

AFC Mass Times & Weekly Events  
December 17 through December 24, 2023

**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

**Monday,**

**Dec 18-** Jeremiah 23:5-8/Matthew 1:18-25

7:00 a.m. (MAR)

**Tuesday,**

**Dec 19-** Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a/Luke 1:5-25

8:00 a.m. (MIC) +Jim & Sara Strouth  
6:30 p.m. (MAR) KC Officer Meeting  
7:00 p.m. (MAR) KC Rosary & Meeting

**Wednesday**

**Dec 20-** Isaiah 7:10-14/Luke 1:26-38

8:30 a.m. (MAR) Deb 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. Peter Canisius**

**Dec 21 –** Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a/Luke 1:39-45

8:00 a.m. (MIC) +Mark DeWitte  
8:30 a.m. (MIC) Holy Hour and Confession  
5:00 to 10:00 p.m. (MAR) Adoration

When coming for  
Adoration at St.  
Mary's on Thursday  
nights. Please use  
the door by the  
office. The other  
doors will be locked.

**Friday,**

**Dec 22-** 1 Samuel 1:24-28/Luke 1:46-56

8:10 to 8:25 a.m. (MAR) Confession  
8:30 a.m. (MAR)+Carol Quinn  
9:00 a.m. (MAR) Holy Hour

**Saturday, St. John of Kanty**

**Dec 23-** Malachi 3:1-4,23-24/Luke 1:57-66

4:30 p.m. (MIC) Confession  
5:00 p.m. (MIC) +Bernhard Schulte

**Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Dec 24-** 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 (11B)/Romans 16:25-27/Luke 1:26-38

8:30 a.m. (MAR) Confession  
9:00 a.m. (MAR) For the People

**Sunday, Christmas Eve**

**Dec 24-** Isaiah 62:1-5 (13ABC)/Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25/Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
4:00 p.m. (MAR) +Frank & Mabel Haupt

**Monday, Christmas Day-**Isaiah 52:7-10 (16ABC)/Hebrews 1:1-6/John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
8:00 a.m. (MIC) For the People  
10:00 a.m. (MAR) +Myrtle Buesgens



**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.



**St. John of Kanty**

John was a country lad who made good in the big city and the big university of Kraków, Poland. After brilliant studies he was ordained a priest and became a professor of theology.

During his time in Kraków, Cantius became well known in the city for his generosity and compassion toward the poor, especially needy students at the university. He subsisted on what was strictly necessary to sustain his life, giving alms regularly to the poor.

**Mass Schedule next Weekend.**

Please pay attention to the change of the Mass schedule next weekend. There is a different Sunday Mass Schedule and then there is the Christmas schedule.

**Singing Voices Needed!**

Come sing with the Choir for Christmas Eve. Please sign up with Terri in the parish office. 507-964-5413 or email: [stmararl@frontiernet.net](mailto:stmararl@frontiernet.net)

Choir Practice for Christmas Eve will be Tuesday 12/19 at 7:00 p.m. and either Friday 12/22 or Saturday 12/23. Time and day to be determined Tuesday night at practice. Please join us!!



**Through the Holy Waters of Baptism**

We welcome:  
Yaricza, Roxanna, Atzury, & Malanie Bello  
Children of Jesus & Rosalina

Jesus said, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age" Matthew 28:19 – 20



Our Area Faith Community Extends their heartfelt sympathy to: Art & Kathy Worm  
On the death of Art's sister Alice Wickenhauser

"May God Grant Alice Eternal Rest."

**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.

**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](mailto:stmararl@frontiernet.net)

**Religious Education Corner**

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

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

**Wednesday, December 27- NO Class**

**Wednesday, January 3- 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. Class Grades K- 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, January 7 – Epiphany Program Practice at 3:00 p.m. at the Arlington Community Center program following at 4:00 p.m.**

**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](mailto: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!**

**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!

**Christmas Giving**

Please be generous in your gift to the Christ Child this Christmas. The Good work of the Church depends on your loving gift. (Please read the front cover).

**Thank you, Thank you!**

**Thank you to everyone who attended the CHWC Waffle Breakfast and Cookie Walk! We appreciate your support. And the youth had a great time serving you!! It was a great learning experience for all of us and we hope to do more of these kinds of things in the future!**



**Weekly Collection/Budget Totals 12/10/2023**

	Current Collection		Current YTD	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
St. Mary Fall Collection	\$3,137 \$500	\$1,800	\$46,346 \$ 7,855	\$ 43,597 \$ 13,000
St. Michael	\$ 1,571	\$ 1,310	\$ 29,761	\$ 31,440

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Advent Word Study

**Agape: "Love"**



**Agape/Love | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project**

The word "love" is one of the sloppiest words in our language, as it primarily refers to a feeling that happens to a person. In the New Testament, "love" refers to a way of treating people that was defined by Jesus himself: seeking the well-being of others regardless of their response.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and SPACEDOUT PRESS

Corpus Christi AFC Calendars are at all the entrances of the churches. Please help yourself.

**Attention: St. Michael's Parishioners**

St. Michael Parishioners the 2024 contribution envelopes are in the back of the church. Please pick them up.

**DMA (Diocesan Ministry Appeal 2023)**

Thank you to all who have given to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Your contributions to the DMA reach individuals and families across the diocese, providing family and crisis counseling, emergency assistance, religious and spiritual formation, and supporting our seminarians. If you have not had the opportunity to make your pledge or gift yet, envelopes are available in the pews or in the back of church. You may return your pledge in the collection basket or simply drop it in the mail. You may also make your pledge or gift online at <https://www.dnu.org/dma/>. Either way, your gift will be counted toward our parish goal. Be assured that your gift will only be used to support those ministries designated in the DMA brochure - ministries that are vital to our diocesan church - as well as our own parish project-parish maintenance.

**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 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Any donations received after this date will be published in the following weeks bulletin. Donations help defray the cost of the Christmas Decorations.



**Liturgical Ministers for December 23/ 24**

**St. Michael, Gaylord Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Lector:** Jim Kirtz **Servers:** Schulte Boys **Gifts:** Andy Aranda & Peter Koch **Ushers:** Andy Aranda & Peter Koch

**St. Mary, Arlington, Sunday 9:00 a.m. Lector:** Sarah Ziegler **Servers:** Ben & Peter Koralewski, Thomas Ziegler **Gifts:** Bob & Beth Walters **Ushers:** Bob & Beth Walters

**St. Mary's, Christmas Eve- 4:00 p.m. Lector:** Donna Trebelhorn **Servers:** Brady Trebelhorn, Ben & Peter Koralewski, Joe, Jesse, Jonny Ballalatak, Alex Thomes, Thomas Ziegler **Gifts:** R. Koralewski Family **Ushers:** Tim & Jane Kloeckl

**St. Michaels Christmas Day – 8:00 a.m. Lector:** Doug Parrott **Servers:** Schulte Boys **Gifts:** Nate & Cindy Posivio **Ushers:** Nate & Cindy Posivio

**St. Mary's Christmas Day – 10:00 a.m. Lector:** Jane Steinborn **Servers:** Alivia Uhlenkamp, Jacie Duenow, Parker Moos **Gifts:** Bob Thomes, Matt Otto **Ushers:** Bob Thomes, Matt Otto

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!

**KC Free Throw Contest Sunday, January 7, 2024- Sibley East High School 11:30 a.m. Registration- Contest starts at noon.**

**Confession**  
**Please take time this week to encounter the Lord and receive his loving mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

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# Corpus Christi

## Area Faith Community

### Third Sunday of Advent/Sunday, December 17, 2023

#### Gaudete (Rejoice Sunday)

St. Mary – 504 7<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> Street, Gaylord, MN 55334

Website: [corpuschristiafc.org](http://corpuschristiafc.org)  
Msgr. Eugene L. Lozinski, Parochial Administrator  
320-510-2063  
Deacon Tim Dolan  
Office: (507) 964-5413

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## Gaudete/Rejoice

**The opening antiphon (verse) of the Mass this Sunday reads: “Rejoice (Gaudete) in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.”**



## Christmas Giving

**Jesus and His Church is Counting on your Generosity.**

At the heart of Christmas, as we all know, is the gift to us of the Christ Child from God our Heavenly Father. Jesus took on the form of a slave and entered into our messy world in order to redeem it. He gave his all to the point of being hung on a cross and dying for us. walking among the people of his day he called them into his sheepfold. After his resurrection he poured his Spirit on his disciples and the Church was born. The Church is the Body of Christ. In and through the Church continues to walk among us as he calls us into His sheep fold. We could have no greater gift and no greater joy than to develop a deep and abiding relationship with Jesus. He truly is the gift that keeps on giving.

The Church to this day is our contact with the Lord Jesus, especially through her teachings and the gift of the sacraments. This Church, which is composed of all who respond to Christ's call, lives and functions in this world. It goes without saying that the Church depends on your generosity in order to accomplish much of Her work of evangelizing. There are buildings to be maintained, salaries to be paid, schools and Religious Ed programs to be fostered and charities to be supported. All of that work is dependent upon the kindness of your heart in imitation of Jesus who divested himself of the glory of His Godhead in order to come rescue us from sin.

**I ask each of you to give generously this Christmas. Last year I made a plea for each of you to give minimally \$50.00 if possible. I realize that many of us could far exceed that amount. Please search your heart and give accordingly. Let this be a time to expand our loving hearts. If each of us will treat the child Jesus as our child and give to him accordingly God will be praised, and His work will move forward. Please It will move forward in deepening your faith and strengthening your friendship with the Lord Jess and helping his presence be more pronounced in the world.**

## Confession

**The purer our souls, the more receptive and open we can be to receive the grace of God. By ridding our lives of sin though the Sacrament of Confession we will create a welcome home for the Christ Child and know more intensely His peace on Christmas Day.**

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