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**(StMary)**

## Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water

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### AREA MASS SCHEDULE

#### Monday, April 22

8:30 AM      OLOL      †Heath Granthan  
                  StMary      **No Mass**

#### Tuesday, April 23

8:30 AM      OLOL      †Angela Newland Peterson  
 12:00 PM      StMary      †Bernice Ahlquist

#### Wednesday, April 24

8:30 AM      OLOL      †Fay Kuznia  
 9:30 AM      Clara City Care Center  
                  StMary      †Francis Adike  
    **No Mass**

#### Thursday, April 25

8:30 AM      OLOL      †Deceased Members of  
                                  OLOL CCW  
                  Copperleaf      **No Mass**  
 5:30 PM      StClara      †William & Agnes Martin

#### Friday, April 26

8:30 AM      OLOL      †Jesus Tueme  
 12:00 PM      StMary      †Dominic & David Hannasch

#### Saturday, April 27

4:30 PM      StMary      †Lois Hurley & Genevieve  
                                  Anderson  
 5:00 PM      OLOL      †Tom & Amy Thein  
 6:00 PM      StMary (SP)      For the People

#### Sunday, April 28

8:30 AM      StClara      †LeRoy Dobmeier  
 8:30 AM      OLOL      †Dick & Diane Meier  
 10:00 AM      StMary      †Lance Steffen

\*\*Please note there is no daily Mass at the Church of St. Mary on Monday, April 22 & Wednesday, April 24

\*\*Please note there is no daily Mass at Copperleaf Thursday, April 25

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Monday, April 22

5:30 PM      Bell Choir (StMary)  
 6:00 PM      Virtus Session (StMary)  
 7:00 PM      Adult Choir (StMary)

#### Tuesday, April 23

9:00 AM      Quilting (StMary)  
 6:00 PM      Spanish Prayer Group (StMary)  
 6:30 PM      Alleluia Prayer Group (StMary)

#### Wednesday, April 24

9:00 AM      Bible Study (OLOL)  
 10:00 AM      SCC (Bible Study) (StMary)  
 5:30 PM      FF Gr. 1-6 (StMary & OLOL)  
 6:45 PM      FF First Communion Rehearsal (StClara)  
 6:45 PM      FF Gr. 9-10 (StClara)  
 7:00 PM      FF Gr. 7-10 (StMary & OLOL)

#### Thursday, April 25

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

#### Friday, April 26

9:00 AM      Gather for Service (OLOL)

#### Saturday, April 27

10:00 AM      Spanish Pre-Marriage Prep (StMary)  
 4:00 PM      Rosary (StMary)  
 4:00 PM      Confessions (StMary)  
 4:30 PM      Confessions (OLOL)  
 6:45 PM      Spanish RCIA (StMary)

#### Sunday, April 28

8:00 AM      Confessions (StClara)  
 8:30 AM      First Communion (StClara)  
 9:30 AM      FF Gr. 1-8 (StClara)



*Please keep the children who are receiving their First Communion in our AFC in your prayers.*

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 21, 2024**

*The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth!*



# Faith Formation



## 1st Communion Rehearsal

Church of St. Clara  
Wednesday, April 24 at 6:45 PM

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.



## AFC Graduation Masses

Sunday, May 5 - 8:30 AM – St. Mary, Willmar  
Sunday, May 19 - 8:30 AM – St. Clara, Clara City  
Sunday, May 19 - 10:00 AM – OLOL, Spicer



## St. Mary scholarships

The St. Mary Scholarship applications for high school seniors are due April 28. OurLivingWater.org- Faith Formation- 2024 Scholarship Information

## Volunteers Needed For VBS

Monday - Thursday, June 3-6, 2024 at 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!

## 2024 Vacation Bible School Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God

The Church of St. Mary in Willmar, MN  
Monday- Thursday, June 3-6, 2024

*Scuba dives in:* 8:30 a.m. *Resurfaces:* 11:30 a.m.

*Registration will open April 1, 2024. Registration closes May 13!*

Registration for preschool (age 4) – (Current) Gr.4 students: <https://www.web4ucorp.com/forms/forms/view.php?id=566019>

**Volunteer forms are also available!**

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### AFC Baptism Class

This class is required for all parents having their first child baptized. Our next class will be Monday, May, 6 at 6:00 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.



### St. Clara's May Crowning

Sunday, May 5 at 8:30 am Mass

Children of all ages invited to participate. Please meet in the church entry at 8:20 am. Flowers will be provided.

### Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).



### Willmar KC Omelet Breakfast

Sunday, May 5, 2023

8:00 am to 12:00 pm

at the Church of St. Mary

Adults \$12/Youth (8-16) \$6/ Under 8 are free

Family Max of \$30

Cash or checks only

Proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund for St. Mary's High School Seniors

Any questions please call Dan Hurley: 320-212-8236



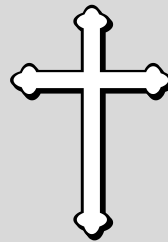
### Starting Saturday, May 4

#### Saturday (No Change)

- 4:30 PM Church of St. Mary
- 5:00 PM Our Lady of the Lakes
- 6:00 PM Church of St. Mary - Spanish

#### Sunday

- 8:30 AM Church of St. Mary
- 8:30 AM Church of St. Clara
- 10:00 AM Our Lady of the Lakes



In your prayers please remember those who have recently died.

- †Bonita "Bonnie" Hanson (StMary)
- †Dan Irlbeck, brother of Tammy Duscher (LOL)

Our sympathy goes out to the families



### Get ready for your next Chat & Craft Night Out!

Looking for a fun night out and an opportunity to meet other adult parishioners while exploring your creative side? Come CHAT and CRAFT with us.

**Where:** Church of St. Mary

**When:** Thursday, May 2 at 6:30 pm

**What:** Patriotic wreath that can be hung on the wall or the door from Memorial Day thru Labor Day!

Please join us to get to know other parishioners.

Registration fee of \$10 can be made at the office at the time of registration-deadline of Monday, April 29. Since space is limited to 12, please sign up early.

If you have questions please call 235-0118 or stop by the office

Your CHAT & CRAFT leaders,  
Deb, Helen, Sara and Sharon



## Catholic Programing provided by the Diocese of New Ulm

**Battle Ready with Doug Barry** on WRAC TV 180, Channel 8, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays.

### Program Description

Doug explains how the sacraments and other God-given spiritual tools can be used to prepare for and engage in spiritual battle. Barry is the founder of Radix, an apostolate that prepares Catholic bodies and minds for the on-going battle for souls. *Battle Ready* is packed with dynamic guests and informs the viewer on how to be aware, prepared, and how to engage with the unseen enemy.

### Schedule

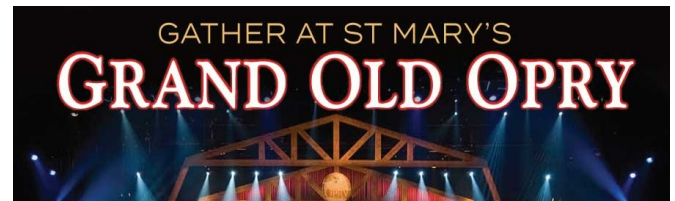
**May 6:** Episode 1 - What is Battle Ready?

**May 13:** Episode 2 - Fatima: 100 Years of Spiritual Combat



### 2024 St. Mary Foundation Gala Event

A special thank you to all for supporting & attending the 2024 Gala event!! A special thank you to the Foundation Team for their leadership along with all of those who helped set up, prepare and serve the meal and to each of those that donated items for the silent auction, Fund-A-Cause and more. THANK YOU!



## From Meal to Mission

### From Meal to Mission – Follow-up

Thank you to everyone who helped with the AFC mission this past week. As Father Larry pointed out, the meals each evening were all “10’s”.

Father Larry used the Gospel of Matthew 25 to lead us through the Celebration of the Eucharist in 4 steps:

Gather as God’s People

Proclaim the Word

Celebrate the Sacrament

Go Forth with the Good News

*“Whatsoever you did for one of these least ones, you did for me.” Mt 25:40*

*“The central message is simple: our faith is profoundly social. We cannot be called truly “Catholic” unless we hear and heed the Church’s call to serve those in need and work for justice and peace.”*

*Communities of Salt and Light, U.S. Bishops, 1993*

If you would like to watch Fr. Larry’s presentations, you can find them on our website, <https://www.ourlivingwater.org/mission24.html>

People have asked for the closing prayers that Fr. Larry used each evening – from St. Basil the Great, St. Teresa of Avila, and an Irish Blessing. Those can also be found at the same place on our website.