

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 1, 2026

Mission Statement: We are a united faith filled community, dedicated to Christ, obedient to the Holy Spirit. We strive to live the Word of God through sacramental life. We are committed to the enrichment of our children with faith, hope and love.

Faith Formation News

St. James & St. Mary

Faith Formation Classes

At this time, we are closing registration. We appreciate all families that signed up. We look forward to the next school year. Thank you

Las clases de formación en la fe

En este momento, cerramos las inscripciones. Agradecemos a todas las familias que se inscribieron. Esperamos con ilusión el próximo año escolar. Gracias.

St. James

Wednesdays Grades 1st - 5th
1:30pm - 3:00pm

Grades 6th -12th
7:00pm - 8:00pm

Miércoles Grados 1ro - 5to
1:30pm - 3:00 pm

Grados 6to -12
7:00pm - 8:00pm

St. Mary

Wednesdays Grades 1st - 5th
4:30pm - 5:30pm

Miércoles Grados 1ro - 5to
4:30pm - 5:30pm

For questions and inquiries, please call the Faith Formation Office.

Para preguntas y consultas, por favor llame a la Oficina de Formación en la Fe.

Diocese of Winona-Rochester Married Couples Retreat

"Becoming One"

Friday, February 27 - Sunday, March 1
Deadline is February 13, 2026

\$275/ couple (commuter rate)
\$475 with two-night stay at the Alverna Center
(limited availability!)

Includes Friday evening refreshments, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner and Sunday brunch.

<https://www.dowr.org/event-details/3786>

St. Mary's School ~ Winter Raffle 2026

Thank you to all who attended our Lasagna Dinner, participated in the Silent Auction and Winter Raffle, and made donations to our school. It was a great start to Catholic Schools Week!

St. Mary's School ~ Winter Raffle Winners



January 25, 2026 ~ \$1000 ~ Darrel Helget
January 25, 2026 ~ \$400 ~ Terese Peterson
January 25, 2026 ~ \$300 ~ Dave Cerny
January 25, 2026 ~ \$200 ~ Tim McMonagle
February 1, 2026 ~ \$200 ~ Mary Lehman

Please note that Mass times and locations may change during this transitional period. We ask for your flexibility and understanding as we receive support from the Diocese and neighboring parishes.

Tengan en cuenta que los horarios y lugares de las misas pueden cambiar durante este período de transición. Les agradecemos su comprensión y flexibilidad mientras recibimos el apoyo de la diócesis y las parroquias vecinas.

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Mass Schedule & Intentions: February 1 - 8, 2026

Mon 2	No Mass	
Tues 3	No Mass	
Wed 4	8:30 a.m. St Mary Parish	✠ Clem & Edna Kunz
Thur 5	No Mass	
Fri 6	No Mass	
Sat 7	5:30 p.m. St. Mary Parish	✠ Gordan & Laurette Seibert
Sun 8	8:00 a.m. St. Mary Parish - <i>Spanish Mass</i>	<i>pro populo</i>
Sun 8	10:00 a.m. St. James Parish	✠ Margaret Kuehl
Sun 8	12:00 p.m. St. James Parish - <i>Spanish Mass</i>	✠ Military Men & Women

Liturgical Roles: February 7 & 8, 2026

Sat. 7 - St. Mary 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Annika Hagen, David Hagen

Reader: Bob Yurcek

Ushers: Mark Klinkner, Christopher Hagen

Sun. 8 - St. James 10:00 a.m.

Servers:

Reader: Nona Hansen

Communion Ministers:

Ushers:

2025 ~ Catholic Ministries Appeal Update

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Donors</u>
St. James	\$19,158	\$6,635	21
St. Mary	\$11,211	\$3,200	7

Remember: If parish goals are not met by December 31, 2025, the parishes **must** pay the amount remaining from operating funds.

***“And of all that you give me
I will surely give one tenth to you.”*** *Genesis 28:22*

<i>As of January 18, 2026</i>	St. James	St. Mary
Church Support needed per week:	6,379	2,388
Church Support giving last week:	2,391	2,028
Church Support needed fiscal year-to-date:	191,370	71,640
Church Support giving fiscal year-to-date:	125,446	47,595



READINGS

For the Week

MONDAY, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4

Hebrew 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

TUESDAY, February 3

St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;

St. Ansgar, Bishop

2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a,
30-19:3

Mark 5:21-43

WEDNESDAY, February 4

Weekday

2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17

Mark 6:1-6

THURSDAY, February 5

St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12

Mark 6:7-13

FRIDAY, February 6

St. Paul Miki

and Companions, Martyr

Sirach 47:2-11

Mark 6:14-29

SATURDAY, February 7

Blessed Virgin Mary

1 Kings 3:4-13

Mark 6:30-34

SUNDAY, February 8

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58:7-10

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Matthew 5:13-16





Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of my priest mentors often says with a gentle smile, and a cheerful disposition, "We are perfectly imperfect." One could sternly respond, "We are called to be perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect." Well, which is right? Could both be right minus the stern tone on the latter Scripture quote? Well, I think yes. How is God perfect, perfect in merciful love. We enter onto the path of perfection by acknowledging we are imperfect and are in need of God's perfect merciful love. When we stay open in the poverty of spirit receiving God's merciful love and in pouring out merciful love to others the life-giving water of the Holy Spirit wells up in us unto eternal life. This is the beginning of heaven. We begin to live in heaven on earth. Is this too good to be true? No. This is living in the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

I know that Pope Francis had many people, fans of his and some not so much. Regardless, one thing I think he got right was the focus on mercy. God pours his love out to those most in need to bring comfort, compassion, and new life. When I am doing best in life, I am mindful of my need for God's mercy. I am at peace with the reality that I who am imperfect am loved by God in my imperfection. When I am in this disposition of heart I am much more forgiving of others and am merciful and accepting of them in their imperfections.

It is hard to admit how easily though that I can shift from humility to that pride of perfectionism, to drinking the poison of self-delusion and self-absorption of, "I have it all together. I can take care of everything. I can do it all." When I do this, I am no longer living heaven on earth, but I start living hell on earth. This is not good. I need to "hit the brakes" on this crazy train and call out to Jesus, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me a sinner." You know what, he does have mercy on me. I am sure I have called out to Jesus tens of thousands of times in my life and he has had mercy on me, even after turning away from him tens of thousands of times. This is pretty amazing really how merciful God is. Thank you, God, for your kindness and mercy. May we all be drawn into the grace of poverty of spirit and God's Merciful love. "Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!"

Be at peace. God loves you and likes you. You are his beloved child. He smiles upon you.

Fr. Dobbs



Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

Uno de mis mentores sacerdotes suele decir con una sonrisa amable y un semblante alegre: "Somos perfectamente imperfectos". Alguien podría responder con severidad: "Estamos llamados a ser perfectos como nuestro Padre Celestial es perfecto". ¿Cuál de las dos afirmaciones es correcta? ¿Podrían ser ambas ciertas, prescindiendo del tono severo de la segunda cita bíblica? Creo que sí. ¿En qué consiste la perfección de Dios? En su amor misericordioso. Entramos en el camino de la perfección al reconocer nuestra imperfección y nuestra necesidad del amor misericordioso y perfecto de Dios. Cuando permanecemos abiertos en la pobreza de espíritu, recibiendo el amor misericordioso de Dios y derramando ese mismo amor sobre los demás, el agua vivificante del Espíritu Santo brota en nosotros para la vida eterna. Este es el comienzo del cielo. Comenzamos a vivir el cielo en la tierra. ¿Es esto demasiado bueno para ser verdad? No. Esto es vivir bajo la unción del Espíritu Santo.

Sé que el Papa Francisco tenía muchos seguidores, algunos admiradores y otros no tanto. Sin embargo, creo que acertó en algo fundamental: su énfasis en la misericordia. Dios derrama su amor sobre los más necesitados para brindarles consuelo, compasión y una nueva vida. Cuando me siento bien en la vida, soy consciente de mi necesidad de la misericordia de Dios. Estoy en paz con la realidad de que, a pesar de mis imperfecciones, soy amado por Dios. Cuando tengo esta disposición de corazón, soy mucho más indulgente con los demás, mostrándoles misericordia y aceptando los con sus imperfecciones.

Es difícil admitir lo fácil que me resulta pasar de la humildad al orgullo del perfeccionismo, a caer en la trampa del autoengaño y la egolatría, pensando: "Lo tengo todo bajo control. Puedo encargarme de todo. Puedo hacerlo todo". Cuando actúo así, dejo de vivir el cielo en la tierra y empiezo a vivir el infierno. Esto no está bien. Necesito frenar esta locura y clamar a Jesús: "Señor Jesucristo, Hijo del Dios vivo, ten piedad de mí, pecador". ¿Saben qué? Él sí tiene piedad de mí. Estoy seguro de haber clamado a Jesús decenas de miles de veces en mi vida, y él ha tenido misericordia de mí, incluso después de haberme alejado de él otras tantas veces. Es realmente asombroso lo misericordioso que es Dios. Gracias, Dios, por tu bondad y misericordia. Que todos seamos atraídos por la gracia de la pobreza de espíritu y el amor misericordioso de Dios. "Bienaventurados los pobres de espíritu, porque de ellos es el reino de los cielos".

Ten paz. Dios te ama y te aprecia. Eres su hijo amado. Él te sonríe.

Padre Dobbs

Meetings & Events Calendar ~ February 1 - 14, 2026

Sunday 1	Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6	Saturday 7
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2nd Collection St. Mary Catholic School	Catholic Daughters of America  Sno-Flake Get Together 4:00pm Homestead - Potluck <i>\$10 gift exchange</i> Sox for Mary Jo Copeland	St. James Rosary - 7:30 am in the church.	St. Mary Rosary - 8:00 am in the church. Faith Formation Classes See Faith Formation News Colum on page 1 for details.  St. Mary CCW Meeting 5:30 pm in the Social Hall St James/St Mary Knights of Columbus Meeting  7:00 pm in Room 5	 St James Wellspring Coffee & Conversation 3pm at Prairie View Dining Room Call to RSVP at 507-375-1276		5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil
Sunday 8	Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13	Saturday 14
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time		St. James Rosary - 7:30 am in the church.	St. Mary Rosary - 8:00 am in the church. St. Mary No Mass - Due to all Priest's being at a retreat. Faith Formation Classes See Faith Formation News Colum on page 1 for details.		St Mary's No School	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil Happy Valentine's Day 

Christ the King

What does that mean to say Christ the King? Do we give him our Sundays only, or the whole week? Set aside ten minutes for God. Offer him the events of your day and say "Your will be done".

"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and [the world]." ~ Luke 16:13

Cristo Rey

¿Qué significa decir Cristo Rey? ¿Le dedicamos solo los domingos o toda la semana? Dedicemos diez minutos a Dios. Ofrezcámosle los acontecimientos de nuestro día y digamos: "Hágase tu voluntad".

"Ningún siervo puede servir a dos amos; porque o aborrecerá a uno y amará al otro, o se apegará a uno y despreciará al otro. No podéis servir a Dios [y a las riquezas]." ~ Lucas 16:13