

St. Nicholas, Belle River

Immaculate Conception, Osakis

The Church of St. Mary, Alexandria

3rd Sunday of Easter | APRIL 14, 2024

Business Admin Update

Come to the Water ACC We completed 5 fish frys for our ACC during Lent. Thank you to all who put in the time and energy to work the events that made them so successful. Special thanks for Leon Breun for initiating and providing leadership for all 5 events! It is really neat to see our COMMUNITY coming

together to work and share a meal (or several). At ICC and St. Nicholas, we will have a final figure at our next finance council meeting. At St. Mary's, we netted over \$8,000 profit from the fish frys. This money will go towards paying the \$22,500 cost of ingredients for the Harvest Pack event on April 19. Our goal of 75,000 nutritious meals will be split between our local food shelf and globally. So, gather your friends, family, committee members and come together as

COMMUNITY once again to see our stewardship in action as we work to serve the hungry. We have plenty of room and need hundreds of volunteers if we are going to meet our goal. Congratulations to Tammy Huss. She has been promoted to **Director of Faith Formation** for our entire ACC. She has already begun her new role and we are searching for her replacement to coordinate the middle school and high school programs.

ST. MARY'S (STM) Each spring the Stewardship Committee hosts Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. This year we graduated a couple more families in March. Thank you, Dan Kirscht and

Aaron Korynta, for leading each of the class nights. Thank you to **Tom Wegner** and his family for mowing and trimming our cemetery grounds since 1983! We are truly grateful for all their hard work – may they enjoy retirement. Parents with children going into grades 1,3,4,& 5 next school year, please pay attention to communication coming from our Faith Formation office. This **Wednesday**, **April 17**, Christine Pinto, Diocese of St. Cloud, will be on

site to share information about *Pathways Family Formation* and have some Q & A time. The **Rectory Subcommittee** has been busy touring homes, 8 homes have been viewed thus far. All approvals have been received by the diocese and we are moving forward with the search process. We currently have a purchase agreement under final review. The expansion of our **cooler/freezer** and dry goods storage has been approved by our finance council

and construction has begun. There are many relatively minor stages of construction that need to take place to make room for the new walk-in cooler and freezer. Our usable freezer space will go from 140 cu ft to 243 cu ft and our cooler space from 76 cu ft to 289 cu ft. The biggest phase of construction won't begin until after VBS and the Senior Expo.

With gratitude, Todd Wentworth



Announcements

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

FEED THE HUNGRY - HARVEST PACK!

Come pack meals with your family, friends and neighbors to help those in need! April 19, noon-8 pm at St. Mary's. All are welcome! We have 100's of spots available to help packing! Scan the QR code to register or stmaryalexandria.org.



Sign up to get your photo taken for the ACC-wide parish directory! Sign up after Mass, or go to cometothewater.org. For additional help or questions contact:

St. Mary's - Cathleen Nordling, 612-889-2198 St. Nicholas - Margaret Zidon, 701-330-6009 Immaculate Conception -Sharon at the parish office, 320-859-2390

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST, ALEXANDRIA

KC breakfast scheduled on Sunday, April 14, 8:30 amnoon at St. Mary's School gym. Serving french toast, pancakes, sausage, OJ, and coffee. Free will offering. All are welcome for good food and fellowship!

MISSION QUILTING

Mission Quilting will meet on Tuesday, April 16, 12:30-3:30 pm in the St. Mary's Great Hall. For info call Joyce, 320-219-0055 or Gwen, 218-791-3768.



DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Daughters of Isabella will meet Thursday, April 18, at 6:30 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 more info.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST, OSAKIS

KC breakfast on Sunday, April 28, after the 10:30 am Mass at Immaculate Conception in Osakis. Serving pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, caramel rolls, coffee, juice, and milk. Free will offering. All are welcome for good food and fellowship!

PARTIES OF 1 - NEW!

Are you a party of 1 by choice or by a life event? Would you like to meet other parties of 1 to socialize and make new friends? We'll meet every Saturday at 6:15 pm in the St. Mary's Commons Area by the couch and then depart for a dinner reservation. Sign up prior to Mass or up to one week in advance at the podium by the sitting area. All ages are welcome! Please join us!

THANK YOU

My deep gratitude to all liturgical ministers who helped make our Holy Week liturgies splendid. Your service did not go unnoticed! Thank you and Happy Easter!

- Luke VanOverbeke

ACC PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

All parishioners are invited to the discernment process for determining the new council members for each of our 3 parishes:

St. Mary's:

Election is Sunday, April 21 following the 10 am Mass.

Candidates are:

Josiah Aultman Mike Peck
Leon Breun Justin Rausch
Michael Huss Marie Rutten
Joe Korkowski Craig Thorstad
John Loomis

St. Nicholas:

Election is Sunday, April 21 following the 8:30 am Mass.

Candidates are:

Noah Beulke Mike Ponicki Linsey Schafer Evan Koering

Immaculate Conception:

Election is Sunday, April 28 following 10:30 am Mass.

Candidates are:

Carrie Drevlow Mary Gillespie Craig Highet

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION-APRIL 20

JPIC invites you to join the Alexandria community in celebrating Earth Day on Saturday, April 20, noon-3 pm at First Lutheran Church in Alexandria. No cost with great live music, food and kids' activities! Come celebrate our care and support for the Earth our common home!

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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 31-June 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.

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS PILGRIMAGE



St. Mary's is offering a pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis this July. The Congress will include faith inspiring talks, adoration, and the National Shroud of Turin exhibit. We have less than 20 tickets left. For more info/registration, scan the QR code or go to stmaryalexandria.org. For those who'd like to attend on their own, discounted tickets are available for \$299. Scan the code to purchase.

ST. MARY'S ART & ENVIRONMENT

The Art & Environment group is asking for someone to be the co-chair of this group and eventually become the chair. For more information, call Bonnie Bromen at 320-763-9429.

SPRING MISSION RALLY

Thursday, April 25, 8 am-1 pm at St Rose of Lima Catholic Church in St. Rosa, MN. Hear the story of Fr Rodrigo Ulloa-Chavarry, MM who has spent time in Nepal, Taiwan and China. All are welcome! Call the St Cloud Mission Office at 320-251-1100 for info and to register.

Bans of Marriage

III Nathan Baumann & Annissa Heinrich

> l Grant Becker & Brenna Skinner

> I Allyssa Engfer & Bryan Lashinski

Baptisms

Levi Logan Child of Logan & Aubrey Engebretson

Courtlyn Reece Child of McKade & Nicole Kleinknecht

Charles James
Child of
Brian & Renee Salzer

Brooke Ann Child of Jonathon & Mercedes Doucette

Sympathy

t We offer our sympathy and promise of prayers to the family and friends of Joseph Tegels and Joanne Fearing.

Prayer Requests

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 320-763-5781. 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
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

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Carl Shaskey-Setright Thomas Gerlach Judy Hedstrom Brad Knollenberg Richard Wagner Jeff Larson Jim Schoeberl

CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact any of the following for prayer requests that will remain confidential:

ST. MARY'S

Kelly Wosepka at 320-815-4655 or wosepkak@aol.com.

ST. NICHOLAS

Anita at 320-852-7792.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Rose Julig at 320-859-4170 or 320-808-0365.

Adult Faith Formation

APOLOGETICS BIBLE STUDY

Join this Bible Study led by Dr. George Jay of Morris. Dr. Jav is a Catholic evangelist and instructor and has taught for many years to both college students and adults in the Morris area. All men, women, and voung adults are welcome. Next meeting is Monday, April 22, 4:05-5:20 pm in the 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 STUDY

We're on break for the next few weeks, but watch for more info on the next study. Beginning in May, we'll be studying the Joyful Mysteries of the "Mysteries of the Rosary" series. This highly anticipated study will lead us back to the Holy Land to help us understand more about our Lord's life. Don't miss this beautiful faithinspiring study! Get on our email list for the latest updates to our studies and other events throughout the region. Contact Lori for more info 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 Tuesday: 6-7 pm

Friday: several afternoon and

evening times
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.

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 you are able.

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 very easy to do. Please unite your prayers with ours and join us daily.

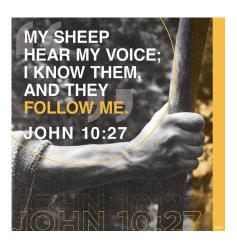
Dial 667-770-1484 at 7:55 am each morning and enter access code 653790#. Introduce yourself if you'd like. Mute your phone when the Rosary begins at 8 am.

Over 23,340 Rosaries have been prayed over the past three years! Questions: Judy Clayton 320-333-9892 or Diane Gay 320-766-7036

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Thursday mornings at 6:30 am in the St. Mary's Great Hall. Come any time! For information, contact Mike at sponslermc@gmail.com

Wednesdays at 2:30 pm in the St. Mary's Commons Area. Join our discussions on the upcoming weekend Mass readings! Contact Russ Craigmile at rjcraigmile@gmail.com.



Youth Faith Formation

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Faith Formation for grades 7-11 will meet Wednesday, April 17, 7-8:30 pm.

EVENING OF WORSHIP & ADORATION

All students in grades 9-12 are invited to an Evening of Worship & Adoration on Sunday, May 19, 5-7:30 pm at St. Paul's Church in Sauk Centre. Supper provided along with music, adoration, youth testimonials, prayer teams, confession and priest talks. Rides are provided from St. Mary's leaving at 4:15 pm returning around 8:15 pm. Scan the QR code to register.





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As part of our Gathering Fundraiser, we are excited to announce the Support Your Saint Challenge! The goal of this challenge is to collect donations from \$1-268. When a donation is made, special pictures will be revealed on our Support Your Saint Challenge picture board. When all 268 donations are received, a final image will become visible. The picture board represents our school, where every

single student counts and together we are stronger.

Track our progress! The Support Your Saint picture board will be available to see after all Masses!

Please consider donating to the Support Your Saint Challenge so we can all see the BIG picture! Scan the QR Code to make your online donation.

Thank you for your support!



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4/7	Joni Neale, Brandon	\$35
4/8	Nancy Tillman, Alexandria	\$20
4/9	Angie Nelson, Alexandria	\$20
4/10	Heidi Bayer, Alexandria	\$20
4/11	Bonita Gorghuber, Alexandria	\$20
4/12	Alissa Lussenden, Alexandria	\$20
4/13	Ruth Grundman, Osakis	\$20





SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Save the Date!

St. Mary's School Trust Fund Golf Tournament – June 5

Mass Schedules and Intentions



9473 County Road 3 NE, Carlos, MN 56319

4/17	Wednesday	8:30 am	Intention of S. Thorson Family
4/20	Saturday	9 am	No Mass
4/21	Sunday	8:30 am	For the People of our Parishes



306 W. Oak St., P.O. Box F, Osakis, MN 56360

4/16	Tuesday	10 am	at Galeon
4/18	Thursday	9 am	
4/19	Friday	8 am	No Mass
4/20	Saturday	4 pm	† Seth Kallevig
4/21	Sunday	10:30 am	† Irene Kreemer



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4/15	Monday	5:30 pm	Special Intention
4/16	Tuesday	8:30 am	Intention of the Thorstad & Ben Smith Family
4/17	Wednesday	8:30 am 1:30 pm	† Victoria Hennen at Nelson Gables, † Curt Sorum
4/18	Thursday	1:30 pm 5:30 pm	at Windmill Ponds †† John Sherlock & June Brown
4/19	Friday	8:30 am	tt Kraig Kruse & Mary Jo Hannenson
4/20	Saturday	5 pm	†† Betty & Francis Zwilling
4/21	Sunday	8 am 10 am	† Franz Messel For the People of our Parishes

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.







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Father Rick Aubol, Parochial Vicar	
Todd Wentworth, Business Administrator	320-460-5333
Tony Pasko, Deacon (retired)	thadeac@aol.com

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GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR APRIL 7		
Envelope	\$2,760	
Electronic	675	
Other	198	
TOTAL	\$3,633	

WEEKLY BUDGET PROGRESS		
Actual	3,633	
Budget	2,510	
Variance	\$1,123	

YTD BUDGET PROGRESS		
Actual	\$117,188	
Budget	97,890	
Variance	\$19,298	

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR APRIL 7		
Envelope	\$3,111	
Electronic	1,605	
Other	434	
TOTAL	5,150	

WEEKLY BUDGET PROGRESS		
Actual	\$5,150	
Budget	4,050	
Variance	\$1,100	

YTD BUDGET PROGRESS		
Actual	\$170,752	
Budget	166,050	
Variance	\$4,702	

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR APRIL 7		
Envelope	\$31,490	
Electronic	8,371	
Other	1,878	
TOTAL	\$41,739	

WEEKLY BUDGET PROGRESS	
Actual	\$41,739
Budget	38,496
Variance	\$3,243

YTD BUDGET PROGRESS	
Actual	\$1,618,376
Budget	1,578,336
Variance	\$40,040

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