

AFC Mass Times & Weekly Events
February 4 through February 11, 2024

Sunday, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb 4- Job 7:1-4, 6-7 (74B)/1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23/Mark 1:29-39

2nd Collection today for the St. Martin's Fund
St. Blaise Blessing Following Mass

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) +Myrtle Buesgens
St. Michael's KC Breakfast @ Winthrop 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Monday, St. Agatha

Feb 5- 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13/Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday, St. Paul Miki and Companions

Feb 6- 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30/Mark 7:1-3

8:00 a.m. (MIC) Molly Koralewski
7:00 p.m. (MIC) KC Meeting @ Gaylord

Wednesday

Feb 7- 1 Kings 10:1-10/Mark 7:14-23

8:30 a.m. (MAR) +Mabel Haupt
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. Jerome Emiliani

Feb 8- 1 Kings 11:4-13/Mark 24-30

8:00 a.m. (MIC) Monsignor Lozinski
9:00 a.m. (MIC) Holy Hour

Friday

Feb 9- 1 Kings 11:29-32,12:19/Mark 7:31-37

8:00 a.m. to 8:25 a.m. (MAR) Confession
8:30 a.m. (MAR) Poor Souls in Purgatory
9:00 a.m. (MAR) Holy Hour

Saturday, St. Scholastica

Feb 10- 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mark 8:1-10

Sunday, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb 11- Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 (77B)/1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1/Mark 1:40-45

7:30 a.m. (MIC) Confession
8:00 a.m. (MIC) +Steve Ballalatak
9:30 a.m. (MAR) Confession
10:00 a.m. (MAR) For the People
(MAR) KC Burrito Breakfast

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul;
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph assist me in my last agony;
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, may I bring forth my soul in peace with you.
Amen.

Remember in Prayer

Duke Schmidt, Natalie Eiden, Brooks Bigaouette, Mary Johnson,
Fr. Tony Stubeda, Dan Callahan, Tillie Heitkamp, Bob Wald,
Sara Piotter, Gary Johnson



Pope Francis asks us to pray for the month of February these intentions:
February's prayer intention is that the sick, "who are in the final stages of life, and their families receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.



St. Scholastica

Scholastica is the patron saint of Benedictine nuns, education, and convulsive children, and is invoked against storms and rain. Her feast is celebrated on 10 February. Saint Scholastica's Day bears special importance in the Benedictine monastic calendar.

What miracle did St Scholastica do?

The holy Nun, having rested her head on her hands, poured forth such a flood of tears on the table, that she transformed the clear air to a watery sky. After the end of her devotions, that storm of rain followed; her prayer and the rain so met together, that as she lifted her head from the table, the thunder began.



Our Area Faith Community extends their heartfelt Sympathy to Dennis Neisen on the death of his brother Bob Neisen.

"May God Grant Bob Eternal Rest."

Diocese of New Ulm-National Eucharistic Preacher

With Fr. Joe Laramie
February 23-25, 2024: 3 Opportunities
Friday 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – St. Peter, St. Peter
Saturday, 10 – Noon – St. Anastasia, Hutchinson
Sunday, 2-4 pm – St. Edward, Minneota

Talk-Adoration with prayer teams & confession-Reception.

Jesus and the Eucharist: A Small Group Series for Eucharistic Revival During Lent

The Eucharistic Revival committee invites you to grow closer to Jesus alongside fellow parishioners through the "Jesus and the Eucharist" study. The study will be a special time to grow in community within our parish as we walk this sacred year together, and we really desire you to join us for these 7 Thursday evenings beginning February 15, 2024, at St. Mary's parish hall from 6:30-8:30PM. Please pre-register by contacting Terri at the parish office, 507-964-5413.

Please remember to sign up for Monday Night Lenten Adoration.
5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Sign Up Sheets on bulletin Boards.



Sunday, February 18, 2024-4:00 to 8:00 pm

COR Night is an event for middle and high school youth. Each night consists of games, social time, praise and worship music, a great speaker, a meal, and Cor Jesu (adoration).
Bring your friends! Bring your youth group! Bring your family!

St. Aloysius-Olivia
Sign-up on the Diocese Website

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, February 7 – 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. Class Grades K-10

Wednesday, February 14 – Ash

Wednesday – 6:15 to 7:30 pm Youth

attend Mass with families.

Wednesday, February 21 – 6:15 to 7:30 pm Class Grades K-10

Knights of Columbus Events

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 25, 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!

Today: St. Michael's Knights of Columbus-Gaylord & Winthrop Council #7051

Annual Pancake Breakfast at St. Francis Catholic Church-Winthrop. Serving 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Cheese, Apple Sauce, Milk, Juice & Coffee. Adults: \$11.00, Children under 12: \$5.00 Under 5: Free

St. Arthur's Knights of Columbus-Burrito Breakfast

Sunday, February 11

8:00 a.m. to Noon

St. Mary's Social Hall-Arlington

Ash Wednesday, Wednesday February 14, 2024

Masses: 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. -St. Mary-Arlington
Noon-St. Michael-Gaylord

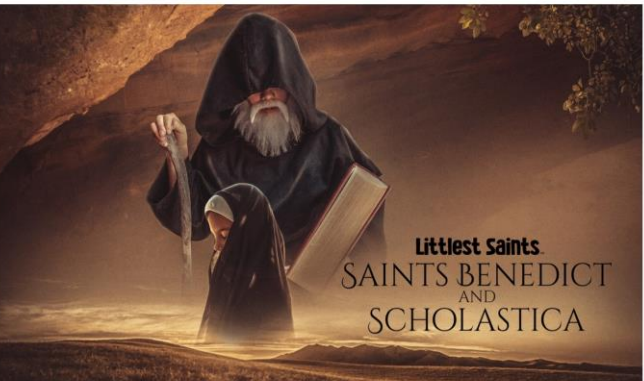


Reflection Questions for February the Month of the Holv Familv

- What about the Holy Family do you wish to emulate?
- What do you find yourself pondering about the Holy Family? – What makes Mary a wonderful mother?
- What makes Joseph a devout father?
- Why did God give us this family example?
- What can you do in your family and around others to promote the importance of the family unit and unconditional love?
- How can you help widows, orphans, and those from unloving homes find Christ?
- Why is the family so important spiritually and societally to you?

Weekly Collection/Budget Totals 1/28/2024

	Current Collection		Current YTD	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
St. Mary Fall Collection	\$ 1,333 \$	\$1,800	\$63,820 \$ 8,625	\$ 54,197 \$ 13,000
St. Michael	\$ 706	\$ 1,310	\$ 37,944	\$ 40,610



Sts. Benedict and Scholastica | Littlest Saints

A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica. Visit their website here: www.littlestsaints.com

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Parent's, are you ready for Tax Day?

The Minnesota Catholic Conference is excited to remind you about the new Minnesota Child Tax Credit. Getting money back to our Minnesota families through the tax credit was an integral goal achieved by the Catholic Conference's Families First Project last year. The credit encourages and supports strong families by providing a tax break to eligible families.

It's simple as filing a tax return, claiming the tax credit benefits, and receiving cash back.

To ensure you don't miss out, visit:

www.FamiliesFirstProjet.com/CTC where you can learn more

about the child tax credit and access additional tax resources.

Tell every parent you know to file their taxes to receive this credit.

Together we will support and strengthen the families in our communities.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time-February 4, 2024

"Jesus went away to a secluded place and prayed." If you are seeking greater simplicity of life and a closer following of the Lord in prayer and action, consider that He may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at the New Ulm Diocese 507-233-5302 or email: vocations@dnuc.org

Liturgical Ministers for February 11, 2024

St. Michael, Gaylord Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Lector: Jim Kirtz **Servers:** Isaac, Reid, & Evan Donnay **Gifts:** Andy Aranda, Dennis Neisen **Ushers:** Andy Aranda, Dennis Neisen

St. Mary, Arlington, Sunday 10:00 a.m. Lector: Marge Kloeckl **Servers:** Jack, Will, Eillie, Louis Feterl, Jacie Duenow, Alivia Uhlenkamp

Gifts: Francis Bigaouette, Scott Bates **Ushers:** Francis Bigaouette, Scott Bates

Broom Tree Retreat 2024 Youth and Family Camp March 8-10, 2024-Irene, SD

Looking for a way to bring your youth deeper?

You've gone to COR Night, CHWC, Steubenville, NCYC, or some other "big" event, but now you're looking for a way to add some depth to your youth programming. The diocesan Broom Tree Retreat creates an opportunity for youth and their youth group leaders to experience a Eucharist-centered, prayer-focused, yet fun-filled retreat that seeks to lead attendees deeper in their relationship with God.

Questions: Reach out to Kevin Losleben with questions (klosleben@dnu.org | 507-233-5327).

St. Mary's CCW members please note date change for March meeting. Due to a conflict with the hall the March meeting will be Saturday, March 9th at 9:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Social Hall. We will start with the Rosary at 9:00 am followed by the meeting.

Community Events:

44th Annual Knights of Columbus Fish Fry-Pla-Mor Ballroom-Glencoe-Friday, February 9. Dine-In or Drive-Thru 11:00 am to 7:00 pm-Adults:\$15.00 10& Under: \$8.00 Drive Thru: \$15.00

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church-Winthrop-Grocery Bingo-All Ages Welcome-Sunday, February 18 at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be served following 40 games of Bingo. Door prizes and raffle. Funds raised for air conditioning in social hall at St. Francis de Sales.

High Island Lake Conservation Club 62nd Annual Fish Fry-Saturday, February 24th-Dining in at New Auburn City Hall, Take out available at creamery building. Serving 10:00 am to 6:00 pm or until fish run out. Cost: \$18.00 for adults and Children 12 and under \$9.00

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Corpus Christi

Area Faith Community

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time /Sunday, February 4, 2024

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 Reflection on Today's Gospel (Mk 1: 29-39)

During this year 2024 we are reading from the shortest of the Gospels, but by no means is it short on messages for us to dissect and digest. Mark is a great Gospel to read from beginning to end. It doesn't take that long, and we get a very down to earth picture of Jesus and his apostles.

Today we are still reading form the first chapter of Mark. Two Sundays ago, we read form Mark 1: 14-20 in which we read Jesus' direct description of his mission. He proclaims, **“This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel.”** Last Sunday we read again from Mark chapter 1. In Vs.21-28 we are told that Jesus confronts evil. Jesus is goodness in the flesh. He is all about doing battle with evil and thus overcoming Satan's rule in the world. By overcoming evil, he establishes the reign of God. riding the world of evil driving out the power of the devil and establishing the reign of God. Today, again we read from Mark chapter one. We read verses 29-39. In these verses we are given a beautiful summary of the work of the Church. We need to recall that the Church is the continuation of Christ in history. The Church is the Body of Christ; therefore, it continues the mission of Christ. His work is the work of the Church.

In this reading we find that Jesus prayed, “ He left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed.” One of the primaries works of the Church is to pray. That is critical and crucial for the life of the Church and therefore the life of every Christian. That is the heart of the work of the Church. Why do we pray? We pray because Jesus prayed, as he prayed so must we pray. We are to be imitators of Him. The greatest of the prayers that we do is of course Holy Mass, however that cannot and must not be the totality of our prayer life. Religion is not just for Sunday. It is for everyday and besides without daily prayer soon our Sunday worship will have little meaning.

We read as well that Jesus cured the sick and cast out demons. He was a servant to all those in need. So, the Church must reach out to the poor, not only the financially poor, but the poor in all their dimensions, the sick, the spiritually poor, the alienated, the abused, the depressed, the terminally ill, etc. We are to love as Jesus loved without boundaries. We as Christians bring with us Jesus who was always reaching out in love and faith to those in need. We can have no more powerful example in our time of how we do that than Saint Mother Theresa of Calcutta. She prayed and then went out to serve.

And finally, we read that Jesus went out to preach. Jesus was the Incarnate Word of God, that is the Word of God in the flesh. The word has power. So, he never tired of teaching and preaching, that indeed one could argue took up the main part of his time. He constantly evangelized. So that is our task as well. We are to speak about Jesus, not just as someone who lived 2,000 years ago but someone who lives in our hearts and indeed is our friend.

So, here we have it in this passage, the Church which is the Body of Christ, is about prayer, evangelizing and serving. So that must be our work and mission as followers of Jesus.

Here is why wherever we have the Church we have the building of Churches in which the community gathers to pray, and we have the building of schools where we evangelize and preach, and we build hospitals where we serve the poor and heal.

May we never tire of doing good in imitation of Jesus.
Praised be Jesus Christ now and forever,
Msgr. Eugene Lozinski