

Divine Mercy Area Faith Catholic Community



ST. MARY'S 636 1st Ave N • Sleepy Eye MN 56085

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Weekend Mass Times: Sat., 5:30pm; Sun., 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am (EF/Latin)

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Weekend Mass Time: Sun., 10:30am

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Weekend Mass Time: Sun., 8:30am

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Weekend Mass Time: Sat., 8:00pm

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January 16, 2022 • Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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:

Saturday, January 22 (this year on a Saturday), is the annual Pro-life Rally and Prayer Service at the Cathedral in St. Paul. I found out that Cathedral in New Ulm is sponsoring a bus that I hope we can help to fill. The coach bus loads at 7:40 A.M. at the Cathedral parking lot in New Ulm, stopping first at the Cathedral of St. Paul for the Prayer for Life, followed by a short walk to the MCCL Rally at the MN State Capitol at noon. Dress for the weather, and keep in mind that the bus is available as needed to warm up during the march. Please plan to bring your lunch. Return time will be 3:00 P.M. Families are welcome and children must be accompanied by an adult. Call the Cathedral office at 507-354-4158 to reserve a seat. Questions can be directed to trip coordinator Kate Slood at slood@newulmtel.net.

On Sunday, January 23, the 7-8 pm holy hour at St. Mary's will be a Holy Hour for Life including a Rosary and sung Divine Mercy Chaplet. I am hoping for a huge crowd for this Holy Hour, as the issue of life is so central to who we are as followers of the Lord who is the Author of Life!

Also next weekend, January 22/23, our parishes will be taking up a second collection to help assist with pro-life activities in our area and greater Minnesota. This is our chance to make a personal contribution to raising awareness of this important issue.

I have had some inquiries about the St. Mary's "floor and windows" project. Everything is on schedule for this to be completed this upcoming summer. We are planning on moving the pews out of the church beginning June 1. I hope that we can get a lot of volunteer help on those first days of June to move them to the school's Field House where they will be stored until they can be re-installed when the new terrazzo floor is completed. During the time that the floor is being installed over the summer, Masses will be in the St. Mary's Church social room, having considered the best location with accessibility, parking, bathrooms, etc. (Although it has not been confirmed, I am anticipating that the ordination of three seminarians this spring will be at St. Mary's on Saturday, May 28, before we move out of the church.) In the mean-time before June, there is some structural support for the floor that needs to be added – this means adding some support pillars in the social room. Although the terrazzo floor we are adding is not substantially heavier, the structural engineer that we are working with is requiring this, so it will involve some minor disruptions in the social room in the next months. Thanks to Joe Steffl and the Building and Grounds Committee who have been helpful in executing and coordinating this project.

The company who is repairing the remaining stained glass windows in the sacristy and towers at St. Mary's is going to begin working on some of them in the next weeks. It will be great to see these repairs that are badly needed.

Lastly, I am hoping to have the money collected by May 31, for the other two big projects at St. Mary's that need to be done this summer – replacing the school elevator and the tuck-pointing on the church. The goal amounts and money that has already come in for these projects is in the bulletin at the bottom of the weekly stewardship section. Thanks to everyone who has already made a contribution to these maintenance projects! (A few weeks ago, someone from Texas gave an on-line donation to the tuck-pointing project along with a message saying that he remembered fondly his experience growing up in Sleepy Eye in the 1950's and wanted to contribute to the goal of making sure that St. Mary's is maintained for many years to come! There is a lot of fundraising that comes from many outside of our community who so generously contribute to the parish and school.)

AFC Mass Times & Weekly Events

AFC Mass Intentions for January 17-23, 2022

Monday - St. Anthony, Abbot

Jan. 17 1 Sm 15:16-23 / Mk 2:18-22

Divine Providence Seth Weeks Family

5:30 pm **St. Mary's** †Sylvester & Marcella Hoffmann Family

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

Tuesday

Jan. 18 1 Sm 16:1-13 / Mk 2:23-28

Divine Providence †Rita A. Schmitz

7:15 am **St. Mary's** †Frank & Paul Hellmann & Bernadine Roux

8:30 am **Japanese Martyrs** †Gilbert & Marlene Windschitl

8:30 am **St. Michael's** †Sandra Schroepfer

5:30 pm **St. Paul's** †Val Rathman

Wednesday

Jan. 19 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 / Mk 3:1-6

Divine Providence †Armin Losleben

7:15 am **St. Mary's** †Lois Tauer

8:15 am **St. Mary's** †Albert & Myrtle Schroepfer / GS Mass

8:30 am **St. Michael's** †Donnie Johnson

Thursday - St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

Jan. 20 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 / Mk 3:7-12

Divine Providence †Nicole Fuchs

7:15 am **St. Mary's** †Ken Schons

8:15 am **St. Mary's** †Ryan Harvey / HS Mass

8:30 am **Japanese Martyrs** †Albert Sellner

Friday - St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

Jan. 21 1 Sm 24:3-21 / Mk 3:13-19

Divine Providence †E. Peter Schmitz

SE Care Ctr †Betty Zangl

7:15 am **St. Mary's** †Margaret Mages & deceased family members

8:30 am **St. Paul's** †Lorraine Schulte

8:30 am **St. Michael's** Fr. Jeff Horejsi

Saturday - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Jan. 22 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 / Mk 3:20-21

Divine Providence DSMP

8:15 am **St. Mary's** †Art Sellner & deceased family members

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

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

5:30 pm **St. Mary's** †Patsy Reynolds

7:30 pm **Japanese Martyrs** Confessions

8:00 pm **Japanese Martyrs** †Sylvan Schumacher

Sunday - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan. 23 Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 / 1 Cor 12:12-30 / Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Divine Providence †Fr. Eugene Hackert

7:30 am **St. Mary's** AFC Parish Families

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

8:30 am **St. Michael's** †Deceased members of A. Healing Family

9:30 am **St. Mary's** †Leonard & Leona Seidl

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

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

11:30 am **St. Mary's/Latin** Joseph & Mary Emmanuele

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 for Life, Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Weekly Events

ST. MARY'S, SLEEPY EYE

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

Monday, January 17

6:00pm CCW mtg

Tuesday, January 18

5:30pm E & C Committee mtg

Wednesday, January 19

6:30pm Rel Ed

Sunday, January 23

After 7:30 & 9:30am Masses KC Donuts and family activities in soc rm

2:00pm AFC 1st Reconciliation

6-7:00pm Adult Ed in soc rm

7:00pm Holy Hour for Life with Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

ST. MICHAEL'S, MORGAN

Sunday, January 16

2:00pm AFC Confirmation mtg for candidates & parents at St. Mary's

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 19

6:15pm Rel Ed

Sunday, January 23

2:00pm AFC 1st Reconciliation at St. Mary's

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

3-4:00pm Holy Hour & Rosary

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

ST. PAUL'S, COMFREY

Sunday, January 16

2:00pm AFC Confirmation mtg for candidates & parents at St. Mary's

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

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

Wednesday, January 19

7:00pm Rel Ed

Sunday, January 23

2:00pm AFC 1st Reconciliation at St. Mary's

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

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

JAPANESE MARTYRS, LEAVENWORTH

Sunday, January 16

2:00pm AFC Confirmation mtg for candidates & parents at St. Mary's

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

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

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Sunday, January 23

2:00pm AFC 1st Reconciliation at St. Mary's

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

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



Happy Birthday!!
Msgr. John Richter
on Thursday, January 20

St. Mary's Church, Sleepy Eye



We Celebrate....the baptism of **Maverick Michael Hoffmann**, son of Keith M. Hoffmann & Sheena Hillesheim. Congratulations!

ATTENTION: Weekly Votive Light costs \$5 per candle.

Votive Lights burn this week for:



Jerome & Rose Fromm; Hacker Families; Patt Seifert; For Special Intentions; Willard Fischer; Florian & Florence Sellner; Alice Sellner; Leon Bushard; Ray & Adella Tauer; Family Intentions; Paul, Jim, Gerald, & Joan (Abrahamson) Schroepfer; Art & Marion Sellner & deceased family members; 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; Victor & Caroline Helget; Gary's Health; Special Intentions; (2) Special Intentions.

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 Treml, Mike Seifert (Diane), Charles Romberg, Alex Braulick, Francis, Paula Marti, Our Son, Our Daughter, Our Sons.



Traveling Chalice Prayer for Vocations

January 16: Pat & Patty Berkner

January 23: Rich & Shauna Moldan



KC Donuts for Pro-Life

Next Sunday, January 23, after the 7:30 and 9:30am Masses, the KC's will have donuts for Pro-Life and the CCW will have family activities in the social room. Please join us!

Knight of Columbus Free Throw Contest



The Knights of Columbus Council #3134, Sleepy Eye, will be having their Basketball Free Throw Contest next 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.



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!

NEX-TU-NU II January 17-22: 50% off all winter clothing. Store hours: Mon.-Fri. 10:00am-4:30pm; Sat. 10:00am-1:00pm.

Calendar raffle winners for Jan. 10-16: Delbert Hillesheim, Tony Pelzel, Ken Ludewig, Heather Hoffmann, Jane Cook, Gerald V. Sellner, John Botsford.

Congratulations to the winners of the KC Las Vegas Raffle:

\$1000 Dan Steffl; \$500 Mike Hoffmann; \$250 Randy Reinarts; \$100 Rob Goblirsch; \$100 Jared Miller; \$50 Brian Mathiowetz

Liturgical Ministers for January 22 & 23, 2022

Rosary Leader

5:00 pm Lillian Stimpert
7:00 am Gwyn Goettig-Ruddy
9:00 am Tom Portner Family

Accompanist

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

Cantor

Melissa & Natalie Fischer
Sheila Schmid
Caecilian Choir
Stella Maris Choir

Servers

5:30 pm Jalen Brandl, Jonathan Petermann, Riley Rutscher, Brandon Schmitz
7:30 am Brandon Tauer, Landry Folkens, Jadon Schroepfer, Elijah Hoffmann
9:30 am Kolbe Turbes, William Braulick, Jake Heinrichs, Charlie Hoffmann, Gus Hoffmann
11:30 am Sam Kramer, Thomas Kramer

Lectors

5:30 pm Tiffany Hoffmann
7:30 am Rick Helget
9:30 am Randy 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. 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.

Would the following men please attend:

Roger Kral, Leonard Seidl, Chuck Meyer, Gerald P. Sellner, Rick Helget, Gerald E. Sellner, Wayne Pelzel, Russ McCabe, Steve Braulick, Greg Braulick, Richard Sellner, Lynn Simonsen, Brian Neid, Bill Zilka, John Schwartz, Rusty Hoffmann, Dan Seidl, Ron Berdan, Matt Vickery, Steve Walter, Matt Grausam, Jim Peterson, Dennis Helget, Richard Neyers, Bob Mathiowetz, Randy Krzmarzick, Steve Schotzko, Pat Hoffmann, Brad Mathiowetz, Dan Fischer, Randy Braulick, Tony Schmitz, Leon Scherer, Stretch Fischer, Dan Tauer (Morgan), Francis Biesanz, Matt Lux, Doug Brandl, Brian Cook, Ray Kral Jr, Tom Kachelmeier, Pat Berkner, Philip Sellner, Bob Krambeer, Clete Zinniel, Matt Andres, Mike Carr, Perry Pietig, Mike Hoffmann, Jeff Koewler, David Sellner, Keith Hoffmann, Doug Kral, Jeff Helget, Walter Windschitl, Spike Schroepfer, Greg Huiras, Gordie Osmonson, Rick Mages, Tom Larson, John Hirsch, Greg Fuchs, Chuck Moldaschel, Ron Moldaschel, Tom Hirsch, Rich Moldan, Terry Heiderscheidt, Myron Seidl, Greg Gangelhoff, Peter Roufs, Pat Krzmarzick, Del Marti, Glen Kuebler Jr, Dean Stimpert, Jerry Haala, Pat Bohnen, Dan Braulick, Vic Helget, Steve Rutscher, Lyle Fischer, Sean Mathiowetz, Larry Helget, Mike McKeown, Randy Zinniel.



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 to all those who support St. Mary's Catholic School! Thank you to Richard and Linda Schroepfer for their donation of \$2,035.47, to Matt and Mandy Wagner for their donation of \$50.00 and the Knights of Olde for their donation of \$1,009.00, all for the Adopt-A-Student program. Thank you to Gary and Rosie Hillesheim for their donation of \$500.00 to treat our school staff to a meal. Thank you an anonymous donor for the gift of \$1,000.00, to Berdan Plumbing and Heating for the gift of \$500.00 and to Gretchen Hesli for the gift of \$1,000.00, all for the new school elevator program. Thank you to the Ken and Denise Kalkhoff Family Charitable Fund for being the highest bidder (\$2,000.00) on the silent auction for the beautiful Nativity set that John Rosenhammer donated. These funds will be used to help replace our school elevator. Thank you to Denise for donating it to the New Ulm Pastoral Center. We appreciate all of our benefactors!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to seniors Julia Helget and Jacob Stevens who have been selected as MSHSL Triple A Award winners for St. Mary's. The Triple A Award recognizes student for their successes in Academics, Athletics, and the Arts. Julia is the daughter of Bill and Jenny Helget and Jacob is the son of Joel and Jenny Stevens. Congratulations Julia and Jacob on this well-deserved honor!



CONFIRMATION MEETING

There is a Confirmation meeting for parents and students at 2pm on Sunday, January 16, in the St. Mary's Social Room. Please pray for our juniors as they continue to prepare for this important sacrament!

CONGRATULATIONS SECOND GRADERS



Congratulations to our second graders who will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Sunday, January 23, at 2 pm at St. Mary's Church. Please pray for our students as they prepare for this important step on their faith journey!

NO SCHOOL

There will be no school on Monday, January 17. This will be a teacher work day. Second quarter report cards will be distributed on Friday, January 21. The third quarter of the school year will begin on Tuesday, January 18. Congratulations to our students on a very successful first half of the school year!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Mark your calendar for Catholic Schools Week 2022! We will celebrate it the week of January 30—February 5. The week will be filled with special dress up days and events including our All-School Mass (8:15 a.m.) and Family Fun Night (5 p.m.—7 p.m.) on Wednesday, February 2 and our school variety show on Friday, February 4 (1:45). Watch the bulletin, Facebook, Instagram, and the school website for a complete schedule of events!

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



SUPPORT THE CUF RAFFLE

St. Mary's will once again participate in the Catholic United Financial Raffle! Raffle tickets were sent home on Friday, January 14. Please refer to the insert provided in this bulletin for more information. There are extra tickets available if you are interested in selling more. Please return the money, ticket stubs, and any unsold tickets in the original envelope. All tickets need to be returned by Monday, February 27. Thank you for supporting our school with this fundraiser!

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 Schutz Family Foods, St. Mary's School and the north entrance of St. Mary's Church until January 24. Thank you for your generosity!

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 Follow us on Instagram! (sesmschool) 


Virtue of the Month for January: Gratitude

St. Michael's Church, Morgan



Thank you to an anonymous donor for a gift of \$330 and St. Michael's CUF for a gift of \$200, both for the religious ed program. We are also grateful for an anonymous donation of \$400 for the church and an additional \$200 for candlestick refinishing. We received \$170.00 from F & M Bank for a donation as a year-end token of appreciation of their customers. Thank you to F & M Bank customers for choosing St. Michael's as your donation recipient.

LARGE VOTIVE LIGHTS

 will burn this week for the intentions of: for an end to abortion, for the family of KDK, Don Reding, Hans Larson, and in loving memory of Jerry Vogl/Jacob Otto. *Candles are \$3.00 each. Candles are lit on Friday and will burn throughout the week.*

PARISH PRAYER LIST:

Hans Larson, Donna Plotz, Ruth Simonsen, Mike Koenigs, Joan Korkowski, and Pat Haala. *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 12 - Alice Walter
January 16 - Jeff Helget



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.



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



The St. Michael's Quilters meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Please contact Marilyn Vogl at 651-302-0546 if you are interested in helping out or for more information.

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

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, January 23 - 8:30am

Lector: Judy Huiras

Servers: Evelyn, Rachel, & Danielle Schumacher

Ushers: Scott Hacker, Jack Carlson, Jim Lueken, Doug Daub



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We would like to thank **Dave Mathiowetz** 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 **Judy Huiras** will host the statue.

Fr. Sam will be in Guatemala January 10-29. If you need to get in touch with one of the priests while he is away, please contact the St. Mary's Rectory at 507-794-4171.



Men's Sausage Dinner News:

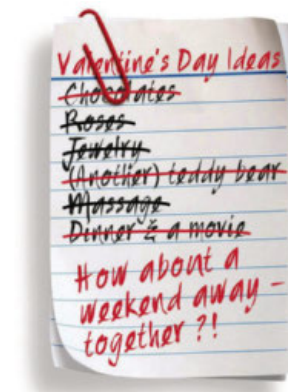
The dinner will be held on Sunday, January 30, and will be a drive-thru dinner only. All men of the parish are expected to help out. The worker list will be available in the back of church this weekend. Watch upcoming bulletins for more information.

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 19 - Anointing of the Sick as Healing - Episode 10**

Upcoming Events:

- AFC Confirmation meeting Sun, Jan 16 2:00 PM-SESM
- Holy Hour/Rosary Sun, Jan 16 3:00 PM
- Adult Ed Sun, Jan 16 6:00 PM-SESM
- Religious Ed Wed, Jan 19 6:15 PM
- **NO Mass, Holy Hour, or Confessions Thur, Jan 20**
- That Man is YOU! Fri, Jan 21 5:45 AM-SESM
- **NO Mass Sat, Jan 22**
- Prayer Service for Life Sat, Jan 22 10:30 AM-St. Paul
- AFC 1st Reconciliation 2:00 PM-SESM



It's time for a Valentine's Day gift you'll remember a year from now.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Shalom Hill - Windom, MN

February 18-20



To apply or for more info, call (507) 227-8229 or visit WWME.org

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Additional Christmas Flower Memorial:

In Loving Memory of LaDonna & Joan Mathiowetz by Alphonse Mathiowetz family



2022 Calendar Raffle

There are only a few more weeks left to purchase or turn in your raffle tickets for our Annual Calendar Raffle. All the winners for the year will be drawn after Mass on Sunday, February 6. We need everyone's help in making this fundraiser for our church a big success. If interested in a ticket, please call the Parish Center at 507-877-2361. Thank you!

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

Congratulations to Ruth & David Englin on celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on January 8. May God continue to bless them and all couples who have reached milestones in their marriages.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 23 - 10:30am

Rosary: Marge

Lector: Dale McMullen

Servers: Jeremiah Veerkamp, Zakary Fischer

Ushers: Joe & Lori Schumann

Gift Bearers: Ruth Englin & Martha Fredin

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, Pat Callanan, Marge Schwaegerl.

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

Religious Education News:

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)



Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale

Our last Pancake Breakfast of the season will be Sunday, February 6. Our Farm & Cemetery Boards will do the cooking and serving. The CCW will also be having a bake sale over the February 5 and 6 weekend.



Volkswagen Dinner News:

We are asking for donations for the silent auction at our **Volkswagen Dinner** which will be held on February 27. Individual items or a theme basket are needed. Please consider helping with this fundraiser! Tickets are being sold now! If you are interested in donating or purchase tickets, please call the office 794-6974 or a council member. Thank you.

2022 calendars are available in the back of church, please help yourself to any of the books and reading materials also.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 22 - 8:00pm

Rosary: Don Mickelson

Lector: Rick Lax

Servers: Leah & Nolan Kucera

Music: Becky Sellner

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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

Your 2022 contribution envelopes are ready. Pick up in the Church Social Hall. Thank you for your generosity in 2021!

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!

Upcoming Events

Jan 10-29 Fr. Sam on vacation to Guatemala

Feb 3 **SP** 7:00 pm CCW Meeting - Church Hall

Feb 6 **SP** Calendar Raffle Drawing after Mass

Feb 6 **JM** Pancake Breakfast 9:30 - 12:30

Feb 8 **JM** 7pm Administrative Council meeting

Feb 17 **SP** 6:30 pm Administrative Council Mtg-Church Hall

Feb 27 **JM** Volkswagen Dinner

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.

Stewardship Collection for Jan. 8/9, 2022

	St. Mary's	St. Michael's	St. Paul's	Japanese Martyrs
Adult	\$9,583.17	\$330.00	\$924.00	\$560.00
Youth	\$44.25	\$0	\$6.00	\$0
Loose Plate	\$930.62	\$234.00	\$88.00	\$106.00
All Other	\$1,527.66	\$21.00	\$150.00	\$32.50
Total	\$12,085.70	\$585.00	\$1,168.00	\$698.50
Total (adult/yth/loose/mbrshp)	\$10,558.04	\$564.00	\$1,018.00	\$666.00
Weekly Budget Needed	\$13,721.16	\$1,944.23	\$1,281.73	\$982.69
Fiscal Year to Date	\$444,765.00	\$63,488.57	\$36,356.54	\$36,057.07
Fiscal Year to Date Budget	\$384,192.48	\$54,438.44	\$35,888.44	\$27,515.60
St. Mary's Grade School Elevator - Goal: \$150,000.00 - Received \$37,271.61 (as of 1/11/2022)				
St. Mary's Church Tuck-Pointing - Goal: \$125,500.00 - Received \$24,312.79 (as of 1/11/2022)				

Diocesan Ministries Appeal 2020-2021 - as of January 11, 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	\$28,230.52	\$14,367.32	\$4,956.00	\$8,740.00
Received for Parish	\$7,057.53	\$3,591.83	\$1,239.00	\$2,185.00
Total Cash Received	\$35,288.15	\$17,959.15	\$6,195.00	\$10,925.00
Variance	(\$15,480.53)	\$6,339.56	(\$329.85)	\$6,366.54
# of Donors	123	43	17	15
Total Cash & Pledges	\$38,588.15	\$18,259.15	\$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
1-2pm & 6-7pm	1-2am			3-4am		

St. Paul's, Comfrey - 2022 Calendar Raffle

The St. Paul's Church, Comfrey, Calendar Raffle Tickets for 2022 are for sale. There are only 400 tickets printed: 4 - \$250 winners and 48 - \$50 winners. Ticket cost is \$35.00. To purchasing, call the Parish Center at 507-877-2361 or stop in during office hours.

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.

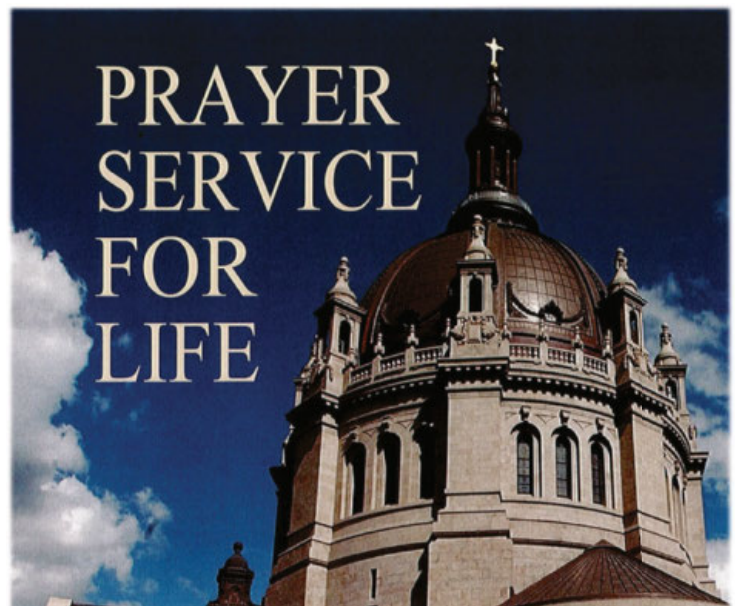


Homebound/Hospital/Nursing Home Visits

If you or a family member would like a visit and receive the sacrament of reconciliation, Eucharist, or spiritual guidance, please call your respective parish and they will arrange for someone to visit. Because of the privacy laws that are in place, hospitals and nursing homes are not allowed to call churches letting them know when one of their parishioners has been admitted. Thank you.



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



*Pray
with us
for Life.*

Saturday, January 22, 2022
10:30 a.m.

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