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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 9 a.m.
Wed, Thurs, Fri 9 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30 a.m.
Sunday 8-8:45 a.m.

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Northome, MN 56661

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 7 p.m.
Tuesday 6 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 5:00-5:45 p.m.
Saturday 6:30-6:45 p.m.

ST. CATHERINE

52265 State Hwy 46
Squaw Lake, MN 56681

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3-3:45 p.m.



3rd SUNDAY of Advent

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming." - Lk 3:16a

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FR. THOMAS' COLUMN



Today is Gaudete Sunday. "The third Sunday of Advent, so called from the first word of the Introit [the entrance Antiphon] at Mass (*Gaudete*, i.e. Rejoice). The season of Advent originated as a fast of forty days in preparation for Christmas, commencing on the day after the feast of St. Martin (12 November), whence it was often called "St. Martin's Lent"-- a name by which it was known as early as the fifth century. The introduction of the Advent fast cannot be placed much earlier, because there is no evidence of Christmas being kept on 25 December before the end of the fourth century" (<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/06394b.htm>).

The color of the Vestments for this day can be Rose (similar to Pink), but can be Violet if Rose vestments are unavailable. Rose vestments are meant to show a little festivity during this penitential season. Rose can be worn on Laetare Sunday (Laetare happens on the Fourth Sunday of Lent) In both cases the Rose color is worn on the over half way point of the Season of either Advent or Lent. It is a hopeful reminder when things are a little bleak because we have been focusing on our sinfulness. I like to think of it as "just keep swimming." In other words, we are running a marathon in this penitential season, and we are spiritually tired. Lent and Advent are grueling seasons of spiritual preparation. They are meant to help us to be prepared for Eternal Life. But we can't fast all the time, we can't focus on our sinfulness and the bad things for too long. That is why we have Gaudete Sunday which reminds us that we are making it, that we are almost there and that there is a reason for doing this penance. (WE LOVE GOD and WE DESIRE TO BE WITH HIM). That is why we do this penance and try to get rid of our sin. So Rejoice and be glad today. And keep going forward in following the Lord, we are over half way through this season and we are almost to Christmas and our beautiful celebration of the Birth of Our Lord. Rejoice, we are making it!



FR. THOMAS P. GALARNEAULT



Religious Education helps to build a strong foundation

No Religious Ed at St Michael's on Wednesday, December 19

OLS Grade K - 6 *Sundays 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*
 Family Faith Formation (Once a month with snack after Mass)

STM Grade K - 6 *Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.*
 Family Faith Formation (Once a month with potluck meal)

STM Grade 7 - 12 *Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.*
 (Supper will be provided)

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS: **12/9**
 Adult \$ 812.00
 Plate \$ 217.00
 UCA \$ 85.00
 Retired Religious \$ 669.00

ST. CATHERINE'S: **12/8**
 Adult \$ 780.00
 Plate \$ 0.00
 UCA \$ 20.00
 Retired Religious \$ 196.00

ST. MICHAEL'S: **12/8**
 Adult \$ 305.00
 Plate \$ 22.00
 UCA \$ 310.00
 Retired Religious \$ 63.00

United Catholic Appeal (UCA)

UCA supports our church (the diocese), seminarian education and many other great things. Thank you for your unending generosity!

- OLS needs \$906.90 to reach goal of \$13,633.02 7% to go
- STC has reached the goal of \$4,539.97 Yeah!!!
- STM has reached the goal of \$6,546.45 Yeah!!!

Christmas Masses

STC	Christmas Vigil, Monday, Dec 24	4:00 pm
STM	Christmas Vigil, Monday, Dec 24	7:00 pm
OLS	Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec 25	9:00 am

Confessions for the Week of December 16

STC	Tuesday, Dec 18	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
STM	Tuesday, Dec 18	5:00 pm - 5:45 pm
STM	Tuesday, Dec 18	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
OLS	Wednesday, Dec 19	9:30 am - 10:00 am
OLS	Thursday, Dec 20	9:30 am - 10:00 am
OLS	Friday, Dec 21	9:30 am - 10:00 am
OLS	Friday, Dec 21	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
STC	Saturday, Dec 22	3:00 pm - 3:45 pm
STM	Saturday, Dec 22	6:30 pm - 6:45 pm
OLS	Sunday, Dec 23	8:00 am - 8:45 am

Retired Religious Collection

Religious give thanks. "This money is pure gift," writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!



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Dec 15



Dec 23

15	Saturday		
	3:00 pm	Reconciliation	STC
	4:00 pm	Mass - Parishioners	STC
	5:00 pm	Potluck	STC
	6:30 pm	Reconciliation	STM
	7:00 pm	Mass - + Casey McCourt	STM
16	Sunday - Third Sunday of Advent		
	8:00 am	Reconciliation	OLS
	8:30 am	Rosary	OLS
	9:00 am	Mass - + Ken Koester	OLS
	10:00 am	Social	OLS
17	Monday		
	No Mass		
18	Tuesday		
	1:00 pm	Reconciliation	STC
	5:00 pm	Reconciliation	STM
	6:00 pm	Mass - Penitents	STM
	6:30 pm	Adoration & Reconciliation	STM
19	Wednesday		
	9:00 am	Mass - + Alivna Kniss	OLS
	9:30 am	Reconciliation	OLS
20	Thursday		
	9:00 am	Mass - Al Janus	OLS
	9:30 am	Reconciliation	OLS
	9:30 am - 5:00 pm	Adoration	OLS
21	Friday - St Peter Canisius		
	9:00 am	Mass - Shirley Koester	OLS
	9:30 pm	Reconciliation	OLS
	5:00 pm	Reconciliation	OLS
22	Saturday		
	3:00 pm	Reconciliation	STC
	4:00 pm	Mass - Perry & Cathy Risberg	STC
	5:00 pm	Social	STC
	6:30 pm	Reconciliation	STM
	7:00 pm	Mass - Parishioners	STM
23	Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Advent		
	8:00 am	Reconciliation	OLS
	8:30 am	Rosary	OLS
	9:00 am	Mass - + Alivna Kniss	OLS

OLS Christmas Cheer Baskets

OLS will be participating in Christmas Cheer Baskets this year. Baskets are given to individuals/families that have experienced:

- Loss in Life of Someone Related
- Health Issues/Surgeries/Hospitalization
- Tragedy in Family



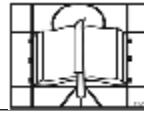
Contact the church office with names of individuals or families that you would like to see receive a Cheer Basket. Contributions toward the baskets can be put in the Sunday collection.

Third Week of Advent - Are You Sharing?

Here are a couple of resources to enrich your Advent Season:

Magnificat Companion

Theotokos: Preparing for Christmas with the Mother of God



Dec 22	STC
Lector:	Cathy Risberg
EMHC:	Carol Mourer
Dec 22	STM
Lector:	Juleen Trisko-Schneider
EMHC:	John Winkle
Dec 23	OLS
Lector:	Nin Madsen
EMHC:	K. Champoux, P. Fursa, E. Shearen

STC VOCATIONS CHALICE

Pam Smith	Dec 8 - 15
Mary Mendiola	Dec 15 - 22
Fr. Thomas	Dec 22 - 29
Brian & Celeste Williams	Dec 29 - Jan 5

STM VOCATIONS CHALICE

Jim & Juleen Schneider	Dec 8 - 15
Paula Lowe	Dec 15 - 22
John & Margaret Winkle	Dec 22 - 29
Andy & Shana Dreher	Dec 29 - Jan 5

OLS VOCATIONS CHALICE

Gene & Geneva Madsen	Dec 9 - 16
Ed & June Shearen	Dec 16 - 23
Pierre & Kathy Champoux	Dec 23 - 30
Marcie Lindgren	Dec 30 - Jan 6

Prayer Chain



If you have a prayer request, contact any one of the leaders of the prayer chains: OLS - Viola Johnson at 743-3055
STC - Carol Mourer at 659-4434
STM - Margaret Winkle at 897-5662

Come and Adore Jesus!

OLS Adoration - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

STM Adoration - Adoration of Jesus in the Tabernacle or Exposed every Tuesday from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.



Readings for the Week of December 16, 2018

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
Thursday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

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