clara City Fish Frys....Fridays.....April 4.....5:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
 Spicer Sausage & Egg Breakfast ..... Sunday, March 9 .....after Mass  
 Willmar Fish Frys ..... Fridays..... March 21 & April 4 .....4:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
 Clara City Ham & Turkey Bingo..... Sunday, April 13 .....6 pm



## Men's Small Group - That Man is You

Church of St. Mary.....Mondays at 6:00 AM



## Women's Bible Study

Beginning Monday, March 17 \* Pre-registration Required  
 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



## Communal Penance Service

Sunday, March 30 at 4:00 PM  
 Church of St. Mary



## St. Mary's Foundation Gala Event:

"St. Mary's Hideaway Lounge" Gala event  
 will take place on Friday, April 25, at 6:00 PM

*You are welcomed and encouraged to make your reservation now for you, your family, and your friends! Reservations must be paid by April 20th. We look forward to your donations to: the Silent Auction, the Wine Wall and more are welcome! Needed are volunteers to help during the week April 20<sup>th</sup> in preparation and to help that evening. Please contact any Foundation Gala Team member or the parish office at 235-0118 for further information.*

