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AREA MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 1

8:30 AM OLOL †Deceased Members of the Carroll Family
 9:00 AM StMary †Elizabeth Boateng
 10:30 AM StMary Wedding of Leonel M. Morales & Annie Schaeftbauer

Tuesday, January 2

8:30 AM OLOL †Tom Wuertz
 10:00 AM Bethesda †Gene Platt
 North Pointe
 12:00 PM StMary Douglas Obert & Erika Alvaerz

Wednesday, January 3

8:30 AM OLOL †Frank, Sr. & Mary Plotnik
 9:30 AM Clara City †John & Anna Zeller
 Care Center
 12:00 PM StMary †Gene Tisdell

Thursday, January 4

8:30 AM OLOL Seminarians: Brent Sundve, David Rabaey, Noah U'ren & Matthew Wood
 Bethesda
 9:30 AM Grand †Elaine Frank
 Chapel
 StClara **No Mass**

Friday, January 5

8:30 AM OLOL Living Members of OLOL CCW
 StMary **No Mass**

Saturday, January 6

4:30 PM StMary †Christine Gorres Smith & Richard Gorres
 5:00 PM OLOL †Donna Ridl
 6:00 PM StMary (SP) For the People

Sunday, January 7

8:30 AM StClara †Deceased Members of St. Clara Mission Circle
 8:30 AM OLOL †Gerhard & Dorothy Sampson
 10:00 AM StMary †Alan "Bud" Bolter

*Please note there is no Mass at St. Mary on Friday January 5

*Please note there is no Mass at St. Clara on Thursday, January 4

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, January 1

AFC Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2

Divine Mercy Chaplet / Rosary (OLOL)
 9:00 AM Quilting (StMary)
 6:00 PM RCIA (StMary)
 6:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group (StMary)

Wednesday, January 3

9:00 AM Bible Study (OLOL)
 10:00 AM SCC (Bible Study)
 AFC No Faith Formation

Thursday, January 4

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

Friday, January 5

12:00 PM Adoration (StMary)
 5:00 PM Hispanic Ministry Meeting (StMary)
 7:00 PM Spanish Adoration (StMary)

Saturday, January 6

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


Sunday, January 7

8:00 AM Confessions (StClara)
 No FF (StClara)
 11:00 AM Prayer Team (StMary)



Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 31, 2023

Grant that we may imitate the Holy Family!



Faith Formation

AFC No Faith Formation Classes

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!

AFC Grade 10 & 11 Class Service Project

Location: Bethesda Grand-Willmar

Time: 12:30 – 1:30 pm

Date: Sunday, January 7

Transportation not provided!



Family Meal

There is no Family Meal at St. Mary or Our Lady of the Lakes on **Wednesday, January 3**

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.



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.



Thank You to everyone who sent cards, dropped off treats, extended a warm Christmas greeting, helped decorate our churches, served as a liturgical minister, helped lead the singing, played an instrument, helped with livestream, and/or attended one of our Christmas Masses in person or online. Your kindness, generosity, thoughtfulness and support are gifts beyond measure. May God bless you for your generous spirit and continue to watch over you and those you love with the gift of His presence and peace. Have a safe and grace-filled New Year!

Fr. Steve, and the Area Staff



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