

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CD OF THE WEEK

“Switching Sides: How I Came to Accept the Truth About Abortion” by Jennifer Fulwiler

Jennifer Fulwiler is a popular writer and speaker from Austin, Texas, and frequently appears on Catholic radio and EWTN. In this eye-opening presentation, she explains how her original support for abortion was based on love (and lies). Through sound logic and scientific proof, Jennifer chronicles how she came to accept the truth about abortion.



“Great testimony from Jennifer! Truth always prevails!” ~ Mickey – Philadelphia, PA

We offer CDs through Lighthouse Catholic Media, which provide the opportunity to learn about a variety of topics within the faith. CDs can be listened to at home, at work, or in the car. Check the kiosks at the south and west entrances of St. Mary’s – in 2017 we will be adding many new titles (a small donation per CD helps us to continue this ministry).

FORMED.org Have you signed up yet for this dynamic online platform called FORMED which our parish has subscribed to? When you sign up for an account, you will have FREE 24/7 access to the best Catholic content on any device, including your computer, smartphone or tablet. Recently, our access to the best selection of Catholic content on the Internet got even better! They have recently expanded the content that it offers. Now you can have access to full-length programs that cover everything from Scripture study, Catechism of the Catholic Faith, spirituality and prayer, Sacraments, and the saints. Your access also includes a dozen full-length movies, dozens of inspiring audio presentations, and almost 20 full-length books. FORMED continues to expand its content regularly to help you continue to grow. These resources are worth thousands of dollars, and you can access them for FREE!

How do I get FORMED?

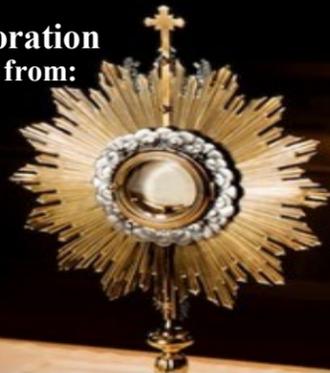
Go to www.FORMED.org. Scroll down to the section marked “For Individuals” and input our unique parish code: **3675db**. Set up a username and password. Now you are all set to use all the great programs on FORMED anytime simply by logging in. It’s that easy!



For 44 years, Birthright has provided pregnancy help to women in need. They have worked with thousands of women in Mankato and the surrounding area, always with the pro-life philosophy that “It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born.” Birthright volunteers thank everyone who has helped financially and for your prayers during those years, and hope you will continue so they can continue their mission.

Birthright is in need of volunteers. Please give serious consideration to serving a few hours a month to help with this vital service to save lives, especially as we acknowledge today the tragic court decision that made our work urgent. **Training will take place on Saturday, January 28.** For more information and to express your interest, call Lois at 507-388-4558.

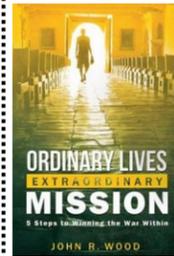
Eucharistic Adoration
Adoration is open from:
Tuesday 9AM-
Thursday 9AM
in the Cry Room.



**THE TIME YOU SPEND WITH JESUS
IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS THE
BEST TIME YOU WILL
SPEND ON EARTH.**

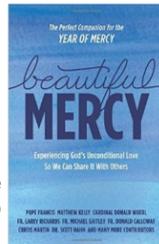
If you have any questions about Eucharistic Adoration,
contact Gloria 357-6939 or Joyce 357-4410.

You will notice we have placed copies of books in the church entrances. Feel free to browse through them and take a one for yourself and a friend or family member who you think may be interested. We are grateful to the Church of St. Patrick, Oak Grove, MN, for making it possible for us to give you these free of charge as a gift to you. We especially pray that you will experience a deepening of your faith as you read and discover.



Ordinary Lives: Extraordinary Mission by John R. Wood: We are called to do more with our faith than what we have. We are called to heroic Catholicism. This book helps you to discover the potential saint within you so that your life can be lived in extraordinary ways.

Beautiful Mercy by various authors: This collection of writings from various authors touches on the theme of God’s extraordinary love and mercy that He gives to us so that we can be instruments of that mercy in the world to those who need it most.



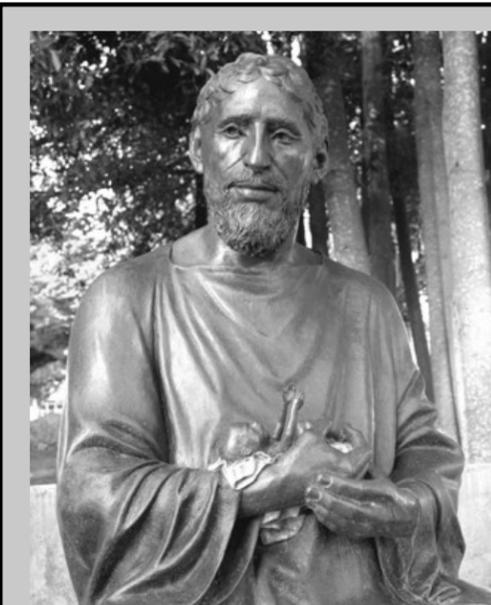
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 22, 2017



St. Joseph - Patron of the Unborn
Shrine of St. Joseph, Santa Cruz, CA

January 23, 2017

Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children

“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”

-Pope Francis’ 2013 Day for Life Greeting

Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:30 PM (St. Mary)
Sunday	8:00 AM (St. Henry) 10:00 AM (St. Mary) 12:00 PM (St. Mary, in Spanish)
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	5:00 PM
Wednesday to Friday	9:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday	3:45-4:20 PM (St. Mary)
Sunday	7:30-7:50 AM (St. Henry)

Or by appointment (contact Fr. Shofner)

Our **Eucharistic Adoration** chapel is open for individuals to come for 5 minutes or an hour and be with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Our chapel hours are: Tuesday 9:00 AM to Thursday 9:00 AM (closes during daily Mass and Funeral Masses).

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- Office Hours - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Monday - Thursday**
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Friday
- Bulletin Deadline** - articles need to be submitted to Gloria by noon on Wednesday.
- For use of meeting rooms or Social Hall** - contact Gloria

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, January 23

Tuesday, January 24

9:00 AM Opening of Adoration
5:00 PM Mass Barb Wade†

Wednesday, January 25

9:00 AM Mass Lucille Emmers†

Thursday, January 26

8:55 AM Closing of Adoration
9:00 AM Mass John W. Meyer†

Friday, January 27

9:00 AM Mass Joan McCabe†

Saturday, January 28

3:45 Confessions
4:30 PM Mass Elaine Willette†

Sunday, January 29

7:30 AM Confessions
8:00 AM Mass (St. Henry) Gregory & Evabell
Kramer††

10:00 AM Mass Michael J. Hunt†

12:00 PM Mass (in Spanish) For the Parish

This Week in the Parish

Monday, January 23

Tuesday, January 24
Communion Calls - Milan
Beacon - Darcy
1:00 PM Mission Sewing

Wednesday, January 25

5:15-6:30 PM Faith Formation Classes
6:45-8:00 PM Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, January 26

Friday, January 27

Saturday, January 28

Sunday, January 29

Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10AM Mass

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend we commemorate the 44th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in our nation throughout the duration of pregnancy. As people of faith who profess the dignity and value of every human life, born and unborn, we lament this decision that has marked two generations of our children. Please continue to pray for the end of abortion, so that every child may be wanted, valued, and cared for by their parents and by society. Please continue to pray for the women who have had abortions, their husbands and boyfriends, and others that have been affected by abortion, that they may find healing and peace.

In the Gospel this weekend, we hear the beautiful story of the call of two sets of brothers, Simon & Andrew, and James & John. These four would become Apostles, as they would be among Jesus' closest companions during his earthly ministry. They were fishermen. One day they were going about their daily work when Jesus passes by and calls them to a new kind of life, to follow him and become "fishers of men". It was such a compelling call that each of them left their nets and followed him. Imagine how difficult that must have been for them! Following Jesus meant leaving behind everything that was familiar to them, in order to pursue something completely new, unfamiliar, and challenging. It must have taken great courage to say yes and follow Jesus. Yet they did...without hesitation: "At once [Simon and Andrew] left their nets and followed him" and "Immediately [James and John] left their boat and their father, and followed him".

Do we respond as readily when Jesus calls us? His call can come at any time, so we must be just as ready to respond. Too often, though, we hesitate, we question, we overthink. Consider the basic call that is given to us all – to live a life of holiness and virtue, a life worthy of the title "Christian". How many of us doubt that living such a life will bring us true happiness and peace? And yet it is true that when we live as Christ, our hearts are freed from worry and doubt and fear. Consider the call to practice our faith by attending Mass each Sunday or praying daily. How many of us get distracted or let the busyness of life take first priority? How many of us feel that we're "spiritual" and that's good enough? What if the Apostles today had a similar reaction to Jesus when He called them? What if they had said: "Thanks for the invitation, Jesus, but we're really happy with what we're doing here, so can you come back later when we're not so busy with work and other stuff?" It seems absurd that they would say such a thing. Yet this is exactly what we do every time we put off responding to Jesus' invitation!

We have each received a noble calling from Jesus, just as noble as the call that the Apostles received, because our call is a call that God has suited to each one of us. Our call reflects how God wants to use us in the world, taking into account our gifts and talents, as well as the potential that God sees in us that perhaps we do not. Are you listening for that call? Are you discerning that call? Will you respond positively to that call? One thing we learn from the Apostles today is that, when we say yes to Jesus and follow him, our lives will never be the same. They will be better!

God bless,
Fr. Chris Shofner
Fr.Chris@hotmail.com

Readings for next Sunday, January 29, 2017

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 5:1-12a

PASTORAL CARE EVENTS

Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice sponsors: Hope

A grief support group for women who have experienced the death of a loved one. The group is led by widows and offers an opportunity to learn about grief, share experiences and find healing and hope from loss. Drop-ins are welcome.

Tuesdays, 5:15 – 6:15 pm, St John the Baptist Catholic Church
John Paul II Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, 632 S. Broad St., Mankato
For more information, please call 507-385-2989 or
1-800-327-3721, ext. 2989 (toll free).

Thinking about Separation or Divorce?

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped over 6,500 couples in the Twin Cities experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the program please call (651) 464-5855, or visit www.helpourmarriage.com

Counseling Opportunities at Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities has offices in various locations including Faribault and Burnsville for individual, family or couple counseling, with Spanish-speaking counseling in designated areas. They accept most health insurance providers for counseling services. For those who do not have insurance, there are reduced and sliding fee options.

They provide services to the separated and divorced and have a full range of adoption and post-adoption services including specialized counseling to individuals and families. Their long-distance counseling intake number is 855-297-9262, Counseling Services 651-647-3186, Separated and Divorced 651-647-3126 and for Adoption Services 651-647-3103.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Married Couples if you have ever thought about doing something special together to enhance your relationship, there is a wonderful opportunity coming to New Prague.

St. Wenceslaus Parish in New Prague will be hosting a Weekend on Feb. 10-12, 2017.

This weekend is a great way to step away from the busyness of life and just focus on each other. The Weekend is designed for couples married anywhere from 6 months to 60 years.

Pre-registration is required. Space is limited.

For more information and registration contact Dick & Mary Jo Hruby
612-226-8378 or dmjhruby@bevcomm.net

ST. MARY'S CCW EVENTS

Tuesday, January 31, 2017 - 5:45 PM CCW Board Meeting

February 5, 2017 CCW Brunch

To benefit Our Lady of Peace Home

Serving Egg Bake, Fruit Cup, Cinnamon Roll, Coffee and Juice.

For 75 years Our Lady of Peace Home has provided free end-of-life care to adults and children, hospice care at home, and in-home health care services.



Energy assistance program

With heating season upon us, Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. (GMG) would like to remind residential homeowners or renters of the Energy Assistance Program (EAP). This federally funded program helps pay for home heating costs and furnace repairs for income-qualified households. Please contact your local EAP Service Provider to apply. For help finding your local EAP provider, call 1-800-657-3710. Applications must be received or postmarked by May 31, 2017 to be processed for benefits for the 2016-2017 program year. You can find more information on-line at the Minnesota Department of Commerce website at: <https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/consumer-assistance/energy-assistance/>



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVENTS

The Le Center Knights of Columbus will be hosting the **Local Free Throw Contest on Sunday, January 29th, 2017 at the Le Center Middle School Gym.** The doors will open at 11:30AM with the contest beginning at 11:45AM. The contest is open to any boy or girl ages 9-14. If you would like any information, please contact Darian Hunt (507-357-2221) or Phil Campbell (507-340-6161).

Thursday, February 2 - Regular Meeting at 7:30PM, St. Mary's Social Hall.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Sunday, January 29, 2017 Super Bingo - 12:30PM at All Saints Catholic Church, Madison Lake, MN. Sponsored by Catholic Order of Foresters #740. For tickets call 507-243-3319 or mail \$20 check to All Saints Super Bingo 2017, Box 158, Madison Lake, MN 56063. In case of inclement weather, Super Bingo will be held on February 12, 2017. More information can be found on church entrance bulletin boards.

OPEN HOUSE: Loyola Catholic School, Mankato

Join us for Open House January 23, 5:30-7:30pm, Upper Campus, 145 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato. Current and new families are invited to learn more about Loyola's philosophy, academics, culture, curriculum and activities. Tours, presentations entitled "A Day in the Life of a Kindergartener" (and other grades), and a light supper are included.



Fr. James Adams Welcome Reception will take place this weekend of January 21 & January 22 after all the weekend Masses.

Please plan to stop by to introduce yourself and visit with him a bit. Refreshments will be served.

The receptions will take place in the St. Mary's Social Hall following St. Mary's Masses and in the St. Henry Hall following the St. Henry Mass. Please note that the January 2017 calendar that was included in a previous bulletin has the Welcome Reception listed on Saturday, the 28. This is incorrect, it should be listed on Saturday the 21.

ST. MARY-ST. HENRY PRO-LIFE TEAM

Dr. Stephen Dudley: Christian Witness, Pro-Life Hero

On November 20, 1986 *The Lake City Graphic* contained a pro-life article written by Rev. Lloyd Hoehenstein of St. John's Lutheran Church. He wrote: "The Lord desires the salvation of every human being, both those who have been born and those who have not yet been born. Let us thank the Lord for every baby that is born." The article continued, "In this Thanksgiving season we also thank the Lord for giving us Dr. [Stephen] Dudley . . . who has helped us protect, preserve and extend human life."

More than thirty years ago, our local community was saddened to learn the news that Dr. Dudley had died unexpectedly in a car accident on November 17, 1986 in Lake City, MN. Raised in Le Center, Dr. Steve was the oldest son of Donna and Ed Dudley of our parish. He attended St. Mary's School, St. John's Prep, St. John's University, the U of M Medical School and completed a 4-year general surgery residency at the Mayo Clinic. Because of his stellar credentials—he scored second highest in the nation on his surgery boards—the Mayo Clinic tried to entice the young surgeon to remain in Rochester, but Dr. Steve had his heart set on a small town practice. He and his family settled in Lake City.

Described by a fellow physician as "the best surgeon I have ever seen", Dr. Steve's manner was relaxed and confident and put patients and fellow workers at ease in even the most frightening situations. He had a quick mind, skillful hands, boundless enthusiasm and a wide range of interests. Even more impressive than his skills as a doctor were his priorities in life: his Catholic faith, his family, and civic involvement. He was active in the pro-life movement and was not afraid to lead and to share his faith with others.

But it had not always been that way.

It was a period of adversity that had started Dr. Stephen Dudley to think about his purpose on this earth and how God fit into his life. He was sued by a patient and during that three-year period, Dr. Stephen began to pray each day. He learned that if you want to truly understand the words of Christ in this life, you have to attempt to live like Him. By following Christ and making a true commitment to Him, he found peace, happiness and freedom from anxieties.

We are all called to respect and defend the mystery of life. Steve Dudley became a doctor because he wanted to help sick people and save lives. Today, on this 44th commemoration of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion through all nine months of pregnancy, let us, like Dr. Stephen Dudley, do what we can to promote a culture of life.

St. Mary's Thrift Store Hours



Tuesday,
Thursday, & Friday
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Contact us at 507-431-4236 or
Mary Jo at 507-665-2784

Please Note:

Since the move to our new location at 69 E Minnesota St. on November 1, 2015, the Thrift Store has had increased sales. Thank-you for your part in a great year!

2016 Fourth Quarter Disbursements from Store sales and Christmas Shop sales were:
Church of St. Mary \$ 3998.65
CCW \$ 1000.00
Cemetery Fund \$ 500.00

SACRAMENTAL LIFE



We welcome the newest members of the Church through the waters of Baptism: Clare Rae McCabe

Baptism Classes

If you are interested in having your child baptized, please contact Father Chris at the Parish Office to reserve your spot and to schedule a Baptism class. This 1 1/2 hour-long class is required for the parents and godparents of the child to be baptized.

The next scheduled date for baptisms is **January 15, 2017**. If you would like to baptize your child, please contact Fr. Chris in the Parish Office.

Please Note: A requirement for Baptism is a copy of the child's birth certificate.

Sacramental Information

Baptism - offered once each month (except during Lent). Contact Fr. Chris for baptism in Spanish & English.

Marriage - contact Fr. Chris at least 6 months in advance. All couples must complete a weekend retreat as well as marriage preparation classes with Fr. Chris.

Confirmation - youth are prepared in grades 8 & 9. For adult confirmation - contact Fr. Chris

Anointing of the Sick - communal anointing for the Parish once each year in the spring. For private anointing, contact Fr. Chris

Communion calls for ill or homebound - please contact the Parish Center

Please Pray For

Part of our Christian duty is to pray for each other. The following have asked for your prayers:

Tim Simonette Katie Kalina Marvin Willette

All residents at Central Health Care, Mala Strana, Good Samaritan, Traditions, Villages, Three Links, Horizon Place, Beacon. Some people have requested to not have their name included on this list. We respect their wishes and ask that you pray for all who are ill.

*Our prayer list will be updated regularly. When you submit a name of a loved one for prayer, their name will remain on the prayer list for SIX WEEKS. If you no longer see your loved ones name and would like the parish community to continue to pray for this individual, please call the parish office with your prayer request and their name will again be placed on our prayer list for another six weeks.



Sympathies to the family and friends of Helen Berger. Helen passed away on January 14 and her Mass of Christian Burial was this past Friday at the Church of St. Mary.

May you find comfort in God's love and mercy.

ST. HENRY NEWS

Church Cleaning - Sharon Riebel and Holly Germscheid are scheduled to clean the church by January 29, 2017.

FAITH FORMATION

First Reconciliation - Today, January 22nd at 3:00pm. Parents, please be on time as we will start immediately at 3:00pm. There will be a prayer service at the beginning and the end of Reconciliation. We will have a group picture at the end of the service. Please join us in prayer during the preparation of these 38 Second Grade students for this wonderful sacrament.

Parking - Please remember to pull all the way in towards the Adoration doors for drop off during the early session and pick up after the late session. With the added weather, we need to keep the safety of the students a priority and help keep the cars off the street.

Teachers & Aides are needed for both the early and late sessions of Faith Formation. We need more adults to help fill in some spots in the classroom. Please contact Jean or the Parish office if you are able to help in any of these roles or if you have questions.

"For then you will delight yourself in the Almighty and lift up your face to God. You will make your prayer to him, and he will hear you, and you will pay your vows." Job 22:26-27

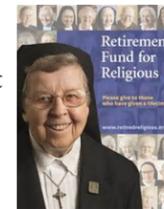
Jean R. Boothby
Faith Formation Coordinator
jeanrb@frontier.com
[941-962-5168](tel:941-962-5168)



St. Mary-St. Henry Youth Group meets Wednesday, February 1 from 7:00-8:15PM at the home of Randy & Stacy Hunt. This group meets monthly on a Wednesday evening to foster friendship and faith in a fun and Christ-like atmosphere. We play games, enjoy one another's company, pray, and talk about how our faith intersects our life. Snacks are provided.

Dear St. Mary and St. Henry Parish Communities,

I recently received generous checks from St. Mary's, \$299.00 and from St. Henry's, \$150.00. God bless you abundantly for your loving support of our nation's elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.



Thank you!
Sister Midge Breiter, SSND

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Jan 14-15, 2017	St. Mary	St. Henry
Weekly Budget	\$ 3500.00	\$ 675.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 2612.35	\$ 411.00
Plate	\$ 161.75	\$ 158.00
TOTAL	\$ 2774.10	\$ 569.00
Diff. from budget	-\$ 725.90	-\$ 106.00

Building fund	\$ 417.00
Building fund Campaign:	
Pledges:	\$ 258,684.13
Collected:	\$ 199,111.49

Building loan balance as of December 20, 2016: \$ 48,641.50

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 28, 4:30 PM

Altar Server	Addie Gibeau Austin Gibeau
Eucharistic Minister	Beth McCabe Deb O'Connell Kathy Schloesser Barb Tiede
Lector	Jean Cemensky-Mohr
Usher	Ethan Gibeau Jeremy Gindt Gene Holicky Paul McCabe

Sunday, January 29, 8:00 AM

Altar Server	Josh Holicky
Eucharistic Minister	Dianne Traxler Earle Traxler Cindy Widmer
Lector	Karl Germscheid

Sunday, January 29, 10:00 AM

Altar Server	Lizzy Christian Allie Hertaus Gabe Robinson
Eucharistic Minister	Jo Blaschko Angie Christian Brent Christian Ruth Germscheid Kae Traxler Pat Traxler
Lector	Cassie Christian
Usher	Aaron Blaschko Phil Campbell Wayne Schloesser Tim Widmer

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2017 Catholic Services Appeal

Next month we kick off our annual Catholic Services Appeal, which benefits the poor, the marginalized and the needy through 17 collective ministries of the Archdiocese. In our day, the need is great for heroic charity, like that seen in examples of modern-day saints such as St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) and others. We are each called to this heroic charity by recognizing and responding to the poor and needy among us in our homes, communities and Church.

The 2017 Catholic Services Appeal benefits 17 ministries throughout the Archdiocese, including Catholic schools, campus ministry and seminaries, marriage and family life, hospital and prison chaplaincies, Latino ministry, parishes, and many others. Please begin to prayerfully consider your upcoming gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. Thank you for your continued generosity! For more information, visit the CSAF's website at www.csafspm.org.

Our parish goals this year remain the same as last year:
St. Mary \$ 12,117
St. Henry \$ 2,382