

Divine Mercy Area Faith Catholic Community



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January 2, 2022 · Epiphany of the Lord

Pastoral Leadership

Fr. Mark Steffl

Pastor

Fr. Samuel Perez

Senior Associate Pastor

Fr. Zachary Peterson

Senior Associate Pastor

Deacon Mark Kober

Permanent Deacon

Deacon Mike McKeown

Permanent Deacon

Sacrament of Penance

St. Mary:

Saturday 9:00-10:00 am

Saturday 4:00-5:00 pm

Sunday 11:00-11:20 am

Monday 6:00-7:00 pm

St. Paul:

Sunday 11:30-11:45 am

1st Tuesday 6-6:30 pm

St. Michael:

Thursday 9-10:00 am

1st Friday 9-10:00 am

Sunday 8:00-8:15 am

Japanese Martyrs:

Saturday 7:30-7:45 pm

Sacrament of Marriage

For those who are free to marry, marriage preparation takes at least six months. Contact your parish office for further information.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents expecting the birth of their child must participate in a preparation session, preferable six months prior to the birth.

Godparents need to participate in a preparation session also. Contact your parish office for further information.

Bulletin Copy Deadline:

Monday: noon

Catholic Charities:

1-866-670-5163



From Fr. Steffl:

This Sunday is **Epiphany**, the arrival of the Magi bringing their gifts to the Child Jesus. Although the world around us very quickly ends Christmas on December 25, the Church continues to celebrate the Lord's Nativity.

Next Sunday, January 9, I am beginning a **new adult education study titled: St. Peter – Cornerstone of Catholicism**. It is a 10-part series, and will be meeting at 6 pm each Sunday in the St. Mary's social room. Perhaps this can be a "spiritual resolution" for the New Year. Each session will last an hour, and I would like to encourage people to consider the opportunity to learn more about the Catholic Faith. If you are interested in coming, please call the St. Mary's parish office so we can have enough copies of the materials.

I wanted to also offer a few words about the **great response during Advent this last year to the invitation to the Sacrament of Confession**. One teacher I had in the seminary said that the spiritual health of a parish is measured in the appreciation of that Sacrament in the lives of parishioners.

I am told that at the end of February, we are marking the **25th Anniversary of Perpetual Adoration at St. Mary's!** This is a very remarkable milestone, and I would just like to also encourage everyone (from our whole AFC!) to make a commitment to a dedicated Holy Hour each week before the Blessed Sacrament, if you are not already doing so. And invite someone to come along with you. It is something that I can promise will help you to grow closer to the Lord and make a tremendous difference in your life!

Thanks to all who have made a contribution to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal (DMA) already. For those who have not, I would like to encourage you to please consider making a gift to that. The totals for each parish are in the stewardship section of the bulletin. St. Michael's and Japanese Martyrs have already met their parish goal, and St. Paul's is close. St. Mary's, though, is not so close yet, having only 3/5 of the goal in contributions and pledges. It's good to be able to say that we all "have done our fair share" in this annual part of what the Diocese of New Ulm does.

Lastly, **my gratitude again for all who have helped with decorating and everything relating to the great celebrations of Christmas that we have had in our parishes this year.**

Thanks to all who have expressed kind words of appreciation to us as priests as well. (Each year I make a point of sending a thank you card for each card or gift that I received, so if I happened to have missed anyone, I apologize.) I am grateful to the Lord for the many ways He has been blessing all that is happening in our parishes!

AFC Mass Times & Weekly Events

AFC Mass Intentions for January 3-9, 2022

Monday - Holy Name of Jesus

Jan. 3 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 / Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Divine Providence †Rita & Urban Augustin

5:30 pm **St. Mary's** †Mike Wagner

6-7:00 pm **St. Mary's** Confessions

Tuesday - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Jan. 4 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Mk 6:34-44

Divine Providence †Richard Irlbeck

7:15 am **St. Mary's** †Ordell Krambeer

8:30 am **Japanese Martyrs** Christopher & Rose Simones & Family

8:30 am **St. Michael's** †D & L of the Huiras & Heiling Families

5:30 pm **St. Paul's** †Donna Stark

6-6:30 pm **St. Paul's** Confessions

Wednesday - St. John Neumann, Bishop

Jan. 5 1 Jn 4:11-18 / Mk 6:45-52

Divine Providence †Rita A. Schmitz

7:15 am **St. Mary's** †Bill & Maggie Wintheiser

8:15 am **St. Mary's** †Shirley Braulick / GS Mass

8:30 am **St. Michael's** Priests

Thursday - St. Andre Bessette, Religious

Jan. 6 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 / Lk 4:14-22

Divine Providence †Armin Losleben

7:15 am **St. Mary's** †Joseph B. & Anna Sellner

8:15 am **St. Mary's** †Jared Peterson, Peyton Adams, Kaleb Fischer, Shawn Jirak / HS Mass

8:30 am **Japanese Martyrs** †Gerry Riederer

8:30 am **St. Michael's** †D & L of the Green Family

9-10:00 am **St. Michael's** Holy Hour/Confessions

Friday - St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest

Jan. 7 1 Jn 5:5-13 / Lk 5:12-16

Divine Providence †Nicole Fuchs

SE Care Ctr †Jerry Schroepfer

7:15 am **St. Mary's** †Dec'd mbrs of the Jerry Miller Family

8:30 am **St. Paul's** †Ken 'Skip' Savage

8:30 am **St. Michael's** †Rosemary McGraw

Saturday

Jan. 8 1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 3:22-30

Divine Providence DSMP

8:15 am **St. Mary's** †Lois Tauer

8:30 am **St. Michael's** Fallen away Catholics

9-10:00 am **St. Mary's** Confessions

2:00 pm **St. Mary's** Wedding of Jamie Marti & Tristan Pietig

4-5:00 pm **St. Mary's** Confessions

5:30 pm **St. Mary's** †Kimberly Severson

7:30 pm **Japanese Martyrs** Confessions

8:00 pm **Japanese Martyrs** †Judy Wieneke

Sunday - Baptism of the Lord

Jan. 9 Is 40:1-5, 9-11 / Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 / Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Divine Providence †E. Peter Schmitz

7:30 am **St. Mary's** †Jack & Mickey Geschwind

8:00 am **St. Michael's** Confessions

8:30 am **St. Michael's** †Bill Vollbrecht, Jr.

9:30 am **St. Mary's** AFC Parish Families

10:30 am **St. Paul's** †Leonard & Bea Haala & Diane Arnold-Haala

11:00 am **St. Mary's** Confessions

11:30 am **St. Mary's/Latin** Pat & Patty Berkner Family

11:30 am **St. Paul's** Confessions

3-4:00 pm **St. Michael's** Holy Hour & Rosary

7:00 pm **St. Mary's** Holy Hour

Weekly Events

ST. MARY'S, SLEEPY EYE

Sunday, January 2

7:00pm Adoremus Holy Hour & Confessions

Wednesday, January 5

6:30pm Rel Ed

Sunday, January 9

6-7:00pm Adult Ed in soc rm

7:00pm Holy Hour

ST. MICHAEL'S, MORGAN

Sunday, January 2

7:00pm Adoremus Holy Hour & Confessions at St. Mary's

Wednesday, January 5

6:15pm Rel Ed

Sunday, January 9

3-4:00pm Holy Hour & Rosary

6-7:00pm Adult Ed at St. Mary's

7:00pm Holy Hour at St. Mary's

ST. PAUL'S, COMFREY

Sunday, January 2

7:00pm Adoremus Holy Hour & Confessions at St. Mary's

Wednesday, January 5

7:00pm Rel Ed

Sunday, January 9

6-7:00pm Adult Ed at St. Mary's

7:00pm Holy Hour at St. Mary's

JAPANESE MARTYRS, LEAVENWORTH

Sunday, January 2

9:30am -12:30pm CUF Matching

Grant Pancake Breakfast

7:00pm Adoremus Holy Hour & Confessions at St. Mary's

Sunday, January 9

6-7:00pm Adult Ed at St. Mary's

7:00pm Holy Hour at St. Mary's



Prayer for a new bishop

Almighty God,
Who by the Holy Spirit moves
the hearts of Your people,
Direct the counsels of those who
are appointed to choose a bishop
for the Diocese of New Ulm,
that we may be given a pastor who in
faithfulness and wisdom shall lead
Your people
in the way of holiness.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.
Mary, Mother of the Church,
pray for us.

St. Mary's Church, Sleepy Eye



Called to Eternal Life....

Please remember in your prayers **Vernard Haala, Sr.** who passed away recently. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family and friends, and we pray for his eternal peace.

Banns of Marriage

III. Jamie Marti & Tristan Pietig



Votive Lights burn this week for:

Jerome & Rose Fromm; Sylvester & Irene Seifert; Hacker Families; Patt Seifert; Paul, Jim, Gerald & Joan (Abrahamson) Schroepfer; For Special Intentions; Willard Fischer; Florian & Florence Sellner; Alice Sellner; Kimberly Severson; Leon Bushard; Ray & Adella Tauer; Family Intentions; Art & Marion Sellner & deceased family members; Lorraine M. Roiger; Les Haala; Special Intentions; Ken Schons; Richard & Jerry Berdan; Richard E. Tauer; Dec'd members of the Alphonse Mages Family; Dec'd members of the Vincent & Lucille Brandel Family; Jerry Weiss; Valentine & Veronica Groebner; Paul Groebner, Joanne Groebner; Lester & Jeremy Reinarts; Victor & Caroline Helget; (2) Special Intentions; Gary's Health; Special Intentions.

Parish Prayer List: Dave Walter, Gary Kuebler, Ruth Steffl, Bev Soukup, Pat, Carol, Laurie, Dustin, Emma Braulick, Eileen Kral, Brandon Berg, Bud Seidl, Keith Haas, Dustin and Kristie Hillesheim & baby, Sara Ann Wendinger, Yvonne Windschitl, Bob & Irene Mathiowetz, Parker Marti, DJS, Gordy, my brother, Jan Schilling, Beth Klein, Jon Kopacek, my sons & families, James Wendinger, my sister, Marie Bushard, Richard Dirksen, Kasey, DRK, JoAnn Trembl, Mike Seifert (Diane), Charles Romberg, Alex Braulick, Francis, Paula Marti.



Traveling Chalice Prayer for Vocations

January 2: Schoenstatt Sisters

January 9: Audrey Wagner

Calendar raffle winners for Dec. 27-Jan. 2: Steve Koenig, Nick & Irene Lux, Philip Sellner, Gerald V. Sellner, Jerome Mathiowetz, Sr. Audrey Goldschmidt, Diane Krzmarzick, Anita Schwartz.

NEX-TU-NU II January 3-8: All Linens 50% off. Store hours: Mon.-Fri. from 10:00am to 4:30pm; Sat. 10:00am-1:00pm.



Las Vegas Raffle Knights of Columbus Council #3134 Las Vegas Raffle will be held Monday, January 10, 2022 at St. Mary's Church Social Room, Sleepy Eye. You can contact Jim Soukup at 507-240-4400 for ticket seller's names. Only 300 chances sold. Top prize is \$1,000.00.

Knight of Columbus Free Throw Contest



The Knights of Columbus Council #3134, Sleepy Eye, will be having their Basketball Free Throw Contest on Sunday, January 23, at the St. Mary's School Gym in Sleepy Eye. Registration begins at 12:30pm with start time at 1:00pm. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of January 1). Ages 9, 10, 11 will shoot from a 12-foot foul line.

Liturgical Ministers for January 8 & 9, 2022

Rosary Leader

5:00 pm Marie Hauser
7:00 am Linda (Paul) Schroepfer
9:00 am Andy Hoffmann Family

Accompanist

5:30 pm Becky Sellner
7:30 am Sean Connolly
9:30 am Lisa Portner
11:30 am Sean Connolly

Cantor

Kevin Currans
Michael Krambeer
Caecilian Choir
Stella Maris Choir

Servers

5:30 pm William Murphy, George Schwint, Kaleb Weiss, Owen Weiss
7:30 am Elijah Hoffmann, Jack Windschitl, Ethan Schwartz, Tommy Schwartz
9:30 am Wyatt Pollard, Jared Portner, Cole Schroepfer, Tyler Sellner, CJ Surprenant
11:30 am Charlie Peschges, Matthew Freitag

Lectors

5:30 pm Arlene Dietl
7:30 am Mary Beth Botz
9:30 am Mary Krambeer
11:30 am Clergy

Ushers/Greeters

5:30 pm *Ron Salfer, Spike Schroepfer, John Sellner, Chuck Spaeth, Mike Suess, Merlin Wahl
7:30 am *Pat Hoffmann, Rick Mages, Chuck Meyer, Richard Neyers, Andy Pelzel, Tony Schmitz
9:30 am *David Sellner, Michael Steffl, Matt Wagner, Eugene Bertrand, Ryan Braulick, Bob Pelzel
11:30 am Volunteers

Looking Ahead-Men's Sausage Dinner Raffle Prizes - The

Sausage DINNER Men's Sausage Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 6, 2022. We are looking for prizes for the raffle ticket for the Men's Sausage Dinner Raffle. If you have a prize for the big ticket, please call the rectory (794-4171) or Phil Sellner (794-4895). Usually we have about 35-40 prizes for this ticket. A prize should have a value of at least \$25.00. Deadline for prize donations is Monday, **January 10, 2022**. Once again, we hope to make this a very successful event!

Buy a Car, Support St. Mary's!



Deanne Fried (DeeDee Sellner, Class of '83) has donated a 2012 Ford Fusion to the Knights of Columbus. They, in turn have donated it to St. Mary's. The car is currently for sale at Chuck Spaeth Ford. Proceeds from the car will go to St. Mary's! The car is maroon, loaded with options and has under 36,000 miles on it! Thank you Deanne for your generosity!! See Chuck Spaeth Ford for details and continue the spirit of giving!!

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St. Mary's Catholic School guides students to form an authentic relationship with God while achieving academic excellence to live as faithful disciples of Christ.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who support St. Mary's Catholic School! Thank you to an anonymous donor for the gift of \$200 for the school elevator and to Randy and Sheila Sellner for their gift of \$2000 for the school elevator. Thank you to Ed and Mary Lee Schotzko for their gift of \$300 towards our staff Christmas party expenses. We appreciate all of our benefactors!

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR COAT DRIVE



Please join John Miller, Maya Nelson, and Hannah Pelzel in helping spread warmth this season! As their Minnesota Honor Society (MHS) project, they are sponsoring a "Coat Drive" to collect new and gently used coats in all sizes as well as hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, winter boots, snow pants and all winter gear. Your donations will be given to the Salvation Army who will distribute them through the Abundantly Warm program. Coat Drive donation boxes will be at various locations including at Holiday Lights in Motion until January 1, and at Schutz Family Foods, St. Mary's School and the north entrance of St. Mary's Church until January 24. Thank you for your generosity!

KNIGHTS OF OLDE



The Knights of Olde gathering has been rescheduled to Friday, January 7. If you wish to attend, please contact Jim Losleben (612) 868-3031 or email him at leben815@aol.com by January 3. Please meet at the rectory by 9:30 a.m. if you'd like to carpool.

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SCAN your receipt. No more clipping. Tap the scan button and snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of your purchase. EARN cash for your school. It's that easy! Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated online.



If you don't prefer to download the app needed to scan receipts, please turn them in to the office within 14 days of purchase and we will scan them. This past week we received \$100.40 which will be used for instructional supplies in the grade school. Thank you for supporting St. Mary's School by using this program!



ADOPT-A-STUDENT

Donations of any amount to this program are appreciated and help us to pass on the Catholic faith to our children. Thank you for your support of Catholic education!

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| Child 1 | \$ 995.96 | Child 20 | \$ 995.96 |
| Child 2 | \$ 995.96 | Child 26 | \$ 995.96 |
| Child 3 | \$ 995.96 | Child 27 | \$ 995.96 |
| Child 4 | \$ 995.96 | Child 28 | \$ 995.96 |
| Child 5 | \$ 495.96 | Child 29 | \$ 995.96 |
| Child 6 | \$ 495.96 | Child 30 | \$ 995.96 |
| Child 7 | \$ 995.96 | Child 31 | \$ 495.96 |
| Child 8 | \$ 495.96 | Child 32 | \$ 495.96 |
| Child 9 | \$ 495.96 | Child 33 | \$ 495.96 |
| Child 10 | \$ 995.96 | Child 34 | \$ 495.96 |
| Child 11 | \$ 995.96 | Child 35 | \$ 495.96 |
| Child 16 | \$ 495.96 | Child 37 | \$ 495.96 |
| Child 17 | \$ 495.96 | Child 38 | \$ 495.96 |
| Child 18 | \$ 995.96 | Child 39 | \$ 995.96 |
| Child 19 | \$ 995.96 | Child 40 | \$ 995.96 |

USE SCRIP TO SUPPORT ST. MARY'S

If you are looking for a great New Year's resolution, decide to use SCRIP on a regular basis! SCRIP is a great way to support St. Mary's while helping with tuition costs for your family or another school family. You can even begin using SCRIP before your child starts school! There are a wide variety of local and national businesses that offer SCRIP; you simply purchase the gift cards from the school and a percentage is return to St. Mary's and to tuition support! You can even purchase SCRIP online! Please contact St. Mary's School to learn more about our SCRIP program and how it can benefit your family!

END OF SECOND QUARTER

The last day of the second quarter is Friday, January 14. There will be no school on Monday, January 17, as it is a teacher workday. We are so proud of our students as we complete the first half of our school year!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

St. Mary's is already excitedly making plans for Catholic Schools Week 2022! We will celebrate it the week of January 30 - February 5. Watch the bulletin, Facebook, Instagram, and the school website for a complete schedule of events!

SCHOOL RESUMES - on Monday, January 3.



Visit our website: www.sesmschool.com
Like us on Facebook / Follow us on Twitter
Follow us on Instagram! (sesmschool)



Virtue of the Month for January: Gratitude

St. Michael's Church, Morgan



This week we celebrate the marriage of **Marcus Heiling and Alexis Baker** who entered into the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on New Year's Eve. May the Lord bless them with many years of happiness together. Congratulations!



Thank you!

We were blessed with donations from parishioners and former parishioners for refinishing the candlesticks on the high altar. Due to your generosity we are able to have this project completed.

LARGE VOTIVE LIGHTS



will burn this week for the intentions of: for an end to abortion, in thanksgiving, for the family of KDK, in loving memory of Carisa Walter, Don Reding and Sr. Ansel Fischer. *Candles are \$3.00 each. Candles are lit on Friday and will burn throughout the week.*

PARISH PRAYER LIST:

Patrick Simon, for special blessings and good health for family in need, Bernice Ricke, Hans Larson, Jerome Tauer, Donna Plotz, Ruth Simonsen and Mike Koenigs. *Names will stay on the prayer list for 6 months, if you would like a name added to the list or a name taken off the list, please call the office at 249-3192.*

Calendar Raffle Winners:

December 29 - Lynn & Mark Madsen

January 2 - Judy Moldan

St. Michael's Quilters 2021 statistics.....

Donated 75 quilts to We Care, sold 25 quilts, knitted 49 hats, and gifted 7 queen-size wedding/shower quilts. Also, there is a quilt ready for Marcus Heiling and his fiancé—if you'd like to contribute towards it please contact Marilyn at 651-302-0546



St. Michael's Choir

St. Michael's Parish is organizing a choir that will sing about once monthly and for special feast days. We plan to have a group formed to sing Jan. 9, for the 8:30 a.m. Mass which is the feast of the Baptism of our Lord (if enough people come forward.) There will be 2 rehearsals, Thursday's Dec. 30 and Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. in the St. Michael's choir loft. If you wish to help out, contact Ann Daub at 507-626-4108 or the parish office at 507-249-3192.

St. Michael's. Morgan ~ Shepherd of the Field

Fr. Jeffrey Horejsi

821 E 5th St

Litchfield, MN 55355

Birthday: November 17 ~ *Ordination:* August 24, 1991



FORMED.org has some fantastic resources for the whole family all year round, whether it is a family movie night, kids programming, a bible study, or audio talks. This resource is paid for by our AFC for you to use at no cost. To take advantage of this great resource, go to our website: www.divinemeracyafc.org to find it under the Spiritual Resources page.

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, January 9 - 8:30am

Lector: Tom Green

Servers: Kenadi Heiling, Theresa Larsen, Sophie Kodet

Ushers: Scott Welter, Rex Welter, Mark & Lynn Madsen

Church Contribution Envelopes:



The parish office received a message this week that the 2022 Sunday Offering envelopes will not be available for the start of the new year due to COVID and an increase in orders. The company hopes to have them out in January. Until that time, please place any offerings in an envelope marked with your name. Thank you for your cooperation.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule Available



Copies of the liturgical ministers schedule for January-April 2022 are available in the back of church and on the AFC website. If the parish has your email on file, it was also emailed to you. If you are interested in volunteering as a liturgical minister, please contact the parish office at 249-3192.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We would like to thank **Jerome Tauer** for hosting the K of C Fatima statue and praying daily for more Church vocations, for the intentions of the KC's and the Church. Next week **Ed Steffl** will host the statue.

Please tune in!

Morgan Public Access (channel 3) will be airing **THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS** on Wednesdays at 11 AM and again at 4:30 PM. Fr. Brian Mullady, O.P., offers a systematic approach to the seven Sacraments of the Church. Gifted in true Dominican spirit with the ability to make his audience understand and appreciate the deepest mysteries of Catholicism, Fr. Mullady examines the nature, number, character, and necessity of the Sacraments and their manner of conferring a powerful grace upon us. **January 5 - The Eucharist as Sacrifice- Episode 8**

Upcoming Events:

- Adoremus Sun, Jan 2 7:00 PM—SESM
- St. Michael's Quilters Wed, Jan 5 9:00 AM - social hall
- Religious Ed Wed, Jan 5 6:15 PM
- NO Youth Group until further notice
- Holy Hour/Confessions Thur, Jan 6 9:00 AM
- That Man is YOU! Fri, Jan 7 5:45 AM—SESM

Some road trips change the world forever.



Take a Weekend trip that can do the same for your marriage.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Shalom Hill, Windom ~ February 18-20

Visit WWME.org or call (507) 227-8229

St. Paul's Church, Comfrey

Wishing everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year!

Happy 84 Birthday to Alice Wellman on January 1!

2022 Calendar Raffle



The St. Paul's Calendar Raffle Tickets for 2022 are here! There are only 400 tickets printed: 4 - \$250 winners and 48 - \$50 winners. Ticket cost is \$35.00. If you are interested in purchasing, please call the Parish Center at 507-877-2361 or stop in during office hours. All the winners will be drawn on February 6, 2022. Thank you!

2022 Contribution Envelopes

The first quarter of your 2022 Contribution Envelopes should have been received in the mail by now - please let the office know if you have not received them.

St. Paul's, Comfrey ~ Shepherd of the Field

Fr. Jerome Paulson
6680 153rd Ave NE
Spicer, MN 56288

Birthday: November 28 ~ *Ordination:* June 6, 1976

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 9 - 10:30am

Rosary: Judy

Lector: Jean Kopischke

Servers: Owen Veerkamp, Makenze Fischer

Ushers: Dennis Schumacher, Jeff Veerkamp

Gift Bearers: Andy & Jen Englin Family

Keep In Your Prayers - Servicemen, Derek Wingert, Brian Fredin, Briar Lippert, Chris Amsden, Lennon Ludewig, Alphonse Mathiowetz, Deanna Sellner, Arlene Helget, Leon Haala, Monica Anderson, Betty Zwaschka, Cora Mathiowetz, Jerry Fischer, Vonnie Schneider, Faith Helget.

Congratulations to our lucky \$250 Calendar Raffle winner: **LuAnn Parker**. Will you be our next \$50 winner?

Religious Education News:

Jan 5 7pm—8:15pm Classes

Jan 12 7pm—8:15pm Classes

Jan 16 2pm AFC Confirmation student/parent mtg at SESM

Jan 19 7pm—8:15pm Classes

Jan 23 2pm AFC First Reconciliation at SESM

Jan 26 7pm—8:15pm Classes

Japanese Martyrs Church, Sleepy Eye (Leavenworth)

Wishing everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year!

CUF Matching Grant Pancake Breakfast



Our next **Pancake Breakfast** of the season is tomorrow, **January 2**, hosted by the Administrative Council. Come and enjoy pancakes, pork links, applesauce, scrambled eggs, orange juice and chocolate milk. Bring your family and friends and let us cook for you! You deserve a break after all the holiday meals you prepared!

2022 calendars are available in the back of church, please help yourself.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 8 - 8:00pm

Rosary: Mary Lou Mathiowetz

Lector: Rhonda Lux

Servers: Sidney & Nicholas Tauer

Music: Julie Anderson

Gift Bearers: Jim & Rhonda Lux

Please Pray For - All those suffering with illness

Religious Ed News

Jan 16 2:00 p.m. AFC Confirmation student/parent mtg-SESM

Jan 23 2:00 p.m. AFC First Reconciliation - SESM

St. Paul's & Japanese Martyrs Combined Events

WINTER WEATHER REMINDER



If Comfrey or Sleepy Eye schools have a late start on Tuesdays or Thursday, there will be no morning Mass at Japanese Martyrs or Friday morning Mass at St. Paul's. If schools have a late start there will still be the Tuesday evening Mass at St. Paul's and Rel Ed on Wednesday evenings.

If Comfrey or Sleepy Eye schools have early dismissal or are canceled due to inclement weather, there will be no morning or evening Mass or Religious Education classes in Comfrey.



Thanks to all parishioners who have been mailing in or dropping off their donations or are trying online giving. Your support is very much appreciated and needed!

Download the phone App at www.divinemeracyafc.org

Upcoming Events

Jan 2 **JM** Pancake Breakfast

Feb 6 **JM** Pancake Breakfast

Feb 27 **JM** Volkswagen Dinner



Stewardship Collection from December 18/19, 2021

| | St. Mary's | St. Michael's | St. Paul's | Japanese Martyrs |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Adult | \$28,703.32 | \$1,816.00 | \$4,025.08 | \$2,540.00 |
| Youth | \$120.50 | \$3.00 | \$12.80 | \$0 |
| Loose Plate | \$965.85 | \$266.00 | \$340.00 | \$94.00 |
| All Other | \$5,592.00 | \$1,320.00 | \$469.00 | \$1,247.00 |
| Total | \$35,381.67 | \$3,405.00 | \$4,846.88 | \$3,881.00 |
| Total (adult/yth/loose/mbrshp) | \$29,789.67 | \$2,085.00 | \$4,377.88 | \$2,634.00 |
| Weekly Budget Needed | \$13,721.16 | \$1,944.23 | \$1,281.73 | \$982.69 |
| Fiscal Year to Date | \$353,663.64 | \$53,329.57 | \$30,959.74 | \$29,963.55 |
| Fiscal Year to Date Budget | \$343,029.00 | \$48,605.75 | \$32,043.25 | \$24,567.26 |
| St. Mary's Grade School Elevator - Goal: \$150,000.00 - Received \$29,670.00 as of 12/22/2021) | | | | |
| St. Mary's Church Tuck-Pointing - Goal: \$125,500.00 - Received \$0 (as of 12/22/2021) | | | | |

Diocesan Ministries Appeal 2020-2021 - as of December 21, 2021

| | St. Mary's | St. Michael's | St. Paul's | Japanese Martyrs |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Goal | \$50,768.68 | \$11,619.59 | \$6,524.85 | \$4,558.46 |
| Received for DNU Ministries | \$23,242.40 | \$13,167.32 | \$4,928.00 | \$8,460.00 |
| Received for Parish | \$5,810.60 | \$3,291.83 | \$1,232.00 | \$2,115.00 |
| Total Cash Received | \$29,053.00 | \$16,459.15 | \$6,160.00 | \$10,575.00 |
| Variance | (\$21,715.68) | \$4,839.56 | (\$364.85) | \$6,016.54 |
| # of Donors | 107 | 39 | 16 | 14 |
| Total Cash & Pledges | \$32,563.00 | \$16,759.15 | \$6,160.00 | \$11,075.00 |

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Please call Deacon Mark Kober at (507) 227-4602 with questions, to sign up for an hour of Adoration or to be a substitute. Thank you!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| 1-2pm & 6-7pm | 1-2am | | | 3-4am | | |

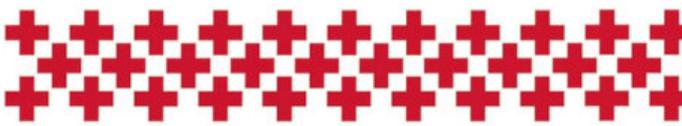
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