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AREA MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, April 1

OLOL **No Mass**
 StMary **No Mass**

Tuesday, April 2

8:30 AM OLOL Living Members of OLOL CCW

10:00 AM Bethesda North Pointe †Gene Platt

12:00 PM StMary †Robert & Darlene Lorentz

Wednesday, April 3

8:30 AM OLOL †Ed Pirrotta

9:30 AM Clara City Care Center †Poor Souls in Purgatory

12:00 PM StMary †Terry Horning

Thursday, April 4

8:30 AM OLOL †Jerry Dahl

9:30 AM Bethesda Grand Chapel †Rita Plotnik

5:30 PM StClara †Charles Groothuis

Friday, April 5

8:30 AM OLOL †Dcn. Ken Stalboerger

12:00 PM StMary †Duane Mayer

Saturday, April 6

4:30 PM StMary †Velma Thein

5:00 PM OLOL †Jim Plotnik

6:00 PM StMary (SP) †Hilaria Chavarria

Sunday, April 7

8:30 AM StClara †Alexius, Ann, John & Kevin Thissen

8:30 AM OLOL †Ron Pyka

10:00 AM StMary Mike & Michelle Thein Family

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, April 1

AFC Office Closed

Tuesday, April 2

9:00 AM Quilting (StMary)
 6:00 PM Tuesday's Table (OLOL)
 6:00 PM The Chosen (StMary)
 6:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group (StMary)

Wednesday, April 3

9:00 AM Bible Study (OLOL)
 10:00 AM SCC (Bible Study) (StMary)
 4:30 PM Family Meal (StMary)
 4:45 PM Family Meal (OLOL)
 5:30 PM FF Gr. 1-6 (OLOL)
6:00 PM Teaching Mass (StMary)
All Students Gr 1-10
 6:00 PM Together Group (StMary)
 6:45 PM FF Gr. 9-10 (StClara)
 7:00 PM FF Gr. 7-10 (OLOL)

Thursday, April 4

1:30 PM Bible Study (OLOL)
 5:00 PM Adoration (OLOL)
 6:00 PM Hispanic Ministry Meeting (StMary)
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study (StClara)

Friday, April 5

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

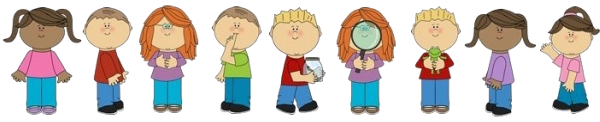
Saturday, April 6

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

Sunday, April 7

8:00 AM Confessions (StClara)
 9:30 AM FF Gr. 1-8 (StClara)
 11:00 AM Prayer Team (StMary)
 11:30 AM 5th Sunday Rosary (OLOL)
 11:30 AM Spanish Pre-Marriage Prep (StMary)

Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord
March 31, 2024
The Lord is truly risen, Alleluia!



Faith Formation



Teaching Mass

Plan to attend Mass with your children

Church of St. Mary
 Wednesday, April 3
 Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

The Mass is the Faith Formation class;
 attendance of student & parent is expected.

Everyone is welcome!



St. Mary 1st Communion Rehearsal

First Communion Rehearsal is on **Wednesday, April 10** at 5:30 PM

(This will be in place of their regular Faith Formation class)

Please plan to attend with your son/daughter as we will walk through the ceremony, and answer any questions you may have to get prepared for the First Communion Mass.



Volunteers Needed For VBS

Monday - Thursday, June 3-6, 2024
 The Church of St. Mary in Willmar
Volunteer forms are available now!

Contact Scuba Director, Michelle Tortorella, or the Faith Formation office for more information on ways you can help make this year a splashing success!

Welcome

Welcoming RCIA Members:

At the Easter Vigil, our area faith community welcomed these candidates into full communion with the Church: Taylor Henkelman, Glen Roland, and Michael Thein,. Throughout this Easter Season please keep these newly confirmed members in your prayers.



Church of St. Clara Adoration

Adoration will be from 2:00 - 4:00 PM on Sunday, April 14 instead of Sunday, April 7.

Thank You!

The Daughters of Isabella would like to extend a big thank you to all who made the Spring Bake Sale a success by purchasing baked goods or donating at their Spring Bake Sale.



Daughters of Isabella

Due to the AFC Office being closed on Monday, April 1 our meeting is rescheduled for Monday, April 8.

St. Mary's Foundation Gala Event:

"Grand Old Opry" Gala event will take place on Friday, April 5, at 6:00 PM

Thank you for your reservations to our "Grand Old Opry" Gala. We are currently full! So lets put on our Nashville Attire and enjoy the night out!

Grounded in Faith Pilgrimage

May 17 - 19, 2024

Join people from across the Diocese of New Ulm on a pilgrimage to the Star of the North Eucharistic Congress in Bemidji, MN. Celebrate the Pentecost Mass with Bishop Andrew Cozzens to begin the *Marian Route Pilgrimage* and the *Ignite* event in Watkins with Bishop Chad Zielinski. Visit <https://form.jotform.com/232387276489068> or contact

Roxanne Felder at 612-396-0727

Costs:

(Registration deadline is April 1st)

1 Person to a Room	2 People to a Room	3 People to a Room	4 People to a Room
\$780	\$603.50	\$543.50	\$514



Christ
is
Risen!



Rice Bowls

Remember to return your Rice Bowls during the coming week's Masses.





Tuesday's Table is on Tuesday, April 2

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 April 2. The meal is served at 6:00. No RSVP required.

From Meal to Mission



*Area Faith Community Mission
led by Fr. Larry Snyder
April 14, 15, 16 7:00 pm*



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Join us each evening for a meal before the session; serving 5-6:30 pm

Refreshments following each evening's presentation!

For more information, go to www.OurLivingWater.org/AFC Mission

Livestream link: www.OurLivingWater.org/Mission24



HE IS RISEN

On behalf of the area staff I wish to thank everyone who helped in any way with the liturgies of Holy Week. A special thanks to all of our area musicians, choir members, instrumentalists, liturgical ministers, AV/Tech ministers, sacristans and the many volunteers who set up the decorations/environment for each of the liturgies.

An additional thanks to those who served as sponsors to our adults who were welcomed into the church at the Easter Vigil and for everyone who kept them and their sponsors in prayer during their time of preparation. Lastly, I thank all of you for your presence and participation in person or via livestream for these sacred liturgies of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection.

Wishing you and those you love the abundance and fullness of new life throughout this season of Easter! God is Alive! Alleluia, Alleluia!!

Fr. Steve