

## SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



### Holy Hour for Vocations

Join us at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life.

[www.10000vocations.org](http://www.10000vocations.org)

October 8, 2019 Nativity of Our Lord, St. Paul  
November 12, 2019 Cathedral of St. Paul

### Monthly Rosary Rally

#### Takes place on the 13th day of each month through October.

Please join us at South Park, Hwy 99 and Park Ave. in Le Center, under the gazebo near the pool on at 12 noon. The holy Rosary and other prayers will be said to honor the Blessed Virgin and ask Her intercession for peace and conversion of our nation and the world. Please bring a chair and join us if you can or pray along with us from home. For more information, contact: Sheila McCabe Swan, 507-357-6941 or [mccabeswan@yahoo.com](mailto:mccabeswan@yahoo.com).



### 40 days for Life - Mankato

What would you do to save a life? Will you join us this fall for 40 days [September 25-November 3]? 40 Days for Life is a focused, pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. Our kick off for this fall's campaign will take place Saturday, September 21, 6:30 pm at Elevate Church on North Victory Drive.

Visit [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com) or Contact our Campaign Director: Beverly Miller at 507-514-2425 [40daysmankato@gmail.com](mailto:40daysmankato@gmail.com) for more information on how to sign up to participate.

### Miriam Dinner

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 6-8PM

Holy Cross, 1621 University Ave. NE, Minneapolis  
Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda and Father David Blume, Director of Vocations, invite women, ages 16-35, who are discerning consecrated life to join us for a Miriam Dinner.

Come for an evening of prayer and dinner with consecrated women sharing their vocation testimonies.

RSVP at [10000vocations.org/events](http://10000vocations.org/events) before September 26.

Call: 651-962-6890 Email: [patty.mcquillan@stthomas.edu](mailto:patty.mcquillan@stthomas.edu)



## OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

[www.10000vocations.org](http://www.10000vocations.org) • 651.962.6890

### Operation Andrew Dinner

Monday, October 21, 2019 6-8PM

Archdiocesan Catholic Center, 777 Forest Street, St. Paul  
The dinner is hosted by Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda and Father David Blume for men ages 16-50, who have a genuine interest in the priesthood or religious life.

Register before Thursday, October 17, 2019 at  
[10000vocations.org/events](http://10000vocations.org/events) or

Call: 651-962-6890 Email: [stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org](mailto:stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org)

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

### Who Was Kendrick Castillo?

"As we go through life, just remember, be like Kendrick. Be selfless." (Words of John Castillo, Kendrick's father.)

Truly a service oriented young man, Kendrick served at funeral Masses and assisted the elderly at mass. He volunteered as an usher at an early age and mentored and supported friends through struggles with school or family life.

On the morning of May 7, 2019, Kendrick, an 18-year-old senior, was in his classroom at STEM High School in Highlands Ranch, Colorado. He was one week away from graduation. A student armed with a rifle entered the classroom intending to execute students and teachers. Kendrick leaped from his seat and pinned the gunman against the wall. Two other students rushed the gunman to disarm him, but not before Kendrick was fatally shot in the chest.

At the Knights of Columbus Convention in Minneapolis in August, the Caritas Medal was presented to John Castillo in behalf of his son and the heroism Kendrick showed. The award is the second-highest in the organization. It was established to honor those who exemplify service and sacrifice. "As we miss Kendrick here on earth, I know that he is with his true Father in heaven," John Castillo said in a moving testimony before Knights from around the world.

Kendrick's father exhorted parents to support their children. "Be all in. Do everything that you can for your kids. Love them and support them in their endeavors. Teach them about their faith."

### October Diaper Drive - Respect Life Month

When you are out shopping you may wish to consider adding a box of diapers or baby wipes to your cart. We are collecting diapers, (sizes 4/5/6 only) and wipes for two organizations: "Options for Women", Mankato, which is a non-profit dedicated to helping women who are facing an unexpected or difficult pregnancy and "Sharing and Caring Hands", a Mpls. based non-profit helping individuals and families who are often homeless get back on their feet. Additionally, Options is asking for hooded towels, wash clothes and educational toys for infants and toddlers. Starting September 29 look for a pack'n'play near the W and S entrances of the church. We had a successful drive two years ago and are looking forward to your generosity again this year. If you'd rather make a monetary donation, one of the pro-life members will buy the diapers for you.

The next pro-life meeting will be held on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 1:00 pm at the home of Bob & Monika Rivers. All are welcome to attend.

# Churches of St. Mary & St. Henry

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

Phone: 507-357-6633 Phone/Fax: 507-357-4838

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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

### 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
Weds, Thursday, & 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. Stiles or Fr. Sandquist)	

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).



Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest  
Memorial - September 27

The thought  
of God's  
presence will  
put us in the  
habit of  
doing his will.

- St. Vincent de Paul

### Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. James Stiles (ext 306) [fr.stiles@frontier.com](mailto:fr.stiles@frontier.com)

After Hours Emergencies: 507-456-8473

**Associate Pastor:** Fr. Timothy Sandquist (ext 307) [frsandquist@gmail.com](mailto:frsandquist@gmail.com)

**Trustees St. Mary:** Clarence Mager 357-4338 Pete Plut 357-6222

**Trustees St. Henry:** Dan Germscheid 357-4923 Jim Selly 357-4898

**Coordinator of Faith Formation:** Jean Boothby (phone ext 304)  
[jeanrb@frontier.com](mailto:jeanrb@frontier.com)

**Secretary/Receptionist:** Gloria Wolf (phone ext 301)  
[gloriagw@frontier.com](mailto:gloriagw@frontier.com)

**Accounting/Bookkeeping:** Tara Robinson (phone ext 302)  
[tarar@frontier.com](mailto:tarar@frontier.com)

**Maintenance:** Joe Holicky (phone ext 305)  
[jholicky1@frontier.com](mailto:jholicky1@frontier.com)

**Music Ministry:** Terri McMillen  
[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

**Thrift Store** - 507-341-4236

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Monday, September 23

10:00 AM Funeral Mass Mary Jean Hunt†

### Tuesday, September 24

9:00 AM Opening of Adoration

5:00 PM Mass Bev Schloesser†

### Wednesday, September 25

8:00 AM Mass (Please note time change for this week)

Living & Deceased of Pat & Aggie Smith family

### Thursday, September 26

8:55 AM Closing of Adoration

9:00 AM Mass Roy Richter†

### Friday, September 27

10:00 AM Funeral Mass Jeffrey Hayden†

### Saturday, September 28

3:45 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass Lillian Hoffman

### Sunday, September 29

7:30 AM Confessions (St. Henry)

8:00 AM Mass (St. Henry) Carol Widmer†

10:00 AM Mass Loretta & Mike Prendergast††

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

## This Week in the Parish

### Monday, September 23

#### Tuesday, September 24

Communion Calls - Deb

1:00 PM Mission Sewing

5:45 PM CCW Board Meeting

#### Wednesday, September 25

10:00 AM Women's Grief Support Group

5:30-6:30 PM Faith Formation Early Session

6:45-8:00 PM Faith Formation Late Session

#### Thursday, September 26

6:00 PM CCW Fall Institute at St. Mary

#### Friday, September 27

#### Saturday, September 28

AM-PM Social Hall in use

#### Sunday, September 29

Children's Liturgy of the Word

## WE UPDATE OUR WEBSITE WEEKLY - VISIT:

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

You can find a current calendar with daily Mass times, Faith Formation information (including forms), church bulletins, daily readings, online giving opportunity, and more. You can even listen to Sunday's homilies under the Liturgy/Sacraments tab!

CHECK OUT  
OUR WEBSITE

## Readings for next Sunday, September 29, 2019

Amos 6:1a, 4-7 1 Timothy 6:11-16  
Luke 16:19-31

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### The Gift of Praise

"Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness" (Ps 150: 1-2)! Over and again, the Holy Scriptures (i.e. The Word of God), exhort us to praise the Lord. Clearly, then, to praise the Lord is something which needs to be a regular part of our daily prayer life.

Most of us are so much more inclined to move immediately to either asking God for help with some or many situations in our life or even (on our better days) to give God thanks for some good thing He's done for us. How many of us actually choose to spend time doing nothing else but praise the Lord? What does it mean to praise the Lord?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (something which every Catholic should own) has this to say: "Praise is the form of prayer which recognizes most immediately that God is God. It lauds God for his own sake and gives him glory, quite beyond what he does, but simply because he is" (CCC 2639). In other words, it could be said that praise is the climax to which all prayer ought to lead. It is to have our heart's gaze fixed on Him in complete awe as a response to His greatness.

While not every occasion of praise needs to be accompanied by words of praise (e.g. "Praise the Lord!"), they often are and can be great aids in helping us praise our God more perfectly. The next time you go to pray, I would encourage you to try to begin your prayer simply by praising the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit to inspire you with the gift of praise. You might spend thirty seconds in praise or 5-10 minutes. The length of time doesn't usually matter.

What does matter is that praise opens up the eyes of our heart because it begins prayer where it needs to begin, namely, with God. It is amazing how our entire perspective on our lives, our selves, this world, our faith, our family and friends, our enemies, our sufferings, our joys...begin to be seen from a Godly perspective as opposed to our very limited human perspective when we develop the habit of praise in our prayer life.

To aid us in developing the habit of praise, we have the psalms from the bible. Some are masterpieces of praise, especially psalms 107-150 (though, perhaps not every single one). I encourage you to use these to teach you how to better praise God. You can also simply practice saying either in the quiet of your heart or out-loud, "I praise you Jesus...I love you Lord...Alleluia, etc."

This gift of praise has been one of the most helpful things to me for helping me go deeper in prayer. Be patient with yourself, and always ask the Holy Spirit's guidance. Blessings on your prayer life.

So many of you have generously shared with us three priests your 'fall harvest' as well as various meals. Please, know that we are tremendously grateful. It is a great help. Thank you!

With fatherly love,  
Fr. Stiles

### Rectory update:

Many of you have asked how the bat situation is going...well, we haven't seen a bat for about two weeks now. We did discover some unpleasant evidence of their presence in one of our attics (if you know what I mean). Thanks for all the sage advice many of you have given to us on how to resolve this little issue: "Father, you need to get a tennis racket!"; "Father, use a five gallon bucket. The bats fly inside of them but then can't get out"; "Father, you should put up a bat house outside of your home..."; "Father, light a fire in the fireplace..." For all of you bat-killers out there, you should know that it is illegal to kill bats...haha.

## FAITH FORMATION

### Faith Formation Classes

Classes begin this Wednesday, September 25:

**Early Session** grades K-5 5:30-6:30pm

**Late Session** grades 4-9 6:45-8:00pm

Information, registrations, and calendars can be found online at [www.stmarysthenry.org](http://www.stmarysthenry.org)

**Volunteers Needed:** We are looking for teachers for Third grade, Fifth Grade and Sixth Grade. We also need hall/traffic monitors for the Late Session 6:45-8:00pm. We would love volunteers of all ages, from teens to grandparents, to come learn with us on Wednesday nights. Contact Jean for more information.



### Children's Liturgy has begun!

We invite all preschool and Kindergarten children to join us for Children's Liturgy during the 10AM Mass each Sunday. Ages 3-5 are welcome, including visitors, no registration needed. **Teens** - Looking for volunteer service hours? Consider joining us Sunday mornings at the 10AM Mass teaching the Preschoolers and Kindergarteners during Children's Liturgy. Contact Jean, if interested.

*"Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of salvation, for you I wait day long."* Psalm 25:5

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



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

## PASTORAL CARE EVENTS



### Grief, Hope, & Healing Wednesdays 10AM-11AM Church of St. Mary, Le Center in the Mission Room

A nondenominational grief support group for women who have experienced the death of a spouse or significant other. You are not alone. This grief group is led by widows who understand what you are going through. The group offers an opportunity to learn about grief, share experiences and find healing and hope from your loss. No registration is necessary. For more information, call Marlene Hunt, 507-381-1177

### 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).

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE



Congratulations to Isaias Mendez & Angela Jirak Mendez who were sacramentally married on September 9, 2019 at the Church of St. Henry.

### Baptism Classes

If you are interested in having your child baptized, please contact Father Sandquist 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 13, 2019.**

**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. Stiles for baptism in Spanish or Fr. Sandquist for baptism in English.

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

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

**Anointing of the Sick** - communal anointing for the Parish once each year in the spring. For private anointing, contact 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 Holden Zell  
Dave Farm Tim Simonette Stacy Germscheid  
Dave Krenik Larry Germscheid  
JoAnn Cemensky Bob Selly**



We extend our sympathies and prayers to the family and friends of Mary Jean Hunt who passed away on Tuesday, September 17. Her Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Monday, September 23 at 10AM at the Church of St. Mary.

## 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

**Stop in to shop our large selection of fall decorations and Halloween costumes.**



# The world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima is coming to St. Mary's

## Saturday, October 12, 2019 at Church of St. Mary, Le Center

The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima has visited more than 100 countries during the past 70+ years. The statue will be at St. Mary's on Saturday, October 12 from 3:00-7:00 pm. Please join us to hear the story of Fatima and venerate this beautiful statue that set out from Fatima in 1947 to bring the graces of Fatima to all who might not ever be able to make a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal. The pilgrimage is coming to you!



Many favors and graces are associated with the image. The presence of this special statue, sculpted by José Thedim based on Sister Lucia's description of her encounters with Our Lady, is a great gift to our community.

Learn more about the statue at [www.fatimatourforpeace.com](http://www.fatimatourforpeace.com).



### Schedule for Saturday, October 12

- 3:00-3:30 pm Procession with statue through the neighborhoods of Le Center
- 3:30-4:30 pm Quiet prayer
- 4:30-5:30 pm Mass
- 5:30-5:50 pm Story of Fatima told by the custodian of the statue
- 6:00-7:00 pm Candlelight Rosary and quiet prayer



### Nominations for Pastoral Councils

We appreciate your nominations for 3 positions on the St. Mary Pastoral Council and 2 positions on the St. Henry Pastoral Council. Both councils have members whose terms are ending. New members will begin their 3-year term with the October 2019 meeting.

All nominated individuals have been contacted to determine that they accept the nomination before being placed on the final ballot. Parish voting will now take place this weekend of September 21-22 and next weekend September 28-29. If you have any questions regarding the nomination/election process or the work of the Pastoral Council, please contact Fr. Stiles in the parish office.

### ST. MARY'S CCW EVENTS

**Tuesday, September 24, 2019** - CCW Board Meeting at 5:45 PM in the Conference Room

**Thursday, September 26, 2019** - Southwest Deanery Fall Institute, at Church of St. Mary, Le Center. Mass at 6:00 PM with meal & meeting to follow at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. Please contact Jean Cemensky-Mohr (612-978-1178 or [jean.cemensky@gmail.com](mailto:jean.cemensky@gmail.com)) with questions.

### CCW Hot Dish & Salad Luncheon

**Thursday, October 3, 2019**

11AM-12:30PM

Adults \$7 Children 5-10 \$3

Under age 5 - free

Craft, Bake & Quilt Sale



### ST. HENRY NEWS

**Church Cleaning** - Laurie Schatz & Jennifer Rutt are scheduled to clean the church by September 29, 2019.

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

September 14-15, 2019	St. Mary	St. Henry
Weekly Budget	\$ 4230.00	\$ 825.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 4636.49	\$ 750.00
Plate	\$ 160.00	\$ 127.00
TOTAL	\$ 4796.49	\$ 700.00
Diff. from budget	+\$ 566.49	+\$ 52.00

### BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

The actual final construction costs for the social hall roof and air conditioning units came in at:

\$ 76,545.00 roof  
 \$ 29,448.00 air conditioning units  
 \$ 105,993.00 Total

Raised to Date: \$117,130.81

### COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL EVENTS

**Sunday, September 22, 2019 St. Anne's Applefest Fall Festival** - 511 North 4th St., LeSueur. Outdoor Mass at 10:30AM, hog roast dinner at 11AM, Granny's Mercantile, wine pull, silent auction, beer garden, Bingo, live music, Wild Things Zoo Attraction, sprouts obstacle challenge, kids games, and more!

**Sunday, September 22, 2019 Parish Fall Festival** - Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, Montgomery, MN. Polka Mass at 10:30AM featuring The Wendinger Band. Home-style chicken and ham dinner serving 11AM-1:30PM, beer garden, tacos, live entertainment, crafts for sale, silent auction, bingo, children's games, wall of wine, cake walk, farmers market, raffle drawing and more.

**Friday, September 27, 2019 Cook-out** - St. Patrick's Church of Cedar Lake, 24425 Old Hwy 13 Blvd, Jordan, MN (Social Hall located off Hwy 13 between Prior Lake & New Prague). Serving 5-8:30PM - 12 ounce Top Sirloin Steak or 1/2 grilled chicken, baked potato, green beans, coleslaw, garlic bread, dessert, & beverage for \$13. Take-outs available. \$2 children's hot dog meal also available.

**Sunday, October 6, 2019 Annual Bazaar** - Church of the Holy Family, 700 West Main Street, Silver Lake. Polka Mass at 10AM, Pork Chop & Bologna Dinner serving from 11AM-2PM (take-outs available), Bingo, kid's games, huge country store, cake walk, handmade rugs, quilts, embroidered towels, baked goods, home made Kolaches, pull tabs, & more.

Sept 28 -Sept 29: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Altar Server	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Usher
<b>Saturday, 4:30 PM</b> (St. Mary)	Ethan Gibeau	<b>Sub Needed (please contact office)</b> - Cup Darcy Schloesser - Cup Debra O'Connell - Host Barbara Tiede - Host	Jean Cemensky-Mohr	James Connelly Donald Hayden James O'Connell Clinton Von Bank
<b>Sunday, 8:00 AM</b> (St. Henry)	Noah Holicky	Mike Boettcher - Cup Milan Weber - Cup Mary Boettcher - Host	Dianne Traxler Earle Traxler	
<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b> (St. Mary)	Parker O'Malley Chelsea Oros Chimal Alexa Oros-Chimal	Ruth Germscheid - Cup Beatrice Grof - Cup Bev Steffen - Cup Margaret Cooney - Host Christine Gibbs - Host Timothy Traxler - Host	Shannon Holicky Julie Deutsch	Aaron Blaschko Philip Campbell Robert Closser Timothy Widmer