

AFC Mass Times & Weekly Events

December 10 through December 17, 2023

Sunday, Second Sunday of Advent

Dec 10- Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 (5B)/2 Peter 3:8-14/Mark 1:1-8

7:30 a.m. to 7:55 a.m. (MIC) Confession
8:00 a.m. (MIC) For the People
9:30 a.m. to 9:55 a.m. (MAR) Confession
10:00 a.m. (MAR) +Earl Pfarr
(MAR) Baptism
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (MAR) CHWC Waffle Breakfast & Cookie Bake

Monday, St. John Damasus I

Dec 11- Isaiah 35:1-10/Luke 5:17-26

7:00 a.m. (MAR)

Tuesday, Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dec 12- Revelation 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab(690A)/Luke 1:39-47

8:00 a.m. (MIC)+Idel Hetle
9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (MAR) Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, St. Lucy

Dec 13- Isaiah 40:25-31/Matthew 11:28-30

8:30 a.m. (MAR) Doug Schaffer
9:00 a.m. (MAR) Holy Hour and Confession
6:15 to 7:30 p.m. (MAR) Religious Education Grades K – 10

Thursday, St. John the Cross

Dec 14 – Isaiah 41:13-20/Matthew 11:11-15

8:00 a.m. (MIC)+Verla Enestvedt
8:30 a.m. (MIC) Holy Hour and Confessions
5:00 to 10:00 p.m. (MAR) Adoration
6:30 p.m. (MIC) Education Meeting

Friday

Dec 15- Isaiah 48:17-19/Matthew 11:16-19

8:10 to 8:25 a.m. (MAR) Confession
8:30 a.m. (MAR) Bill & Cathy Klobe
9:00 a.m. (MAR) Holy Hour

Saturday

Dec 16- Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11/Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

6:35 a.m. (MAR) Rosary
7:00 a.m. (MAR) +Mary Lou Trebiani
9:00 to 10:00 a.m. (MAR) Confession
(MAR) Potluck to follow in Social Hall

Sunday, Third Sunday of Advent/Gaudete Sunday

Dec 17- Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11 (8B)/1 Thessalonians 5:16-24/John 1:6-8, 19-28

7:30 a.m. to 7:55 a.m. (MIC) Confession
8:00 a.m. (MIC) For the People
9:30 a.m. to 9:55 a.m. (MAR) Confession
10:00 a.m. (MAR) +John Seifert

“O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.”



Remember in Prayer

Duke Schmidt, Natalie Eiden
Brooks Bigaouette, Karen Haefs
Mary Johnson, Fr Tony Stubeda, Dan Callahan,
Dennis Van Moorlehem



Pope Francis asks us to pray for the month of December these intentions:

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



Our Lady of Guadalupe

It marks the date in 1531 when the Virgin Mary purportedly appeared to an indigenous Mexican, in the last of several apparitions. To the present day, Our Lady of Guadalupe remains a powerful symbol of Mexican identity and faith, and her image is associated with everything from motherhood to feminism to social justice.

Reminder: Deadline to put things in the bulletin is Tuesdays at noon. Please call or email Terri in the office.
stmararl@frontiernet.net or 507-964-5413

Singing Voices Needed!

Come sing with the Choir for Christmas Eve. Practices will be announced. Please sign up with Terri in the parish office. 507-964-5413 or email: stmararl@frontiernet.net

Christmas Memorials

There are envelopes located with your offering envelopes or in the entrances of church or just use an envelope and write In Memory of or In Honor of and who they are from. Please put these envelopes and your donation in the Sunday Collection or drop off at St. Mary's office by Tuesday, December 19th, 2023. Any donations received after this date will be published in the following weeks bulletin. Donations help defray the cost of the Christmas Decorations.



Advent Mass honoring Mary
Saturday, December 16
St. Mary's – Arlington
Rosary begins at 6:35 a.m.
Mass begins at 7:00 a.m.
Brunch to follow.

Bring a dish to pass for the gathering after Mass.



Programs & Resources

Pre-Baptism Program

Best done during pregnancy. Required before baptism. Contact the pastor for materials and information.

Pre-Marriage Program

A six-month preparation period and attendance at a marriage preparation class is required. Contact the pastor.

Catholic Charities Counseling

Call 1-(866)-670-5163 for resources and assistance.

Diocese of New Ulm Sexual Misconduct in Church Ministry, Victims and Survivors Hotline

Call (507) 233-5313 for assistance.

Religious Education Corner

Important Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, December 13 – 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. Class Grades K-10th

Wednesday, December 20 – 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. Class Grades K-10th

Wednesday, December 27- NO Class



Thank you to everyone who walked in the Arli-dazzle Parade and represented our AFC! Thank you to Steph Schulte for organizing! It was a great night!

TODAY! CHWC Waffle Breakfast & Cookie Walk



Sunday, December 10, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

St. Mary's Social Hall-Arlington

Breakfast: Waffle and the trimming, Scrambled Eggs, Breakfast Sausages, and Beverage.

Free Will Offering

CHWC will also be selling Christmas Cookies!

Let us do the baking for you!!!

Attention all Youth- Pre-K and up. We will be having our Epiphany Program Sunday, January 7, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at the Arlington Community Center. We would love to have everyone join us! We need actors, narrators, singers, helpers etc.! Please consider taking part. Please contact: Beth Walters 507-327-1899 or bethwalters06@gmail.com.

Help us celebrate the birth of Jesus!

CHWC will also be sponsoring a supper following the program! Let us do the cooking for you!

St. Mary's/St. Michaels

Church: 507-964-5413/Terri's Cell: (507)-327-9598

Hours: Office Hours: Monday 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to Noon and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. to Noon

E-mail: stmararl@frontiernet.net

Weekly Collection/Budget Totals 12/03/2023

	Current Collection		Current YTD	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
St. Mary Fall Collection	\$ 1,114 \$ 575	\$ 1,800	\$ 43,209 \$7,355	\$ 41,797 \$13,000
St. Michael	\$ 4,864	\$ 1,310	\$ 28,190	\$ 30,130

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The Spirituality of Advent

Dr. Tim Gray discusses the spirituality of Advent and the joy of waiting for Christ.

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Diocese of New Ulm Eucharistic Retreat

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS
A Video Series with Dr. Edwards SRI, Theologian & Author

Teaching & Small Groups	Adoration & Holy Mass	Fellowship & Meal
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3 Opportunities

January 13: Sleepy Eye March 16: Silver Lake
April 13: Montevideo

Day begins with 8:30 am Check-In & concludes with 4:30 pm Benediction.

More information 507.233.5320 Or worship@dnv.org

KC Poster Contest

The KC's will once again be sponsoring the Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest. Ages: 8-11 or Ages 12-14. Alcohol Awareness or Drug Awareness.

Posters due to Parish Office by February 7, 2024

Posters must be 11x17 in size.

The name and age of the person entering the poster should be included on the back of the poster.

Please pick up a registration form from Beth Walters or from Terri in the Parish Office. All are welcome to submit a poster!

Liturgical Ministers for December 17
St. Mary, Arlington, Sunday 10:00 a.m. Lector: Scott Bates **Servers:** Brady Trebelhorn, Joe, Jesse, Jonny Ballalatak **Gifts:** Todd & Donna Trebelhorn **Ushers:** Todd & Donna Trebelhorn
St. Michael, Gaylord Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Lector: Gary Kaufmann **Servers:** Lucas & Quentin Schulte, Parker Moos **Gifts:** Bill & William Schulte **Ushers:** Bill & William Schulte

Attention: When shopping please remember that St. Mary's CCW does the First Choice Pregnancy collection of baby items during the month of January. You may find items on sale!

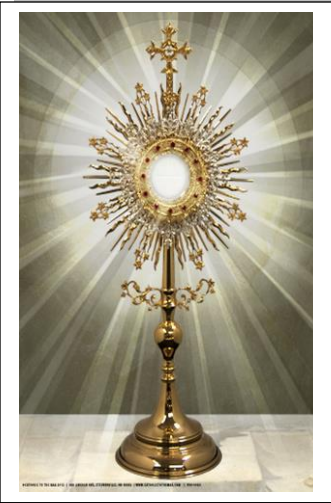
Advent Prayer Service
Sunday, December 17 at 1:00 p.m.
Church of St. Peter:
1801 W. Broadway Ave, Saint Peter, Mn 56082
See Bulletin Board for more details.

Please note: When planning events, please check with the office to assure the space you are wanting is available. Please call 507-964-5413, so Terri can get it in the book. This is very important, so we don't double up. We do rent our hall's out.

COR Night
Sunday, December 10, 2023
St. Aloysius, Olivia
For Youth in Grades 6-12
Event is from 4-8PM/Doors Open at 3:30 PM
Cost: \$20

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Corpus Christi Area Faith Community

Second Sunday of Advent/Sunday, December 10, 2023

St. Mary – 504 7 th Avenue NW, P.O. Box 392, Arlington, MN 55307/ Parish Office (507) 964-5413/ Weekend Mass Sunday, 10:00 a.m. St. Michael –Mailing Address: PO Box 392, Arlington, MN 55307/ Parish Office (507) 964-5413/ Weekend Mass Sunday, 8:00 a.m. St. Michael Church Address: 362 5 th Street, Gaylord, MN 55334
Msgr. Eugene L. Lozinski, Parochial Administrator 320-510-2063 Deacon Tim Dolan Office: (507) 964-5413
Website: corpuschristiafc.org
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Advent a Season of Hope. The Beauty of the Sacrament of Reconciliation,

When we were baptism God gifted us with the three theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity. Hope is the virtue for the season of Advent. Hope is the gift to have the ability to continue to trust that God will be faithful to His promises, especially the promise of sending us a Messiah. The Messiah who is His only begotten Son. He will come and free us from sin and helps us enter His kingdom. He will give us the grace we need to overcome sin and live in the peace of Christ.

The Lord Jesus wants nothing more for us than the development of our full potential as a human being. In our faith to reach our fullest potential is to be transformed into another Christ. In effect that means becoming a saint. St. John Paul II wrote some 45 years ago in his first Encyclical, “The Redeemer of Man” that ‘Christ reveals man to himself.” In the person of Jesus Christ, we find who we are created to be and who we must strive to be to reach our fullest potential and ultimately attain salvation. St. John Paul II says that humans cannot live without love. In Christ we have the one who is love personified. He is love in the flesh. St. Thomas Aquinas defines live as always doing the best for the other as other. In love we do what will benefit the other person simply because they are a human being deserving of the utmost respect -even reverence.

To live in that manner, we must continually strive to rid our lives of any lingering selfishness. As I have preached on numerous occasions are lives can be lived in the “Ego drama” or the “God drama”. The ego-drama is a life centered totally on self. A live closed in on self. In that kind of life there is only one thing that counts and that is me; I, me and myself, is my reference point for living and finding happiness. Unfortunately, this may only spiral one down a rabbit hole. It can easily lead to depression and frustration. When we strive to live in the God drama, we will live a life beyond ourselves. In the God-drama we are always reaching out and searching something beyond ourselves. It is living as Jesus asks us, “Give what has been given to you.” It is living a life of love and reaching out. In this view of life and living our focus is on the other, first God and then our neighbor. A life lived in love is a life filled with trust in God and hope that God will always carry us through.

Surely one of the greatest gifts that God has given to us to rid our lives of selfishness is the continual use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). In that Sacrament we are given an encounter with the merciful God who will fill us with His life and strengthen us to live a life patterned after His Son who is the definition of love. Yes, confession may be a bit annoying and irksome, but the reward to our Spiritual life is beyond question. We leave the confessional with renewed hope and joy that bespeaks the love of God.

Praised be Jesus Christ now and forever.
Msgr. Eugene Lozinski