

January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

Welcome to our Five Star Area Catholic Community



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St. Mary of Mount Carmel, Long Prairie

Tuesday, January 11

7:00 a.m. Mass † Diane Imdieke

Wednesday, January 12

8:30 a.m. Mass † Paula Discher & family

Thursday, January 13

8:30 a.m. Mass † Kary Mollner

Friday, January 14

8:30 a.m. Mass † Souls in Purgatory

10:30 a.m. Mass Nursing Home

Saturday, January 15

5:00 a.m. Mass † Ray & Rona Timmer

Sunday, January 16

8:00 a.m. Mass † Rita Britz Toenies

10:00 a.m. Mass † Joan Pampy Wettstein

11:45 a.m. Mass Español For the People of Our Parish

St. Joseph, Grey Eagle & St. John's, Swanville

Monday, January 10

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJS** † Poor Souls

Tuesday, January 11

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJGE** † Lourdine Berscheit

Wednesday, January 12

5:30 a.m. Mass **SJS** † Intention of Fr. Ron

Thursday, January 13

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJGE** † Intention of Will Brown

Saturday, January 15

4:30 a.m. Mass **SJGE** † Harvey Roske

Sunday, January 16

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJS** For the People of Our Parishes

10:30 a.m. Mass **SJGE** Intention of Will Brown

St. Joseph, Clarissa & Christ the King, Browerville

Tuesday, January 11

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJC** † Albie Notch

Wednesday, January 12

11:00 a.m. Mass **CTK** † Aaron Frisch

Thursday, January 13

8:30 a.m. Mass **SJC** † Arlan & Bernadette King

10:30 CTCCC † Rosie Motl

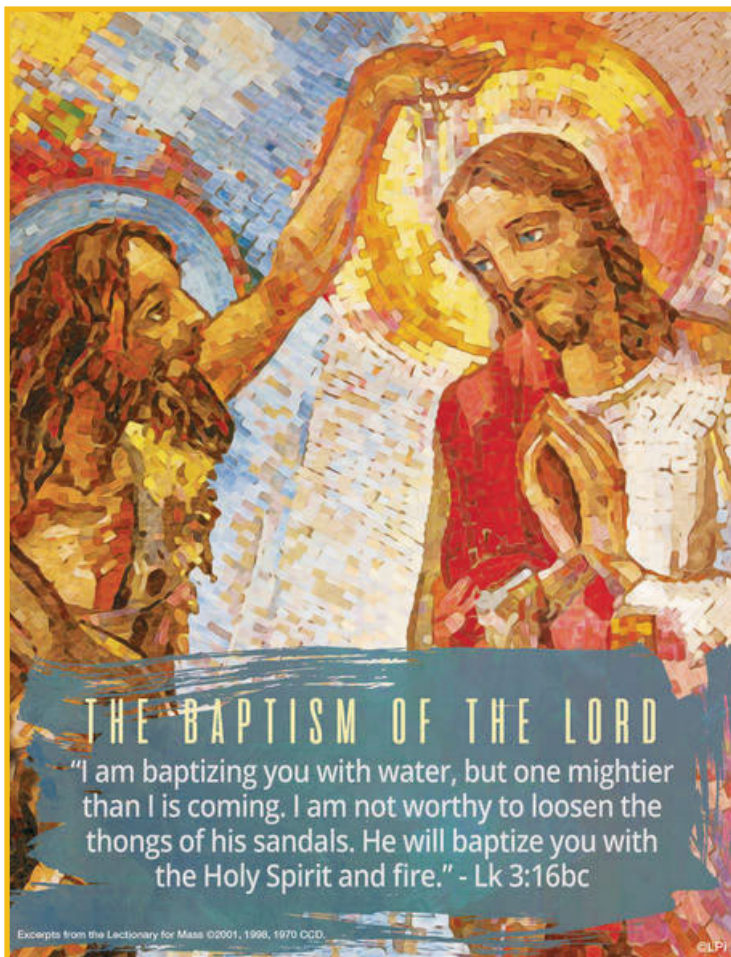
Friday, January 14

8:30 a.m. Mass **CTK** † Bill Christensen

Sunday, January 16

8:30 a.m. Mass **CTK** For the People of Our Parishes

10:30 a.m. Mass **SJC** † Dan Almquist



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

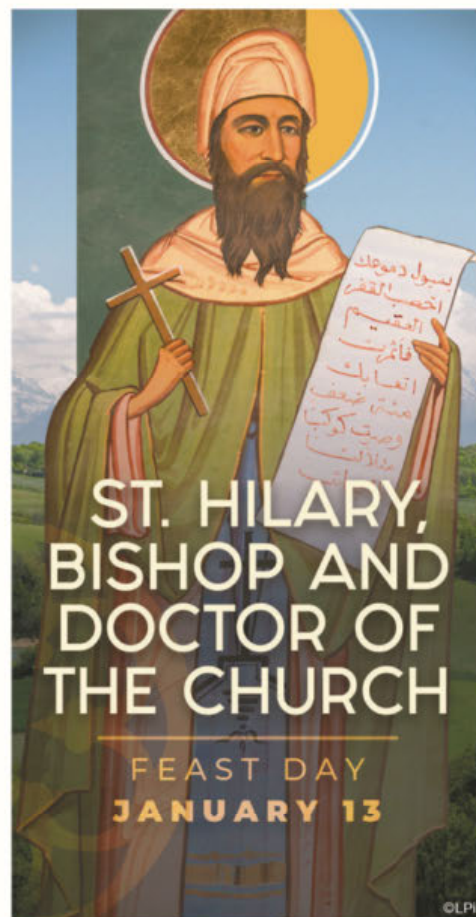
Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.



**Five Star Area Catholic Community
Browerville - Grey Eagle - Clarissa - Long Prairie - Swanville**

This could happen this year-

Every year brings changes and there is a change that could happen this year. As you know, the shortage of priests is a reality in our country. The St. Cloud Diocese is no exception. Every year the number of priests retiring is higher than the number being ordained into the priesthood.

Fr. Ron, Fr. Mitchell and I serve five parishes and two parochial schools through the Five Star Area Catholic Community. I am one of the few priests that have only one parish in the diocese. However, I know this luxury will come to an end. It is only a matter of time when Long Prairie will be cloistered with Browerville and Clarissa, or perhaps with Swanville and Grey Eagle. The priests in this area see the writing on the wall.

When the time comes for one of us to be transferred to another parish, or parishes; it will be very possible that, due to the scarcity of priests, our ACC will have only two priests. That means that St. Mary of Mount Carmel will lose masses, currently eight masses a week. The impact will be mostly felt on weekends because there will be three masses instead of four.

The point of sharing this information is to prepare you for the possible changes that may occur in our parish. No one wants to be surprised by a sudden change. That's why Fr. Ron, Fr. Mitchell and I must be ready to accept a new configuration of parishes, or a new assignment. Those changes will probably occur under the leadership of the new bishop, as we're still waiting for the Holy Father's announcement. Our hope is that you will be ready to accommodate and continue the valuable support you've been giving your parish all along.

Blessing, Fr. Omar

**Adoration of Blessed
Sacrament
and
Sacrament of
Reconciliation**



**Saint Joseph, Grey Eagle
Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 3:30 to 4:00 p.m.

**Saint John the Baptist,
Swanville**

To make an arrangement for Confession, please call Fr. Ron at 320-290-4902.

**Saint Mary of Mount Carmel,
Long Prairie**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation will be
in the Cry Room:**

Tuesday 6:30 a.m.

Thursday before & after 8:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is in the Chapel.

Christ the King, Browerville

**Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Confessions):**

Saturday – 8:30 a.m. to 9:20 a.m.

Sunday – 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.

By Appointment – Call Fr. Bechtold at 320-247-4907

**Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament:**

Wednesday – 9:50 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Saturday – 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
(w/ Confessions)

Saint Joseph, Clarissa

**Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament**

Thursday from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.



**St. Joseph Catholic Church
of Grey Eagle**
118 Minnesota St., PO Box 366
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Websites: www.stjosephgreyeagle.org

Parish Office: 320-285-2545 sjoseph@meltel.net
Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. & Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Secretary/Bookkeeper: Mary Woeste
Faith Formation Coordinator: Carissa Bitz
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OFFERING/ATTENDANCE:

December 25-26

Adults \$7,965.00; Loose \$1,343.00; and Flower Collection \$70.00.

Total: \$9,378.00

Attendance: Christmas Eve – 273; Christmas Day 116; Saturday – 57 and Sunday 96

January 1-2

Adults \$1,497.00; Solemnity of Mary \$403.00; Christmas \$1,180.00; and Loose \$495.27.

Total: \$3,575.27

Attendance: New Year's Eve – 62; Saturday – 89 and Sunday – 58

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, January 22nd – 4:30 PM

Ushers: Jim and Linda Gohman

Servers: Nathan Wolbeck and Kylie Kraska

EM's: Rosemary Berscheit, Nancy Ritter, Jim and Linda Gohman

Lector: Caroline Erickson

Sunday, January 23rd – 10:30 AM

Ushers: Dave Brinkman

Servers: Trey and Ruby Muellner

EM's: Rita Fischer, Kaye Johnson, Chuck and Brenda Sprenger

Lector: Danielle Simek

2022 CALENDAR—The 2022 calendars are here. Pick up in the entryway of the church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday, January 18th, in Grey Eagle.

MCCL

The Sauk Centre MCCL will be sponsoring a free bus to the Minnesota State Capitol on Saturday, January 22, 2022, to the March for Life. The bus will pickup at Walmart in Sauk Centre at 9:15 a.m.; St. Mary's Church in Melrose at 9:35 a.m. and Charlie's Café in Freeport at 10:00 a.m. We may be meeting with our area senator and representatives after the rally. To reserve a seat on the bus, call Mary at 320-250-9904, or JoAnne, at 320-429-0074. Please dress warm and bring a bag lunch.

FAITH FORMATION

January 5 – No Class, Christmas Break

January 12 - Class

January 19 – Class and Student-Led Prayer Service, Led by 6th graders (for grades 1-11, parents and parishioners)

January 26 – No Class, First Reconciliation Retreat – 2nd graders and their parents only, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

February 2 – Class

February 9 - Class and Student-Led Prayer Service, led by 3rd, 4th & 5th graders (for grades 1-11, parents and parishioners)

February 16 – Class

February 23 - No Class, First Communion Retreat - 2nd graders and their parents only, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new? When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers, and this is symbolized by the white garment.
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**Church of St. John the Baptist
of Swanville**

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Hours Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper: Val Sobania

Faith Formation : Marge Mettler 320-547-2513

JANUARY MINISTRIES

Ushers: Bob Koetter & Dean Doroff

Lector: Ann Peterson

EM'S: Ann Peterson & Marge Mettler

COLLECTION DECEMBER 24th, 25th, 26th, 2021

Adults: \$1,803 Plate: \$680 Funeral Lunch: \$20

Christmas Envelopes: \$5,550 Christmas Plate: \$837

Christmas Flowers: \$25 Catholic United Financial: \$500

TOTAL: \$ 9,415

FAITH FORMATION

Marge Mettler Coordinator 320-547-2513

Wednesday, January 12th regular classes at 6:30 p.m.

YOUTH RALLY

St. Cloud Diocese has a youth rally for students in grades six through twelve at Cathedral High School in St. Cloud on Saturday, January 30th. Register by January 20th to avoid late fees. There is no cost to our students as the youth group will pay for this. Marge will get you more information shortly.

BOARD MEETING

There is no board meeting on Monday, January 10th.

"Word Among Us" Booklets for January are on the table in the entrance.

ENVELOPES 2022

Envelopes for 2022 are on the table in the entrance. PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON YOUR ENVELOPE THE FIRST FEW TIMES as the numbers have changed. If you did not find your box of envelopes, please call the office at 547-2920 and Val will get a box to you. Thanks for your support for your church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus will meet Tuesday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m. in Grey Eagle.

AUCTION/DINNER FEBRUARY 25, 2022

The list of items for the auction is needed by February 4th. Al W. needs to get the auction bill ready to print so it can be distributed February 11th. Please call as soon as you know what you plan to donate, even if the project is not finished yet. This allows time to organize for the program. Thank you!

SENIOR LIVING APARTMENTS

NOTICE: Individuals 62 and older and those with disabilities might want to check into the Senior Living Apartments in Swanville. They are offering free rent for one month for a limited time. For more information, please call 320-468-6451 or e-mail avankeuren@horizonhealthservices.com

A FEW THINGS TO PONDER

Vision without action is only a dream. Action without vision can be a waste of time. Vision with action can make a big change in our world.

There is no greater satisfaction and fulfillment than to make a difference in another person's life.

Every gift that is given to you is meant to be shared with others. Sort of the "pass it on idea". Are you using your gifts and sharing them with others?





**Christ the King Catholic Church
of Browerville**

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320-594-6114 website: christthekingschool.org

Prayer Chain Line: Karen Benning 320-760-0476

Kathy Lucas 320-594-6202

Baptism preparation classes are the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. and the 4th Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Bulletin deadline for CTK is Tuesday noon.

Mass Counts: January 1st-72 and January 2nd-174

Stewardship

Dec. 24, 25, 26		Candles	46.00
Loose	171.00	Christmas	15,228.85
Adult	5,509.00	Decorations	58.00
Child	8.00	Imm. Concep.	21.00
Total Regular	5,688.00	Fall Collection	300.00
New Years	45.00	Catholic Mag.	30.00

January 2		Candles	40.00
Loose	280.17	Stevens Ministry	500.00
Adult	9,087.00	Decorations	2.00
Child	12.00	Fuel	190.00
Total Regular	9,379.17	Fall Collection	100.00
New Years	855.00	Christmas	635.00
		Decorations	2.00



Eternal rest grant to **Pam Bryniarski Loesch** whose funeral was held last week.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

CTK Parish News

Church decorations will be taken down on Monday, January 10th, beginning at 1 p.m. Please come and help if you are able.

Christ the King School Parish Board of Education meeting is Wednesday, January 12.

The Knights of Columbus meeting is Sunday, January 16th, after Mass.

Coffee and rolls will be served after Mass next Sunday, January 16th.

Looking ahead – The KC’s will sponsor a Pro-Life Breakfast on Sunday, January 23rd. The date was incorrect in last week’s bulletin.

Liturgical Ministers for January 16

Rosary: Maryann Woeste and Eva Buhl

Lector: Daryl Brever

Servers: Joseph Tynio and Asher Cebulla

Ushers for January: Mike Iten, Roy Perish, Jim May, Joe Buhl

Church Cleaning: Dean & Amy Grabinger, Carmen Grinstead family, Sheri Gritz

Christ the King Catholic School

Catholic School’s Week - Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2022 is January 30 – February 5. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2022 is “**Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.**” Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, and other activities for students, and families. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation.

Save the Date: Catholic School’s Week Breakfast will be held after Mass on Sunday, February 6th.

Thank you to all who purchased Scrip Gift Cards during the Christmas season. CTK School made approximately \$575 from this fundraiser. Gift cards are available all year-long for purchase.



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Prayer Chain Line: Kathy VanHeel 218-756-2215
Rita Walker 218-738-5781

Collection	12/24/2021 to	1/2/2022	
Adult	\$2062.00	Christmas	\$1850.00
Loose	\$646.58	Votive Candles	\$29.00
TOTAL	\$2708.58	Flow ers	\$15.00
		Parish Life	\$300.00
Immac Con	\$45.00	All Saints	\$20.00
Religious Ret	\$15.00		
Mass Count			

**Ministry Schedule
Sunday, January 16th**

Sacristan: Kathy VanHeel **EM:** Russ VanHeel
Lector: Shari Striet
Ushers: Dave Streit, Trey Lancaster

ENVELOPES: Envelopes for 2022 are coming late. Please use a plain envelope with your name and number on it. You can also use an old envelope if you change the date. Thank you.

PICTURE DIRECTORY: If anyone is having trouble receiving your pictures for the directory, please call the office.

2022 Calendars will be coming in early January.

Christmas decorations will be taken down after Mass today January 9th. Please stay and help if possible.

January Potluck will be held on January 16th after Mass.

St Mary's Mission will meet on January 19th at 9:00 a.m.

Faith Formation classes will resume on January 12th.

WE wish to THANK everyone for the prayers, love and concern shown us by you good people in the recent loss of two of our sons. It is greatly appreciated. God Bless you all. Ed and Doris Pachan and family.

I Hope I Am Like Him. "Who is this Christ? Is he like you?"

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



St. Mary of Mount Carmel Catholic Church Of Long Prairie

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Prayer Line: Mary Kay Eifert 320-732-3341

Adoration Chapel: Mary Marcoullier 320-732-6289

Stewardship	December	24th & 25	
Adult	\$1065.00	Solemnity	\$20.00
Christmas	\$9801.00	Youth	\$129.50
Immac. Concep.	\$75.00		
TOTAL	\$11090.50		

Stewardship	December 26		
Adult	\$7245.00	Maintenance	\$10.00
Loose	\$789.00	Youth	\$77.38
Votives	\$162.25	Christmas	\$1440.00
Various Holy Days	\$35.00	Bishop Appeal	\$20.00
EFT's	418.00	Rel. Retire	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$10176.63		

Stewardship	January 1st		
Adult	\$20.00	Maintenance	\$50.00
Solemnity	\$690.00	Christmas	\$300.00
Solemnity Loose	\$468.00	Immac Concept	\$40.00
	\$1627.00	Sponsor a Child	\$50.00

Stewardship	January 2nd		
Adult	\$4594.00	Maintenance	\$15.00
Loose	\$945.10	Votives	\$56.00
Youth	\$31.74	Christmas	\$2035.00
Solemnity Mary	\$520.00	Sponsor Child	\$285.00
TOTAL	\$10439.84	EFT's	\$1958.00

The Council of Catholic United Financial will meet today January 9th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. All members are welcome to join. A member of the Engagement Dept of CUF is planning to attend.



Congratulations to Jose Ramos and Paola de los Santos Ortiz in

celebrating their son Gael Jose's Baptism with our

Our parish community shares in your joy and is privileged in welcoming Gael to our Catholic Church Family.

Grieving with Grace meets Thursday, January 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

St. Mary's of Mount Carmel Catholic Church is seeking to add an experienced, part-time parish secretary. The parish secretary serves as the secretary of the parish under the guidance of the Pastor. The parish secretary is responsible for the daily operation of the parish office, is the liaison between parishioners and staff while providing a welcome environment. The parish secretary will also be responsible for relieving the pastoral staff of clerical work and minor administrative duties.

Beverly Geraets will continue as bookkeeper and co-editor of the ACC Bulletin.

Please contact Fr. Omar with any questions and a resume can be given to Fr. Omar.



The KC's will host a Pro-Life Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 16th from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the Parish Hall.

Come and enjoy pancakes and sausage along with good conversation and fellowship.

Free will donation—everyone welcome!



Rest in God's Peace

Eternal rest grant to Victor "Bud" Koska whose funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday, January 15th at 11:00 a.m.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Catholic United Financial Raffle: After many years' absence, this awesome fundraiser is returning to St. Mary's! School families and CUF Members will be selling \$5 raffle tickets from January 14 to February 27. 100% of the ticket sales remain with the school and our goal is to raise \$14,000. More information to come on all the great raffle prizes!

School Dates to Remember: End of 2nd Quarter: Jan. 14; No School Jan. 17 and 18; Catholic Schools' Week: Jan. 30 to Feb. 5; Recommitment/Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus: February 2.

Montessori Program: If you would like to find out more about Montessori Education and the developing program at the school, please contact Linda to set up a time to visit. We can also make time to tour a classroom or visit with one of our certified teachers.

First Communion parents: It's time to sign up for a First Confession time for your child for Saturday, January 29. Contact Jenna Miller, Sacramental Coordinator, with your choice of 8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. that day, via email at jmiller@stmaryslp.org or text/call at 218-296-3989. To ensure even numbers at both confession times, signups will be first-come, first-served.

First Communion parents: Plan to attend the First Confession Retreat on Saturday, January 22, 1:30-4:00 p.m. beginning in the parish hall. At least one parent should attend with your child.

All students grades 6-12 are invited to the 2022 Diocesan Youth Rally, held on Sunday, January 30, from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. We will leave from Long Prairie at 7:40 a.m. for Cathedral High School in St. Cloud. You must register with Amanda Hinson to claim your spot before January 19! Cost is paid for, t-shirts extra. Contact Amanda Hinson for a form and more details. A parent-student meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on January 19 to cover all questions and forms.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE **Saturday, January 15, 5:00 p.m. Mass: Sacristan:** Jean Graves **EM's:** Jean Graves, Mary Jo Klick, Mary Pelzer **Server:** Jada Stocco **Lector:** Brenda Gugglberger **Greeter:** Hattie Toenyan
Music: Miller Family

Sunday, January 16, 8:00 a.m. Mass: Sacristan: Mary Zastrow **EM's:** Gloria Roelike, Tom Roelike, Mary Zastrow **Server:** Brennan Murtha **Lector:** Peter Jager **Greeters:** Not filled **Music:** Ave Maria

Sunday, January 16, 10:00 a.m. Mass: Sacristan: Darcy Pesta **EM's:** Mike Ambrosius, Joe Pesta, **Servers:** Jorge Garcia Chavez, Luis Garcia Chavez **Lector:** Linda Kielty **Greeters:** Tom Roelike, Gloria Roelike, Alice Siegle **Music:** Steve Hinson

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Stewardship as a Way of Life: *"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming ... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit'" (Luke 3:16).*

The Catechism states that *"Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will."* In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus — the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Have you read The Central Minnesota Catholic magazine? Do you follow the Diocese of St. Cloud on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter or Instagram? Have you visited the diocesan website for resources? All of these communication tools inform us of the latest Catholic news and are supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Keep the news coming by contributing at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

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Prayer

God, I want to make you and my parents happy.

Mission for the Week

Find out what makes God happy. As a family, read John 15:9-12.

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Five Star Area Catholic Community News

Vespers for Life - Sunday, January 16, 2022

Church of St. Anthony 2405 North 1st Ave St. Cloud

3:30 p.m. Rosary and 4:00 p.m. Vespers

Bishop Kettler will preside at the Vespers service The service includes music, prayer, Scripture and reflection for the over 63 million children who have been aborted since 1973. Monetary donations accepted to Mother Mary's Fund to assist crisis pregnancy centers in the Diocese of St Cloud.

SAVE THE DATE:
Saturday, February 26, 2022
 10 AM - 4 PM

Five Star Area Catholic Community
Family Retreat:
Holiness in the Home
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