

AFC Mass Times & Weekly Events  
February 18 through February 25, 2024

**Sunday, First Sunday of Lent**  
**Feb 18-** Genesis 9:8-15 (23B)/1 Peter 3:18-22/Mark 1:12-15

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) +Paul Foley  
2:00 p.m. (MIC) Stations of the Cross  
4:00 p.m. (Olivia) COR

**Monday,**  
**Feb 19-** Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18/Matthew 25:31-46

5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (MIC) Adoration

**Tuesday,**  
**Feb 20-** Isaiah 55:10-11/Matthew 6:7-15

8:00 a.m. (MIC) Souls in Purgatory  
(Redwood Falls) Priest Recollection and Priest Council Meeting  
6:30 p.m. (MAR) KC Officer Meeting  
7:00 p.m. (MAR) KC Rosary and Meeting

**Wednesday, St. Peter Damian**  
**Feb 21-** Jonah 3:1-10/Luke 11:29-32

8:30 a.m. (MAR) Nate & Kristin Soley Family  
9:00 a.m. (MAR) Holy Hour  
6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (MAR) Religious Education Classes

**Thursday, The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**  
**Feb 22-** 1 Peter 5:1-4/Matthew 16:13-19

8:00 a.m. (MIC) +Jim Strouth  
8:30 a.m. (MIC) Holy Hour and Confession  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (MAR) Eucharistic Bible Study

**Friday, St. Polycarp**  
**Feb 23-** Ezekiel 18:21-28/Matthew 5:20-26

8:00 a.m. to 8:25 a.m. (MAR) Confession  
8:30 a.m. (MAR) +Bernie Whitacre  
9:00 a.m. (MAR) Holy Hour and Confession  
6:00 p.m. (MAR) Stations of the Cross  
(MAR) Confession

**Saturday,**  
**Feb 24-** Deuteronomy 26:16-19/Matthew 5:43-48

**Sunday, Second Sunday of Lent**  
**Feb 25-** Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 (26B)/Romans 8:31b-34/Mark 9:2-10

7:30 a.m. (MIC) Confession  
8:00 a.m. (MIC) +Arvid Soeffker  
9:30 a.m. (MAR) Confession  
10:00 a.m. (MAR) For the People  
(MAR) Confirmation Candidate/Parent Meeting Following Mass  
1:15 p.m. (MAR) Stations of Cross  
2:00 p.m. (MIC) Stations of the Cross

**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.**



**The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**

February 22 on the rock of the Apostle Peter's confession of faith. On **February 22**, we observe the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, celebrating the doctrine that “Christ the Lord... made Peter and his successors His vicars, to exercise forever in the Church the power which He exercised during His mortal life.”

**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.

Our Area Faith Community Extends Their Sympathy  
To Marie Schneider  
On the loss of her sister  
Bernie Whitacre



“May God Grant Bernie Eternal Rest.”



We welcome new Parishioners.  
  
St. Mary's:  
Robert & Catherine Weldon

**Diocese of New Ulm-National Eucharistic Preacher**  
The Eucharist: Leading Us to The Sacred Heart w/Fr. Joe Laramie  
February 23-25, 2024- 3 opportunities  
Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. -St. Peter, St. Peter  
Saturday, 10:00 am to Noon- St. Anastasia, Hutchinson  
Sunday, 2:00 to 4:00 pm – St. Edward, Minneota  
Talk-Adoration with Prayer Teams & Confession-Reception

**First Sunday of Lent**  
“I establish My covenant with you.” If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, sister, or brother. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at the New Ulm Diocese 507-233-5302 or email: [vocations@dnv.org](mailto:vocations@dnv.org)

**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, February 21 – 6:15 to 7:30 pm Class Grades K-10**  
**Sunday, February 25-Following 10:00 a.m. Mass-Confirmation Candidate/Parent Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 28 – 6:15 to 7:30 pm Class Grades K-10**  
**Wednesday, March 6 – 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!

**CCW Events**

Reminder: Our next CCW meeting will be Saturday, March 9 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Mary’s Social Hall. We will start with the Rosary, short meeting and then guest speaker sharing the “Little Dresses for Africa” project. Please join us.

**CCW Deanery 1 Spring Gathering-**Tuesday, March 19, 2024  
Church of St. Mary-417 S. Minnesota Ave, New Ulm, MN  
Keynote Speaker: Gabrielle Cohrs Rohlik  
5:00 p.m.-Registration-5:30 p.m. Mass-6:15 p.m. Meal 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting and Speaker- Sign Up Sheets on Bulletin Boards



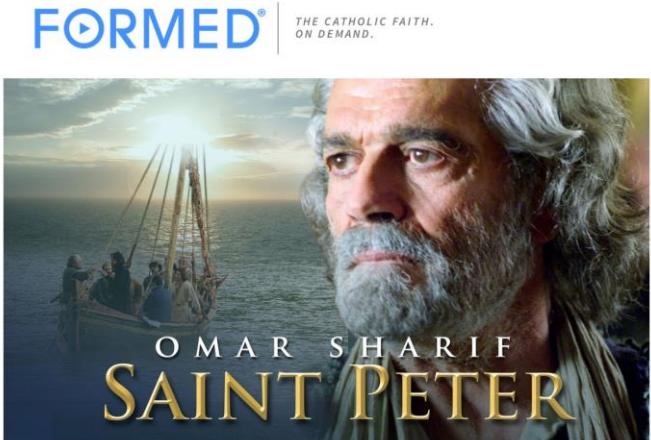
**First Choice Pregnancy**  
CCW wishes to say Thank you, to all who donated to the First Choice Pregnancy Collection. Thank you to Berth Woehler for organizing and taking the donations to New Ulm!

**Catholic Heart WorkCamp**



**Catholic Heart WorkCamp Gertens Fundraiser**  
Order online at: [www.gertensfundraising.com](http://www.gertensfundraising.com)  
Code: 343-February 12 – March 28!  
Plants arrive May 11<sup>th</sup>! Mother’s Day Weekend!  
If you have any questions or need help ordering, contact:  
Pam Uhlenkamp 507-351-0463 or [pkuhlenkamp@gmail.com](mailto:pkuhlenkamp@gmail.com)  
Please note when ordering online, you should receive an email verification of your order. If you do not, please contact Pam.

Weekly Collection/Budget Totals 2/11/2024				
	Current Collection		Current YTD	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
St. Mary	\$ 1,156	\$1,800	\$ 70,515	\$ 57,797
St. Michael	\$ 1415	\$ 1,310	\$ 40,380	\$ 43,230



**Saint Peter**

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.

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**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**



**The life of the Holy Family** at Nazareth is sketched for us in the fifth Joyful mystery. The entire family goes up to Jerusalem to offer the prescribed sacrifice. There Joseph and Mary lose the child and return to Jerusalem in deep sorrow searching for Him. Eventually, they find Him in the Temple, and Jesus becomes subject to them. The life of the Holy Family is characterized by zeal for religion and prayer, and by the love that binds it together.



We are in need of volunteers to lead the rosary once a month prior to Sunday Mass at St. Mary’s or to be on the sub list to be contacted as needed. Please contact Mary if you can help at 612-275-7782



**Liturgical Ministers for February 25, 2024**  
**St. Michael, Gaylord Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Lector:** Deb Dolan **Servers:** William, Lucas, Quentin Schulte **Gifts:** Andy Aranda, Dennis Neisen  
**Ushers:** Andy Aranda, Dennis Neisen  
**St. Mary, Arlington, Sunday 10:00 a.m. Lector:** Jane Steinborn **Servers:** Ben & Peter Koralewski, Alex Thomes **Gifts:** Tim & Jane Kloeckl  
**Ushers:** Tim & Jane Kloeckl  
**Stations of the Cross**  
**St. Mary, Arlington, Friday, February 23, 6:00 p.m. Servers:** Ben & Peter Koralewski,  
**St. Mary Sunday, February 25, 1:15 p.m. Servers:** Jack, Will & Ellie Feterl  
**St. Michael Sunday, February 25, 2:00 p.m. Servers:** Isaac, Reid & Evan Donnay

If you would like a Poinsettia, they are in the hallway by the kitchen at St. Mary’s. Please help yourself.

Everything is going to be okay in the end. If it’s not okay, it’s not the end yet. God is still at work. Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, MN. The next English retreat will be held March 1-3, 2024, cost of the weekend is \$70.00. Go to [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) for more information and to register for retreats.

**Community Events:**  
**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 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fish Fry**-Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>-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  
St. Mary’s Church, Sleepy Eye, MN Sausage Dinner-Sunday, March 3, 2024 – 10:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the St. Mary’s School Cafeteria. The menu consists of country style sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, gravy, applesauce, ice cream, and beverages. The cost of the dinner is \$16.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children 6-12 and \$2.00 for preschoolers. Drive-Thru/Take-outs for adults only are available starting at 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

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# Corpus Christi

## Area Faith Community

First Sunday of Lent /Sunday, February 18, 2024

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  
**Formed Code:**  
55307

### Stations of the Cross

The praying of the Stations of the Cross is a powerful and spiritually enriching devotion. It helps us to enter into the concluding moments of the life of Christ when he suffered and died for our sins. These moments all of us enter into his humanity, but most profoundly his divinity as well as He prays to accomplish the will of his Father. As we walk the path of calvary and follow in his footsteps we know that our God is not just a supreme being, or some abstract power abiding remotely above the stars, but a God who has entered into the very messiness of human life. He is a God who beckons us into a relationship with Him in order that we can find salvation and become all that we were created to be.

The Stations help us enter into the most poignant and stirring events in the life of Jesus. We are called to reflect on His encounter with Pontius Pilot, that most pitiable of men who knew what was right but did not have the courage to do it. We can begin to experience the weight of the cross as we fall with him on that long road to calvary. The pain was intense, but he got up and went forward. We are called to reflect on that loving gaze between Mary, and her Son. Mary, who never abandoned her Son, was there to see him and weep over his pain and sorrow. They who were one since conception were not to be parted at this moment either. She had cared for him since birth and now she was to walk these final steps with him, no matter the cost. Pain and suffering elicit love, so it did with Veronica who came out of the crowd to wipe his face and relive some of his agony. Love has its reward. She was given an image of the suffering Lord on her towel. Her name reflects that reality. Veronica means (Vera) TRUE (Icon) IMAGE. Simon, the passerby was brought forward to help Jesus, to carry His cross. Jesus has so many surprising ways to enter our lives and call forth service and discipleship. As Jesus moves toward his final destiny, He encounters the women of Jerusalem. Were they curious onlookers or were they there to give him support? We may ask ourselves if we are mere onlookers at the Christ event or do we look at Jesus from the inside-truly believing that he has come from God and shares in the very divinity of the Father and the Holy spirit? Are we convinced that Jesus is more than a mere teacher or moral witness. He is the Son of God taking on sin to save us from sin. Jesus is stripped of his garments and nailed to a cross. How humiliating, the Son of God naked before all to save all. His love for us knows no bounds. We could do know better than to turn to Philippians 2:5-11. and reflect on those beautiful words of St. Paul that describe Jesus so perfectly. And finally, we see Jesus on the cross. He cries out to His Father, in trust and love and then forgives all when he proclaims, “they know not what they do”. He is the one who humbles himself. He gives us the picture of the perfect man and the one we are to follow. And he dies in humble obedience to the Father. His mother holds him, her dead son, when he was taken down from the cross. What a picture of love and dedication!! As his dead body was lowered into the tomb silence overcomes all. Death is never easy, it is a terrible reality occasioned by our sin, but He had committed no sin. It shows the depth of His love. Serenely he lies awaiting the dawn when he will rise, and all will be made new, and His light will overcome the darkness.

Stations will be prayed Fridays of Lent at 6:00 pm, at St. Mary’s and Sundays at 2:00 pm, at St. Michael’s.

Praised be Jesus Christ now and forever.

Msgr. Eugene Lozinski