May 11, 2025 4th Sunday of Easter

Welcome to Our Five Star Area Catholic Community

Christ the King of Browerville, St. John the Baptist of Swanville
St. Joseph of Clarissa, St. Joseph of Grey Eagle, St. Mary of Mount Carmel of Long Prairie

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ACC Sacrament of Reconciliation

Christ the King, Browerville
Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Saint Joseph, Clarissa
Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Saint Joseph, Grey Eagle
Saturday 3:45 p.m. until Mass

Saint John the Baptist, Swanville
Thursday, after 8:30 a.m. Mass

St. Mary of Mount Carmel, Long Prairie
Tuesday 6:00 p.m. until Mass
Saturday 4:20 p.m. until Mass
Friday 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Bilingual)

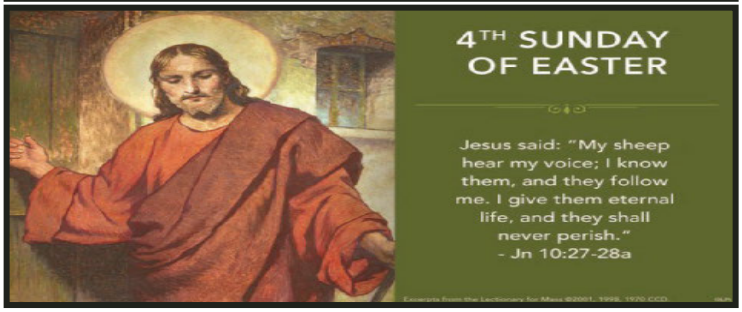
ACC Adoration

Christ the King, Browerville
Friday after 8:30 a.m. Mass

Saint Joseph, Clarissa
Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Saint Mary of Mount Carmel, Long Prairie
Adoration is in the Chapel

Friday 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
With Praise and Music in Spanish



ACC Mass Schedule

Monday, May 12
8:30 a.m. Mass **SJS, Swanville**
† Marilyn Cichon

Tuesday, May 13
7:00 p.m. Mass **SMMC, Long Prairie**
† Tony Becker

Wednesday, May 14
8:30 a.m. Mass **SMMC, Long Prairie**
† Arnold Bruder
10:45 a.m. Mass **CTK, Browerville**
† Dick Becker
(CTK Mass will change to 8:30 a.m. starting May 21st)

Thursday, May 15
8:30 a.m. Mass **SJC, Clarissa**
† Rita Wehking
8:30 a.m. Mass **SJS, Swanville**
† Richard Gessell
10:30 a.m. Mass **CTCCC Nursing Home, Clarissa**
† Ed Polak

Friday, May 16
8:30 a.m. Mass **CTK, Browerville**
† Doug Sadlo
8:30 a.m. Mass **SJGE, Grey Eagle**
† Roman and Martha Vos and family
10:30 a.m. Mass **Nursing Home, Long Prairie**
† Bob, Elaine, and Dennis Sabart

Saturday, May 17
10:00 a.m. Mass **St. Isidore's, Moran**
† Fred and Dorothy Becker
4:30 p.m. Mass **SJGE, Grey Eagle**
† Marvin Wolbeck
5:00 p.m. Mass **SMMC, Long Prairie**
† John Jason Pesta

Sunday, May 18
8:00 a.m. Mass **SJS, Swanville**
† Robbie Reith
8:30 a.m. Mass **CTK, Browerville**
For the People of Our Parishes
10:00 a.m. Mass **SMMC, Long Prairie**
† Dennis Rosenow
10:15 a.m. Mass **SJC, Clarissa**
† Bill Marquedant
11:45 a.m. Spanish Mass **SMMC, Long Prairie**
† Gabriel y Eliodora Montanez Morelos

Five Star Area Catholic Community News:

On the Love of Friendship:

Friendship is a major theme in the Gospels. Aristotle's definition of the deepest level of the love of friendship is "to will the good of another for the other's own sake, as another self." Loving "the other" (your neighbor) as you love yourself is something Jesus commanded us to do; it's even in the Old Testament. A perfect example of this extension of love for another as someone loves themselves is shown in the deference Jesus continuously shows to doing the will of God His Father throughout the Gospels. And, in the Gospel this weekend, we get to hear Jesus declare that He and the Father are one. As Jesus aligned His will to that of God the Father, so can we. It is helpful to surround yourself with others who do the same; one of the beautiful benefits of Christian friendship is having others who accompany you and keep you steady on the road to Heaven.

Distinctively Christian friendship recognizes that we, human beings, have been made in the image and likeness of our Creator. The more we follow and obey this commandment to imitate divine love, the more fully we become our true selves. Therefore, it is essential that we love Christ or love the image of Christ in our neighbor. Mother Teresa is possibly the most famous witness to this kind of loving. That frail little woman wandered the streets seeking the poorest of the poor who were forsaken. She loved them as she loves Christ Himself and saw His reflection in their tormented faces.

You might say, Seriously, Fr. Gabriel, could we set the bar any higher? Are you saying I'm supposed to be Mother Teresa? Of course not! You might never go to India to scoop up dying men from the reeking slimy-mud of the slums. Mother Teresa was only remarkable to the extent that she loved those suffering people with the same love with which she was first loved by Her Lord. Having experienced that love from Christ, she turned and extended it you might say, returned it to the image of Christ suffering in the street. Remember that Jesus also said, "What you do to the least of these little ones, you do to Me!"

Friends, keep your eyes fixed on Jesus Christ and your hearts set on Heaven, *that in all things God may be glorified*, and that you may truly know the love, joy, and peace which come from Him alone.

Fr. Gabriel

Passport to the Five Star ACC Parishes 2025: The Passport program began on May 1. Additional Passport program booklets are located in the back of the church if you did not get one. Join us this coming weekend at St. Isidore's! Mass will be held for the fest of **St. Isidore, the Farmer, on Saturday May 17, at 10:00 a.m**. with an ACC picnic to follow. Use your Google Maps and search for "St. Isidore Church." The church is located north of Browerville in the country. **Bring your tractors and your seeds to be blessed!** Watch for all the ACC events as well that will be happening over the summer where you can earn more stickers! Call St. Mary's Parish Office with any questions, 320-732-2635.

NW Deanery CCW: All are welcome to attend a retreat and lunch at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Grey Eagle Wednesday, May 14 with the theme 'Angels Among Us'. Registration begins at 2:00 p.m., presentation by Julia Stich at 2:30 p.m., followed by the rosary and St. Isidore Novena and concluding with lunch. Register by May 7 by calling or texting Joy Stich at 320-333-3303 or secretary.nw.ccw@gmail.com. $10 payable at time of registration.

ACC Calendar of Events:
Thursday, May 1-August 17 ACC: Passport to the Five Star ACC Parishes
Sunday, May 18 SJC: Pulled pork luncheon and cash raffle, parish hall
Sunday, May 25 SJGE: Grey Eagle/Swanville KC Breakfast, 8:30 - 12:30 p.m. at Grey Eagle, free will offering
Friday, June 13 SJGE: Dinner/Auction, Shattuck's Hub Supper Club
Friday, June 20 SMMC: Holes to Heaven Golf Scramble, Long Prairie Country Club, St. Mary's School Fundraiser

Readings for the week of May 11, 2025

Sunday:
Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/ Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Monday:
Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday:
Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday:
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/ Jn 15:9-17

Thursday:
Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/ Jn 13:16-20

Friday:
Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday:
Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday:
Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



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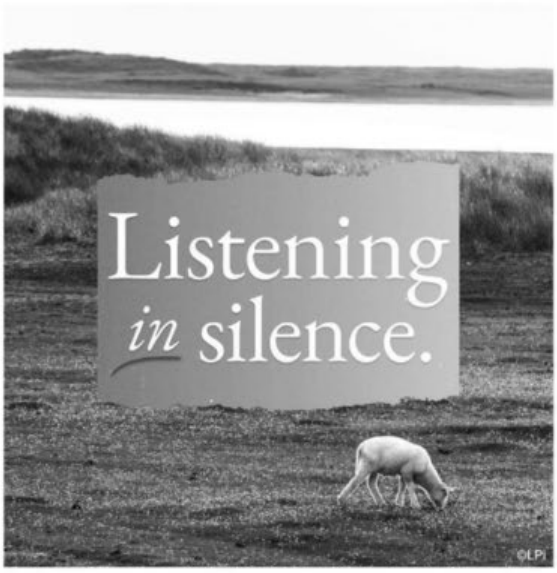

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few years back, I felt as if I couldn't hear God's voice the way I used to. The words in the Bible seemed like cold ink on a page. Prayer felt like sitting anxiously in a lonely room. I was worried — how could I, a priest, preach or help others if I couldn't hear God's voice? It went on for months.

Then a friend encouraged me to go on a retreat and spend as much time as possible in silence. After a day or two of quiet prayer, I noticed gentle but clear thoughts of repentance in two specific areas of my life. I asked God for the grace to change, and I went to confession. Suddenly, the divine silence that haunted me was filled with a sense of God's closeness and goodness. I realized, gratefully, that God had been speaking to me in the quiet voice of my conscience.

This week we hear Jesus say, **"My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me" (John 10:27)**. Jesus links the hearing of his voice to following him. He speaks to us in our conscience in an intimate, personal way, when we most need to hear him. When you feel deaf to God's voice, perhaps it is time to listen in silence for His voice in your conscience calling you to hear and follow the Good Shepherd of your soul.

— Father John Muir



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Faith Formation Coordinator: Carissa Bitz
GreyEagleFF@fivestaracc.org
Blessed Mother Prayer Line:
Dorothy Blommel 285-2692 or Geri Allen 285-5731

Offering: Saturday, April 26, 2025

Adult $1,690.00; Youth $132.00; Loose $345.00; Easter flowers $$45.00; Tanzania collection $985.00; Holy Land $25.00; Catholic Relief Services $20.00; Rice Bowl $127.26; Home Missions $30.00; Youth Minister $25,000.00

Total: $28,919.26

Attendance: Saturday 289

Liturgical Ministers
Saturday, May 17 @ 4:30 p.m.
Lector: Denise Berscheit
Server: Eddison Bitz
EM's: Stan Mensen, Cindy Mensen, Denise Berscheit, Carissa Bitz, Sarah Louden, Natalie Prasch;
Choir – Marc Brinkman
Ushers: Roger Roske, Kathy Roske

Urgently Needed: We need more people willing to be liturgical ministers since beginning in May communion will be offered under both forms. Also beginning Sunday, May 25, 2025, Father Dockendorf will be celebrating Sunday Mass at 8:30 a.m. throughout the summer months.

Funeral Fund: The funeral fund letter was sent out a while back with your contribution statement; if you did not receive it and would like to donate to the funeral fund, please do so as soon as possible. If you are unsure if you have already donated, please contact the parish office or Kathy Roske at 320-429-1171.

Grey Eagle/Burtrum Lions Blood Drive: The American Red Cross will have a blood drive on Friday, May 30, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church in the parish hall. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Grey Eagle to schedule an appointment.

Knights of Columbus: The Grey Eagle/Swanville Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast on Sunday, May 25th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in in the St. Joseph Parish Hall. Free will donation. The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, homemade donuts, and beverages. All proceeds will help fund local Knights of Columbus charitable activities.

Annual Dinner/Auction: This year's dinner/auction will be held on Friday, June 13, 2025, at the Hub Supper Club. Hope to see you there. Please bring your auction items into the church as soon as possible. We plan to have them on display the weekend of June 7-8, 2025. Also, be sure to include your name with the item that you have donated so that you can be recognized.



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www.daughtersofmary-tabora.org

Sr. Magdalena Chubwa





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Website: www.stjohnschurchswanville.org

Parish Office: 320.547.2920
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Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper: Val Sobania
320.547.2920 Swanville@fivestaracc.org
Faith Formation: Marge Mettler 320.547.2513
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Confessions for St. John the Baptist are on Thursdays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Mass Intentions
Monday, May 12 @ 8:30 a.m.
† Marilyn Cichon
Thursday, May 15 @ 8:30 a.m.
† Richard Gessell
Sunday, May 18 @ 8:00 a.m.
† Robbie Reith

Ministries for May
Ushers: Vern Wessel, Marcia Wentworth
Lector: Joan Gessell
EM's: Marge Mettler, Val Sobania, Peggy Dragseth
Servers: for May 18 and May 25:
Emilee Toney, Landon Notch,
Tanner Koetter or Isaac Gapinski
Sacristan and close for May: Joan Gessell

The Knights of Columbus will meet in Grey Eagle at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20th.

Please consider a nice donation to the **Bishop's Annual Appeal collection**. You have envelopes in your box or you can make a notation at the bottom of your check that it is for the Bishop's Appeal. You can go to their website, "Voices of Hope: Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025," to find out the many things this supports. Thank you!



Faith Formation
Marge Mettler-Coordinator 320-547-2513
On May 18 we will have a Mass for our 2025 Graduates. More to follow about that.

Also, we are planning to have Summer Vacation Bible school from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. on July 28, 29, 30, 31. We hope to see many of you coming for learning and fun. Please note that registration forms will have to be filled out. These forms will be available soon.



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Today is Mother's Day: This is a very special day for mothers. Please let your mom know how much she means to you and thank her for all she does for you.



God our heavenly Father,
You give to each the ability to share your generative love. Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love and bring forth life through their willingness to risk bringing new life into this world. Help us to show them our gratitude for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love. May our life-giving God continue to bless them and show them his unfailing love. We ask this through Jesus, God's Son and our brother.
Amen.



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Prayer Chain Line: Karen Benning 320.760.0476
Kathy Lucas 320.594.6202

Are you going through a Difficult Time? Contact a Stephen Ministries Leader: Shari Streit: 320-291-6428, Karen Asfeld: 218-371-9193, or John Dorn 320-594-6380.

We want to wish Chris Petron the very best as she has moved on from Christ the King Parish. We thank Chris for her years of service.

Thank You!

April 27 Mass Count: 230

Stewardship

Stewardship	4/27/25	Votive Candles	$27.00
Adult	$2,689.02	CRS	$20.00
Loose	Missions	Home Mission	$85.00
Child	$131.00	Ham dinner	$75.00
Total Reg.	**$2,820.00**	Easter	$20.00
		Easter decor	$50.00

Liturgical Ministers

Liturgical Ministers for May 18
Rosary Leaders: Terry Boone, Lorna Boone
Servers: Logan Brown, Mason Brown
Lector: Bob Schueller
E.M.: Doug Johnson, Patti Johnson, Cathy Walburn, John Walburn, Tim Duncan
May Ushers: Bob Geraets, Roger Irsfeld, Denis Irsfeld, Nic Becker
Church Cleaning: Kevin and Kathryn Kremers, Samantha Kruse, Lyle and Mary Kruzel

Christ the King Parish News

Mass at St. Isidore's, Moran will be held Saturday, May 17th at 10:00 a.m. A potluck luncheon will follow. There will also be a blessing of seeds and tractors. Come and add to your passport book.

KC Rosary will be held tonight at the Dreher Cross (east #14) at 6:30 p.m.

Thank you for supporting Sister Theresia's mission. Over $1,600.00 was collected for her mission.

Homebound Ministries: Please call the parish office if you are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion. This could be short term or long term.

Faith Formation: Baptism preparation is done by Beverly Geraets for the parishes of Christ the King, Browerville and St. Joseph, Clarissa: Parents are welcome to register by contacting Beverly at 320-237-0364 or emailing her at Beverlyg.ctkff@fivestaracc.org.



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Sister Theresia Hhayuma

Christ the King Catholic School News

CTK School graduation: The Graduation Mass for our 6th grade class will be this Wednesday, May 14th at 10:45 a.m. We send our prayers and God's blessing to Alex Baron, Luke Becker, Chase Crosby, Melissa Ondracek, Jase Prather, Jasmine Saunders and Olivia Thielen Loch.

Thank you to those who supported our garage/bake sale. Our school is grateful for the support of our parish and community through our fundraisers. God bless each of you.

CTK School Open House will be held on Thursday, May 15th from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Come and check out our little school with the big heart.

Last Day of School is Wednesday, May 21st. Students will be released at 11:15 a.m.



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Stewardship	04/27/25	Rel Ed	$125.00
Adult	$1,217.00	Votive Candles	$12.00
Loose	$85.00	Easter	$145.00
TOTAL	**$1,587.00**	Cath Home Mis.	$375.00
Mass Count	187	Good Friday	$70.00

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Are you going through a Difficult Time? If you have experienced the death of a loved one, miscarriage, divorce, job loss, etc., you don't need to face it alone. Contact a Stephen Ministries Leader: Shari Streit: 320-291-6428, Karen Asfeld: 218-371-9193, or John Dorn: 320-594-6380.

Ministry Schedule for May 18th at 10:15 a.m.:
Sacristan: Leann Olson
EM: Russ VanHeel
Lector: Judy Hinzmann
Ushers: Thad Olson, Leann Olson

Baptism Preparation by Beverly Geraets for the parishes of Christ the King, Browerville and St. Joseph, Clarissa. Parents are welcome to register by contacting Beverly Geraets via phone at 320.237.0364 or by email at Beverlyg.ctkff@fivestaracc.org.

UPC Labels: Please save UPC labels for Our Family Foods for our Faith Formation program. Also save Our Family Foods cash register receipts for Sacred Heart School in Staples. Drop labels in the container by the steps.

Raffle Tickets are up and running. Parish families, if you have not already picked up your tickets to sell, please pick them up in the main entrance of the church. There are great cash prizes just waiting for you or your friends and family to win. Our goal is to sell all 250 tickets, with your dedication and hard work we can make this possible. Call the parish office at 218-756-2205 with any questions or to get more tickets. Please have your sold and unsold raffle tickets turned into the office by May 9. You can drop them off in the Sunday collection or in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 18th is the Big Day Please join us for a pulled pork luncheon and the announcing of the raffle winners on Sunday, May 18th. The meal will be from 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. The raffle will be drawn at 12:30 p.m. We hope to see you all there. Groups 1 and 3 will be hosting the luncheon.

Prayer for Mothers
Heavenly Father,
from the beginning you have chosen to entrust
the human person to mothers in a special way.
We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers;
for their tenderness, care, and compassion,
for their intuition and encouragement,
for commitment and sacrifice.
Bless all mothers this day.
Keep, strengthen, and refresh them
in your loving care.
May they be blessed by our open-hearted
love and gratitude.
Amen.



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Sister Theresia Hhayuma



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Prayer Line: Mary Kay Eifert 320.732.3341
Adoration Chapel: Mary Marcoullier 320.732.6289

Wedding Bans II
Jacob Hillmer and Alexis Biermaier will be married at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parish on May 31, 2025.

Help Wanted: The St. Mary's Cemetery Board is looking for someone who is willing to mow the grass at the cemetery. This would be approximately eight hours a week for the first part of the summer, and then less at the end of summer. They are also looking for a trimmer, which may be approximately 1.5 hours a week. If you are interested please contact Bob Clasemann, Amy Ebnet, or the Parish Office.

St. Mary's Cemetery: With Memorial Day coming soon, the Cemetery Board would like to call your attention to a few items concerning our cemetery. If you take flowers or decorations to the graves of your loved ones, use plastic and unbreakable containers. Glass containers can break and for the safety of those who do the lawn maintenance, we ask that you honor this request. Flowers/decorations must be in a permanent planter and attached to the gravestone. All other decorations must be removed by June 15th. Please contact the Parish Office at 320.732.2635 or by email at longprairie@fivestaracc.org with questions.

Stewardship	04/27/25	* To Diocese	
Adult	$4,875.00	Votive Candles	$103.00
Loose	$1,073.00	Easter	$1,640.00
Youth	$182.48	Sponsor a Child	$1,000.00
EFT's	$605.00	Catholic Mag*	$40.00
TOTAL	**$9,478.48**	Home Mission*	$303.00



April Average Mass Count	
Saturday @ 5:00 p.m.	212
Sunday @ 10:00 a.m.	302
Sunday Hispanic Mass @ 11:45 a.m.	315
Holy Thursday	Not counted
Good Friday	171
Easter Vigil	275



Congratulations to Jose and Mary Jimenez in celebrating their daughter, Lucia Magdalene's Baptism with our parish community. Our parish community shares in your joy and is privileged in welcoming Lucia to our Catholic church family.

St. Mary's School News: Holes to Heaven Golf Scramble Friday, June 20 Are you interested in putting together a team of four golfers to have some fun while supporting the school? Or maybe you or your business would consider a hole sponsorship? Call the school with questions, to sign up a team, or to sponsor a hole!

50 Blessings Raffle Sold Out! Thank you to those who sold and purchased tickets! We were able to sell all 1,000 tickets, which means the whole school is rewarded with an additional field trip in Alexandria. PK-2 will enjoy a day at Shenanigans' Indoor Playground, and grades 3-6 will spend time at the YMCA. Thank you for your help in making this a success!

50 Blessings Top Winners: Gustavo Garcia $4,250; Sam Middendorf $3,250; Lance Smith $2,000; R-Way Trailers $1,000; Sierra Larson $500. The remaining 45 winners each received $200. Congratulations!

2025-2026 Enrollment is Open for grades 1 through 6. The preschool and kindergarten classes are full, and we have created a waitlist in case there is an opening.

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the First Communion program this year: Catechists for parents: Margarita Cervantes, Yesenia Lopez de Ibarra, Jenna Miller, and Zenaida Orozco; Catechists for students: Margarita Jimenez Vargas, Leonidas Miller, and Melissa Vetsch-Larson; Retreat help: the above and Cindy Fussy (St. Mary's 2nd grade teacher); Guest speaker: Deacon Jim; Meetings with families: Deacon Jim and Bonnie Schulzetenberg, Margarita Jimenez Vargas, and Jenna Miller; classroom assistants: Addisyn Larson and Gloria Miller; donations of homemade cookies: Lorraine Rayhorn; translation and additional help: Norma Orozco and Rocio Ramirez; bilingual assistant: Margarita Jimenez Vargas. Thanks to the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus who provided an Honor Guard during the Masses on May 4. Muchas gracias also to Father Joe and Father Gabriel. Thank you also to parish groups who contributed gifts for the students: Knights of Columbus (especially Tom Roelike) and the Council of Christian Women.

We will have a May Crowning, including First Communion students: weekend Masses, May 10-11. Thank you to Jessica Zinter for organizing and leading the effort and to Jose Cisneros for leading the children in song at the Spanish Mass.

Our Baccalaureate Mass with a blessing of the graduates and reception to follow is Sunday, May 18 at both the 10 a.m. (English) and 11:45 a.m. (Spanish) Masses. Please send any grad photos or last-minute attendance numbers to Jenna Miller, DRE, via text or email.

St. Mary's is excited to host 2025 Totus Tuus for the Five Star ACC, July 12-18. Totus Tuus is a week-long program, led by seminarians and other young adults of our diocese, combining our Catholic faith and fun activities for students going into grades 1-12 next year. All area young people are welcome! Registration forms are now available online, at the back of the church, or from your DRE.

We still need financial support for this year's Totus Tuus of about $1500. Offering the program free for the past two years (due to generous donations) has greatly encouraged youth participation! Please contact Jenna Miller, DRE, if you are able to help with a donation of any size.



May Ushers
5:00 p.m. Mass Saturday: Sandy Bleess, Jerry Bleess
10:00 a.m. Mass Sunday: Mike Ambrosius, Cheryl Ambrosius, James Wielenberg

Saturday, May 17 @ 5:00 p.m. Mass Sacristan: Susan Shutter **EM's:** Al Lemke, Mary Pelzer, Susan Shutter **Lector:** Mark Buntjer **Servers**: Luke Buntjer, Braxten Trampusch **Greeters:** Hattie Toenyan, Janke Lemke, Al Lemke **Music:** Open

Sunday, May 18 @ 10:00 a.m. Mass Sacristan: Jenna Miller **EM's:** Tom Roelike, Gloria Roelike, Jenna Miller, Leonidas Miller, Dawn Richter, Doug Schmidt, Marcy Weber, Lorraine Rayhorn **Lector:** Mary Schmidt **Servers**: Gloria Miller, Lina Elmer, Emilianna Elmer, Alena Salazar **Greeters:** Tom Roelike, Gloria Roelike, Jay Abraham, Julie Abraham **Music:** Ave Maria

Sanctuary Cleaners Friday, May 16: Cheryl Ambrosius, Melissa Terwey **Care of Albs:** Mary Jo Klick
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Stewardship as a Way of Life "The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." (Acts 13:52) The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

Noticias de la Comunidad Católica del Área de Cinco Estrellas

Se busca personal: La Junta del Cementerio de Santa María busca a alguien dispuesto a cortar el césped del cementerio. Esto sería aproximadamente ocho horas a la semana durante la primera parte del verano y menos al final. También buscan una recortador, que pueda hacer de aproximadamente 1,5 horas a la semana. Si le interesa, comuníquese con Bob Clasemann, Amy Ebnet o la Oficina Parroquial.

Cementerio de Santa María: Con la proximidad del Día de los Caídos, la Junta del Cementerio desea llamar su atención sobre algunos puntos relacionados con nuestro cementerio. Si lleva flores o adornos a las tumbas de sus seres queridos, utilice recipientes de plástico irrompibles. Los recipientes de vidrio pueden romperse y, para la seguridad de quienes realizan el mantenimiento del césped, le pedimos que cumpla con esta solicitud. Las flores o adornos deben estar en una maceta permanente y fijados a la lápida. El resto de los adornos deben retirarse antes del 15 de junio. Comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial al 320.732.2635 o por correo electrónico a longprairie@fivestaracc.org si tiene preguntas.

Noticias de formacion en la Fe:

Muchas gracias a todos los que ayudaron con el programa de Primera Comunión este año: Catequistas para padres: Margarita Cervantes, Yesenia López de Ibarra, Jenna Miller y Zenaida Orozco; Catequistas para estudiantes: Margarita Jiménez Vargas, Leonidas Miller y Melissa Vetsch-Larson; Ayuda en el retiro: los anteriores y Cindy Fussy (maestra de 2do grado de St. Mary's); Orador invitado: Diácono Jim; Reuniones con familias: Diácono Jim y Bonnie Schulzetenberg, Margarita Jiménez Vargas y Jenna Miller; Asistentes de aula: Addisyn Larson y Gloria Miller; Donaciones de galletas caseras: Lorraine Rayhorn; Traducción y ayuda adicional: Norma Orozco y Rocio Ramírez; Asistente bilingüe: Margarita Jiménez Vargas. Gracias a los Caballeros de Colón de 4to Grado que proporcionaron una Guardia de Honor durante las Misas del 4 de mayo. Muchas gracias también al Padre Joe y al Padre Gabriel. Gracias también a los grupos parroquiales que contribuyeron con regalos para los estudiantes: Caballeros de Colón (especialmente Tom Roelike) y el Consejo de Mujeres Cristianas.

Noticias de la Escuela Santa Maria:

Torneo de Golf Hoyo al Cielo, viernes 20 de junio. ¿Te interesa formar un equipo de cuatro golfistas para divertirte y apoyar a la escuela? ¿O quizás tú o tu empresa considerarían patrocinar un hoyo? ¡Llama a la escuela si tienes preguntas, para inscribir a un equipo o para patrocinar un hoyo!

¡Se agotaron las entradas para la rifa de 50 Bendiciones! ¡Gracias a quienes vendieron y compraron boletos! Logramos vender los 1000 boletos, lo que significa que toda la escuela recibirá una excursión adicional en Alexandria. Los grados PK-2 disfrutarán de un día en el patio interior de Shenanigans, y los grados 3-6 pasarán tiempo en la YMCA. ¡Gracias por su ayuda para que esto fuera un éxito!

Ganadores principales de 50 Bendiciones: Gustavo García $4250; Sam Middendorf $3250; Lance Smith $2000; R -Way Trailers $1000; Sierra Larson recibió $500. Los 45 ganadores restantes recibieron $200 cada uno. ¡Felicitaciones!

Inscripciones abiertas para el curso 2025-2026 de 1.º a 6.º grado. Las clases de preescolar y kínder están completas, y hemos creado una lista de espera por si hay alguna vacante.



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Around the St. Cloud Diocese

St. Cloud Diocese Job Opening: The Diocese of St. Cloud is seeking a Rural Life Coordinator to join their faith-filled team. This part-time, remote position focuses on providing support and resources to rural communities, including parishes and Area Catholic Communities (ACC's), around social equity issues and Catholic social teaching formation. To view the job description or apply, please visit our website at *https://stcdio.org/human-resources/job-openings/.*

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is more than family planning; it's about mutual respect, holistic health, and a spiritual approach to marriage that invites God in. We will be in Long Prairie on Monday, May 19 and June 23 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church. For more information, or to register, contact Victoria Bulcher at vbulcher@stmaryslp.org or (320) 360-5193. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!



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