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AREA MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 26

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

Wednesday, December 27

8:30 AM OLOL †Lucy Gauthier & Angela
 Newland Peterson
 9:30 AM Clara City Poor Souls in Purgatory
 Care Center
 12:00 PM StMary †Sharon & Steve Larson

Thursday, December 28

8:30 AM OLOL †James Bechthold
 9:30 AM Copperleaf †Douglas Obert & Erika Alvarez
 5:30 PM StClara †Elizabeth Boateng & Family

Friday, December 29

8:30 AM OLOL †Patrick Williams
 StMary **No Mass**

Saturday, December 30

4:30 PM StMary †Sarah Knutson Carlson
 5:00 PM OLOL †Dona Becker
 6:00 PM StMary (SP) For the People

Sunday, December 31

8:30 AM StClara †William & Agnes Martin
 8:30 AM OLOL †Dick & Diane Meier
 10:00 AM StMary †Don Mulloy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, December 25

AFC Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26

AFC Office Closed
 No Divine Mercy Chaplet / Rosary (OLOL)
 No Quilting (StMary)
 No Spanish Prayer Group (StMary)

Wednesday, December 27

AFC Office Closed
 9:00 AM Bible Study (OLOL)
 No SCC (Bible Study) (StMary)
 AFC No Faith Formation

Thursday, December 28

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

Friday, December 29

Saturday, December 30

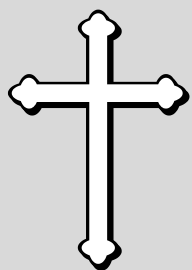
4:00 PM Rosary (StMary)
 4:00 PM Confessions (StMary)
 4:30 PM Confessions (OLOL)

Sunday, December 31

8:00 AM Confessions (StClara)
 No FF (StClara)
 11:30 AM Sunday Rosary (OLOL)



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




In your prayers please remember those who
 have recently died.

†Francis Liebl (OLOL) husband of Deanna
 Liebl, father of Lauri (OLOL)
 †Ed Gaasterland, son of Mary Gaasterland
 (OLOL)

Our sympathy goes out to the families.

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24, 2023

*Let the earth be opened and bring forth a
Savior!*



Faith Formation

AFC No Faith Formation Classes

Sunday, December 24
Wednesday, December 27
Sunday, December 31
Wednesday, January 3
Christmas Break!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

2nd Grade & Sacramental Prep Reconciliation

St. Mary, Willmar

Date: Wednesday, January 10

Location: Church of St. Mary, Willmar

Watch for email to sign up for a time slot!

Our Lady of the Lakes, Spicer

Date: Wednesday, January 17

Location: Church of Our Lady of the Lakes, Spicer

Watch for email to sign up for a time slot!

St. Clara, Clara City

Date: Sunday, January 21

Location: Church of St. Clara, Clara City

Watch for email to sign up for a time slot!



2024 Church Calendars were not ordered this year.

There are a couple of reasons for this decision. Through the years there are fewer people taking them and a greater number of them having to be recycled. If we order a lower number of calendars the cost becomes prohibitive to have them printed for our AFC. Lastly, several businesses and non-profit organizations provide calendars for people to take with them. We apologize for any inconvenience this decision will cause those of you who enjoyed getting them.



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.

A Christmas Wish:



As the age-old story of Christmas is told and experienced again this year, let us seize this moment to give birth to the playful, joyful and loving child within us who says repeatedly; "do it again", all the while allowing ourselves to be vessels of peace, hope and love in our homes, workplaces, schools and communities. May the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the promise of peace be with you and those you love throughout this Christmas Season and the New Year!

Fr. Steve and the Area Staff



There will be no Tuesday's Table
at OLOL on
Tuesday, January 2, 2023

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!