

Divine Mercy Area Faith Catholic Community



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January 9, 2022 · Baptism 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, January 9, is the start of a **new adult education study titled: St. Peter – Cornerstone of Catholicism**. It is a 10-part series, and we will be meeting at 6 pm each Sunday in the St. Mary's social room. Each session will last an hour, and I would like to encourage people, consider the opportunity to learn more about the Catholic Faith. (Even if you cannot make all the sessions, please consider coming!)

At St. Mary's, we are going to be **raising the requested donation for the week-long votive candles from \$3 to \$5** (effective immediately) so that we are not losing money on them. It has been a long time since the cost of this has been adjusted, so thank you for your understanding.

We as priests will be helping to cover the Fairfax area parishes while Fr. Bruno returns to India for the month of January. **Fr. Sam Perez will be going home to see his family in Guatemala from January 10-29**. (For both of these priests, it has been a long time since they have been able to return to their homes and see their families because of the pandemic.) If there is anything that comes up while Fr. Sam is gone, please call the St. Mary's office in Sleepy Eye.

January 22, (this year on a Saturday) is the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, and the legalization of abortion in the United States, **St. Mary's will once again be sponsoring a bus to the rally and prayer service that takes place in St. Paul**. Please call the St. Mary's office to hold a place on the bus. **This is open to ANYONE** who would like to go from any parish. More specific details will be in next week's bulletin about departure times and locations, etc. Each year for the past handful of years, Bishop LeVoir had offered a partial indulgence to anyone from the Diocese of New Ulm who attends the rally and prayer service, and Msgr. Grams, the diocesan administrator is once again offering that indulgence for this year. Our area parishes have always been especially good about attending this annual event and I hope that we will be able to fill a bus once again this year as we continue to pray for an end to abortion, the greatest evil of our time, and for a renewed respect for life in our country and in the minds of our political leaders.

AFC Mass Times & Weekly Events

AFC Mass Intentions for January 10-16, 2022

Monday

Jan. 10 1 Sm 1:1-8 / Mk 1:14-20

Divine Providence †Maggie Wintheiser

5:30 pm **St. Mary's** †Leona Sellner

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

Tuesday

Jan. 11 1 Sm 1:9-20 / Mk 1:21-28

Divine Providence †Cheryl Nessett

7:15 am **St. Mary's** †Charles Baechler

8:30 am **Japanese Martyrs** †Dec'd mbrs of the Windschitl & Shoen Families

8:30 am **St. Michael's** †Poor Souls in Purgatory

5:30 pm **St. Paul's** †Travis Koster

Wednesday

Jan. 12 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 / Mk 1:29-39

Divine Providence †Leonard Wendinger

7:15 am **St. Mary's** †Ty Gore

8:15 am **St. Mary's** †John Hauser / GS Mass

8:30 am **St. Michael's** For blessings received

Thursday - *St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

Jan. 13 1 Sm 4:1-11 / Mk 1:40-45

Divine Providence †Vivian Kostelecky

7:15 am **St. Mary's** †D & L of the Arden Frederickson Family

8:15 am **St. Mary's** †Don Ludewig / HS Mass

8:30 am **Japanese Martyrs** †Leonard & Leona Seidl

Friday

Jan. 14 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a / Mk 2:1-12

Divine Providence †Melania Meyer

SE Care Ctr †Jerry & Rosie Stimpert

7:15 am **St. Mary's** †Dec'd members of Don & Colleen Maltby Family

8:30 am **St. Paul's** †Carol Renberg

8:30 am **St. Michael's** †Mary Wersal

Saturday

Jan. 15 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 / Mk 2:13-17

Divine Providence DSMP

8:15 am **St. Mary's** †Angeline Kral

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

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

5:30 pm **St. Mary's** †Linus & Angie Krzmarzick

7:30 pm **Japanese Martyrs** Confessions

8:00 pm **Japanese Martyrs** †Richard & Leon Mathiowetz

Sunday - *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Jan. 16 Is 62:1-5 / 1 Cor 12:4-11 / Jn 2:1-11

Divine Providence †Andy Hacker

7:30 am **St. Mary's** †Dec'd members of Philip & Catherine Sellner Family

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

8:30 am **St. Michael's** †Andrew Hacker

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

10:30 am **St. Paul's** †Richard Zwaschka

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

11:30 am **St. Mary's/Latin** †Rolland & Rosemary McGraw

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 9

6-7:00pm Adult Ed in soc rm

7:00pm Holy Hour

Monday, January 10

7:00pm KC rosary & mtg

Wednesday, January 12

6:30pm Rel Ed

Sunday, January 16

2:00pm AFC Confirmation mtg for candidates & parents in soc rm

6-7:00pm Adult Ed in soc rm

7:00pm Holy Hour

ST. MICHAEL'S, MORGAN

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

Wednesday, January 12

6:15pm Rel Ed

Sunday, January 16

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ST. PAUL'S, COMFREY

Sunday, January 9

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

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7:00pm Rel Ed

Sunday, January 16

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

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

JAPANESE MARTYRS, LEAVENWORTH

Sunday, January 9

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

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7:00pm KC rosary & mtg at St. Mary's

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Websites for Pro-Life Prayer

www.sistersoflife.org

www.usccb.org

www.respectlife.org

OR

www.divinemercyafc.org

go to the 'Home' tab and scroll down and click on 'Links'.

St. Mary's Church, Sleepy Eye



Called to Eternal Life....

Please remember in your prayers **Gladys Reinarts** who passed away recently. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and friends, and we pray for her eternal peace.



This Week We Celebrate....the marriage of **Jamie Marti & Tristan Pietig** who entered into the Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday. May the Lord bless your marriage and give you many years of happiness together.

ATTENTION: Weekly Votive Light cost per candle will increase from \$3 to \$5 effective immediately. Thank you!



Votive Lights burn this week for:

Jerome & Rose Fromm; Hacker Families; Patt Seifert; For Special Intentions; Willard Fischer; Florian & Florence Sellner; Alice Sellner; Kimberly Severson; Leon Bushard; Ray & Adella Tauer; Family Intentions; Paul, Jim, Gerald, & Joan (Abrahamson) Schroepfer; Art & Marion Sellner & deceased family members; Lorraine M. Roiger; Les Haala; Richard & Jerry Berdan; Richard E. Tauer; Dec'd members of the Alphonse Mages Family; Ken Schons; Dec'd members of the Vincent & Lucille Brandel Family; Jerry Weiss; Ron Helget; Victor & Caroline Helget; Gary's Health; Special Intentions; Dennis & Doug Stoneberg; (4) Special Intentions; Raymond M. Hillesheim; Harold Zwaschka.

Parish Prayer List: Dave Walter, Gary Kuebler, Ruth Steffl, Bev Soukup, Pat, Carol, Laurie, Dustin, 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, Our Son.



Traveling Chalice Prayer for Vocations

January 9: Audrey Wagner
January 16: Pat & Patty Berkner

Calendar raffle winners for Jan. 3-9: Diane Krzmarzick, Blake Schnobrich, Bill Zilka, Meinrad Hillesheim, Rosie Schaefer, Lorette Zinniel, Brian P. Mathiowetz.

NEX-TU-NU II January 10-15: Blankets, quilts & pillows 50% off. Store hours: Mon.-Fri. from 10:00am to 4:30pm; Sat. 10:00am-1:00pm.

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.



Catholic Charities provides personal, marriage, and family counseling. In-person sessions are now available. Call 866-670-5163 (toll free) or 507-233-5318.

Liturgical Ministers for January 15 & 16, 2022

Rosary Leader

5:00 pm Kathy Ludewig
7:00 am Mary Beth Botz
9:00 am Ryan Braulick Family

Accompanist

5:30 pm Sarah Jirak
7:30 am Sean Connolly
9:30 am Lisa Portner
11:30 am Sean Connolly

Cantor

Tom Larson
Kevin Currans
Caecilian Choir
Stella Maris Choir

Servers

5:30 pm Natalie Fischer, Elle Kyllonen, Sophie Kyllonen, Allison Labat
7:30 am Amelia Schwartz, Kate Windschitl, Emily Helget, Josie Helget
9:30 am Julia Helget, Adelinde Hoffmann, Caidence Kucera, Rachel Portner, Anna Pollard
11:30 am Josh Sellner, Philip Schmitz, Charlie Peschges, John Schmitz, Lucas Boyle, Vincent Dvorak, Thomas Dvorak, Joseph Losleben, Peter Schmitz, Matthew Freitag, Justin Parisek, Christopher Boyle

Lectors

5:30 pm Mary Gangelhoff
7:30 am Phil Sellner
9:30 am Pat Krzmarzick
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

Men's Sausage Dinner 2022

The Men's Sausage Dinner will be held Sunday, March 6. Deadline for raffle ticket prize donations is Monday, Jan. 10. The livestock slaughter dates will be Monday, Jan. 31, for cows and Monday, Feb. 7, for pigs at Odenthal Meats. Our goal is 8 cows and 26 hogs. To date we have 1 hog and 3 cows. If you would like to donate an animal or two for the Sausage Dinner please call Phil Sellner at 794-4895 & Tom Hirsch 794-7847.

There will be a Men's Sausage Dinner meeting for all chairmen or their representative on Thursday, January 20, at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.



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! See Chuck Spaeth Ford for details.



Women's Bible Study

Reclaiming friendship, explore how to build community and discover God's plan for friendship (8 week study). To join and order a \$20 book contact Katie Braulick 507-327-4367 katiebraulick@gmail.com. Meeting time 7-8am Saturday mornings at St. Mary's Church parish meeting room, beginning January 29. Bring a friend!



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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 Mike Sellner for his donation of gift of \$500 to our Adopt-A-Student program. Thank you to Phil Sellner for his donation of \$500 to the Adopt-A-Student program. Thank you to Amy and Gordy Wendinger for \$500 to the elementary library and \$1,000 to Adopt-A-Student, in memory of their grandson, Jackson Wotschke. Thank you to the Servicemen's Club for their donation of \$1,000 to our arts and athletic program. Thank you to Mike and Candy Helget for their gift of \$1,000 to the Adopt-A-Student program in memory of Patt Seifert and Donna Helget. Thank you to David and Angie Tauer for their gift of \$1,500 for K-6 science experiment supplies and for the middle school student council activities. Thank you to an anonymous donor for \$2,500 to the school. Thank you to an anonymous donor for \$500 for new locker room doors. Thank you to Gloria Helget for her donation of \$500 for the school elevator project. Thank you to Carol Davies for her donation of \$1,000 which will be used for technology needs. We appreciate all of our benefactors!

2021 ALUMNI BASKETBALL SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS



Thank you to the teams who participated in this year's tournament on January 1, 2022. Congratulations to the winners, the 2005-2006 team who defeated the 1995-2000 team with a score of 37-30. Thank you to everyone who entered the sweepstakes drawing!

Congratulations to the following sweepstakes winners:

\$550 - Dolores Braunger
\$400 - Jared Rothmeier
\$300 - Deb Heiderscheidt
\$100 - Andy Walter, Marcella Bode, Eileen Krzmarzick, Sharon Rubey
\$25 - Ken Tauer, Krista Moeller, Mary Moldan, Scott Mangen
Thank you to Scott Mangen for donating back his \$25 prize. Thank you to our sponsors who make this possible year after year: Schwartz Farms, Chuck Spaeth Ford, Kim Auth, Sleepy Eye Electric, St. Mary's Catering Service, Knights of Columbus, Council of Catholic Women, Catholic United Financial, St. Mary's Student Council, Bill and Anita Walter, Tony and Joyce Hoffmann, Don Woessner, Stark Farmers Mutual Insurance Co., Catholic Order of Foresters, and Schweiss Meats.

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!

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!


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!

Virtue of the Month for January: Gratitude

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Follow us on Instagram! (sesmschool) 

St. Michael's Church, Morgan

LARGE VOTIVE LIGHTS



will burn this week for the intentions of: for an end to abortion, for the family of KDK, Don Reding, Sr. Ansel Fischer and special intention. *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:

January 2 (correction) - Lucy Moldan
January 5 - St. Michael's Knights of Columbus
January 9 - Corey Reding



Since January is devoted to the Holy Name of Jesus, we will be praying our Holy Hour/Rosary from 3-4 pm on Sundays for a good, holy Bishop who will be true to the faith and tradition of our most holy Mother Church in the Diocese of New Ulm.



Men's Sausage Dinner News:

The dinner will be held on Sunday, January 30. The dinner will be drive thru only. All men of the parish are expected to work. The worker list will be available in the back of church the weekend of January 16. Watch next week's bulletin for more details.



Church Envelopes for 2022 have arrived...please pick yours up in the back of church. Thank you for your continued support!

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, January 16 - 8:30am

Lector: Tom Heiling

Servers: Noah, Eli & Isaac Christensen

Ushers: Myron Mathiowetz, Mark Hoffmann, Arnie Penning, Russ Steffensmeier



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We would like to thank **Ed Steffl** 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 **Dave Mathiowetz** 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 12 - The Seven Sacraments- Episode 9**

Upcoming Events:

- Holy Hour/Rosary Sun, Jan 9 3:00 PM
- Adult Ed Sun, Jan 9 6:00 PM-SESM
- Fr. Sam in Guatemala Jan 10- Jan 29
- St. Michael's Quilters Wed, Jan 12 9:00 AM - social hall
- Religious Ed Wed, Jan 12 6:15 PM
- NO Youth Group until further notice
- NO Mass, Holy Hour, or Confessions Thur, Jan 13
- That Man is YOU! Fri, Jan 7 5:45 AM—SESM
- NO Mass Sat, Jan 15

Thank you for the generous donations received for Christmas flowers in memory of:

Dalbert Kerkhoff by Gary & Deb Kerkhoff

Bonnie Welter, Delrose & Melvin Welter by Rex Welter

Deceased members of Whitcomb-Kopischke families by Virginia Kopischke

Deceased members of Ken & Virginia Landkammer family by Ken & Virginia Landkammer

Green & Baune families by Tom & JoAnn Green

Leo & Evelyn Hogan family, Frank & Eleanora Billmeier by Dan & Carol Billmeier

Mary Ann Walter, Joseph & Magdalen Walter, John & Leokadia Kazmierczak by Ed Walter

Barb Kerkhoff by Denny Kerkhoff

Gluth & Madsen families by Jeff & Lisa Madsen

Jim Kopischke, Bob Rose, Bernice Rose by Doug & Cindy Kopischke

Carisa Walter, John & Helen Riley, George & Ann Walter by Tom & Judy Walter

Richard Wildt, Denver Zamzow by Pat & Colleen Wildt

Roman & Mathilda Saffert, Joseph & Louise Trembl by Ron & Jan Trembl

Mike Larsen, Joe Larsen, Curt Cornwell, Brian Cornwell by Stephanie Cornwell

Luken, Grain, & Meyers families by Jim Luken

Guy & Richard Root by Maxine Root

Mike & Joe Larsen, Dean & Russel Rudenick by Christine Rudenick

Ernest & Dorothy Kalkhoff by Luvern & Marion Kalkhoff

Loren Eisenbarth, Anton & Muriel Eisenbarth by Carole Eisenbarth

Allan Hacker, Bernard & Dominic Kunz by Ruth Hacker

Jerry Vogl, Jacob Otto, Harold, Monica, & Lonnie Kerkhoff by Marilyn Vogl

Sam Schultz, Bud & Evie Weber, Arnie & Arlene Schultz by Miki Schultz

For the parish family

Don Reding, Ray & Geri Duscher, Ray & Beatrice Reding by Donna Reding

Their parents by Leonard & Alice Walter

Gilbert & Mary Ann Larsen, Rolland & Rosemary McGraw, Joe & Mike Larsen by Pat & Mary Kate Larsen

Rosie & Christine Lund

St. Paul's Church, Comfrey



...to our priests, the Environment Committee and those who helped decorate the church for Christmas, the choir and pianist, all the ministry people, our sacristan and all who helped in any way to make the Christmas church services so beautiful. Thanks to Stan Schotzko for volunteering his time and working on the Rectory foundation this fall.

...to the parish for the wonderful acknowledgement and gift I received for Christmas. It was greatly appreciated! Jim Rathman

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. To purchase, please call the Parish Center at 507-877-2361. All the winners will be drawn on February 6, 2022. Thanks for supporting our church's fundraiser!

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

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

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 16 - 10:30am

Rosary: Martha

Lector: Sue McMullen

Servers: Kyla Wuertz, Scarlette Wolle

Ushers: Dan Eischen, Robert Zwasczka

Gift Bearers: Ashley & Adam 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 Zwasczka, Cora Mathiowetz, Jerry Fischer, Vonnie Schneider, Faith Helget, Pat Callanan, Marge Schwaegerl.

Congratulations to our lucky \$50 Calendar Raffle winner: **Vonnie Schneider**. Will you be our next \$50 winner?

Religious Education News:

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)



...to our priests, the Environment Committee and those who helped decorate and clean the church for Christmas, the choir and musicians, all the ministry people, our sacristan and all who helped in any way to make the Christmas church services so beautiful.

...to the 64 brave people who didn't mind going out in the cold to join us for our Pancake Breakfast on Sunday! Thanks to our Administrative Council for hosting and doing the cooking and clean up. Our last Pancake Breakfast of the season will be on February 6, with the Cemetery and Farm Boards hosting and serving.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 15 - 8:00pm

Rosary: Jamie Pietig

Lector: Steve Lax

Servers: Volunteers

Music: Randy Lax

Gift Bearers: Dave & Betty Mack

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

Additional Christmas Flowers:



In loving memory of Christopher Lax by Molly Lax

Download the phone App at www.divinemeracyafc.org

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.

Upcoming Events

Feb 6 **JM** Pancake Breakfast

Feb 27 **JM** Volkswagen Dinner



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!

Stewardship Collection from December 24/25, 26 & December 31, 2021/Jan. 1/2, 2022

	St. Mary's	St. Michael's	St. Paul's	Japanese Martyrs
Adult	\$76,162.87	\$8,240.00	\$3,750.00	\$4,865.00
Youth	\$179.20	\$3.00	\$16.80	\$20.00
Loose Plate	\$4,201.25	\$1,352.00	\$612.00	\$542.52
All Other	\$53,785.72	\$15,648.40	\$3,204.00	\$5,500.00
Total	\$134,329.04	\$25,243.40	\$7,582.80	\$10,927.52
Total (adult/yth/loose/mbrshp)	\$80,543.32	\$9,595.00	\$4,378.80	\$5,427.52
Weekly Budget Needed	\$13,721.16	\$1,944.23	\$1,281.73	\$982.69
Fiscal Year to Date	\$434,206.96	\$62,924.57	\$35,338.54	\$35,391.07
Fiscal Year to Date Budget	\$370,471.32	\$52,494.21	\$34,606.71	\$26,532.90
St. Mary's Grade School Elevator - Goal: \$150,000.00 - Received \$32,771.61 as of 1/4/2022				
St. Mary's Church Tuck-Pointing - Goal: \$125,500.00 - Received \$23,700.00 (as of 1/4/2022)				


Diocesan Ministries Appeal 2020-2021 - as of January 4, 2022

	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	\$27,170.40	\$14,327.32	\$4,956.00	\$8,740.00
Received for Parish	\$6,792.60	\$3,581.83	\$1,239.00	\$2,185.00
Total Cash Received	\$33,963.00	\$17,909.15	\$6,195.00	\$10,925.00
Variance	(\$16,805.68)	\$6,289.56	(\$329.85)	\$6,366.54
# of Donors	120	42	17	15
Total Cash & Pledges	\$37,263.00	\$18,209.15	\$6,510.00	\$11,425.00


Perpetual Adoration at St. Mary's Church Adoration Chapel, Sleepy Eye

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
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 **Recycle Your Holiday Lights!** The Sleepy Eye YES! Team will be collecting holiday lights for recycling from now until Friday, January 21. Drop off Christmas lights in boxes located at Brown County REA, Sleepy Eye Ace Hardware, Schutz Family Foods, Sleepy Eye Public School, St. Mary's Catholic School and Church and Trinity Lutheran Church.

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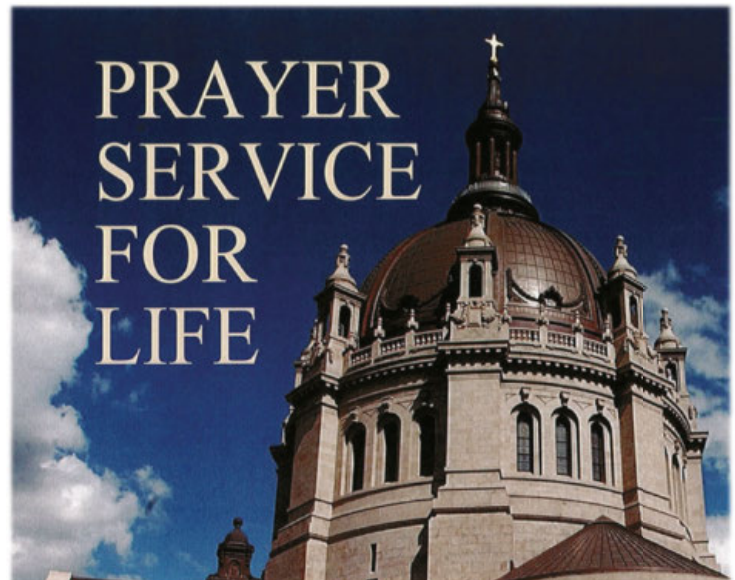


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*Pray
with us
for Life.*

Saturday, January 22, 2022
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