



## Lenten Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence

The Church teaches that Catholics in good health are to observe the following practices during Lent unless for some serious reason they are unable to do so:

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal and two smaller meals that do not equal the main meal. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat.

### During Lent please feel free to take advantage of any and all of the following offerings:

#### Extended times for Individual Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:15-4:20 PM at St. Mary  
Sunday, 7:15-7:50 AM at St. Henry

#### Stations of the Cross, with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:

Fridays of Lent at 7:00 PM - The Stations of the Cross is a Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus' Passion and Death. At each station we use our senses and our imagination to reflect prayerfully upon Jesus' suffering, Death, and Resurrection, and to simply experience the visual images to reflect on Christ's love for us.



#### Saturday morning daily Mass:

For those unable to attend Daily Mass during the week due to work or other responsibilities, an additional morning Mass will be added on Saturdays at 9:00 AM. (Please note that this does not suffice for your weekend obligation.)

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Join our faith community— and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl in our church entrances, and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God. Learn more at [crsricebowl.org/families](http://crsricebowl.org/families).



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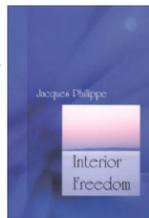
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### Lenten Study: Interior Freedom by Jacques

*Interior Freedom leads one to discover that even in the most unfavorable outward circumstances we possess within ourselves a space of freedom that nobody can take away, because God is its source and guarantee. Without this discovery we will always be restricted in some way and will never taste true happiness.*

Author Jacques Philippe develops a simple but important theme: we gain possession of our interior freedom in exact proportion to our growth in faith, hope, and love. He explains that the dynamism between these three theological virtues is the heart of the spiritual life, and he underlines the key role of the virtue of hope in our inner growth. Written in a simple and inviting style, Interior Freedom seeks to liberate the heart and mind to live the true freedom to which God calls each one.



**Where and Time?** Mondays 8:30AM (Church of Immaculate Conception - Marysburg) and 6:30PM (St. Mary - Le Center) 7:30PM (in Spanish)  
**Dates?** April 3 & 10

# Churches of St. Mary & St. Henry

165 N. Waterville Ave., Le Center, MN 56057

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[www.stmarysthenry.org](http://www.stmarysthenry.org)

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**APRIL 2, 2017**

#### 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	3:15-4:20 PM (St. Mary)
Sunday	7:15-7:50 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).

#### Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. Christopher Shofner, [fr.chris@hotmail.com](mailto:fr.chris@hotmail.com)  
After Hours Emergencies: 612-227-7985

**Associate Pastor:** Fr. James Adams, [padrejfa@frontier.com](mailto:padrejfa@frontier.com)

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[mcmillen752@gmail.com](mailto:mcmillen752@gmail.com)

**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

## The Paschal Triduum and Easter Schedule

**Holy Thursday, April 13- 7PM**

Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday, April 14 - 3PM**

Stations at 7PM

Service Commemorating the Passion & Death of our Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross

**Easter Vigil, April 15- 8PM**

This night is like no other. Each year we confront the power of darkness and rejoice with the bursting forth of Life. This is the night for which we have been preparing all Lent. This is the night when we celebrate Christ's victory over death and pledge ourselves in our renewal of baptismal promises to model our lives after him.

-Living Liturgy, Easter Vigil 2014

**Easter Sunday, April 16**

8AM - St. Henry

10AM - St. Mary

12PM - St. Mary (Spanish)

**Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest**  
Patron Saint of Teachers  
Feast Day -April 7, 2017

Founder of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, St. John after finishing his formal education desired to enter the priesthood. In 1678 he was ordained priest and in 1680 he received his Doctorate in Theology. Aware that the poor was greatly neglected, especially where education was concerned, St. John became the first to set up training colleges for teachers who would instruct the poor.

**“You can perform miracles by touching the hearts of those entrusted to your care.”**

- St. John de la Salle

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Monday, April 3

### Tuesday, April 4

9:00 AM Opening of Adoration  
5:00 PM Mass Alois & Rose Krenik††

### Wednesday, April 5

9:00 AM Mass Pat Liebl†

### Thursday, April 6

8:55 AM Closing of Adoration  
9:00 AM Mass Robert Meyer†

### FIRST FRIDAY, April 7

8:30 AM Confessions  
9:00 AM Mass Bob Leary†  
AM Communion Calls

### Saturday, April 8

9:00 AM Mass Richard Kalina†  
3:15 Confessions  
4:30 PM Mass Sandra Goettl†

### PALM SUNDAY, April 9

7:15 AM Confessions  
8:00 AM Mass (St. Henry) Gordon McCabe & Jane Swan††  
10:00 AM Mass Shirley Lloyd & Liz Meger††  
12:00 PM Mass (in Spanish) For the Parish

## This Week in the Parish

### Monday, April 3

6:30 PM Lenten Book Study  
7:30 PM Lenten Book Study (in Spanish)

### Tuesday, April 4

1:00 PM Mission Sewing  
PM Social Hall in use  
7:00 PM Cemetery Board Meeting

### Wednesday, April 5

5:15-6:30 PM Faith Formation Kindergarten  
5:15-6:30 PM Faith Formation Early Session  
6:45-8:00 PM Faith Formation Late Session  
7:00-8:15 PM Youth Group

### Thursday, April 6

6:30 PM KC Meeting (at St. Henry)  
5:00-6:00 PM Hispanic Choir Practice  
7:00 PM Hispanic Bible Study  
7:00 PM Chrism Mass (Cathedral of St Paul)

### FIRST FRIDAY, April 7

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Please note the change from the April Calendar. This will be just the Stations of the Cross lay led by a parishioner.

### Saturday, April 8

### PALM SUNDAY, April 9

Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10AM Mass  
(Final one for the year)  
6:00-9:00 PM Dead Theologians Society (St. Mary)

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman (1801-1890) may not be a familiar name to you, but he is an especially influential person. He was an English convert from the Anglican faith to Roman Catholicism. He dedicated his life to education and pastoral work, and published a number of articles and books that have shaped modern understanding of the Faith. Newman's most famous work, *Apologia Pro Vita Sua*, is an autobiographical account of his conversion and his defense of Roman Catholicism.

One of Cardinal Newman's basic premises about the faith was that holiness is not a matter of great learning or academic study. Holiness, he says, is available and within reach to every person, great and small. This is a particularly important point as we make our way through the second half of Lent, because our ultimate goal is to grow in union with God – and living the life of authentic holiness draws us closer to God. Yet, even knowing this, we can be tempted to believe that holiness is not for us or beyond our reach. In his *Meditations and Devotions*, Cardinal Newman outlines a simple path to holiness that anyone can follow:

“It is the saying of holy men that, if we wish to be perfect, we have nothing more to do than to perform the ordinary duties of the day well. A short road to perfection—short, not because [it's] easy, but because [it's] pertinent and intelligible. There are no short ways to perfection, but there are sure ones.

“We must bear in mind what is meant by perfection. It does not mean any extraordinary service, anything out of the way, or especially heroic—not all have the opportunity of heroic acts, of sufferings—but it means what the word ‘perfection’ ordinarily means. By ‘perfect’, we mean that which has no flaw in it, that which is complete, that which is consistent, that which is sound—we mean the opposite [of] ‘imperfect’. As we know well what *imperfection*...means, we know by the contrast what is meant by perfection.

“He, then, is perfect who does the work of the day perfectly, and we need not go beyond this to seek for perfection. You need not go out of the [ordinary daily duties] of the day.

“If you ask me what you are to do in order to be perfect, I say, first – Do not lie in bed beyond the due time of rising; give your first thoughts to God; make a good visit to the Blessed Sacrament; say the Angelus devoutly; eat and drink to God's glory; say the Rosary well; be recollected; keep out bad thoughts; make your evening meditation well; examine yourself daily; go to bed in good time, **and you are already perfect.**”

These practices are not ends in and of themselves, but the means by which we discipline ourselves and raise our minds and hearts to God. Are we all able to do these things? I believe so, if we make them priorities in our life. It's all about being mindful of God and His rightful place in our lives, and offering to Him every moment and experience of our life. It's about striving to do our daily duties in the best way possible, whether that's being a parent, a spouse, a priest, a student or a worker. This re-orienting of our lives is the purpose of Lent, and from it comes great fruit. Take Blessed Cardinal Newman's words to heart and strive to do your daily duties completely, consistently, and in a holy and perfect way!

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

### Readings for next Sunday, April 9, 2017

Matthew 21:1-11 Isaiah 50:4-7  
Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14—27:66

## FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes will be is session during Holy Week, Weds. April 12th. Ninth grade confirmation students have selected roles for the Good Friday Service April 14th at the 3:00pm service at St. Mary's.

Wednesday, April 5th is the last Class for Kindergarten Faith Formation. Palm Sunday, April 9th will be the last Children's Liturgy of the Word for this year.

### Summer 2017 Programs at St. Mary's Church

#### Totus Tuus – “Totally Yours”

##### What is Totus Tuus?

Totus Tuus is a Catholic week long summer program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting Catholic faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship.

The first session during the day for elementary age children begins and ends like a regular Vacation Bible School with group time with prayers, songs, and skits. The day rotates into various class sessions, includes snack, lunch, recess, and daily Mass.

The second session in the evening for middle and high school youth includes instruction, small group discussions, quiet meditation, prayer, and fellowship. Tuesday evening will include adoration and reconciliation. A fun social will culminate the youth program on Thursday evening.

Wednesday evening is a special potluck supper in the Social Hall at 5:30 pm for all children, families, and parishioners. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the team and learn about the mission of Totus Tuus.

#### Children entering grades 1-6:

Monday – Friday, July 17 – 21, 2017, 9:00am – 2:30pm

#### Youth entering grades 7-12:

Sunday – Thursday, July 16 – 20, 2017, 7:30pm – 9:45 pm

#### VBS: All Things Bright and Beautiful

Preschool Summer Program

Children ages 3 years old - entering Kindergarten will celebrate God's creations during this fun-filled week of Bible stories, music, games, and activities.

Sunday, July 30 – Thursday, Aug. 3 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm.  
(Snacks will be served.)

Registration forms can be found at the church and parish office entrances for both Totus Tuus and VBS.

...but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 19:14

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## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

March 25-26, 2017	St. Mary	St. Henry
Weekly Budget	\$ 3950.00	\$ 825.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 3448.33	\$ 605.00
Plate	\$ 193.00	\$ 65.75
TOTAL	\$ 3641.33	\$ 670.75
Diff. from budget	-\$ 308.67	-\$ 154.25
Building fund	\$ 763.95	
Building fund Campaign:		
Pledges:	\$ 258,684.13	
Collected:	\$ 207,290.49	
<b>Building loan balance as of March 28, 2017: \$ 14,178.66</b>		

## Palm Sunday

### Saturday, April 8, 4:30 PM

Altar Server	Carter Sladek
Eucharistic Minister	Deb O'Connell Barb Tiede
Lector	Jean Cemensky-Mohr Gene Holicky Barb Kavan
Usher	Tim Blaschko Dick Bradshaw Mark Wolf Harold Wondra

### Sunday, April 9, 8:00 AM

Altar Server	Josh Holicky
Eucharistic Minister	Patti Germscheid
Lector	Sharon Budin Tyler Budin Steve Widmer

### Sunday, April 9, 10:00 AM

Altar Server	Dylan Hunt Tristan Hunt Kellen O'Keefe
Eucharistic Minister	Ruth Germscheid Darian Hunt Rose Krenik Greg Schoenbauer
Lector	Jo Blaschko Brian Hoffman Laurie Wohlers
Usher	Paul Factor Brad O'Keefe Brendan O'Keefe Pete Plut



**Save the Date!**  
**Our Parish Festival is**  
**Sunday, June 25, 2017**

The first 2017 Festival meeting is  
Tuesday, April 18 at 7PM in the  
Conference Room.  
All are welcome to attend!

This will be Tom Dwyer's last year as the General Festival Chairperson. If this is a position you'd like to take on for 2018, Tom welcomes you to work along side him this year. This is a fun role and the duties are mostly organizing and communicating with the different committee chairs. It involves only a few short meetings before the festival. If you are interested in more detail what this position involves, feel free to contact Tom 357-4214

## ST. MARY'S CCW EVENTS

The ACCW Convention is April 21 and 22 at the Church of St. Odilia in Shoreview. You can register for both days or one day. If you register before April 12, the fee is \$35 per day. St. Mary's CCW will reimburse the registration fee to anyone attending. Flyers with more information are available by the church office and at each entrance door.

## Parish Planning for 2017-2018 is Underway

We ask that all parish groups and committees have any known events through June 2018 turned in to the Parish Office by Friday, April 21, 2017 so that we can plan accordingly. Thank you.

## ST. MARY-ST. HENRY PRO-LIFE TEAM

Norma McCorvey is not a household name. Perhaps best known under the pseudonym of "Jane Roe," Norma McCorvey was the plaintiff in the case that legalized abortion for women in the U.S. In 1970 she filed a lawsuit challenging the Texas laws that criminalized abortion. The case, known as Roe v. Wade, eventually reached the United States Supreme Court.

Norma had become pregnant with her third child and had sought to end her pregnancy, but was not fully aware of all of the implications of abortion. "Abortion" to me, meant 'going back' to the condition of not being pregnant." She did not fully realize that this process would end a human life. Norma talked her doctor into giving her the name of an adoptive/foster attorney. Unfortunately, that physician introduced her to pro-abortion attorneys who were looking for a vulnerable pregnant woman who would sign the legal paperwork. She met with them a few times and finally signed the affidavit that brought Roe v. Wade into being in March of 1970.

Norma McCorvey not only never had an abortion; she gave up her baby for adoption. She never entered a courtroom regarding the court case. She signed an affidavit in Texas and was used a pawn.

For several years Norma was silent about her role as "Jane Roe". In the 1980s she became involved in the abortion movement "in order to justify my own conduct". Around 1992 she began to work at abortion clinics. In 1995 a pro-life group moved into the same building as the abortion clinic. At first, Norma was bitterly opposed to their presence but over time she began to have serious doubts about the morality of abortion. She started going to church and eventually rejected her past involvement with the pro-abortion movement. It wasn't long before she declared herself pro-life and started her own ministry "Roe No More". In 2003 Norman went to court in an attempt to overturn Roe v. Wade. Twice she testified before Congress about the injustices of abortion and the deceit underlying Roe v. Wade.

Norma McCorvey died on February 18, 2017 at the age of 69.

## St. Mary's Thrift Store Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday  
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Saturday 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Contact us at 507-341-4236

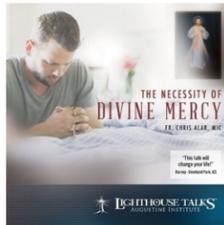


The thrift store is always looking for new volunteers. If you would be interested in helping out on a regular basis or being a sub, please stop in at the thrift store for more information. Community service hours are also available. Thank you.

## LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CD OF THE WEEK

### "The Necessity of Divine Mercy" by Fr. Chris Alar, MIC

Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, reveals the urgency to live and share the powerful message of Divine Mercy. He explains the basics of the Divine Mercy feast, image, novena, chaplet, and hour of mercy, and how to incorporate them into your spiritual life. Discover God's transformative message of Divine Mercy.



"After listening to this talk, how could one doubt the depth of God's mercy?" ~ Raul - San Antonio, TX



Each moment you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament BRINGS JOY, PLEASURE AND DELIGHT TO HIS SACRED HEART!  
"My joy, My pleasure, My delight is to be with you."  
(Proverbs 8:31)

Everyone is invited to stop in at anytime and spend time with Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament. Prayerfully consider whether the Lord is calling you to spend an hour with Him each week. If you have any questions or would like to sign up for an hour, please contact Gloria 357-6939 or Joyce 357-4410.

## MEALS ON WHEELS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEER

1 week open: **May 8-12th**

**We have a volunteer who would like to share these May dates.**

**We appreciate all who participate in this Corporal Act of Mercy!**

If you are able to serve or have questions about what is involved in volunteering for Meals On Wheels, please contact Tara in the Parish Office.



## Catholic Services Appeal puts faith into action for 'least of these'

If you have not yet given your gift in support of the 17 Collective Ministries of this Archdiocese to the Catholic Services Appeal, please prayerfully consider God's gifts in your life and consider making a pledge.

Every gift is important; we can see in the example of the poor widow that, while only able to give two small coins, she gives what she can. Jesus' response to this is, "I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest" (Lk 21:1-4). If we have faith, God can do great things with the little we are able to give. Just think of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves; with just the two fish and five loaves, Jesus fed over 5,000 people. What could God do with your gift?

Please prayerfully consider your gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. Thank you for your continued generosity! For more information, visit the CSAF's website at [www.csafspm.org](http://www.csafspm.org). For your convenience we have placed in the church entrances a CSAF flyer and envelope. Again this year, if we reach our goal, we will receive back 25% of all funds collected.

Our parish goals this year:  
St. Mary \$ 12,117 St. Henry \$ 2,382

**Current total contributions:**  
**St. Mary \$ 10,117 (83.5%) St. Henry \$ 2,515 (105.6%)**



**Mission Sewing** - Anyone interested in helping with tying mission quilts is welcome any Tuesday afternoon at 1PM in the Mission Room. Call Ruth Germscheid 357-6421, if you have any questions or would like to donate material, time or talent.

## Help Wanted

St. Mary's parishioner Marvin Willette needs help eating his evening meals. His family is looking for 2 people to assist once or twice a week at Benedictine Health Care Center in St. Peter (will be compensated). If this is an act of mercy you feel called to or if you have questions, please call Marvin's daughter, Jody Rouse at 612-386-8230.

## ST. HENRY NEWS

**Church Cleaning** - Ann Selly and Sandra Miller are scheduled to clean the church by April 9, 2017.

## Mark Your Calendar - Cemetery Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 7:00 PM  
Church of St. Mary Conference Room

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES



**Dead Theologians Society - We will be meeting on Sunday, April 9 at the Church of St. Mary from 6-9PM and then May 14 in Cleveland.**

Dead Theologians Society is a Catholic apostolate for 8-12th graders. We start with a game/sport/fun. Then we have a teaching on a saint that is related to a teen's life. Next we eat a meal. Finally we close with night prayer and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Thank you to those who have shown interest and have helped out by either providing a meal or offering time in adoration during the evening. Anyone else that wants to help, let me know. **We really want to get people to come and pray in adoration during the evening** so that we can bear as much fruit as God wants. **We have someone for the 6-7PM hour and are in need for someone to pray during the 7-8PM and 8-9PM hours.** Multiple people are welcome. Also we are in need of an adult with Virtus training to be present.

God Bless -Fr James Adams

**St. Mary-St. Henry Youth Group meets Wednesday, April 5 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.



I encourage you to take advantage of our exciting opportunity to celebrate the faith this summer known as **TOTUS TUUS**. A group of four college-age Catholics are coming to our parish **July 15-22** and will present the faith in a unique way, with energetic presentations, fun games, prayer and worship. It's a bit like Vacation Bible School for older youth. This is a phenomenal program that only a handful of parishes in our Archdiocese are able to take advantage of each year. We are blessed to have this opportunity this year. Please consider attending.

**Grades 7-12 will meet 7:30-9:45 pm each evening, Sunday-Thursday, July 16-20.** Opportunities are also available for high school youth to assist with the day program that focuses on our grade-school youth. More information and registration forms can be found at the parish entrances. Any questions, please contact Jean Boothby at the parish office.

## SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land November 6-17, 2017

~ Visit the holy sites and walk where Jesus walked ~

With Roy Schoeman, popular speaker, writer, and guest on EWTN

Fr. Patrick Barnes (St. Nicholas, Elko Market)

Fr. Chris Shofner (St. Mary & St. Henry, Nativity & Immaculate Conception)

\$3620.00 per person/double occupancy + taxes/surcharges, meals and personal expenses

For more information, contact Tekton Ministries, 9924 Cedar Ridge Drive, Carmel, IN 46032

Phone: 317-574-4191 or Toll-free: 866-905-3787

Email: [pilgrimage@tektonministries.org](mailto:pilgrimage@tektonministries.org)

Register online at: [www.tektonministries.org](http://www.tektonministries.org)



### Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Queen of Americas Guild Conference

Physical Address: 5250 Justin Road, La Crosse, WI  
July 21-22, 2017

Hosted by His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke

With special guests: Eduardo Verastegui (Pro-Life advocate and actor), Most Rev. Arturo Cepeda (Archdiocese of Detroit),

Christopher Check (President of Catholic Answers).

For more information contact:

Queen of the Americas Guild

311 Kautz Rd., St. Charles, IL 60174

630-584-1822 [staff@queenoftheamericasguild.org](mailto:staff@queenoftheamericasguild.org)

Registration forms can be found outside the parish office door

### Come discover the plan that will transform your work, your marriage, your family, your community... your life!

This fall, the **Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute** will offer the two-year course in two different locations. Classes will be held at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville on Monday evenings and at the Church of St. Andrew in Elk River on Tuesday evenings.

Taught by some of the best instructors in the Twin Cities, such as Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Jeff Cavins, Deacon Joe Michalak, Fr. John Klockeman, Dr. Bill Stevenson, Fr. Peter Williams, Christina Smith, Alyssa Bormes, and more, the program follows the four pillars of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and will make sense of all things Catholic, deepen your faith, and lay out the roadmap to heaven.

The classes are divided into four eleven-week modules with two Saturday morning formative sessions per module. Applications are now being accepted through July 1, 2017 for the class beginning in September. For more information and an application visit [www.CIstudent.com](http://www.CIstudent.com) or call (651) 962-5028.

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

### 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.

**Please note that due to the Lenten Season the next scheduled date for baptism will take place after Easter on April 30, 2017.**

**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.

### New Members Are Encouraged to Join St. Mary's Choir

St. Mary's Choir is now preparing music for Lent and Easter. New members are always welcome to join us at anytime!

- The choir is family friendly with lots of room for your family members to join you in the choir loft during Masses.
- Don't know what to do for Lent? Instead of giving up something. . . why not join the choir and put in a little extra time praising our Lord twice in song?
- Are you between the ages of 12-99? Then this is the choir for you!
- Do you need to read music? - NO!
- Do you need a sense of humor? - It helps! You'll understand why after you've been around us awhile ☺.
- Are you a shower singer? Never sang with a group before, but like singing Karaoke?

### Then Give Choir a Try!

You are asked to make as many practices as possible. We try to meet every Sunday at 9:30AM before Mass to practice new pieces. Additional practice times are as follows:

Today, Sunday, April 2 6:00-8:00 pm practice  
Tuesday, April 11 6:30-8:00 pm practice

## 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 632 S. Broad St., Mankato  
For more information, please call 507-385-2989 or 1-800-327-3721, ext. 2989 (toll free).

### 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.

### Area Separated or Divorced Educational/Support Group St. Wenceslaus Church Basement, New Prague

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month from 7– 8:30 PM. Experience good support as you and your loved ones move through this time in your life. All faiths are welcome. For more information call Deacon Bob Wagner, 952-758-3225 or Mary 952-873-6781.

Tuesday, April 4 & 18 - "Navigate Those Bumpy Roads"

### Celebration for Life Benefit Concert

Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 3:00 PM

Hosanna Lutheran Church, 105 Hosanna Avenue, Mankato  
Admission: Free Will Offering Refreshments Served  
This year's spring concert will have you laughing and listening as the popular Sister group entertains you with music and stories. Sisters is the collective voices and talents of three women who are really sisters and share a big dream: "Through laughter, support, listening and being ourselves, all women are born to excel and succeed."

The concert is a benefit for Options for Women, Mankato



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVENTS



### All You Can Eat Breakfast

Sunday, April 2 8:30AM to Noon

St. Mary's Parish Social Hall

Serving French Toast and Pancakes,

Scrambled Eggs with Ham,

Sausage, Milk, Coffee and Orange Juice

Adults \$8 Kids 6-12 \$4

Kids 5 and under-Free

## COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL EVENTS

**Fish Fry, Fridays During Lent** - American Legion Post 108 Le Center Fish Basket Lunch serving from 11AM-1PM for \$6, All You Can Eat Fish Dinner serving from 5PM-7:30PM (or until gone), \$10 adults and children under 12 \$6. Dates serving are April 7 & 14.

**Monday, April 3 & May 1, 2017 Community Meal** - Join us the First Monday night of the month at 6PM at the United Methodist Church, 87 N Cordova Ave, Le Center. Everyone in the community is invited to share friendship and a meal with us. Transportation will be provided if needed - call 357-4375. Free Will offering will be accepted.

**Friday, April 7, 2017 All You Can Eat Fish Dinner** - The Crusader Civic Center, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Lonsdale, MN from 4-8PM. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Council #16225. Adults \$12, Children ages 7-17 \$8, 6 & under are free. Take-Outs Available! Proceeds to support local pro-life ministries.

**Friday, April 7, 2017 Annual Fish Fry** - Immaculate Conception Church of Marysburg, Madison Lake, MN will host from 4:30-7:30PM. Enjoy fried fish, au gratin potatoes, a vegetable, coleslaw, bread, dessert and beverage. Adults \$11, Kids 6-12 \$2, 5 and under Free. Stations of the Cross will be available in the Church at 7PM, Confessions available afterward. Located 2.5 miles north of Madison Lake near the 4 way junction of County Road 26, 15 & 16, (8 miles south of Cleveland on County Road 15).

**Friday, April 7, 2017 Knights of Columbus Fish Boil** - Church of St. Peter, 1801 West Broadway, St. Peter serving from 5-7:30PM, Boiled Icelandic Pollock, Carrots, Potatoes & Onions, Cherry or Apple Pie. Adults \$13, Youth 6-12 \$5, Preschoolers Free.

**Sunday, April 9, 2017 All You Can Eat Country Style Breakfast** - St. Scholastica Church, Heidelberg from 8:30AM-Noon. Featuring scrambled eggs with ham, pancakes, country-style fried potatoes, sweet breads, desserts, beverages. Bake Sale and Quilt Raffle sponsored by Our Lady of Good Help Council of Catholic Women. Adults \$8, Children (3-12) \$4, Under 3 Free. 4 miles south of New Prague on Hwy 13, then 2 miles west on City Rd 28 to 181st Ave, turn right, go 1 mile to church.

**Wednesday, April 19, 2017 Salad Luncheon** - Church of St. Peter, 1801 W. Broadway, St. Peter from 11AM-1PM. Adults \$8, Ages 5-12 \$5. Carry outs available.

**Saturday, April 22, Spring Bake Sale & Boutique** - St. Patrick Social Hall, 24425 Old Hwy 13 Blvd, Jordan, MN, 9AM-3PM. Featuring fresh-baked Cinnamon and Caramel Rolls, lots of homemade goodies including cookies, cakes and breads, and much more!

**Saturday & Sunday, April 22-23, 2017 Spring Art Event** - St. Lawrence Catholic Church and Newman Center, 1203 Fifth St. Southeast, Mpls. April 22 from 7-9PM, April 23 8:30AM-12:30PM. Silent auction of art and art-related items, art for sale, refreshments, live music. See bulletin boards in church entrances for more info.

**Sunday, April 23, 2017 The Notables - Spring Concert, "Music Builds a Bridge"** - at 4PM, Le Sueur-Henderson Middle/High School Auditorium, 901 East Ferry Street, Le Sueur. Admission FREE, refreshments following concert. Call 507-665-2690 for more information.



Condolences to the family of Sue Macho on the death of her sister Sarah McAninch, who passed away on March 15. Her Funeral Mass was held on March 25 in Medina.

Our sympathies to Joan McCourtney on the passing of her sister, Colleen Lamey. Her Mass of Christian Burial took place on March 29, North Oaks, MN.

Our prayers are with Harriet Schmidt, sister of Francis "Bud" McCabe. Bud passed away on March 22. Funeral services were held at Church of the Nativity, Cleveland, MN.