



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVENTS

All You Can Eat Breakfast  
TODAY, Sunday, October 1 8:30AM to Noon  
St. Mary's Parish Social Hall

Pancake Breakfast



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

**TODAY, Sunday, October 1, 2017 Fall Festival** - Church of St. Patrick's, Shieldsburg. Polka Mass at 10AM, Pork Dinner with all the Trimmings starts at 11AM, activities from 11AM-3PM includes Beer Garden, Children's games, Country Store, Meat Raffle, Music by St. Wenceslaus Polka Music Group, Silent Auction and more!

**Friday, October 6, 2017 Steak/Chicken Cook-out and Silent Auction** - St. Patrick's Church, 24425 Old Hwy 13 Blvd, Jordan serving from 5-9PM, 1/2 grilled chicken or 12oz Top Sirloin Steak Dinner includes baked potato, green beans, coleslaw, garlic bread, dessert, beverage.

**Sunday, October 8, 2017 Polka Worship Service** - St. Paul Lutheran Church, 232 West Minnesota St., Le Center, featuring The Jolly Ranchers. Bible Camp Fundraiser Brunch to Follow Worship. Call 357-2212 for more information.

## ST. MARY'S CCW EVENTS

### CCW Upcoming Events:

Thursday, October 5 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM **Fall Hot Dish and Salad Luncheon** - Start planning what you can make for the bake sale! Call your circle leader to tell her what dish you will bring. See the flyers on church entrance bulletin boards for more information.

### Thursday, October 26 5:30 PM Mission Event

St. Anne's, Le Sueur - The speaker will be Father Valencia who will talk about the Philippines. This is the meeting we turn in our Shoeboxes for Appalachia, so start putting yours together. Each box should include something warm, useful, fun, something for hygiene and something religious. Please label box with gender and age. We can also take good clean items for Haiti: dolls, trucks, crucifixes, hygiene items, white sheets, tennis shoes, flip flops, summer clothes, and school supplies.

The Divine Mercy CCW invites everyone to a retreat on Saturday, October 21. It will begin with Mass at 8:30 am and will conclude by 12 noon. There is no charge for the retreat, however they would like to have people register so they know how many to plan for. Sign-up by calling the Divine Mercy Parish Office at 507-334-2266.

The theme for the day is "Give - He Gave You Everything". The speaker will be Michelle Gelineau.

CCW Dues for 2017-2018 are \$10. Please place in the collection basket or drop off at the Parish Office. These dues help to



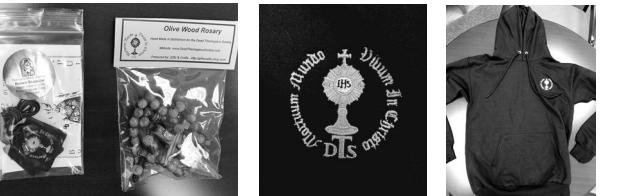
**What is the Dead Theologians Society (DTS)?** A Catholic apostolate for 8th grade through high school age teens. Through the Saints of yesterday, the Dead Theologians Society inspires the youth of today to become the saints of tomorrow. Its motto is, "Dead to the World, alive in Christ!" This is inspired by Romans 6:11 where St. Paul tells us to be dead to sin but alive in Christ Jesus. Come and have fun, learn about a rock star in the faith, eat well and spend time with Jesus.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us the second **Sunday of each month from 6-9PM**. We will be alternating the location between the Church of St. Mary, Le Center and the Church of the Nativity, Cleveland: October 8 (Cleveland), November 12 (Le Center), December 10 (Cleveland), January 14 (Le Center), February 11 (Cleveland), March 11 (Le Center), April 8 (Cleveland), May 13 (Le Center), June 10 (Cleveland).

Become an official member by attending 3 times in a row or 5 times total! As a member you receive an official sweatshirt, rosary, and scapular! (All pictured here). But even better, by being a member you will experience your love for God grow by leaps and bounds and form a foundation that will enable you to go out into the world knowing that God and the friendships you made in DTS will carry you through. Please contact Fr. Adams if you would like to attend or have questions.



All parishioners of all ages, come to adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the DTS gatherings. We especially need adorers to commit to be before our Lord for an hour during the 6-9PM gathering time. Also, we need cooks willing to help make and serve a meal to the kids. If you are able to help in either capacity, contact Fr. Adams or the parish office and let us know.



## Churches of St. Mary & St. Henry

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## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 1, 2017



St. Francis of Assisi  
October 4 - Memorial

Let us love  
God and  
adore him  
with pure  
heart and  
mind.

~ St. Francis

### 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).

### Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. Christopher Shofner, [fr.chris@hotmail.com](mailto:fr.chris@hotmail.com)  
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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, October 2

Tuesday, October 3

9:00 AM Opening of Adoration  
5:00 PM Mass Grant Anderson†

Wednesday, October 4

9:00 AM Mass Ralph & John Trzecinski††

Thursday, October 5

8:55 AM Closing of Adoration  
9:00 AM Mass Living and Deceased of Peter & Marie Riebel family and Frank & Martha Stangler family

FIRST Friday, October 6

8:30 AM Confessions  
9:00 AM Mass Sandra Goettl†

Saturday, October 7

3:45 PM Confessions  
4:30 PM Mass Becky Boettcher Franta†

Sunday, October 8

7:30 AM Confessions (St. Henry)  
8:00 AM Mass (St. Henry) Bernard Widmer & Gary Goettl††  
10:00 AM Mass Peggy Malinski†  
12:00 PM Mass (in Spanish) For the Parish

## This Week in the Parish

Monday, October 2

Tuesday, October 3

1:00 PM Mission Sewing  
7:00 PM St. Henry Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 4

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

Thursday, October 5

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM CCW Salad Luncheon  
5-6:00 PM Hispanic Choir Practice  
7:00 PM Hispanic Bible Study  
7:30 PM KC Regular KC Meeting

FIRST Friday, October 6

AM Communion Calls

Saturday, October 7

Sunday, October 8  
10:00 AM Mass - Children's Liturgy of the Word  
Baptisms after all Masses  
6:00-9:00 PM Dead Theologians Society (Clvd)

Readings for next Sunday, October 8, 2017

Isaiah 5:1-7  
Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

So, apparently the world was supposed to end last Saturday, September 23. I had heard the rumors, and even mainstream media reported the story. A self-proclaimed Christian prophet made the prediction based on numerology and astrology. He had made over 50 other doomsday prophecies in the past, none of which came to pass. He has since revised his predictions for a later date. For some, such predictions cause great fear, but as Jesus says, we need not fear. The Church is clear on what She teaches about the end of the world.

### When will the end of the world take place?

Jesus assures us in Matthew's Gospel that "of that day and hour *no one knows*, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone" (Matthew 24:36). At the appointed time, the Father will send the Son to earth in what we know as the Second Coming, just as He sent the Son to us 2000 years ago. Our efforts to predict that day are futile. Even Wikipedia lists over 160 failed predictions since the time of Jesus.

### Are current wars and natural disasters signs that we are living in the end times?

Every generation has had its share of wars and natural disasters. All of history ebbs and flows with the frequency and scale of such disasters. We are just much more aware of these in our day because of media. Jesus says that as the final day approaches, "nation will rise against nation... there will be famines and earthquakes from place to place". So while these are signs that the final day is approaching, they are not signs that the day is here. Even Jesus says that with such disasters, "this will not yet be the end" (see Matthew 24:6-8).

### What will the end of the world look like?

Unlike the disaster movies and doomsday prophecies, Scripture does not describe such a cataclysmic end to the world. Scripture describes that two great armies will march against one another and meet at the place called Har Megiddo ("the plain of Megiddo" in Israel), where we get the name Armageddon. As they prepare to fight, Jesus Christ will return to stop the war. The final judgment of all of humanity will then take place, when all persons, dead and alive, will appear before the Judgment Seat of God. The righteous will reign forever with Christ, glorified in body and soul, and the unrighteous will be sent to eternal punishment. A new heaven and a new earth will be ushered in, and man will be united perfectly with God. God "will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away" (Revelation 21:4). It actually sounds quite nice!

This is a fascinating subject for many people. Unfortunately, my space here doesn't allow me to address the full scope of possible questions. However, I think the greatest lesson we can take from this is simply to be ready, preparing our hearts and souls for the end of our own individual life, even if we don't see the end of the world in our lifetime. We do so, not in a spirit of fear, but a spirit of love and anxious expectation of what the Lord will do to restore our fallen world. Scripture has a beautiful reminder to us that God is always good, even as He moves all of creation toward the end of time: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, what God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Corinthians 2:9).

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



### Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 9AM-Thursday 9AM in the Cry Room  
Everyone is invited to stop in at anytime and spend time with Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.  
If you have questions or would like to sign up for an hour, please contact Gloria 357-6939 or Joyce 357-4410.

## PASTORAL CARE EVENTS

### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES

The Couple to Couple League will be offering a series of classes, for engaged and married couples, on the Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning at the Shakopee Catholic Education Center, 2700 17th Ave E, Shakopee. Classes begin on Wednesday, October 12th at 6:00 p.m. New streamlined methodology and new materials integrate Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Register at <http://twincities.ccli.org>. Questions? Call 612-721-3791 or email [twincities.ccli.org@gmail.com](mailto:twincities.ccli.org@gmail.com).



### Area Separated or Divorced Educational/Support Group

St. Wenceslaus Church Rectory, 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, October 3 & 17 - "Faith, Baptism . . . Living Promises For Your Children/Grandchildren"

### 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).

### Make plans for a fall get-away with the one you love before your calendar fills up!!

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. The next available weekends are Oct 6-8, 2017 in Buffalo, MN and Nov 17-19, 2017 in Prior Lake, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [twincitieswwme.org](http://twincitieswwme.org) or contact Brent & Tracy at [applications@twincitieswwme.org](mailto:applications@twincitieswwme.org) or 612-756-8720.

### Catholic Volunteer Network

Want to put your compassion into action?

We can help you discover the right faith-based service opportunity combining your passion with the world's needs. Join 18,000 volunteers serving each year across the U.S. and abroad. Discover hundreds of unique service programs, thousands of service placements, and insights to the four pillars of faith-based service: SIMPLICITY SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY SPIRITUALITY Reach us at: [catholicvolunteernetwork.org](http://catholicvolunteernetwork.org)

### 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.

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

### Respect Life Sunday

The St. Mary/St. Henry Pro-Life Team would like to remind you of the *diaper drive* that we are sponsoring during the month of October. Your donations will be given to "Options for Women" in Mankato, a non-profit dedicated to helping women who are facing an unexpected or difficult pregnancy. In addition to diapers, sleep sacks, swaddle blankets and educational toys and books for infants and toddlers have been requested. There will be containers at both the South and the West entrances to the church.

We have welcomed three new members to our Po-Life Team in recent weeks. Fran Christian, Theresa Widmer and Rose Krenik have joined our efforts to promote a culture of life in our parish. We are indeed blessed by their presence. The other members include Dorothy Vavra, Angie Whipps, Margaret Traxler, Joyce Traxler, Harriet Schmidt, Bob & Monika Rivers and Madonna Russo.

Look for pro-life displays near the church entrances after the weekend Masses. There will be fetal models, pamphlets, posters and free items for adults and children.

Please say an extra Hail Mary daily during the month of October. PRAY for the needs of the unborn and their mothers, the elderly and all vulnerable adults and children.

### Pro-Life Presentation – All are welcome!

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) will offer a brief pro-life presentation on Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 pm at All Saints Catholic Church in Lakeville. You will learn how to help pregnant women in need, Minnesota abortion statistics, efforts to overturn our law against assisted suicide, and more. Discover how you can make a difference in protecting innocent human life. Enjoy fellowship at this free one-hour gathering! For more information, visit the "Events—Fall Tour" section at [www.mccl.org](http://www.mccl.org)

### Mission Sewing

Anyone interested in helping with tying mission quilts is welcome any Tuesday afternoon at 1PM in the Mission Room. Just stop in any Tuesday and visit or maybe help tie a quilt with our group.

Call Ruth Germscheid, 357-6421, if you are interested or have any questions or would like to donate material, time or talent.

### Are you new to the Churches of St. Mary & St. Henry?

We are glad that you are with us! All you need to do to register is to stop in or call the parish office during office hours. We will be happy to help you. The registration form takes only a couple minutes to fill out. For your convenience these forms can be found in the church entrances.

## SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

**In the silence of your heart, do you wonder if God is calling you to Religious Life? Come and See!**

The Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles will be hosting a "Come and See" Retreat for single women (ages 18-35) who are interesting in taking time to learn more about vocational discernment and Religious Life. The retreat will take place November 3-5, 2017 at the Church of St. Peter in North St. Paul. For more information, please call 626-300-8938 or email: mncomeandsee@outlook.com



**Fatima's Rosary Rally – Friday, October 13th at the gazebo in the Le Center pool area park at the LeSueur County Fairgrounds**

**In case of rain, it will be held at the Le Center Sportsman's Club in that park.**

Please spread the word for any who are able to come to share this special time of prayer. For more information, contact Joyce Traxler (507-357-4410) or Sheila McCabe Swan (507-357-6941).

The public square Rosary on October 13, sponsored by America Needs Fatima, will be one of over 20,000 rallies that will take place all across the United States in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the miracle of the sun in Fatima, Portugal in 1917. Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States.

In 1955, Austria was saved from the grip of Communism through public rosaries. After WWII Austria was divided among the Allies with the Soviet Union awarded the richest region, including Vienna, making them subject to Communist occupation. The Holy Rosary Crusade of Reparation was founded by Father Pavlicek in 1947 and public square rosary walks were held through the city streets of Vienna to pray for an end to Communism. The walks began small but grew steadily in size and frequency until they spread throughout the country, having over a half-million people participating by 1955. That was about one-tenth of the entire population of Austria. In October 1955, the Soviet forces inexplicably pulled out of Austria, voluntarily! (Source: Robert Ritchie, Executive Director of America Needs Fatima)

### Welcome to Blaze!

A night designed for high school youth with topics that are relevant to teenagers. The speakers and musicians have been chosen with students in mind. We will have upbeat praise and worship music and games to promote fellowship. Our night will include Eucharistic Adoration and an opportunity for Confession. 6:30 - 9:30 PM at St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center, 1502 Warren Street, Mankato



#### Dates for Blaze:

October 6, 2017 - Where Are You Going?  
November 3, 2017 - What Are Your Obstacles?

December 1, 2017 - Who's Going With You?  
February 2, 2018 - How Are You Called?

March 2, 2018 - How Do We Overcome When We Have Fallen?

Follow us on Facebook- Blaze Mankato for information on the event.

\* We require all students to be accompanied by a chaperone!

\*Please RSVP with an approximate headcount 1 week prior to event, so we may finalize our preparations.

\* You may ask questions or respond with your RSVP via email at blazemankato@gmail.com, the Facebook page messenger or by calling Cathy Neve (507) 345-6765.

## 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 the next scheduled date for baptism will take place on October 8, 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.

### Please Pray For

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

Pete Traxler Sr. Joe Connolly

All residents at Central Health Care, Mala Strana, Benedictine, 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.



*A Heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped me celebrate my 90th birthday. The cards, gifts, prayers, and well wishes are greatly appreciated.*

*God Bless you all,  
Lois McCabe*

## ST. HENRY NEWS

**Church Cleaning** - Kim Brockway & Shelly Frederickson are scheduled to clean the church by October 8, 2017.

## FAITH FORMATION

### Dates to Remember:



**Sponsor Night** – Wednesday, October 11 from 6:45-8:00pm. All 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and their sponsors will meet in the Social Hall for activities and snacks.

### Parents:

Please download the **Remind App** for quick and easy Faith Formation updates and information. Our class code is **@7g962b**



The correct code for **FORMED.org** is **3675db**. Check out this wonderful resource for family faith formation!



\*We still need some volunteers for our Faith Formation classes. Contact Jean for more information\*

*"My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me." Matthew 21:28-32*

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

### Hurricane Irma relief

Thank you for your generosity in our recent second collection for Hurricane Harvey relief for the people of the Houston, Texas area. We have been asked once again, as the People of God, to respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters, this time in Florida and surrounding areas, as they suffer the effects of Hurricane Irma. This weekend, September 30-October 1, we will take a second collection to support rebuilding and recovery efforts and to provide pastoral outreach to those in need. Please be generous as your means allow. If you would like to write a check, please make it out to the Church of St. Mary or the Church of St. Henry and put on the memo line "Disaster Relief". You may also use the Disaster Relief envelopes found at the entrances of the church. Our parishes will send in a single check for the total amount of all donations. Thank you.

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sept 30 - Oct 1, 2017	St. Mary	St. Henry
Weekly Budget	\$ 3950.00	\$ 825.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 2796.32	\$ 480.00
Plate	\$ 246.00	\$ 130.00
TOTAL	\$ 3042.32	\$ 610.00
Diff. from budget	-\$ 907.68	-\$ 215.00

## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

<b>Saturday, October 7, 4:30 PM</b>	James Wolf
Altar Server	Jean Cemensky-Mohr
Eucharistic Minister	Kathy Schloesser
Lector	Maureen Blaschko
Usher	Richard Bradshaw
	Jack Von Bank
	Mark Wolf
	Tim Wolf

### Sunday, October 8, 8:00 AM

Altar Server	Jeremy Beer
Eucharistic Minister	Dianne Traxler
Lector	Sharon Budin
Usher	Tyler Budin

### Sunday, October 8, 10:00 AM

Altar Server	Dylan Hunt
Eucharistic Minister	Tristan Hunt
Lector	Gabe Robinson
Usher	Margaret Traxler
	Aaron Blaschko
	Philip Campbell
	Pete Plut
	Jeremy Weiers

## Pastoral Council elections this weekend

This weekend we are holding Pastoral Council elections for the 3 open positions on St. Mary's council and the 1 open position on St. Henry's council. Ballots can be found in the pews at church and can be placed in the collection basket at Mass. We ask that you vote only once and vote only for the parish at which you are a member. Election results will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

St. Henry Pastoral Council meets this Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 pm. St. Mary Pastoral Council meets Tuesday, October 17 at 7:00pm. Both councils meet at St. Mary's Conference Room. Unless otherwise indicated in the bulletin, all Pastoral Council meetings are open meetings – all are invited to attend and observe the proceedings. Both Councils are currently working on a long-term strategic plan, which is a study of the parish that will result in setting goals for the next 5 to 10 years, along with a strategy for accomplishing those goals.

## BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

