



# CHRISTMAS —FAIR—

## St. Mary's Annual Christmas Fair

Sunday, December 2nd from 8:30 am to Noon

*Gather with your church family, friends and neighbors to celebrate the Season.*

**Brunch** will be served by the Knights of Columbus

**Nativity Play** in combination with the **Youth Choir** in the church immediately after Mass.

Students are preparing **Kids Games** and contribute to the **Bake Shoppe** items

Choose treats from the **Cookie Patch** & take part in the **Raffle** or **Silent Auction**

**Keep Christ in Christmas** posters from first thru sixth graders will be on display

### How can you help?

- Bake some of your favorite goodies for the **Bake Shoppe**
- You are encouraged to bake for our **Cookie Patch**! Simply make 2-3 dozen of your family's favorite holiday cookies which we will sell.
- Create a themed basket or donate individual items that will be magically grouped together for the **Raffle**.
- **Baskets needed.** Large or low sided baskets are greatly appreciated.
- We welcome prizes for the **Kids Games** including small toys, craft items, candy and fun food or beverage items – **any sized bottled beverage or sport drink for the Ring Toss!**
- Donations can be brought into the Parish Office any time
- **Bake Shoppe** and **Cookie Patch** items can be dropped off on Saturday, December 1, from 8am to 4:30pm as well as early Sunday morning.
- To Volunteer your time, please contact Doreen Hogan at 357-6443 or [hoganmd@frontiernet.net](mailto:hoganmd@frontiernet.net) or call the Parish Office

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS, HELP, AND PRAYERS FOR THIS ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP EVENT!

## Churches of St. Mary & St. Henry

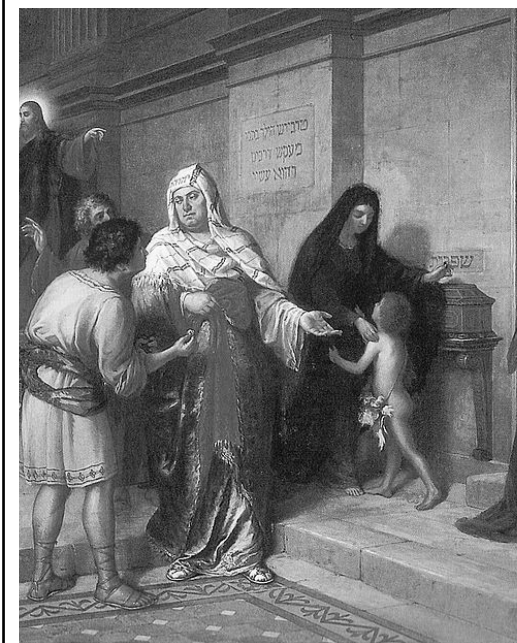
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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
NOVEMBER 11, 2018



João Zeferino da Costa  
(*The Widow's Mite*, 1876)

The widow's tiny  
and insignificant  
coin becomes an  
eloquent symbol:  
she gives to God  
not out of her  
abundance, not so  
much what she has,  
but what she is.  
Her entire self.

~Pope Benedict XVI

### 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, Weds & Friday	9:00 AM
Thursday	5:00 PM

### 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, Fr. Adams or Fr. Stiles)	

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 (phone extension 305)  
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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, November 12

Tuesday, November 13

9:00 AM Mass Living & Deceased of Bob Leary family  
9:30 AM Opening of Adoration

Wednesday, November 14

9:00 AM Mass Joan C McCabe†

Thursday, November 15

9:00 AM Closing of Adoration  
5:00 PM Mass Mary Wood†

Friday, November 16

9:00 AM Mass Living & Deceased of Charles L. Traxler family†  
11:00 AM Mass at CHC Jack† & Madeline Ward

Saturday, November 17

3:45 PM Confessions  
4:30 PM Mass Sandra Goettl†

Sunday, November 18

7:30 AM Confessions (St. Henry)  
8:00 AM Mass (St. Henry) Living & Deceased of Milo & Dorothy Vavra family  
10:00 AM Mass Lillian Hoffman†  
12:00 PM Mass (in Spanish) For the Parish

This Week in the Parish

Monday, November 12

Tuesday, November 13

Communion Calls - Sue  
1:00 PM Mission Sewing  
PM - Social Hall in use

Wednesday, November 14

6:00-7:30 PM Family Formation

Thursday, November 15

7:00 PM Hispanic Bible Study

Friday, November 16

Communion Calls - Horizon Place

Saturday, November 17

1:00 PM Quinceañera  
5:30 PM KC Memorial Program and Dinner

Sunday, November 18

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

BAKE SALE TODAY November 11, 2018

Following the St. Henry 8AM Mass in St. Henry Hall & after the St. Mary 10AM Mass in the gathering space at St. Mary. All proceeds to benefit Pro-Life and other non-profit Catholic Organizations.

Readings for next Sunday, November 18, 2018

Daniel 12:1-3 Hebrews 10:11-14, 18  
Mark 13:24-32

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During this month dedicated to the Holy Souls, we continue to pray for all the faithful departed. I hope you will take time throughout November to offer a rosary, visit a cemetery, or offer a Mass for your deceased loved ones. Because many times we commemorate the Feast of All Souls on November 2 and then quickly set aside our awareness of these souls’ reliance on our continued prayers and sacrifices on their behalf, which are powerful means to help them on their way to Heaven.

Why do we pray for the deceased? It comes down to our Catholic belief in Purgatory, a place where souls go that died in the state of grace, but still with some imperfections on their soul. In Purgatory they are purified by God’s grace so as to be ready to enter into the fullness of Heaven. If we didn’t believe in Purgatory, it wouldn’t make sense to offer prayers and Masses for the dead, as it wouldn’t help them at all, and our loved one’s Funeral Mass would be nothing more than a time of remembrance. But Purgatory being a tenet of our Catholic faith, we believe our prayers and sacrifices are effective in helping them. The Old Testament book of 2 Maccabees is one of the earliest Scriptural references to praying for the dead: “In praying for the dead [Judas Maccabeus] acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin” (2 Maccabees 12:43b-46).

The Catholic teaching on Purgatory is one that many people are uncomfortable with. To think that our loved ones may not already be in Heaven leaves us saddened, because we want nothing more for them than their eternal rest, hoping that they are waiting with eager expectation to welcome us into the Kingdom one day. However, I have come to understand our Church’s teaching on Purgatory as a joyful reminder of how God wants us to reap the fullest experience of eternity with Him. By purifying us in Purgatory of the imperfections that would keep God from entering into every corner of our heart, God makes us ready to experience the fullness of Heaven. We live this life imperfectly, with doubts, fears and inhibitions that keep us from experiencing God fully. But these are purified in Purgatory, leaving us free to enjoy the fullness of God’s presence.

This month of the Holy Souls, in addition to being a time to pray for the deceased, is a time for us to pray out of compassion for those who survive their loved ones. My family experienced the loss of two members of our immediate family within fourteen months – my father passed away in December 2011, and my brother passed away in February 2013. These were devastating losses for my family, especially for my mother, who still struggles at times today. It was that first-hand experience with death that made me realize how true it is that a person does not simply “get over” the loss of a loved one in a matter of weeks, months or even years. There will always be a void in their life for not having that person there. They may outwardly seem to function well, they may get stronger over time so they can carry the weight of their sorrow, but the sorrow still remains. Whether it is a recent loss or a loss from years ago, our unity in Christ compels us to comfort the sorrowing, either physically or through our prayer. As St. Paul wrote: “God has constructed the Body [of Christ, so that] if one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it” (1 Corinthians 12:24, 26).

It has been a great comfort to me and my family, in the course of our grieving over the years, to know that we have been supported by the prayers of so many. And in this month of the Holy Souls, it’s a great comfort to know that we still have a way to reach out to our dad and brother and assist them with our prayers. It reminds us of the intimate connection that still remains, even though separated by death. And we are confident that our prayers are effective. It takes nothing away from our hope that they are in Heaven – in fact, it reinforces that hope, because we know that God is still actively working in their souls, to bring them to the joys of Heaven.

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

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL EVENTS

**Sunday, November 11, 2018 Veterans Day Breakfast** - Brought to you by the Le Center Sons of the American Legion & the American Legion Auxiliary. Join us at the Le Center American Legion from 8AM-12PM. Veterans Eat Free! Family Members - free will donation. Breakfast is “while supplies last”. Bloody Mary Bar will be available for \$3.

**Sunday, November 11, 2018 16th Annual Holiday Open House** - ‘Do All Your Christmas Shopping In One Place’ St. Patrick Church, Shieldsville from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Door prizes and Food Available including our famous Chicken Wild Rice Soup and Monster Cookies. Home-based businesses and lots of local crafters. Come, bring your friends.

**Sunday, November 11, 2018 4th Annual “November Fest(ival)”** - Church of the Holy Rosary, 525 Grant Ave, North Mankato, Western Folk Mass at 10AM with the “Cedar Creek Gospel Band” from Willmar, MN. Stay for the Pulled Pork Dinner with all of the trimmings, Kid’s Games, Bingo, Beer Garden with Big Screen TV for Football, Country Store & Bakery, Silent Auction, Raffle Drawing, Grandma’s Attic, Christmas Shoppe and Much More! See Flyer on church entrance bulletin boards for more details.

**Thursday, November 15, 2018 Village 55** - will be going to the Hilltop Hall, 206 First Street North, Montgomery, MN to see the play “My Turn in the Urn” at 2PM. You will need to provide your own transportation. The tickets are \$10 if bought prior to the event. You can purchase tickets from Evie Tambornino 507-357-4980 or Barb Braun at 507-665-3867. They can also be purchased at the First National Bank in Le Center.

**Sunday, November 18, 2018 Zell Family Benefit** - Le Center American Legion, 11:30AM-2:30PM, Sloppy Joe Lunch from 11:30AM-2:00PM, Raffles and Silent Auction ends at 2:30PM, Live Auction starts at 1:30PM. After a serious fall in April 2018, Jolene and her infant son, Holden, have had major medical expenses and injuries. Holden suffered injuries to his brain and Jolene to her spinal cord which has left her paralyzed - www.caringbridge.org/visit/jolenezell2.

**Tuesday, November 20, 2018 Roman Catholic and Lutheran Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** - Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville (7525 Dodd Road, Faribault). Please join us at this very special community event which will feature exciting music from choirs, hand bells, harp, flute and chimes. Stay for coffee and dessert after the service! We encourage you to give a monetary offering which will go to the Montgomery Food Shelf. An offering of non-perishable food items will also be taken.

**Friday, November 30, 2018 Blood Drive** - Le Center Community American Legion, 97 S Park Ave, Le Center from 12PM-6PM. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: *Le Center* to schedule an appointment.

**Saturday, December 1, 2018 & Sunday, December 2, 2018 A Country Gospel & Holiday Musical Performance** - at the Starfire Event Center, Waseca, MN. Ticket Sales at Waseca Music Co. \$15 per ticket. Advanced Ticket Sales Only! 507-835-2980.

**Sunday, December 2, 2018 The Noteables Concert** - “Come, Celebrate Christmas” concert at 4PM. Le Sueur-Henderson Middle/High School Auditorium, 901 E Ferry Street, Le Sueur. Admission is FREE. The Noteables are a mixed (men/women) community group of over 60 singers with members from our local communities.

Thanksgiving Will Be Here Soon!

As you make plans to gather with family and friends to give thanks to God for all the spiritual and physical blessings you have received, we invite you to take time from your celebrations to give praise and worship by attending:

**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service**  
on Wednesday, November 21 at 7PM at Church of St. Mary in Le Center. All are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served following the service - stop in and enjoy fellowship and treats!

**Mass on Thanksgiving Day**  
8:00 AM, St. Anne (LeSueur) & Nativity (Cleveland)  
9:00 AM, St. Mary

Setting aside time to express our gratitude to God on a day that is dedicated to giving thanks is most appropriate. Join us - all are welcome!



ST. MARY’S CCW EVENTS

**Upcoming Events:**  
**Wednesday, November 21** - CCW will be providing refreshments after the 7PM Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service held at St. Mary’s. We need donations of pumpkin pies or pumpkin dessert. Please call Patti if you are able to help 357-6516.

**Thursday, November 29** - 5:45 PM CCW Board Meeting  
**Tuesday, December 4** - Mass at 5:00 PM, December General Meeting following Mass, potluck, wine tasting, silent auction, and entertainment.

CCW Dues for 2018 – 2019 are \$10. Please place in the collection basket or drop off at the Parish Office. These dues help cover the costs of the liturgical needs at St. Mary (i.e. candles, hosts, wine, Living Faith booklets, etc).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVENTS

**November 17, 2018 Memorial Program and Meal** - We will once again honor our deceased Knights of Columbus members following the Saturday 4:30 PM Mass. A short Memorial Program will take place in the church and a meal of Turkey, Ham, Dressing, and the fixings will follow in the social hall. Everyone is welcome to be a part of this program! The meal is free to all who attend! This is a wonderful way to connect with the families of our deceased Brother Knights.

**JOIN today!** All Catholic Men are invited to join the Knights of Columbus. For a membership fee of \$25 per year members are invited to attend the monthly meetings with a great bunch of men with a free lunch after each meeting. Also, you have the opportunity to invest in life insurance, investments, and other long term care products. If you would like to join or have questions about the Knights of Columbus and the projects they do, contact Mike Boettcher at 357-6744.



## 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).

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

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, November 20 - “Your Religious Values Will Guide Your Heart”

Tuesday, December 4 & 18 - “Make God’s Commandments the Constant in Your Life”

Tuesday, January 15 - “What Gives You Inner Strength?”

Tuesday, February 5 & 19 - “Instilling the Consistent Principles for Your Children/Grandchildren”

Tuesday, March 5 & 19 - “Being Attentive to the Signs of God’s Presence”

Tuesday, April 2 & 16 - “Navigate Those Bumpy Roads”

Tuesday, May 7 & 21 - “Name the Values That Guide Your Heart”

### 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.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone”

Listen with your spouse for God’s message of love by exploring a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

Franciscan Retreat Center, Prior Lake, MN – November 16-18, 2018 & February 8-10, 2019

To sign up visit: [twincitieswwme.org](http://twincitieswwme.org) or 612-756-8720

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

Veteran's Day is on November 11, and we would like to thank all who have served in the United States Armed Forces. These brave men and women took an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic. There are veterans in our great country that have formed pro-life organizations to continue to live their oath. One organization is “Vets 4 Babies”. Founded in 2017, Air Force veteran Amanda Saenz and her husband, Marine Corps veteran Carlos Saenz, continue to defend and celebrate unborn babies and their families. In their mission, they support various pro-life organizations, all of which protect and affirm the right to life as laid out in the U.S. Constitution. On their website, it is stated, “They believe that all life is precious and should be celebrated from conception to death. As veterans, Carlos and Amanda continue their service by defending those who cannot defend themselves. They believe it is their duty to celebrate every unique individual created in the image of God.” Bless our veterans! We appreciate the sacrifices and the time served defending our Constitution. Special thanks to our veterans that continue to serve in pro-life efforts defending our most vulnerable citizens, the unborn.



**The next pro-life meeting will be held on Monday, November 19 at 1:00 pm at the home of Madonna Russo. Please note change in location.**

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

### Baptism Classes

If you are interested in having your child baptized, please contact Father Shofner 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 December 16, 2018.**

**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. Shofner, Fr. Adams or Fr. Stiles for baptism in Spanish & English.

**Marriage** - contact Fr. Shofner, Fr. Adams or Fr. Stiles at least 6 months in advance. All couples must complete a weekend retreat as well as marriage preparation classes with Fr. Shofner, Fr. Adams or Fr. Stiles.

**Confirmation** - youth are prepared in grades 8 & 9. For adult confirmation - contact Fr. Shofner, Fr. Adams or Fr. Stiles.

**Anointing of the Sick** - communal anointing for the Parish once each year in the spring. For private anointing, contact Fr. Shofner, Fr. Adams or Fr. Stiles

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

### Please Pray

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

**Myles Genelin Jolene Zell Terry Krenik  
Holden Zell Dave Krenik Brian Beer  
Larry Germscheid Dee Wolf Milo Holey**

All residents at Central Health Care, Mala Strana, Benedictine, Traditions, Lutheran Home, Three Links, Laurels Edge, & Horizon Place. 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**  
ON DEMAND  
THE CATHOLIC FAITH.

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](http://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!

**Here are a couple examples of what you can find for all ages on FORMED.org:**



What is it that is so special about the Eucharist? Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the “source and summit” of the Christian life. *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist* explores the truth and beauty of Christ’s real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation. The trailer alone will give you goose bumps!

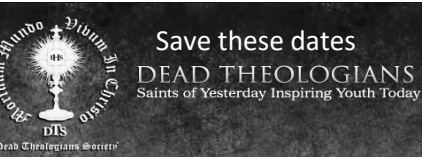
“Ryan Defrates: Secret Agent” is an animated action-adventure series about a young spy with a whole lot to learn! He’s arrogant and reckless and always insists on working alone. That is, until the day he’s paired with a very unlikely partner... his mom! Deb Defrates is not a spy. She knows more about cutting coupons than cutting down on crime, but her wisdom and kindness somehow always seem to save the day. Hilarious!



**Like us on Facebook:** Search “St Mary & St Henry Faith Formation” or [www.facebook.com/lecentercatholic](http://www.facebook.com/lecentercatholic).



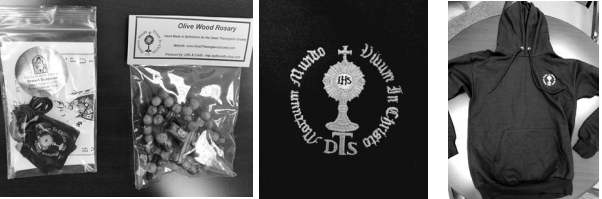
**We post updates about our Faith Formation program (e.g. class cancellations, special events, needs, etc.).** But it’s not just for youth Faith Formation. We also post information about other things of interest going on in the parish, as well as offering resources for adults to grow and be inspired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



**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.

- **Join us TONIGHT, Sunday, November 11, for the DTS youth gathering of grades 8-12 at St Anne Church in Le Sueur from 6-9pm.**
- All ages/parishioners please come for adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during those hours in the main church.
- Parents, don’t be afraid to “make” your kids come! I thank God my parents “made” me go to school, “made” me join a sport! While we cannot force friendship with Jesus, we are called to plant the seeds of faith with love!
- Youth, don’t miss out on hearing from the special guests that are coming to be with you!!!
- Any questions contact Fr Adams.

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.



## FAITH FORMATION

**KC Poster Contest** – This week students brought home instructions and poster board for the Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ In Christmas” Contest. Students grade 1-6 are encouraged to participate in creating a poster that expresses what Jesus’ birth means to them. Posters are due Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Family Bake Night** - Fri. Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 3:30-7:30pm – Join us in making and baking goodies for the Christmas Fair. Come for however long you can! Students grade 5 & up are welcome to come right after school. Families with younger children may join us at 5:30pm. Hotdog dinner will be provided. (Confirmation students earn service hours for this.)

### Confirmation Students

**Christmas Fair Kid Games set up** will be on Sat. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00am -12noon. **Christmas Fair Kid Games** will run on Sun. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00am – 12 noon. Confirmation students should plan on volunteering for at least one of these days.

### Dates to Remember

**Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>** – Family Formation Night 6:00-7:30pm.  
**Please note the time change.** We will begin in the church. Our focus this time will be The Mass.

**Nov. 21st** - No Classes - Thanksgiving

**Nov. 28th** - Regular Classes, KC posters due

**Nov. 30th** - Family Bake Night 3:30-7:30pm

Please download the **Remind App** for quick and easy Faith Formation updates and information. Our class code is [7g962b](https://www.remind.com/join/7g962b)



*“All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all families of the nations shall worship before you.” Psalm 22:27*

Jean R. Boothby  
Faith Formation Coordinator  
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Mass Counts for October		4:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM	12:00PM
<u>(Reprinted due to having the columns and rows turned around in last weekend's bulletin. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.)</u>	October 7	129	95	111	143
	October 14	131	124	145	106
	October 21	136	125	117	102
	October 28	134	155	159	156

**Help Us Grow-Give Electronically**

Electronic gifts are fast and secure, and they reduce administrative and envelope costs, allowing more of every dollar to fund the works of God which we are called to do. **If you would like to give electronically, visit our website [www.stmarysthenry.org](http://www.stmarysthenry.org) and under “Vanco Online Giving”, on the right hand side of the page, click on “Give Online Now - St. Mary” or “Give Online Now - St. Henry”**

The process is quick and simple and you have complete control of your donation amount and when you want to give. Set it up and forget it or donate week by week.

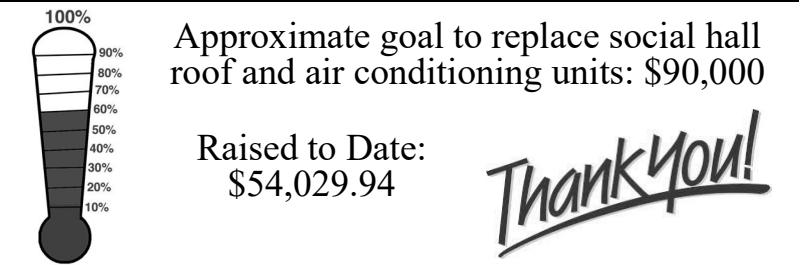
ST. HENRY NEWS

**Church Cleaning** - Chrit Hoey & Cindy Widmer are scheduled to clean the church by November 18.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

November 3-4, 2018	St. Mary	St. Henry
Weekly Budget	\$ 3950.00	\$ 825.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 3216.58	\$ 685.00
Plate	\$ 198.75	\$ 124.00
TOTAL	\$ 3415.33	\$ 809.00
Diff. from budget	-\$ 534.67	-\$ 16.00
All Saints & All Souls	\$ 899.60	\$ 266.00

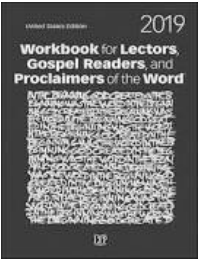
BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT FUND



**Note to Lectors:**

The New Lector Workbook has arrived! Please take yours today and use it in preparation for your scheduled Sundays.

This is for Year C and covers the liturgical year, from the First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2018 to the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, November 24, 2019. There is one book for each household.

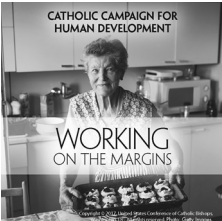



**The January–April Altar Ministry Schedule** will be put together soon. **Please submit dates that you are unavailable to serve to the parish office or email [gloriagw@frontier.com](mailto:gloriagw@frontier.com) by Monday, Nov 26.** Please remember Masses on the following days when you are looking at your calendar:

**Ash Wednesday** - March 6, 9:00AM, 5:30PM & 7:00PM  
**Holy Thursday** - April 18, 7:00PM  
**Good Friday** - April 19, 3:00PM  
**Easter Vigil** - April 20, 8:30PM  
**Easter Sunday** - April 21, 8:00AM (St Henry), 10:00AM (St. Mary)

**It's also very helpful to know if you are able and willing to serve one of the above Masses.** Thank you!

November 17- November 18: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Altar Server	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Usher
Saturday, 4:30 PM (St. Mary)	Carter Sladek	Jean Cemensky-Mohr - Host Debra O'Connell - Host	Maureen Blaschko	James Connelly Andy Simonette Mark Wolf Timothy Wolf
Sunday, 8:00 AM (St. Henry)	Laynee Blaschko	Sharon Riebel - Host	Ronald Germscheid Patricia Germscheid	
Sunday, 10:00 AM (St. Mary)	Cole Holicky Olivia Shouler Sophie Shouler	Patti Gruetzmacher - Host Daniel Meyer - Host Sharon Miller - Host Timothy Traxler - Host	Constance Meyer	Scott Blaschko Robert Goettl Michael Grof Peter Plut

Next week, our second collection will be for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. Over 43 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection). For your convenience we have attached an envelope to this weekend's bulletin. Please place it in next weekend's collection basket or drop it off at the parish office.

For over twenty-five years the Adopt-A-Family Christmas Program has been providing clothes to needy families in Le Sueur County. The families complete forms through the county which indicates the ages and sizes of needed clothing, shoes and winter gear. Families, groups, or individuals can shop for as many individuals as desired. Cash donations are also accepted, as others will do the shopping for you! Any donation is appreciated. For more information call Barb Kavan at 952-217-1335. Thank-you for your participation.

**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

Thrift Store #507-341-4236

The Christmas Room is now open!  
Come in to walk through a wonderland of many trees for sale at reasonable prices and a beautiful display of Christmas décor.



Pick Up In Church Entrances

- **2019 CALENDERS** are available in the church entrances for you to take. This calendar includes beautiful religious art, the Liturgical Year in colors, Feast & Solemnities, & the Holy Days of Obligation for 2019.
- **THE WORD AMONG US** The November 2018 issue is now in the church entrances. Each issue of this magazine includes daily meditations based on the Mass readings, full Mass readings and prayers from the Liturgy, articles about the saints, and practical advice on living the Christian life. Pick one up and make it a daily practice.
- **Living Faith Daily Catholic Devotions** - October/November/December 2018 edition is currently available in limited number at the church entrances. These are generously provided by the CCW to be used by our parishioners to deepen their daily life.

Please help the 2018 LeSueur County Santa Anonymous.



Your gifts of cash, new toys, mittens, hats, scarves, underwear & socks will help make this a Merry Christmas for LeSueur County children ages 18 and younger! Quilts, bedding, coats and used items are distributed if donated.

**Please make your donation prior to December 1** to allow volunteers throughout the county to prepare. Your donation can be made at: the First National Bank & First State Bank in Le Center (See poster on church bulletin boards for more area drop-off locations). Questions about donations or toys or if you are able to volunteer (we always are in need of volunteers)? Call LuAnn 507-357-4850. Thank you in advance for your donation!

**Looking for Thoughtful, Sincere, Compassionate Volunteers**

The Le Center Food Shelf is looking for volunteers for 2019. The food shelf is open the first Monday of every month from 1:00-3:00 pm and every Wednesday evening from 6:00-8:00 pm. Volunteers usually work once every four weeks if scheduled for Mondays or every 6-8 weeks if scheduled for Wednesday evenings. As a volunteer you tell us which day best works into your schedule.



The Le Center Food Shelf was established in 1985 starting out in the basement of the St Mary's School. When St Mary built their new community center the Le Center Food Shelf needed to find a new home. After a couple of short term moves, it has found a home in the building owned by Le Center Eye Care, Dr Blake Dirks. The Food Shelf went from serving 20 families a month to serving over 100 and has now balanced out to 65-75 families.

A volunteer needs to be compassionate, sincere and thoughtful, realizing we don't know the circumstances of the person/family we are serving. A volunteer also needs to be able to keep information confidential. If you'd like to find out more about volunteering at the Le Center Food Shelf in the year 2019 give Sharon Traxler 612-839-0343 or Terri McMillen 507-420-5877 a call. Thank you for your consideration!

Foster Care Training nights with Lutheran Social Services is looking for one more adult volunteer to help with the child care portion of the evening. These meetings take place once a month, in Le Center, usually on the second Tuesday. If you can help out or have questions, contact Candy Picka, Treatment Foster Care Coordinator at 612-242-7553.



Eucharistic Adoration

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

Do you have physical or time restrictions that keep you from volunteering at our parishes or in the community? Don't underestimate the power of prayer. Prayer acts as the foundation for all charitable work. Consider an hour of Adoration each week to pray for all those serving the church and community that they may have the grace and strength to carry forth the love of God, His mercy, and His tenderness toward others.

If you are interested in signing up for a regular weekly hour of Adoration or have any questions, contact Gloria 357-6939 or Joyce 357-4410.

Prayerfully consider whether the Lord is calling you to spend an hour with Him each week. All hours are open for an additional adorer or two.