



## Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water

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### AREA MASS SCHEDULE

#### Monday, March 23

#### Tuesday, March 24

8:30 AM OLOL †Dave Ree  
12:00 PM StMary †Geri Simmons

#### Wednesday, March 25

8:30 AM OLOL DNU Seminarians \*  
12:00 PM StMary †Ernest & Julia Baker

#### Thursday, March 26

9:30 AM Clara City Care Center †Pete & Helen Paradee  
9:30 AM Copperleaf Poor Souls in Purgatory

#### Friday, March 27

8:30 AM OLOL For the People  
12:00 PM StMary †Norman & MaryAnn Schreier

#### Saturday, March 28

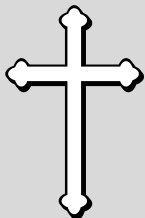
4:30 PM StMary †Anthony Padilla  
6:00 PM StMary (SP) †Rita Plotnik

#### Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday

8:00 AM StClara †William & Agnes Martin & Family  
9:00 AM StMary †Peter Poss  
10:00 AM OLOL †Marge & Leon Schwaegerl

\*Brent Sundve, David Rabaey, Noah U'ren, Matthew Collins, Aaron Gnerer & Mark Schommer

In your prayers please remember those who have recently died.



†Alice Wollschlager, sister of Julia (Doug) Bakeberg (StClara)  
†Thomas Svobodny (StMary)  
†Jane Irlbeck, mother of Tammy Duscher (StMary)  
†Rita Thissen, wife of Felix Thissen (StClara)

Our sympathy goes out to the families.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Monday, March 23

9:30 AM Bible Study (OLOL)  
2:00 PM Acts Women's Bible Study (StMary)  
5:30 PM Bell Choir (StMary)  
6:00 PM Choir (OLOL)  
6:30 PM Spanish Adult Faith Formation (StMary)  
7:00 PM Adult Choir (StMary)

#### Tuesday, March 24

9:00 AM Quilting (StMary)  
5:00 PM Individual Confessions (StMary)  
6:00 PM AFC Choir (StMary)  
6:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group (StMary)

#### Wednesday, March 25

8:00 AM Confessions (OLOL)  
9:30 AM Bible Study (OLOL)  
10:00 AM Bible Study (StMary)  
5:30 PM FF Gr. 3 PAY Session (OLOL)  
5:30 PM FF Gr. 1-6 (OLOL)  
5:30 PM Stations of the Cross/Soup Supper (StClara)  
**No Faith Formation (StMary & StClara)**  
7:00 PM FF Gr 7-10 (OLOL)

#### Thursday, March 26

10:30 AM Individual Confessions (StClara)  
10:30 AM Resurrection Choir (StMary)  
1:30 PM Bible Study (OLOL)  
5:00 PM Individual Confessions (OLOL)  
5:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (OLOL)  
5:30 PM Stations of the Cross/Soup Supper (StMary)  
7:00 PM The Search Bible Study (StClara)

#### Friday, March 27

6:00 AM That Man is You (OLOL)  
5:00 PM KC Fish Fry (StClara)  
5:30 PM Stations of the Cross/Soup Supper (OLOL)

#### Saturday, March 28

3:45 PM Confessions (StMary)  
4:00 PM Rosary (StMary)  
6:00 PM Hispanic Annunciation Meal (StMary)

#### Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday

7:30 AM Confessions (StClara)  
8:00 AM Bell Choir & Adult Choir (StMary)  
9:00 AM Coffee & Rolls (StClara)  
9:30 AM 5th Sunday Rosary (OLOL)  
**No Faith Formation (StClara)**  
10:00 AM D of I Bake Sale Sunday Social Hour (StMary)  
6:00 PM That Man is You (StMary)  
6:30 PM Ham & Turkey Bingo (StClara)

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2026

*From His holy temple, the Lord has heard  
my voice!*

# Pastor's NOTES

**PASTOR'S NOTES:** On this Fifth Sunday of Lent, we hear from John chapter 11 the story of the raising of Lazarus. This is such an emotional experience for Jesus. "Jesus wept." Jesus was deeply troubled. As we move to Holy week it is so comforting to know how much Jesus cares for all of us as he did for Lazarus, Martha, Mary and the community that experienced the power of Jesus to raise us to new life. May the good news of the Raising of Lazarus move us to experience the love and mercy of Jesus as Holy Week approaches.

The Chrism Mass for the Diocese will be held this Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7PM, at St. Mary's in New Ulm. This is the Mass where the Oils are blessed for the Sacraments, the oil of Catechumen, the oil of the Sick, and the oil of Chrism. This is also a special Mass for the priests because we renew our commitment to living our priestly vocation in the Diocese.

Thank you to all who are making preparations for the Holy Week, especially all who are helping with decorating and music ministry.

Fr. Ronald Huberty

## Calling all AFC music ministers!



Two AFC events are coming up and we want you to be a part of our music ministry for Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil. Our Holy Thursday rehearsal will be Tuesday, March 24, 6 p.m. at St. Mary. Our Easter Vigil rehearsal is set for Monday, March 30, 6 p.m. at St. Mary. We will also meet one hour before each liturgy on April 2 (Holy Thursday) and April 4 (Easter Vigil). Mark your calendars now and make your plans to join us!

## 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 **noon on March 25** and we will forward them on to the "Radio for Relief" live broadcast on March 26 from the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf.



**Money Counters Needed!** Thank you to those people who have come forward from Our Lady of the Lakes and St. Clara to be money counters. We are still in need of money counters for the Church of St. Mary. Money counters are needed to count our parishioners' deposits. Counters are teamed up, and married couples can be counters if there is a third counter with them. Please contact Mary Nordstrom at the AFC office, 320-235-0118 or [MaryNordstrom@OurLivingWater.org](mailto:MaryNordstrom@OurLivingWater.org)

## D of I Bake Sale

St. Mary's Daughters of Isabella Easter Bake Sale is just around the corner! Order online at [ourlivingwater.org](http://ourlivingwater.org) or using order forms in the Gathering Area after Mass. Orders need to be placed in advance for pick up. Orders will be due by 3:00 pm Wednesday, March 25. Orders will be available for pickup on Sunday, March 29 after Mass.

Any question please call Colleen at 320-979-2279 or Mary at 320-310-2303.



**St. Clara Mission Circle** will be collecting baby items for Hope Pregnancy for the month of March. There is a box in the entry of church to place your items. Monetary donations will be accepted as well. You can place an envelope with your donation in the collection basket. Mark it "Hope Pregnancy". Thank you

## Social Justice Team & Catholic Social Teaching

“We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs.” Taken from the *United State Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Special Message on Immigration, November 12, 2025*



## 2nd Annual Tom Condon Memorial KC/Youth Fish Fry

Church of St. Clara

Friday, March 27  
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Fish, baked potato, cole slaw, beans & dessert

Adults - \$16

12 and under - \$12

Under 5 - Free



## Family Promise

“Thank you” to all the people who purchased prepared and served food for 11 adults and 8 children who were homeless in our community the week of 3-9-2026 to 3-14-2026.

All are welcome!  
Please register with  
payment online or  
at the office.



# Faith Formation

## Grade 3 PAY Session Our Lady of the Lakes

Wednesday, March 25, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

## Faith Formation Calendar Notes:

### LOL:

No classes April 1 (Holy Week)

### St. Mary:

No classes March 25 (Spring Break)

No classes April 1 (Holy Week)

\*No Family meal in April

### St. Clara:

No classes March 25 - April 5 (Spring Break, Holy Week & Easter)



## Jesus Our Living Water AFC Scholarships

The graduating high school senior scholarship applications are available online at [www.OurLivingWater.org](http://www.OurLivingWater.org). Applications, including a copy of current transcripts, are due no later than Monday, April 27, 2026.

**Bon Voyage**  
aboard the  
**LIVING WATER**  
of the sea

29th Annual  
St. Mary's  
Foundation Gala

"Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst." John 4:14

**Friday, April 24, 2026**  
Social Hour at 6PM • Dinner to Follow • Silent & Live Auction  
Join us at the Church of St. Mary, 713 12th ST. SW, Willmar, MN 56201

\$50 Suggested Donation • Reservation Required  
RSVP to 320-235-0118 or Online: [ourlivingwater.org](http://ourlivingwater.org)

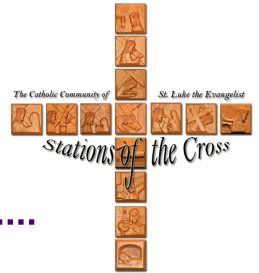
Register Here!

# Spring 2025 Opportunities



## Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper

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|------------|---------|-----------|------|
| Wednesdays | 5:30 pm | St. Clara | 3/25 |
| Thursdays  | 5:30 pm | St. Mary  | 3/26 |
| Fridays    | 5:30 pm | LOL       | 3/27 |



## KC Meals & more!

Willmar Fish Frys..... Friday ..... March 20 .....3:30 pm - 7:00 pm  
 Clara City Fish Frys....Friday.....March 27.....5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
 Clara City Ham & Turkey Bingo..... Sunday, March 29 ..... 6 pm

## Come to the Quiet

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Mary - The 1st and 3rd Friday of the month  
 12:00 Mass - 9:00 PM (Spanish Adoration 7:00 - 9:00 PM)

Our Lady of the Lakes - Thursdays 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

St. Clara - 1st Sunday of the month 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Adoration is not only for KC Members, it is open to the entire AFC.  
 The scheduling is coordinated by a KC member.

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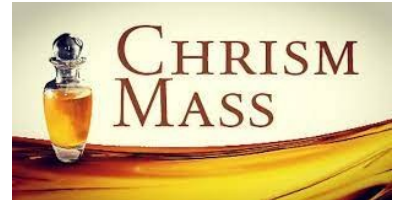


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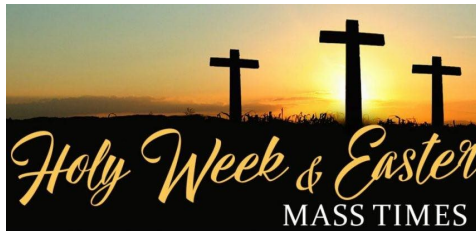
## Diocese of New Um Chrism Mass

**Thursday, March 26, 7:00 PM**  
**Church of St. Mary, New Ulm**

Annual Consecration of Holy Oils & Renewal of Priestly Promises  
 and establishment of the Church of St. Mary, New Ulm as the  
 diocesan shrine of our patroness Our Lady of the Prairie.



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| <b>Holy Thursday, April 2</b>  |          |
| St. Mary - Willmar             | 6:00 PM  |
| <b>Good Friday, April 3</b>    |          |
| St. Mary - Willmar             | 12:00 PM |
| St. Mary - Willmar (SP)        | 2:30 PM  |
| St. Clara - Clara City         | 5:30 PM  |
| Our Lady of the Lakes - Spicer | 5:30 PM  |



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| <b>Saturday, April 4</b> |          |
| St. Mary - Willmar       | 7:30 PM  |
| <b>Sunday, April 5</b>   |          |
| St. Mary - Willmar       | 7:00 AM  |
| St. Clara - Clara City   | 8:00 AM  |
| Our Lady of the Lakes    | 9:00 AM  |
| St. Mary - Willmar       | 10:00 AM |
| St. Mary - Willmar (SP)  | 11:30 AM |

## AFC Individual Confession Schedule

### Church of St. Mary

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| Every Saturday    | 3:45 PM |
| Tuesday, March 24 | 5:00 PM |
| Tuesday, March 31 | 5:00 PM |

### Our Lady of the Lakes

Wednesday, March 25      8:00 AM

### Church of St. Clara

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| Every Sunday       | 7:30 AM  |
| Thursday, March 26 | 10:30 AM |