

# Divine Mercy Area Faith Catholic Community



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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 23, 2022 · Third 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:

This Sunday, January 23, the 7-8 pm holy hour at St. Mary's will be a **Holy Hour for Life (and an end to abortion) including a Rosary and sung Divine Mercy Chaplet.** I am hoping that the church will be full (with people from all 4 of our parish communities) as we pray for this most important issue of our times, asking the Lord to bring about a change of heart to the world and to our political leaders, moving them to protect the most vulnerable and helpless.

**Next Sunday, January 30, we begin Catholic Schools Week.** Each of our four parishes in our area at one time had a Catholic School, and we have so much to be grateful for, that we can continue to offer Catholic School education in our area at St. Mary's School. Next Sunday's Holy Hour (January 30), at St. Mary's will be for our benefactors, living and deceased, as well as to pray for our teachers, many of whom were also religious sisters. All of us can think back to a particular teacher who left a significant impression on us and helped us to become something more! A few weeks ago, I had a chance to go to the gathering of St. Mary's High School alumni called "Knights of Olde" (rescheduled from December because of bad weather). *I have to say that I was very moved at hearing some of the memories that were shared with me from these men who were "formed" at St. Mary's.* (We use the word "formed" rather than just educated, because that is the goal of our Catholic Schools – Christian formation – that goes beyond just learning facts but making Disciples of Jesus.) One fellow recounted to me that he remembered some extra attention he needed with math, and the Sister who taught him that subject who generously gave him as much time as the job took for him to "finally get it down." Another told me about how there were some weeks that he had money for lunch and others that he didn't. When the Sister in charge of the hot lunch program "caught on" to this, she made sure that he always had the necessary "token" to eat that day. Another mentioned that when he encountered some difficulties in later adulthood, that he could hear the advice of a Sister who taught him come back to his ears to help him in that moment. Many of our alumni, both local and those who have long since moved away from Sleepy Eye, have continued to contribute to our Annual Appeal and "pay it forward" as the phrase goes. I want to be able to make it possible for anyone who wants to attend St. Mary's to be able to do so, and am grateful for your help in making this a reality!

On a similar note, last week I wrote about wanting to be able to have the funds raised by May 31, of this year for the St. Mary's Church tuck-pointing and replacement of the school elevator. A donation of \$1000 for the tuck-pointing came in electronically from someone whose childhood was in Sleepy Eye in the 1950's and wrote a moving note about remembering being able to grow up in the "shadow of the bell towers" so that he was moved to send this money so others could share in the gift that he was given.

Last week, I visited with an alumna of St. Mary's who has lived as an adult in the Twin Cities area. She mentioned that her parish priest is a convert to the Catholic Faith who eventually followed a vocation to the priesthood. **Growing up as a "cradle Catholic" she said she is thankful for him helping her to understand better some of the things that she "took for granted" and didn't really appreciate as much as she should have.** It is true that we as Catholics don't always love as much as we should because we have always had them, whereas those who don't have the privilege of growing up Catholic have to search for the Truth (and sometimes have to give up much to embrace the Catholic Faith) and show a much deeper love of the Church! **This Sunday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students from our parishes are making their First Confessions. This Sacrament, often underappreciated and under-utilized is the "key" to taking a deeper step into our relationship with Jesus, the Divine Physician.** Please join me in praying for these children, their families, and for a renewed love and appreciation of that Sacrament of Confession, that so often we make much harder than it really is! And for a more general appreciation, love, and use of this Sacrament in our parishes!

# AFC Mass Times & Weekly Events

## AFC Mass Intentions for January 24-30, 2022

**Monday - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

Jan. 24 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 / Mk 3:22-30

**Divine Providence** Dorothy Krzmarzick

5:30 pm **St. Mary's** †Mike Goblirsch

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

**Tuesday - Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle**

Jan. 25 Acts 22:3-16 / Mk 16:15-18

**Divine Providence** †Armin Losleben

7:15 am **St. Mary's** †Otto & Dolores Sellner

8:30 am **Japanese Martyrs** Seminarrians

8:30 am **St. Michael's** †Virginia Welter

5:30 pm **St. Paul's** †Melvin Zwaschka

**Wednesday - Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops**

Jan. 26 2 Tm 1:1-8 / Mk 4:1-20

**Divine Providence** †E. Peter Schmitz

7:15 am **St. Mary's** †Rita A. Schmitz

8:15 am **St. Mary's** †Nicole Fuchs / GS Mass

8:30 am **St. Michael's** †Sue Gegner

**Thursday - St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder**

Jan. 27 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 / Mk 4:21-25

**Divine Providence** †Rita A. Schmitz

7:15 am **St. Mary's** Christian Mothers

8:15 am **St. Mary's** †Fr. Eugene Hackert / HS Mass

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

**Friday - St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious & Doctor of the Church**

Jan. 28 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 / Mk 4:26-34

**Divine Providence** †Deceased mbrs of the Art & Marion Sellner Family

**SE Care Ctr** †Helen (Wolf) Zangl

7:15 am **St. Mary's** †Herb & Margetta Olsen

8:30 am **St. Paul's** †Rosemary Rathman

8:30 am **St. Michael's** Bernice Ricke

**Saturday**

Jan. 29 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 / Mk 4:35-41

**Divine Providence** DSMP

8:15 am **St. Mary's** Darroll, Crisanta & CJ Schmidtkecht

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

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

4:30 pm **St. Michael's** †Gordon Carlson **(NOTE MASS TIME)**

5:30 pm **St. Mary's** †Richard Irlbeck

7:30 pm **Japanese Martyrs** Confessions

8:00 pm **Japanese Martyrs** †Andrew Dorscher

**Sunday - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jan. 30 Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 / 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 / Lk 4:21-30

**Divine Providence** †Bill & Maggie Wintheiser

7:30 am **St. Mary's** †Angeline Kral

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

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

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

10:30 am **St. Paul's** †Charlie Hall

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

## Weekly Events

### ST. MARY'S, SLEEPY EYE

**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

**Wednesday, January 26**

6:30pm Rel Ed

**Sunday, January 30**

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

7:00pm Holy Hour for benefactors and teachers, living and deceased

### ST. MICHAEL'S, MORGAN

**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

**Tuesday, January 25**

7:00pm Admin Council mtg

**Wednesday, January 26**

6:15pm Rel Ed

**Sunday, January 30**

10:30am-1:00pm Sausage Dinner Drive Thru

3-4:00pm Holy Hour & Rosary

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

7:00pm Holy Hour at St. Mary's for benefactors and teachers, living and deceased

### ST. PAUL'S, COMFREY

**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

**Wednesday, January 26**

7:00pm Rel Ed

**Sunday, January 30**

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

7:00pm Holy Hour at St. Mary's for benefactors and teachers, living and deceased

### JAPANESE MARTYRS, LEAVENWORTH

**Sunday, January 23**

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

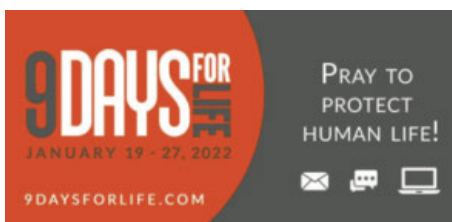
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# St. Mary's Church, Sleepy Eye



## Called to Eternal Life....

Please remember in your prayers **Margaret (Mickey) Fischer** who passed away recently. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and friends, and we pray for her eternal peace.

## *In Memory of...*

St. Mary's Church and/or School is grateful for the memorials in memory of the following: *Colette Van De Bogart, Vera Bloedow, Gladys Reinarts, and Vernie Haala.*

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

### Votive Lights burn this week for:



Jerome & Rose Fromm; Patt Seifert; For Special Intentions; Willard Fischer; Florian & Florence Sellner; Alice Sellner; Leon Bushard; Ray & Adella Tauer; Family Intentions; Paul, Jim, Gerald, & Joan (Abrahamson) Schroeffer; 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; Hacker Family; (2) Margaret (Mickey) Fischer.

**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, Our Daughter, Our Sons, Carol Hillesheim.



### Traveling Chalice Prayer for Vocations

**January 23:** Rich & Shauna Moldan

**January 30:** Kober Family

**NEX-TU-NU II January 24-29:** Store hours: Mon.-Fri. 10:00am-4:30pm; Sat. 10:00am-1:00pm.

**Calendar raffle winners for Jan. 17-23:** Mike A. Sellner, David & Angie Tauer, Dave Berle, Martin Hoffmann, Ken Ludewig, Dan & Sheila Beltz, Jim Soukup.



### 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](mailto: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, Sleepy Eye ~ Shepherd of the Field

**Fr. Todd Peterson**

408 N Washington St.

Minneota, MN 56264

*Birthday:* September 14 ~ *Ordination:* June 5, 1999

**Deacon Kenneth Noyes**

1119 Sunset Cir

Marshal, MN 56258

*Birthday:* August 3 ~ *Ordination:* April 21, 2018

### Liturgical Ministers for January 29 & 30, 2022

#### Rosary Leader

5:00 pm Linda Seifert  
7:00 am Schoenstatt Sisters  
9:00 am Kevin Currans

#### Accompanist

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

#### Cantor

Michael Krambeer  
Mary Kissner  
Caecilian Choir  
Stella Maris Choir

#### Servers

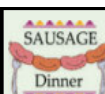
5:30 pm Kiara Murphy, Kailey Nelson, Maya Nelson, Jasmine Petermann  
7:30 am Lacey Mathiowetz, Taylor Mathiowetz, Jaclyn Schroeffer, Jenica Schroeffer  
9:30 am Reagan Severson, Katelyn Tauer, Kallie Zarn, Caroline Currans, Elizabeth Currans  
11:30 am Nick Kaminsky, Charlie Peschges, Sam Kramer, Philip Schmitz, Aaron Freitag, Lucas Boyle, Toby Kramer, John Schmitz, Peter Schmitz, Justin Parisek, Christopher Boyle, Vincent Dvorak

#### Lectors

5:30 pm Jacki Kyllonen  
7:30 am Terry Helget  
9:30 am Cindy Marti  
11:30 am Clergy

#### Ushers/Greeters

5:30 pm \*Ron Salfer, Spike Schroeffer, 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 raffle ticket is at the printer, which will take three weeks. 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 2 hog and 5 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.



### KC Donuts for Pro-Life

This 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 this 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.

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# 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.*

## 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!

## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION—USING APPS



Box Tops has phased out clipping box tops. No more sending Box Tops to school. All you need is your phone. Download the ALL-NEW Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then simply scan your store receipts to find participating products. The app will automatically credit your school's Box Tops earnings online.



BUY Box Tops products. Look for the logo. You can find it on hundreds of products you know and love. 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!

## 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!

## KC FREE THROW CONTEST



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their annual free throw contest on Sunday, January 23 at 1 p.m. in the St. Mary's gym. Good luck to all the participants!

## 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 14th. 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 27th. 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!

*Virtue of the Month for January: Gratitude*



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# St. Michael's Church, Morgan



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Thank you for continuing to support our "Friends of San Lucas" with your aluminum can donation. Our last load resulted in a donation of \$190.30.

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.



**LARGE VOTIVE LIGHTS** will burn this week for the intentions of: in thanksgiving for my guardian angel, for the family of KDK, Don Reding, Hans Larson, in loving memory of Jerry Vogl/Jacob Otto, and for a special intention. *Candles are \$3.00 each. Candles are lit on Fridays and will burn throughout the week.*

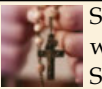
## PARISH PRAYER LIST:

Hans Larson, 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 19 - Jack Carlson

January 23 - Scott Welter



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.



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.

## CCW News:

**The NUDCCW Scholarship Program** offers scholarship monies for education and spiritual growth to our CCW groups and parishioners who are volunteers or employees involved in various parish ministries. *Who is eligible? CCW Groups/Leaders, Individuals in Parish and Catholic School ministry, Youth Parish Ministry Volunteers.* For more information please contact the parish office at 249-3192 or Barb Green at 227-2647. Applications are available in the back of church. *Deadline to apply is March 1.*

**CCW Bakeless Bake Sale:** in lieu of the bake sale that is normally held in conjunction with the Men's Dinner, a suggested donation of \$10 can be placed in the collection basket or breezeway dropbox marked "St. Anne's CCW"-this includes CCW members Marion Kalkhoff through Colleen Ruhr. Thanks for your participation!

**The National CCW Convention** is coming to MN November 3-6, 2022. If you'd like to attend, consider applying for diocesan scholarship money that can be used toward the registration fee. Applications are due March 1.

## Liturgical Ministers

**Saturday, January 29 - 4:30pm**

**Lector:** Pat Wildt

**Servers:** Volunteers

**Ushers:** Volunteers

**Sunday, January 30 - 8:30am**

**Lector:** Ralph Heiling

**Servers:** Hank, Stan & Elsi Heiling

**Ushers:** Keith & Jan Hinrichs, Todd & Barb Green



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We would like to thank **Judy Huiras** 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 **Jim Larsen** will host the statue.



## Men's Sausage Dinner News:

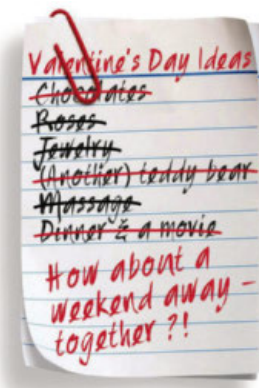
Church of St. Michael Men's Sausage Dinner - All men of the parish should have received the worker list and dinner information in the mail last week. Additional copies of the schedule are available in the back of church.

## 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 26 - Holy Orders - Episode 11**

## Upcoming Events:

- AFC 1st Reconciliation Sun, Jan 23 2:00 PM-SESM
- Holy Hour/Rosary Sun, Jan 23 3:00 PM
- Adult Ed Sun, Jan 23 6:00 PM-SESM
- Parish Council meeting Tue, Jan 25 7:00 PM-social hall
- Religious Ed Wed, Jan 26 6:15 PM
- **NO Mass, Holy Hour, or Confessions Thur, Jan 27**
- That Man is YOU! Fri, Jan 28 5:45 AM-SESM
- **NO Morning Mass Sat, Jan 29**
- **Mass added Sat, Jan 29 4:30 PM**
- **Men's Sausage Dinner Sun, Jan 30 serving 10:30-1:00**



*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](http://WWME.org)

# St. Paul's Church, Comfrey

Happy 91 Birthday to Bernice Goldschmidt on January 26!

## 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



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

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, January 30 - 10:30am**

**Rosary:** Judy  
**Lector:** Leah Eischen  
**Servers:** Matthew Fischer, Jerrick Eischen  
**Ushers:** Steve & Becky Brown  
**Gift Bearers:** Mike & Karla Fischer Family

**Keep In Your Prayers** - Servicemen, Derek Wingert, Brian Fredin, Briar Lippert, Chris Amsden, Lennon Ludewig, Alphonse Mathiowetz, Deanna Sellner, Arlene Helget, Leon Haala, Betty Zwaschka, Cora Mathiowetz, Jerry Fischer, Vonnie Schneider, Faith Helget, Pat Callanan, Marge Schwaegerl, Gary Carlson.

**Congratulations** to our lucky \$50 Calendar Raffle winner: **Dr. Jason Pollard**. Will you be our next \$50 winner?

## Religious Education News:

Jan 23 2pm AFC First Reconciliation at SESM  
Jan 26 7pm—8:15pm Classes

# Japanese Martyrs Church, Sleepy Eye (Leavenworth)



Please remember in your prayers **Mickey Fischer** who was buried at Japanese Martyrs Cemetery this past week. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and friends, and we pray for her eternal peace.



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

Happy 85th Birthday to Marvin Windschitl on January 27!



## 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.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, January 29 - 8:00pm**

**Rosary:** Stacy Tauer  
**Lector:** JoAnn Schumacher  
**Servers:** Emma Fischer  
**Music:** Ronda Mathiowetz  
**Gift Bearers:** Gerald & Mary Lou Mathiowetz

**Please Pray For** - All those suffering with illness



## 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.

## Church of the Japanese Martyrs ~ Shepherd of the Field

Fr. George Schmit  
PO Box 500, Bird Island, MN 55310-0500  
*Birthday:* February 10 ~ *Ordination:* March 10, 1968

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# 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

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

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## Stewardship Collection for Jan. 15/16, 2022

	<u>St. Mary's</u>	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Paul's</u>	<u>Japanese Martyrs</u>
Adult	\$17,592.00	\$8,667.54	\$539.19	\$1,015.00
Youth	\$52.00	\$3.00	\$5.03	\$0
Loose Plate	\$1,129.86	\$201.00	\$50.75	\$140.75
All Other	\$775.00	\$79.00	\$65.00	\$178.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,548.86</b>	<b>\$8,950.54</b>	<b>\$659.97</b>	<b>\$1,334.25</b>
<b>Total (adult/yth/loose/mbrshp)</b>	<b>\$18,773.86</b>	<b>\$8,871.54</b>	<b>\$594.97</b>	<b>\$1,155.75</b>
Weekly Budget Needed	\$13,721.16	\$1,944.23	\$1,281.73	\$982.69
Fiscal Year to Date	\$463,538.86	\$72,360.11	\$36,951.51	\$37,212.82
Fiscal Year to Date Budget	\$397,913.64	\$56,382.67	\$37,170.17	\$28,498.28
St. Mary's Grade School Elevator - Goal: \$150,000.00 - Received \$37,271.61 (as of 1/18/2022)				
St. Mary's Church Tuck-Pointing - Goal: \$125,500.00 - Received \$24,312.79 (as of 1/18/2022)				

## Diocesan Ministries Appeal 2020-2021 - as of January 18, 2022

	<u>St. Mary's</u>	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Paul's</u>	<u>Japanese Martyrs</u>
Goal	\$50,768.68	\$11,619.59	\$6,524.85	\$4,558.46
Received for DNU Ministries	\$30,254.52	\$14,607.32	\$4,956.00	\$8,740.00
Received for Parish	\$7,563.63	\$3,651.83	\$1,239.00	\$2,185.00
<b>Total Cash Received</b>	<b>\$37,818.15</b>	<b>\$18,259.15</b>	<b>\$6,195.00</b>	<b>\$10,925.00</b>
Variance	(\$12,950.53)	\$6,639.56	(\$329.85)	\$6,366.54
# of Donors	128	43	17	15
<b>Total Cash &amp; Pledges</b>	<b>\$40,918.15</b>	<b>\$18,259.15</b>	<b>\$6,510.00</b>	<b>\$11,425.00</b>

## 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		

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### Catholic School Week Collection

National Catholic Schools Week is the week of January 30 through February 5. In conjunction with that significant event, Msgr. Douglas Grams announced that a second collection be taken up at all Masses in the diocese to benefit Catholic Schools in the Diocese of New Ulm the last weekend in January. In those Area Faith Communities that have Catholic schools, 75 percent of the proceeds will go directly to that Catholic school. The other 25 percent will be deposited equally in two endowment funds already set up to benefit Catholic schools. Where there are no schools, 100 percent of the funds will go into the endowment funds. Please be generous in supporting this collection.



### 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.

### Diocese of New Ulm Catholic Charities



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