

AFC Mass Times & Weekly Events  
December 31, 2023, through January 7, 2024

**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 Shotliff  
10:00 a.m. (MAR) Clark Schultz

**Tuesday, St. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen**

**Jan 2-** 1 John 2:22-28/John 1:19-28

8:00 a.m. (MIC) Bob Wald  
7:00 p.m. (MIC) KC Meeting @ Winthrop

**Wednesday, The Holy Name of Jesus**

**Jan 3-** 1 John 2:29-3:6/John 1:29-34

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

**Thursday, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

**Jan 4 –** 1 John 3:7-10/John 1:35-42

8:00 a.m. (MIC) Bishop Chad Zielinski  
9:00 a.m. (MIC) Holy Hour

**Friday, St. John Neumann**

**Jan 5-** 1 John 3:11-21/John 1:43-51

8:00 a.m. to 8:25 a.m. (MAR) Confession  
8:30 a.m. (MAR) Mary Johnson  
9:00 a.m. (MAR) Holy Hour

**Saturday**

**Jan 6-** 1 John 5:5-13/Mark 1:7-11 or Luke 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

8:00 a.m. (MIC) +Mary Lou Trebiani

**Sunday, The Epiphany of the Lord**

**Jan 7-** Isaiah 60:1-6 (20ABC)/Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6/Matthew 2:1-12

7:30 a.m. (MIC) Confession  
8:00 a.m. (MIC) For the People  
9:30 a.m. (MAR) Confession  
10:00 a.m. (MAR) +Steve Morrisette  
(MAR) Coffee and Rolls following Mass.  
11:30 a.m. KC Free Throw Contest at Sibley East High School  
3:00 p.m. Epiphany Program Practice – Arlington Community Center  
4:00 p.m. Epiphany Program followed by meal by CHWC-Arlington Community Center



**Remember in Prayer**

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



Pope Francis asks us to pray for the month of January these intentions:  
**FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH:** We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.



**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

This holiday is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. It is a reminder of the role she played in the salvation of humankind. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means "God-bearer".



Corpus Christi Area Faith Community  
Extends their sympathy to the

Tom Ballalatak family on the loss of  
Tom's brother Steve Ballalatak

Jean & Mike Schwope on the loss of  
Jean's sister Tammy Schultz

Kay Voigt on the loss of  
her husband Virgil Voigt, DVM

Dan & Bertha Woehler on the loss of  
Dan's mother Joann Woehler

"May God Grant Them Eternal Rest."

**Thank You – Thank You**

*I wish to thank all who remembered me with cards and gifts.  
Your generosity and good wishes are greatly appreciated.*

*May God Bless All of You.  
Monsignor Eugene Lozinski*



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

**Religious Education Corner**

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

**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.**

**Wednesday, January 10 -6:15 to 7:30**

**p.m. Class Grades K-10**

**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](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!

**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 Colombus 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 12/24/2023**

	Current Collection		Current YTD	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
St. Mary Fall Collection	\$1,806 \$ 200	\$1,800	\$50,624 \$ 8,055	\$ 45,197 \$ 13,000
(MAR) Christmas	\$ 6,764			\$8,000
St. Michael (MIC) Christmas	\$ 1,507 \$ 5,765	\$ 1,310	\$ 32,504	\$ 34,060 \$4,500

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**New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show**

What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show!

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Visit <https://www.dnu.org/dma/> or scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



**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.

**January Catholic Challenge**

Learn more about Christ's Incarnation through the Gospels to inspire you to become more child-like, and don't be afraid to use His name reverently throughout your day, even in conversation as a way of simple evangelization.



**Liturgical Ministers for January 7, 2024**  
**St. Michael, Gaylord Sunday, 8:00 a.m.** Lector: Karen Johnson Servers: William, Lucas, Quentin Schulte, Parker Moos Gifts: Nate & Cindy Posivio Ushers: Nate & Cindy Posivio  
**St. Mary, Arlington, Sunday 10:00 a.m.** Lector: Jane Steinborn Servers: Brady Trebelhorn, Joe, Jesse, Jonny Ballalatak, Alex Thomes, Ben & Peter Koralewski Gifts: Francis Bigaouette, Scott Bates Ushers: Francis Bigaouette, Scott Bates

Please pick up your copy of  
“The Beautiful Eucharist”  
at the entrances of the churches.  
A Christmas Gift from  
St. Mary’s CCW

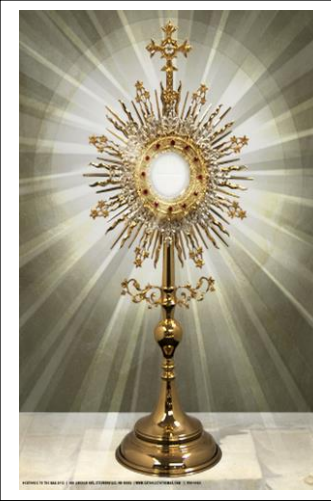
Attention: When shopping please  
remember that St. Mary’s CCW  
does the First Choice Pregnancy  
collection of baby items during  
the month of January. You may  
find items on sale!

**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.

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# Corpus Christi Area Faith Community

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph /Sunday, December 31, 2023**

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)  
Msg. Eugene L. Lozinski, Parochial Administrator  
320-510-2063  
Deacon Tim Dolan  
Office: (507) 964-5413  
**Formed Code:**  
55307

## Feast of the Holy Family, Dec. 31, 2023

The Sunday between the Feast of Christmas and the Feast of Mary, Mother of God is always designated as Holy Family Sunday. It is obvious why that is so. With the birth of Jesus, we have the Holy Family, Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. This feast gives us an opportunity to reflect on family and its importance in our lives and society. Indeed, family is the most basic unit in society. In his great document, “On the Family” St. Pope John Paul II says, “the world passes by way of the family.” The family is so central because it is the place where we are born and introduced to life and living in this world. In the family we experience relationships and are formed to live in society. We are shaped and formed by those initial experience with our parents and siblings. It is from them that we get our attitudes and approach to life. And most of all it is through them that we are introduced to the Church. They are the ones who initiate the process of baptism. It is through baptism that we are initiated into the family of God, the Church.

We all realize that the reality of the family has become very fluid now today. And we also know that not all families are exact replicas of the Holy Family, but none of that negates the importance of family and the importance of patterning our lives after Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

In this age with so many hurting relationships the example of Jesus, Mary and Joseph becomes even more important. In them we see what we are meant to be and with the grace of God is possible. It is for the good of everyone, the Church and society that we strive to help all no matter the shape or form, a life of community of faith, compassion, concern, and love for each in our own families and to reach out to those who are struggling in family life. That is what families do. And we are the Church, the family of God. We must be ready and willing to help one another in this family of ours.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph pray for all families.

## Mary, Mother of God. January 1, 2024

On January 1<sup>st</sup> we not only begin a new calendar year, but we celebrate the Feast of Mary, Mother of God as well. Therefore, we have a double reason for participating in Holy Mass on January 1st. We gather to thank God for the year just past in which hopefully, with His help ,we have grown closer to Him, and we gather to beg His blessings on the New year to begin. We pray that it will be a year of grace and favor.

But we gather as well to praise and thank God for the gift of Mary, his mother who was given to us as our mother through the Apostle John as he was dying on the cross. Surely first , she is God’s mother – the bearer of the God /man, (Theotokos, in Greek) but we can claim her as our heavenly mother as well. As we acknowledge her today let us care for each other as lovingly as she cared for Jesus, her Son. She is a great gift let us turn to her often. Mary, Pray for us.

This is also World Day of Prayer for peace. So, we pray that though the intercession of Mary, who bore the prince of peace, peace among all people be realized in our world this year. Praised be Jesus Christ now and forever.  
Msg. Eugene Lozinski