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AREA MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 18

8:30 AM OLOL †Sig Holme
 9:00 AM StMary †Robert & Darlene Lorentz

Tuesday, December 19

8:30 AM OLOL †Gene Platt
 11:00 AM StMary †George & Jeanette Fuchs

****Please Note Time Change**

Wednesday, December 20

8:30 AM OLOL †James Salviski, Jr.
 9:30 AM Clara City Care Center †Mary Thissen
 12:00 PM StMary †Ryan Cain

Thursday, December 21

8:30 AM OLOL †Irene Burggraff
 9:30 AM Sunrise Village †Rita Plotnik
 StClara **No Mass**

Friday, December 22

8:30 AM OLOL †Randy Nissen
 StMary **No Mass**

Saturday, December 23 - 4th Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM StClara †Henry & Lena Stager

4:30 PM StMary †Delmar & Wayne Zimmerman
 5:00 PM OLOL †Dec. Members of OLOL CCW

**** No Sunday Morning Mass at St. Clara or OLOL**

Sunday, December 24

8:30 AM StMary For the People

CHRISTMAS EVE

3:30 PM StMary †Willis Iffert
 4:00 PM StClara †Charles Groothuis
 4:30 PM OLOL †Mike Rieke
 5:00 PM StMary †Al, Irene & Henry Plombon
 6:30 PM StMary (SP) †Margarita Alvarez Alvarez

Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day

9:00 AM OLOL †Mary Ellen Trueman
 9:30 AM StMary †Bill Peters, Sr.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, December 18

9:30 AM Set-up Christmas Environment (StMary)
 5:00 PM Confessions (StMary)
 7:00 PM Adult & Bell Choir (StMary)

Tuesday, December 19

9:00 AM Confessions (OLOL)
 9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet / Rosary (OLOL)
No Quilting (StMary)
 6:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group (StMary)

Wednesday, December 20

9:00 AM Bible Study (OLOL)
 10:00 AM SCC (Bible Study) (StMary)
 5:00 PM Confessions (StMary)
 5:30 PM FF Gr. 1-6 (OLOL & StMary)
 5:30 PM FF Cookie Exchange (StMary & OLOL)
 6:45 PM FF Gr. 9-11 (StClara)
 7:00 PM FF Gr. 7-11 (OLOL & StMary)

Thursday, December 21

1:30 PM Bible Study (OLOL)
 5:00 PM Adoration (OLOL)
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study (StClara)

Friday, December 22

Saturday, December 23

3:30 PM Confessions (StClara)
 4:00 PM Confessions (StMary)
 4:00 PM Rosary (StMary)
 4:30 PM Confessions (OLOL)

Sunday, December 24

8:00 AM Confessions (StClara)

Monday, December 25 - January 1

AFC Office Closed

****Please note there will be no Mass at St. Clara on Thursday, December 21
 or
 St. Mary on Friday, December 22**

**Third Sunday of Advent
 December 17, 2023
*Rejoice the Lord is near!***

Advent Individual Confession Schedule

Monday, December 18	5:00 PM	St. Mary, Willmar
Tuesday, December 19	9:00 AM	Our Lady of the Lakes, Spicer
Wednesday, December 20	5:00 PM	St. Mary, Willmar
Saturday, December 23	3:30 PM	St. Clara, Clara City
Saturday, December 23	4:00 PM	St. Mary, Willmar
Saturday, December 23	4:30 PM	Our Lady of the Lakes, Spicer



The AFC Office will be closed in observance of Christmas and New Years from December 25 to January 1.



St. Mary Church Christmas Environment

We will be setting up the Christmas environment on
Monday December 18 at 9:30 am.
Everyone is welcome to come after 9:30 am.



Prelude Music - Christmas Eve

Church of St. Mary: 3:15 pm and 4:45 pm
Our Lady of the Lakes: 4:00 pm

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to
those who have
given a lifetime.



Retirement Fund for Religious

Our women and men religious offer gratitude. A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund of Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious.

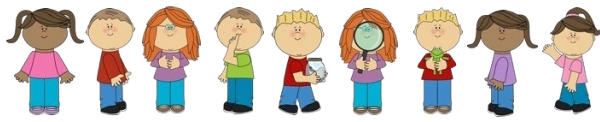
To learn more about how your gift helps, visit retiredreligious.org



Thank you...to the members of our area faith community for your donations of warm winter items along with your cash donations to the Holiday Giving Program this Christmas Season.

Because of your generosity we as an area faith community were able to contribute to the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf, The Link, and the Prairie Five Food Shelf, along with the many donations of warm clothing items that were donated to the area schools.

Thank you for your continued support of the Area Holiday Giving Tree Program!



Faith Formation

Faith Formation Cookie Exchange

Date: Wednesday, December 20

Time: First 30 minutes of your class time

Please bring 2 dozen of your favorite Christmas Cookies to share with others. Please see parent emails for more information.

AFC No Faith Formation Classes

Sunday, December 24

Wednesday, December 27

Sunday, December 31

Wednesday, January 3

Christmas Break!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

YEAR-END STEWARDSHIP

Some ways you can contribute to our parishes

- ♦ Contribution Envelopes
- ♦ Automatic bank withdrawal

Contact parish office to set up

- ♦ AFC Website
- ♦ Stocks, Life Insurance, Estate Planning

Questions should be directed to the AFC office at 320-235-0118.



AFC Baptism Class

This class is required for all parents having their first child baptized. Our next class will be Tuesday, January, 9 at 5:00 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.



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Readings for the Week of December 18, 2023

- Monday: Jeremiah 23: 5-8
Psalms 72: 1-2, 12-13, 18-19
Matthew 1: 18-25
- Tuesday: Judges 13: 2-7, 24-25
Psalms 71: 3-6, 16-17
Luke 1: 5-25
- Wednesday: Isaiah 7: 10-14
Psalms 24: 1-6
Luke 1: 26-38
- Thursday: Songs 2: 8-14 or Zephaniah 3: 14-18
Psalms 33: 2-3, 11-12, 20-21
Luke 1: 39-45
- Friday: 1 Samuel 1: 24-28
1 Samuel 2: 1, 4-8
Luke 1: 46-56
- Saturday: Malachi 3: 1-4, 23-24
Psalms 25: 4-5, 8-10, 14
Luke 1: 57-66
- Sunday: 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16
Psalms 89: 2-5, 27, 29
Romans 16: 25-27
Luke 1: 26-38



Christmas Mass Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent: December 23/24

Saturday, December 23	Sunday, December 24
4:00 pm - St. Clara, Clara City 4:30 pm - St. Mary, Willmar 5:00 pm - Our Lady of the Lakes, Spicer	8:30 am - St. Mary, Willmar (ONLY Sunday morning Mass in AFC)

Christmas Eve / Christmas Day

Sunday, December 24	Monday, December 25
3:30 pm - St. Mary, Willmar 4:00 pm - St. Clara, Clara City 4:30 pm - Our Lady of the Lakes, Spicer 5:00 pm - St. Mary, Willmar 6:30 pm - St. Mary, Willmar (Spanish)	9:00 am - Our Lady of the Lakes, Spicer 9:30 am - St. Mary, Willmar



Communal Penance Service

Sunday, December 17, 4:00 pm - St. Mary, Willmar