

St. Nicholas, Belle River

Immaculate Conception, Osakis

The Church of St. Mary, Alexandria

4th Sunday of Lent | MARCH 10, 2024

Business Admin Update

Come to the Water ACC - 8 representatives from our ACC and Fr. Matt attended the Pastoral Visit at the Cathedral on Feb. 28. Bishop Neary and several diocesan staff were present for the day-long event. Our presentation, along with those of the other 2 ACCs (8 parishes) who were there with us, will be posted on the diocesan website (under Offices – Planning) in the next couple of weeks. Bishop Neary shared his priorities with us; you may have seen them in the September Central MN Catholic magazine:

- The Well-being, Support, and Enrichment of our Pastoral Team/Curia
 - a. Uniquely gifted and talented lay people work for the Diocese of St. Cloud
- 2. Care for the Priests of the Diocese
 - a. 57 active priests (10 are religious), 37 retired priests
- 3. Seeing Synodality as Model for the Church and for the Diocese of St. Cloud
 - a. Way of being Church
 - i. Encountering to Discover
 - ii. Listening with the Goal of Uniting
 - iii. Living the Eucharist as Mission
- 4. The Eucharistic Revival in the Diocese of St. Cloud
 - Eucharistic Congress tickets still available through St. Mary's

- 5. The Latino Presence in the Diocese of St. Cloud
 - a. Organizing a synodal process to find out more about the experience of Church for our Latino brothers and sisters
- 6. Strategic Planning the next phase for our ACCs
 - a. Begin to look at a new way of being church, to move beyond a silo mentality of my church is a building, to see that the Church is you and I: the Body of Christ!

ST. MARY'S (STM) Thank you to everyone who passed along a connection or specific home for consideration for our parish house/rectory. There are several good options out there. We received word on Wednesday that the Diocesan Finance Council unanimously approved our recommendation for a new parish house. We will continue to accept your referrals and ideas until we find the right home that best fits our criteria. With the market being so competitive, we need your help in finding a home. Once Fr. Matt returns, we will be able to act quickly. A FAQ on the parish house is available at the Hospitality Desk.

During these final 3 weeks of Lent, may you work hard to draw closer in relationship to Jesus. When Holy Week arrives, I encourage you

to take part in as many of the special liturgies as you are able. Holy Week is our Super Bowl week. Cherish those encounters with family & friends this coming Easter!

With gratitude,
Todd Wentworth



Mass Schedules and Intentions



9473 County Road 3 NE, Carlos, MN 56319

3/13	Wednesday	8:30 am	Intention of Matthew & Kathryn Emmert
3/16	Saturday	9 am	No Mass
3/17	Sunday	8:30 am	Intention of Nicole & Jared Barlow



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3/12	Tuesday	10 am	at Galeon
3/14	Thursday	9 am	
3/15	Friday	8 am	No Mass
3/16	Saturday	4 pm	† Mick Engle
3/17	Sunday	10:30 am	For the People of our Parishes



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3/11	Monday	5:30 pm	† Vonnie Rader
3/12	Tuesday	8:30 am	† Audrie Kraemer
3/13	Wednesday	8:30 am	† Luella Marthaler & Joan Marthaler-Gerads
3/14	Thursday	1:30 pm 5:30 pm	at Bethany, † Pat Roers † Frances Didier
3/15	Friday	8:30 am	† John Scheller
3/16	Saturday	5 pm	For the People of our Parishes
3/17	Sunday	8 am 10 am	† Laverne Woidylla † Mark Jennissen

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION

By appointment at St. Nicholas.

Saturdays at 3 pm before Mass or by appointment at Immaculate Conception. Saturdays from 3–4:30 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at The Church of St. Mary.

BAPTISM

All parents must take the Baptism Preparation Course. Call Laurie Bienias at 320-460-5325 to sign up and to schedule a baptism date.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Members of the parish (or children of members) must arrange for marriage at least six months in advance. Contact your parish office for more information.

ALL OTHER SACRAMENTS

Please contact your parish office.

Announcements

Bulletin submissions due by Tuesday at noon. Please send submissions to stmary@stmaryalexandria.org.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Mary's Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 5:15 pm in St. Mary's Great Hall.

Immaculate Conception

Stations of the Cross schedule: Wednesday, March 13, 5:15 pm Wednesday, March 20, 7 pm Good Friday, March 29, 12:15 pm **St. Nicholas**

Stations of the Cross schedule: Friday, March 22, 6:30 pm

FRIDAY FISH FRY

St. Mary's has 1 more Friday

Fish Fry: March 15, 4:30-6:30 pm in the St. Mary's School Gym. Many hands are



needed to help, so please sign up with your family and friends at <u>stmaryalexandria.org</u>, scan the QR code or call 320-763-5781.

ACC-WIDE PARISH DIRECTORY

Sign up to get your photo taken for the ACC-wide parish directory! Sign up after Mass, or go to cometothewater.org.

ST. NICHOLAS COFFEE & ROLLS

Coffee & Rolls served after the 8:30 am Mass at St. Nicholas on March 10 by St. Ann Sodality. Join us for fellowship and find out more about the new pictorial directory scheduled to begin this Spring!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

At St. Mary's Great Hall on Monday, March 11, 1-6 pm and Tuesday, March 12, 9:30 am-3:30 pm. Call Janet for info at 320-763-3381.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/KCs

The Christian Mothers group and KCs will be meeting at St. Agnes School on Wednesday, March 13 at 7 pm. Anyone who would like to join is welcome!

TACO BAR & SHADOWS OF THE CROSS

Wednesday, March 13, 6:30-8 pm at St. Nicholas. Please join us! All are welcome!

RECEIVE GOD'S MERCY

Join the youth of St. Nicholas for an evening of *Receiving God's Mercy*, Wednesday, March 20, 6:30–8 pm at St. Nicholas. We will begin with prayer and a youth presentation, followed by individual reconciliation. There will be a light supper available either before or after your individual confession. All are welcome!

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Daughters of Isabella will meet Thursday, March 21 at 1 pm for Rosary and meeting in the St. Mary's Commons Area. Lunch will follow in the Great Hall. All Catholic women are invited to join us for fellowship. Contact Maxine at 320-815-4296 for info.

PALM SUNDAY TIME CHANGE

Please note that Mass on **Sunday, March 24** at St. Mary's will be at **10:30 am** instead of 10 am.

PARISH OFFICE

The St. Mary's parish office is closed every Tuesday, 12-1 pm for a staff meeting. Thank you!

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE LENTEN MISSION!

ValLimar Jansen is leading us on a Lenten Mission. She's an impactful speaker and musician - you won't be disappointed! Make sure to join us at St. Mary's for a mini concert on March 15, 7:00-7:45 pm followed by 3 nights of the mission, March 16 - 18, 6:30 -8:00 pm. ValLimar will help to renew love of our faith through Scripture, song, story and movement. She will also speak at St. Mary's Masses on March 16/17. All are welcome!

BAPTISMS

Micah Douglas Child of Michelle Schmidt & Logan Stenzel

> Andrew Nicholas Child of Amanda & Neil Symalla

Steve Zeece IV
Child of
Elizabeth & Steve Zeece III

Frank Evan Child of Brandon & Tiffany Gruber

SYMPATHY

t We offer our sympathy and promise of prayers to the family and friends of Joan Kraemer and Marlene Kreemer



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HARVEST PACK 2024!

Come pack meals with your family, friends and neighbors to help those in need! Friday, April 19, 10 am-8 pm at St. Mary's. Scan the QR code to register or stmaryalexandria.org.



March is Let's Bag Hunger Month. Food shelf envelopes and the blue food bags are at the St. Mary's entrances. Return filled food bags to St Mary's Commons Area. Monetary donations can be sent to the Outreach Food Shelf at 1205 Lake St, Alexandria or put in the collection baskets. Indicate on your check memo that it is for the St. Mary's Food Drive.

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

We have a group participating in a Mission Trip to San Lucas, Guatemala and invite others in our ACC to join us, May 31June 6, 2024. We will also visit San Juan Mirador, St. Mary's partnership mission. We have many interesting activities planned. Call Joe & Betty Roers 320-808-7183 for information.

CARING & SHARING ROOM NEEDS

The Caring & Sharing Room is in need of: gently used Queen & Full mattresses/box springs/ frames, blankets and sheets, and kitchen items

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS PILGRIMAGE

Can't make the trip to Indianapolis? How about attending a Eucharistic event closer to home? The Star of the North Eucharistic Congress, May 17 & 18 at the Sanford Center in Bemidji, will be hosted by the Dioceses of Crookston and Duluth. The event precedes the May 19 commencement of the Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at the

headwaters of the Mississippi River in Itasca State Park. Powerful talks and witness testimonies, fellowship, praise and worship, Mass, adoration, confession, and a Eucharistic Procession are all included! The Star of the North Eucharistic Congress is for the entire family. All are welcome! Register now at crookstoneucharist.

SYNOD LISTENING SESSION WITH BISHOP NEARY

All are invited to attend a listening session to share thoughts, experiences and concerns of Church life, leadership and structures as we continue this journey of synodality. In-person and Zoom options available. Scan the QR code to register or stcdio.org.

Prayer Corner

If you or someone you know in our parish community is sick or ill, or has a family member who could use our prayers, please call The Church of St. Mary at 320-763-5781. In order to print the bulletin in a timely manner, names must be submitted by noon on Tuesday to be added to the upcoming Sunday bulletin. Names received after will be added the following week. **Names will be published for six weeks and renewed for an additional six weeks upon request.**

Please remember these people in your prayers:

Betty Schlosser
Jim Ripka
Jack Lewis
Tyler Pomorin
Ben Smith
Julie Tully
Mark Petersen
John McHugh
Jodi McShane
Jane Doherty

Ruth Molloy
Jill Borrell
Vivian Annen
Betty Stroh Ostlund
Nancy Suneson
Judy Snowberg
MaryAnn Kack
Paulette Baumgartner
Rita Wille

Nick Matteson

Michael Russell
Margaret Kirkey
Doug Karsky
Alan Tyler
Mary Lou Michel
Tammy Tolifson
Joe Tegels
Carl Shaskey-Setright
Thomas Gerlach
Judy Hedstrom

Brad Knollenberg Richard Wagner Jeff Larson Jim Schoeberl

Faith Formation

ADULT

APOLOGETICS BIBLE STUDY

Join this Bible Study led by Dr. George Jay of Morris. Dr. Jay is a Catholic evangelizer and instructor and has taught for many years to both college students and adults in the Morris area. All men and women are welcome, as well as young adults. Next meeting is Monday, March 25, 4:05 - 5:20 pm in St. Mary's Great Hall. This group meets on select Mondays and there is no homework and no fee! For more information or to sign up, contact Connee Thorstad at 320-808-0465.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S STUDY

Each of us is a son or daughter of God. This is the root of our identity. While we live in an age that questions the nature of the identity of the human person, we can be sure of our heavenly Father's love. This week we'll learn more about what it means to be a son or daughter of the most high God, and of our earthly parents as well. All women are invited to join us at 9:15 am on Wednesday or 8:00 am on Saturday in the Lighthouse. Questions? Ask Lori at catholicwomenstudy@gmail.com.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - SPENDING TIME WITH JESUS IN OUR BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL...ALL ARE WELCOME!

Open Scheduled Holy Hours:

Monday: 8-9 am; 2-3 pm; 11-midnight

Thursday: noon-1 pm

Friday: several afternoon and evening times To sign up, contact Sue at 320-491-7006

or suemcculloch66@gmail.com.

ROSARY LEADERS NEEDED

Volunteers to lead the rosary 25 minutes before weekday Mass begins are needed. Sign up at the tables by the Sacristy.

PRAYER LINK

If you have a prayer request, contact Kelly Wosepka at wosepkak@aol.com or 320-815-4655. All prayer requests are confidential.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Join the Young Adult Group on Tuesdays from 6:30-9:30 pm at the St. Mary's Lighthouse. All are welcome! For more info, contact Emily at 320-287-1169 or Anna at 320-733-0081.

POWER HOUR FOR LIFE

Every Monday, 4:30-5:30 pm in the St. Mary's Chapel. This is a Holy Hour of silent prayer specifically for life intentions. Join for a few minutes or the entire hour any Monday!

TUESDAY EVENING ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

All are welcome every Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 pm, to study the upcoming Sunday readings. For more information, contact Mike Sponsler at sponslermc@gmail.com.

DIVINE MERCY HOUR

Every Monday, 3-4 pm in the St. Mary's Chapel. Questions, contact Barb Nei at 320-846-0022.

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US EACH MORNING!

Our prayers are united via conference call and it's easy to do! Please unite your prayers with ours and join us daily. Dial 667-770-1484 at 7:55 am each morning and enter access code 653790#. Introduce yourself if you'd like. Mute your phone when the rosary begins at 8 am. Over 23,340 Rosaries have been prayed over the last three years! Questions: Judy Clayton at 320-333-9892 or Diane Gay at 320-766-7036.

YOUTH

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Faith Formation Class for grades 7-11 on Wednesday, March 13, 7-8:30 pm.

LENTEN MISSION WITH VALLIMAR JANSEN

Be sure to come to the Lenten Mission at St. Mary's March 16 - 18, 6:30 -8:00 pm and a mini concert on March 15, 7:00-7:45 pm. ValLimar will help to renew love of our faith through Scripture, song, story and movement. She will also speak at St. Mary's Masses on March 16/17. All are welcome!



Faith Formation

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Women of the Cloth quilting group presented the confirmation youth of St. Nicholas with beautiful hand made quilts and a dinner in their honor.



Congratulations to St. Nicholas Confirmed youth!



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ST. MARY'S STUDENTS EXPERIENCE CURLING

As part of our physical education classes, St. Mary's School 5th and 6th graders participate in a curling unit at the Runestone Community Center. Many volunteers from the Vikingland Curling Club donate their time to help our students.

In addition to the volunteers, thank you to Rauk Family Dentistry and the Vikingland Curling Club for covering the bus transportation and ice rental expenses.

We are thankful to the volunteers and sponsors for providing this unique learning experience!







ST. MARY'S CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS			
3/3	Rachel Jahner, Alexandria \$35		
3/4	Jay Fiskness, Alexandria	\$20	
3/5	Alexis Berndt, Alexandria	\$20	
3/6	Amy Lesnar, Alexandria \$20		
3/7	Rob Davidson, Alexandria \$20		
3/8 David Johnson, Osakis \$20		\$20	
3/9	Nathan Krick, Sauk Centre	\$20	







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GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR MARCH 3		
Envelope	\$2,325	
Electronic	696	
Other	267	
TOTAL	\$3,288	

WEEKLY BUDGET PROGRESS		
Actual	3,288	
Budget	2,510	
Variance	\$778	

YTD BUDGET PROGRESS		
Actual	\$101,325	
Budget	85,340	
Variance	\$15,985	
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WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR MARCH 3		
Envelope	\$3,165	
Electronic	980	
Other	303	
TOTAL	4,448	

WEEKLY BUDGET PROGRESS		
Actual	\$4,448	
Budget	4,050	
Variance	\$398	

YTD BUDGET PROGRESS		
Actual	\$150,955	
Budget	145,800	
Variance	\$5,155	

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR MARCH 3	
Envelope	\$34,910
Electronic	7,153
Other	1,929
TOTAL	\$43,992

WEEKLY BUDGET PROGRESS	
Actual	\$43,992
Budget	38,496
Variance	\$5,496

YTD BUDGET PROGRESS	
Actual	\$1,441,266
Budget	1,385,856
Variance	\$55,410

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