

ST. HENRY NEWS

Church Cleaning - Mary Lynn Genelin-Sycks and Shelly Genelin are scheduled to clean the church by October 22, 2017.

Annual St. Henry Church Country Fair October 29, 2017 After 8AM Mass



Great Gift Certificate or Cash Raffle Items:
\$50 BP O'Keefe Meats \$50 Hardware Hank \$50 Radermachers \$50 Cash

Get your tickets from an altar society member or purchase right after church.
Drawing about 9:15 a.m.

Eat In: Rolls and Coffee available to purchase.

Homemade Pies & Baked Goods, Canned & Garden Items, plus limited Crafts for Sale

ST. MARY'S CCW EVENTS

CCW Upcoming Events:

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. Admission to the event is sewing notions for Haiti.

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.



Thank you to everyone who helped to make the hot dish and salad luncheon a success. Thank you to the circle leaders who made their phone calls to the members. Thank you to all the ladies who donated food. We had a wonderful assortment of salads, hot dishes and bars. A special thank you to members who worked in the kitchen, dining room or made deliveries. Also thank you to all members who contributed to the craft and bake sale. Profits from the luncheon were: \$1817.50 on the meals and \$297.40 from the craft and bake sale. Expenses have not been paid yet. The luncheon profits will go to various charities, amounts to be voted on at the December meeting. Proceeds from the bake sale will go into our general fund.

CCW Dues for 2017-2018 are \$10. Please place in the collection basket or drop off at the Parish Office. These dues help to cover the costs of the liturgical needs of St. Mary's (i.e. candles, hosts, wine, Living Faith booklets, etc).

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: 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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 15, 2017



Martyrdom of Saint Ignatius of Antioch
Cesare Fracanzano
October 17 - Memorial

He who died
in place of
us is the one
object of
my quest.
He who rose
for our
sakes is my
one desire.

- St. Ignatius of Antioch

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
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Associate Pastor: Fr. James Adams, padrejfa@frontier.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 16

Tuesday, October 17

9:00 AM Opening of Adoration
5:00 PM Mass Lucy Helfter†

Wednesday, October 18

9:00 AM Mass Katie & Richard Minars††

Thursday, October 19

8:55 AM Closing of Adoration
9:00 AM Mass Alois & Rose Krenik††

Friday, October 20

9:00 AM Mass Brian Lovell
11:00 AM Mass at CHC Rev. John Timothy Power†

Saturday, October 21

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

Sunday, October 22

7:30 AM Confessions (St. Henry)
8:00 AM Mass (St. Henry) Lois & Frances Beer††
10:00 AM Mass Ray & Rose Fredrickson††
12:00 PM Mass (in Spanish) For the Parish

This Week in the Parish

Monday, October 16

Tuesday, October 17

Communion Calls - Kathy
1:00 PM Mission Sewing
7:00 PM St. Mary Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 18

No Faith Formation Classes (MEA)

Thursday, October 19

5-6:00 PM Hispanic Choir Practice
7:00 PM Hispanic Bible Study

Friday, October 20

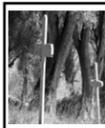
Saturday, October 21

Sunday, October 22

10:00 AM Mass - Children's Liturgy of the Word

Readings for next Sunday, October 22, 2017

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b Matthew 22:15-21



Cemetery Board Meeting

Thursday, October 26, 2017 7:00 PM
St. Mary Conference Room

St. Mary Pastoral Council
meets Tuesday, October 17
at 7PM in St. Mary's
Conference Room.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have not always been a reader. When I was younger, I used to read a lot, but lost the habit after high school (I think there are probably many who might say they haven't read a book since then as well). But in recent years, I rediscovered the habit and have even set goals to read more. I recently discovered the business management section at the bookstore. I never thought of looking there since I don't own a business, but I found that many of the principles they teach in these books are applicable to parish life, whether it's simple leadership, management, or organizational skills. These books are eye-opening, and I believe quite applicable to our faith lives in some ways.

One theme I found repeated consistently among many experts is the need to focus on tasks in our lives that are *important*, not simply *urgent*. Nowadays, all things seem urgent to us – we need to get to the next meeting, finish something before a deadline, solve the immediate problems first. But then we never have time to focus on setting goals to move ourselves forward. We're consumed by the urgent, so that we never focus on the important. We remain stagnant. One expert said that, in order to remedy that, as we look at our lives: "Don't prioritize your schedule. Schedule your priorities."

That's great advice when it comes to our faith as well. Daily prayer, the Mass, and being a good example of the faith to our children should be priorities in our lives, so that we schedule them into our weekly schedules, as a matter of priority, rather than doing all the other little tasks in our lives and hoping there's time left over at the end of the day to focus on our spiritual lives. Someone once told me that it can be difficult at first to schedule these things, but once we do, in time, they become part of our routine, and everything else that is of lesser priority finds its proper place.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI emphasizes this same point in his recent writings about the liturgy (the Mass). He says that everything in our lives seems to be urgent, and thus our energies become focused on those daily responsibilities. But the things of God do not seem to have the same urgency or importance. Daily responsibilities obscure the bigger needs in our lives. When you reflect on your life, do you feel that this describes you? Does Mass, daily prayer, or religious devotion get neglected because you're too busy or something always seems to be more important? Benedict says that, in the worst case, this can lead to God no longer remaining at the center of our liturgy or our life as Catholic Christians.

Nothing is more important than our worship of God, because it is in our worship that God opens up His life to us and offers us the grace to understand and have the courage to act according to His Will. It is a moment we are given to deepen our relationship with God. We may realize that there is still work to do in this area, and we can remedy this situation in our own lives and in our family's lives by reprioritizing what's important. We remember what Jesus said—and take it to heart—when he was asked what is the greatest of the commandments: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment" (Matthew 22:37-38). To love God and dedicate our hearts, minds and souls to Him should be our goal as well.

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

Please note that Fr. Shofner will out of the office October 23-26 in Buffalo, Minnesota for a Pastor's Workshop.

PASTORAL CARE EVENTS

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

Meets the 1st and 3rd 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 17 - "Faith, Baptism . . . Living Promises For Your Children/Grandchildren"

Tuesday, Nov 7 & 21 - "Your Religious Values Will Guide Your Heart"

Tuesday, Dec 5 & 19 - "Make God's Commandments the Constant In Your Life"

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).

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 Weekend is Nov 17-19, 2017 in Prior Lake, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at 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

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. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Jordan is looking for a part-time Director of Sacred Music. To view the job description, please see the posting at <http://careers.archspm.org/jobs/director-sacred-music-3/>. Resumes can be sent to Michelle Lopez at mlopez@sjbjordan.org or call 952-492-4572 for more information.

ST. MARY-ST. HENRY PRO-LIFE TEAM

It has been 6 years since our pro-life team formed under the leadership of Tom Matejcek in the fall of 2011. (Tom passed away in 2014.) The following mission statement guides our efforts:

Standing with God and faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church, we, the Church Militant fighting for justice and good, cherish and promote life and the dignity of life from conception to natural death through prayer, discussion, research, education and the support of persons and policies with the same objectives. We oppose persons and policies contrary to the above position of life and all intrinsic evil.

October is "Respect Life Month"

The St. Mary/St. Henry Pro-Life Team is holding a diaper drive throughout the month of October. Look for a pack'n'play at the south church entrance doors. A



second container will be located at the West entrance to the church. In addition to diapers, suggested items to donate include bouncy seats, nursing shawls, educational toys and books for infants and toddlers plus new sleep sacks and swaddle blankets for newborns. All the items will be sent to "Options for Women", a Mankato based non-profit dedicated to helping women who are facing an unexpected or difficult pregnancy.

The next pro-life meeting will take place on Monday, October 30th at 1:00 PM at the home of Bob & Monika Rivers. All are welcome.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Thursday, October 19, 2017 Village 55 - 2PM at the Le Center Public Library, 10 W Tyrone Ave. Our speaker will be Renee Wendinger from Sleepy Eye. She is the author of *The Orphan Trains* and *Newsboys of New York*. As always refreshments will be served.

Thursday, October 19 CCW Fall Luncheon and Bake Sale - at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, North Mankato from 11AM-1PM. \$7 adults, \$3.50 children age 6-12, and under age 6 is free. Price includes a wide array of hot-dishes, salads, dessert and beverage. CCW is also hosting a huge Bake sale, dollar table, quilt raffle, and much more fun with multiple door prizes, homemade items, produce etc. starting at 10:30 am.

Every Tuesday Night is Bingo Fun Night - October through April at the KC Hall in New Prague. Two warm up games start at 7PM, 16 regular games, lunch and refreshments available. Smoke free environment. Questions - please call 952-758-3578 or 952-758-3656. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus New Prague Council #2023.

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



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:

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.

Photographic Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles from Around the World

Wednesday, October 25 - Sunday, October 29, 2017

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church & School, 200 E Church St., Belle Plaine, MN

FREE ADMISSION! What is the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition? The Real Presence Eucharistic Education and Adoration Association was started by Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J. It has as its noble purpose the promotion of worship of the

Most Blessed Sacrament. The Association has assembled a display of historical information chronicling many miracles associated with faith in and worship of the Blessed Sacrament. (Taken from a letter from the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls, Office of the Bishop, The Most Reverend Paul J. Swain).



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.



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 November 12, 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.

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.

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. **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!

Directories are available in the church office, if you have not yet received one and would like one, regardless if you have a picture in the directory or not, feel free to stop in the parish office and pick one up today.



FAITH FORMATION

Grades K-7th have completed Unit 1 of the Call to Faith Series. They have been learning about creation, God's plan for us, and God's covenants throughout history. Our **Confirmation Classes** have been learning about God as the source of happiness, how to pray, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

No Classes Wednesday, October 18th due to MEA break. Classes will resume Wednesday, October 25th.

Thank you to all the **Sponsors** who attended our Sponsor Night or who were able to Communicate with their Confirmation Candidate through phone or computer. We had an enjoyable evening learning more about each other and our faith. Please continue praying for those who will be receiving their Confirmation this May.

Children's Liturgy has begun! No registration needed and visitors are welcome. All children ages 3-Kindergarten are invited to join us for the Gospel and activities during the Liturgy of the Word at the 10 am Masses every Sunday.

Parents:

Please download the **Remind App** for quick and easy Faith Formation updates and information. Our class code is [@7q962b](https://www.remind.com/join/@7q962b)

"Come now, let us make a covenant, you and I. And let it be a witness between you and me." Gen. 31:44

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Like us on Facebook: Search "St Mary & St Henry Faith Formation" or www.facebook.com/lecentercatholic.

We post updates about our Faith Formation program (e.g. class cancellations, special events, needs, etc.). But it's not just for youth Faith Formation. We also post information about other things of interest going on in the parish, as well as offering resources for adults to grow and be inspired in the Catholic Faith.



World Mission Sunday is October 21/22, 2017 - Celebrating our Missionary Spirit On World Mission Sunday, Catholics around the world unite to recommit to their missionary identity. This is an appeal of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which supports our brothers and sisters in over 1,150 mission dioceses worldwide. This year's theme, Mission of the Little Flock, calls to mind the places where the mission Church is small, marginalized and persecuted – the little flocks of Jesus. An example is the mission Diocese of Vijayapuram, India, where the Church is a minority supporting the poor and disenfranchised. Please offer prayers and gifts of support on World Mission Sunday. **For your convenience we have attached an envelope to this weekend's bulletin. Envelopes can also be found in the church entrances. Please place your envelope in next weekend's collection or drop it off at the parish office during the week.** Please be as generous as you are able.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	St. Mary	St. Henry
Oct 7-8, 2017		
Weekly Budget	\$ 3950.00	\$ 825.00
Weekly Offering Plate	\$ 3868.18	\$ 955.00
TOTAL	\$ 243.00	\$ 91.00
Diff. from budget	+\$ 161.18	+\$ 221.00

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 21, 4:30 PM

Altar Server	Dawson Gindt
Eucharistic Minister	Jean Cemensky-Mohr Christy Gibbs
Lector	Barb Kavan
Usher	Jeremy Gindt Jack Von Bank Mark Wolf Tim Wolf

Sunday, October 22, 8:00 AM

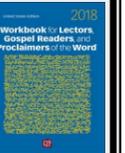
Altar Server	Brendan Germscheid
Eucharistic Minister	Sharon Riebel
Lector	Bill Norris

Sunday, October 22, 10:00 AM

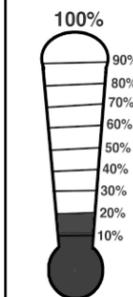
Altar Server	Lizzy Christian Olivia Shouler Sophie Shouler
Eucharistic Minister	Angie Christian Brent Christian Peggy Cooney Norm Schmidt
Lector	Sharon Miller
Usher	Aaron Blaschko Phil Campbell Pete Plut Jeremy Weiers

Note to Lectors:

The New Lector Workbook has arrived! This is for Year B and covers the liturgical year, from the First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2017 to the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, November 25, 2018. There is one book for each household. Please take yours today and use it in preparation for your scheduled Sundays.



BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT FUND



Goal to replace roofs and air conditioning units: \$180,000

Raised to Date: \$ 45,986.80

Thank You!