

AFC Mass Times & Weekly Events
December 24 through December 31, 2023

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. to 8:55 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, The Nativity of the Lord

Dec 25- 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

Tuesday, St. Stephen

Dec 26- Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10;7:54-59/Matthew 10:17-22

6:30 p.m. (MIC) *Note Time Change

Wednesday St. John

Dec 27- 1 John 1:1-4/John 20:1a & 2-8

8:30 a.m. (MAR) +Jim Kreger
9:00 a.m. (MAR) Holy Hour and Confession

Thursday, The Holy Innocents

Dec 28 – 1 John 1:5-2:2/Matthew 2:13-18

No Daily Mass

Friday, St. Thomas

Dec 29- 1 John 2:3-11/Luke 2:22-35

6:30 p.m. (MAR) +Allie & Geri Weber *Note Time Change

Saturday

Dec 30- 1 John 2:12-17/Luke 2:36-40

8:00 a.m. (MIC) Margaret Klobe

Sunday, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Dec 31- Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 (17B)/Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

7:30 a.m. (MIC) Confession
8:00 a.m. (MIC) +Elmer & Berniece Wentzlaff
9:30 a.m. (MAR) Confession
10:00 a.m. (MAR) For the People

Monday, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Jan 1- Number 6:22-27 (18ABC)/Galatians 4:4-7/Luke 2:16-21

8:00 a.m. (MIC) Ruth Shottliff
10:00 a.m. (MAR) Clark Schultz



Remember in Prayer

Duke Schmidt, Natalie Eiden
Brooks Bigaouette, Karen Haefs
Mary Johnson, Fr Tony Stubeda, Dan Callahan,
Tillie Heitkamp



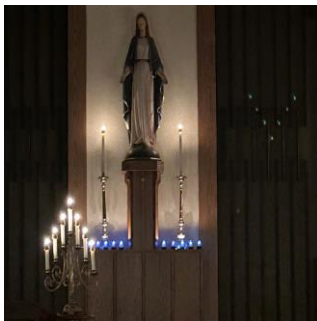
Pope Francis asks us to pray for the month of December these intentions:

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.



The Nativity of the Lord

The Nativity of Jesus celebrates the incarnation of God, which means that he came to earth to live as a man and undo the damage caused by the fall of the first man, Adam. And this is the crux of why we celebrate Christmas: because it allowed us to receive God's grace.



Pictures from the Candlelight Mass in honor of Mary on Saturday, December 16 morning.



From the Staff at Corpus Christi AFC

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

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

Religious Education Corner

Important Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, December 27- NO Class

Wednesday, January 3- 6:15 to 7:30 p.m.

Class Grades K- 10th

Sunday, January 7 – Epiphany Program

Practice at 3:00 p.m. at the Arlington Community Center program following at 4:00 p.m.

Epiphany Program

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!**

Council of Catholic Women

Don't forget to sign-up for the Puzzle Competition

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Following 10:00 a.m. Mass-St. Mary's Social Hall

Teams of 4- Kid Friendly-Light lunch served.

Call St. Mary's Parish Office at 507-964-5413

Or text 612-275-7782. \$25.00 per team

Sponsored by St. Mary's CCW

Sign up by January 7

Knights of Columbus Events

KC Free Throw Contest

Sunday, January 7, 2024-Sibley East High School

11:30 a.m. Registration-Contest starts at noon.

KC Winter Clothing Drive

The KC Winter Clothing Drive will be Monday, January 1, 2024, to Saturday, January 6, 2024. Please put clothes in plastic bags and set in the hallway by the kitchen.

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!

Weekly Collection/Budget Totals 12/17/2023

	Current Collection		Current YTD	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
St. Mary Fall Collection	\$2,472 \$ 200	\$1,800	\$48,818 \$ 8,055	\$ 43,397 \$ 13,000
St. Michael	\$ 1,236	\$ 1,310	\$ 30,997	\$ 32,750

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The True Meaning of Christmas | Lukas Storyteller

Christmas is coming and our friends Peter, Agnes, Paul and Anna expect to receive many gifts. but when they caught in one of their antics. Lukas and Noah will help them understand the true story of Christmas and how the birth of the Son of God should change our hearts.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and gigaCatholic press

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 Giving

Please be generous in your gift to the Christ Child this Christmas. The good work of the Church depends on your loving gift.

Fourth Sunday of Advent -- December 24, 2023

“Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God.” Consider following Christ more closely as a priest or in consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (507) 233-5331 or via email: vocations@dnu.org

Liturgical Ministers for December 31 and January 1

St. Michael, Gaylord Saturday, 8:00 a.m. Lector: Karen Johnson **Servers:** Donnay Boys **Gifts:** Andy Aranda, Dennis Neisen **Ushers:** Andy Aranda, Dennis Neisen

St. Mary, Arlington, Sunday 10:00 a.m. Lector: Marge Kloeckl **Servers:** Brady Trebelhorn, Ben & Peter Koralewski, Alex Thomes **Gifts:** Todd & Donna Trebelhorn **Ushers:** Todd & Donna Trebelhorn

St. Michaels New Years Day – 8:00 a.m. Lector: Deb Dolan **Servers:** Schulte Boys **Gifts:** Jim Kirtz, Peter Koch **Ushers:** Jim Kirtz, Peter Koch

St. Mary's New Years Day – 10:00 a.m. Lector: Terry Klages **Servers:** Jesse & Jonny Ballalatak **Gifts:** Bob & Beth Walters **Ushers:** Bob & Beth Walters

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!

AFC Calendars

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

Your gift to the Christ Child

As we ponder our gift to the Christ Child this Christmas, we need to keep foremost in our minds all the gifts that He has given us. I asked last week that all would consider giving at least \$50.00 – a tank of gas etc. etc. We should let our hearts respond to the extended arms of the Lord. He is here for us may our gift to Him be a sign of our willingness to respond to His love.

Please support the following businesses who advertise in our Bulletin.

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Corpus Christi Area Faith Community

Fourth Sunday of Advent/Sunday, December 24, 2023

St. Mary – 504 7th 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 5th Street, Gaylord, MN 55334

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

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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

As we bring this Advent to a close, if I should speak in those terms, for in reality, our whole lives are living an Advent so far, as we are preparing to meet the Lord at the end of our lives. Therefore, this Advent is kind of a miniature of the advent, which is our lives, that continues until we meet God face to face.

God. Who is this God that we are preparing to meet? He is defined by the Solemnity that we will celebrate in a few hours. He is a God who was not content to remain in the heavens distant from us. He is a God who, although having all the attributes of infinite power, intelligence, goodness, beauty, wisdom etc. has left all the majesty and glory of His Godhead behind and entered into the world He created to make right the world He created with an order that had become disordered by humans. God is a God, not content to let us wallow in our unrighteous and disordered way of living. He is a God that is willing to take on our human nature, becoming one with us, even to the point that become dependent on the very creatures He created and keeps in existence, moment by moment. This concept of God stretches our minds. Yet that is what we believe. He is a God who is a **baby in the straw** so that he can give us a share in his divine life.

Christmas is the beginning of our salvation. As God draws close to us so He can be draw us close to Him. He lies in the manger, helpless, weak, defenseless extending his arms to embrace us. This is the God that we are invited to embrace and bring into our lives and our hearts. He is a God who loves and by his loving us shows and leads us to live lives of love; lives that will reflect his divine life of love. God defines love and to the extent that we enter into His world of love we will know the peace that He wishes us to experience and claim as our own.

Christmas is a powerful season. At this time, we find a Spirit that all of us wish would remain all year. It is a spirit of generosity and concern that makes life so beautiful. That Spirit is so powerful for it has as its source the power and Spirit of the one who makes all things possible the God of the bible who is our creator and savior.

Of course, Christmas is about a child, but not an ordinary child, a child that is the God/man, therefore a child that is extraordinary in the sense that He can make the impossible possible. Yes, he comes as an innocent, dependent baby yet in that innocence we know there is the power to transform hearts and give all people the opportunity to be so much more than they thought they could be. He can transform hearts. His love is so great that when we embrace it our hearts are filled with his love, we are able to turn away from sin and evil and flourish in his life which is a life of holiness. In that holiness fulfill God's wish for all of us to be Holy as He is Holy.

A Very Merry Christmas to all. It is a privilege to serve you. Thank you for all your kindnesses to me. May your day be filled with God's grace and may His peace reign in your heart and in your home.

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