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"Sharing the Life of Christ Being the Love of Christ"

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, October 19

Tuesday, October 20

8:30 am	OLOL	†Lauren Kath
12:00 pm	StM	†Kalvoda, Palmer & Feist Families

Wednesday, October 21

8:30 am	OLOL	†Ray & Ermima Loxtercamp
12:00 pm	StM	†Carl & Lillian Kahnke

Thursday, October 22

9:30 am	StC CC	For the Parish
9:30 am	Copperleaf	†Lyle Mahn

Friday, October 23

8:30 am	OLOL	†Fay Kuznia
12:00 pm	StM	†Len Matthys

Saturday, October 24

4:30 pm	StM	Michael & Michelle Thein Family
6:00 pm	StM-SP	†Knights of Columbus

Sunday, October 25

8:00 am	StC	Jim & Sherrie Thein
9:00 am	StM	†Norman & MaryAnn Schreier
10:00 am	OLOL	†David Lais

Twenty – ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18, 2026

Advent Tea/Festival of the Creche

Advent is a time in our Liturgical Calendar when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. This year we are hosting a display of people's personal Nativity scenes/creches. We are all proud of our nativity scenes, which hold many memories. Please consider participating in this festival by brining your nativity scene to St. Mary's on Friday, December 4 to be displayed on December 5 and 6. There is a questionnaire to complete so we have your information to accompany your creche. The questionnaires can be found in the gather area of your parishes.

In your prayers please remember those who have recently died.

†Kathi Gunter, wife of Larry Gunter (OLOL)
†Sandy Zens, mother of Amy Evink, sister of Patti Peterson (StMary)

Our sympathy goes out to the families.

New Volunteer Training Dates

Training is required for all volunteers working with children or vulnerable adults.
This training is for **NEW** Volunteers!
St. Mary -Willmar
Tuesday, October 20, at 6:00 PM

Pastor's NOTES

On this Twenty-ninth Sunday we are reflecting on our relationship with God and our everyday responsibilities in living our faith. From Matthew's Gospel we heard, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." The first reading from Isaiah reminds us that God is the Lord of all nations and all people. We have many responsibilities and obligations to fulfill but as we hear clearly in our readings, God deserves more than whatever leftover time we might be able to offer God. We can never forget that we belong to God first, and by living our faith in Christ we fulfill all our other responsibilities.

This weekend the Church celebrates World Mission Sunday 2026. The theme this year is "One in Christ, united in mission." We are one in Christ through the gift of our Baptism, and we are united in supporting by our prayers and gifts all who are in need. This year also marks the 100th year of celebrating World Mission Sunday.

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, who was Beatified on September 24, is known for his TV presence, preaching, and charismatic personality. He said his "greatest love," however, had "always been the missions of the Church." Under his leadership (1950–1966), World Mission Sunday became a defining moment in the life of the Church in the United States.

"Whenever money is needed, or a new hospital, or a new jeep, it is always to the Church of the United States that the missionaries look.
There is something right and meet and just about this, for the Lord has blessed the United States as no other country in the world has been blessed. The superfluities of the United States are the necessities of the poor." Fulton Sheen

Please pray for Pope Leo who had surgery to remove a nodule in his lung.

I look forward to being a part of the Evening Prayer of Remembrance on Sunday afternoon, November 1st at the Church of St. Mary. It is a special time to gather and remember those who have died this past year and renew our faith in Jesus who is the way and the truth and the life.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, October 19
- 9:30 am Bible Study (OLOL)
- 3:30 pm Parish Society Meeting (StM)
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir (StM)
- 7:00 pm Spanish Adult Faith Formation (StM)

Tuesday, October 20
- 9:00 am Quilting (StM)
- 3:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting (StM)
- 6:00 pm Spanish Prayer Group (StM)
- 6:00 pm Virtus Training (StM)
- 7:00 pm AFC Soical Jusice Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, October 21
- 8:00 am Confessions (OLOL)
- 9:30 am Bible Study (OLOL)
- 10:00 am Bible Study (Offsite)
- 4:30 pm Family Meal (StM)
- 5:00 pm Family Meale (OLOL)
- 5:30 pm FF Gr. 1- 6 (StM & OLOL)
- 5:30 pm FF Gr. 1 PAY Session (StM & OLOL)
- 6:45 pm Altar Server Training (StM)
- 6:45 pm FF Gr. 9-11 (StC)
- 7:00 pm FF Gr. 7-11 (StM & OLOL)
- 7:00 pm Spanish OCIA (StM)

Thursday, October 22
- 1:30 pm Bible Study (OLOL)
- 5:00 pm Adoration (OLOL)
- 6:00 pm CCW Meeting (OLOL)

Friday, October 23

Saturday, October 24
- 3:45 pm Confessions (StM)
- 4:00 pm Rosary (StM)
- 7:00 pm (SP) Family Night & Ministry Fair (StM)

Sunday, October 25
- 7:30 am Confessions (StC)
- 8:00 am Adult Choir (StM)
- 9:00 am Coffee & Rolls (StC)
- 9:15 am FF Gr. 1-8 (StC)
- 10:00 am KC Coffee & Rolls (StM)
- 10:15 am Trunk or Treat (StM)
- 11:00 am CCW Coffee (OLOL)
- 11:15 am Trunk or Treat (OLOL)
- 4:00 pm OCIA (StM)

Trunk or Treat

All are invited to join! Whether you're decorating a car or bringing kids to trunk or treat,
Decorating a car is not required If you'd like to donate candy please drop off at church.

Church of St. Mary
Sunday, October 25 - following the 9:00 AM Mass

Church of Our Lady of the Lakes
Sunday, October 25 - following the 10:00 AM Mass

Trailer of Mercy

Your generosity can make a significant difference in the lives of those in need as Mary Jo Copeland from Caring & Sharing Hands reaches out for essential cold weather clothing and personal hygiene items. We kindly ask you to donate items in good working condition to support this urgent cause. Donations will be accepted until October 25. Donation drop-off locations include the gathering areas at OLOL and StM, StC Church, and the Clara City Library during their business hours. For further details, please contact Joyce and Howard Kron at 320-841-1006. Thank you for your kindness and support in making this initiative a success.

World Mission Sunday

This weekend, every parish across the globe joins together for the only worldwide collection. Your generosity today supports the Pope's Mission in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling.

Faith Formation

St. Mary & OLOL Gr. 1 PAY Session

Wednesday, October 21 at 5:30 PM
Parent must attend with students

Altar Serving Training Dates

This training is for Grade 4 & older!
Church of St. Mary
Wednesday, October 21, 2026
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
St. Clara
Wednesday, November 4, 2026
5:45 - 6:45 PM
The training is for new altar servers but can be a wonderful refresher for current altar servers as well. **Students need to bring the parent-signed permission slip to the training session with them. Forms have been emailed to parents or can be picked up in the Faith Formation Office**

St. Mary Family Meal
Wednesday, October 21 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
All are welcome!
We will be offering a family meal every week at the Church of St. Mary!

Our Lady of the Lakes Family Meal
First family meal of the year!
Wednesday, October 21 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM All are welcome!
Please note OLOL Family Meal is not until the 3nd Wednesday of the month!

AFC Social Justice Team: will meet on Wednesday October 20at 7:00 PM via zoom. All are welcome to attend. Please email Barb Garding at barbgarding54@gmail.com if you would like to receive the link to attend the meeting.

American Red Cross

Our Lady of the Lakes blood drive

Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment!

Drive Details:

Site: Church of Our Lady of the Lakes; Spicer

Date: Tuesday, November 17

Time: 10:00 AM - 04:00 PM

Blood Program Leader Name: Deb Buffington

To make an appointment, go to our website

www.ourlivingwater.org

For help in making an appointment, call Deb 894-2340

Thank you for supporting American Red Cross!

Daughter of Isabella
Ave Maria Circle #593 News

Mary Mootz, past Regent, attended the International Convention of the Daughter's of Isabella in Ottawa, Canada August 8-11. Our circle was honored by receiving the "Queen Isabella Award", "Spiritual Award" and the "Youth Award"! Our sister members were required to meet certain goals to receive these awards. For the past two years our circle has done 4,484 hours of volunteering, rosaries, and over $14,000 monetary donations to church & community. It is very heartwarming to be acknowledged for our participation in our Charitable missions. We encourage all women of our AFC to join our circles, in Unity, Friendship & Charity.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord.

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Evening Prayer of Remembrance

Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

At the Church of St. Mary

This annual prayer service provides us a time to remember all of our parishioners who have died over the past year, as well as our loved ones who have died. It is in this act of remembering that we also give thanks to God who has welcomed them into eternal life.