

**St.
Mary's**

**Christmas
Fair**

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER
8th**

**8:30 am
to
12:30 pm**

**NATIVITY
PLAY
and
YOUTH CHOIR**
In Church
After Mass

BRUNCH
Served by KC's
French Toast
Scrambled Eggs
Ham

**GAMES
FOR KIDS**
Ice Fishing
and
MORE

**COOKIE
PATCH**
Purchase Your
Favorite Holiday
Cookies

BAKE SHOPPE
Holiday Candies
Breads
Canned Goods
and
LOTS MORE!

**RAFFLE
BASKETS
and
SILENT
AUCTION
ITEMS**

Gather
your family, friends and neighbors to
share the joy and celebrate the Spirit of the Season.

St. Mary's Catholic Church
165 North Waterville ~ Le Center

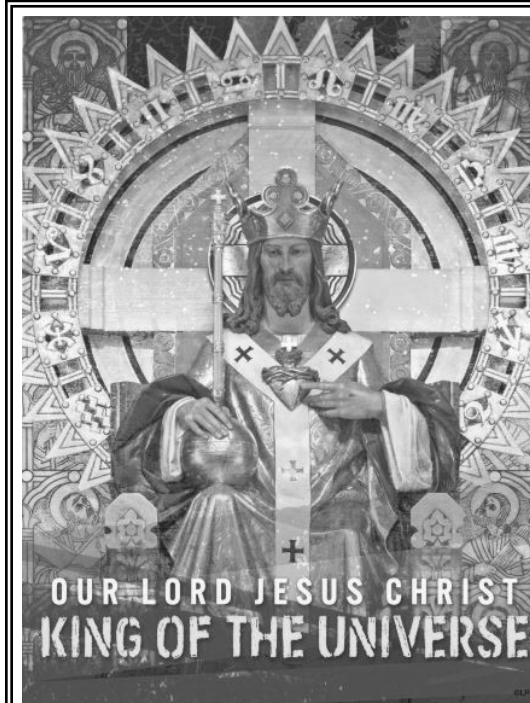
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“The throne of this
King whom we
worship... is the
cross, and his
triumph is the
victory of love, an
almighty love that
from the cross pours
out his gifts upon
humanity of all
times and all places.”

~Pope Benedict XVI

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
NOVEMBER 24, 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
Wed, 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).

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. James Stiles (ext 306) fr.stiles@frontier.com
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jeanrb@frontier.com

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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 - 507-357-6942

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, November 25

Tuesday, November 26

9:00 AM Opening of Adoration
5:00 PM Mass Jack McCourtney†

Wednesday, November 27

9:00 AM Mass Jan Retka†

Thursday, November 28

8:55 AM Closing of Adoration
9:00 AM Mass In reparation of the lack of
thanksgiving for all our blessings

Friday, November 29

9:00 AM Mass Rita Schipreth†

Saturday, November 30

3:45 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Mass Roger & Margaret Vollmer††

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, December 1

7:15 AM Confessions (St. Henry)
8:00 AM Mass (St. Henry) Ken Sinclair†
10:00 AM Mass Don Woelfel†
12:00 PM Mass (in Spanish) For the Parish

This Week in the Parish

Monday, November 25

Tuesday, November 26

Communion Calls - Milan
No Mission Sewing
5:45 PM CCW Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 27

10:00 AM Women’s Grief Support Group
No Faith Formation Classes
7:00 PM Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
(at St. Paul Lutheran Church)

Thursday, November 28 THANKSGIVING
OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, November 29

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 30

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, December 1

Children’s Liturgy of the Word
11:00 AM Baptism
6:30-8:00 PM Advent Penance Service
(at Church of Nativity, Cleveland)



Readings for next Sunday, December 1, 2019

Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Are indulgences still a real thing?

We are still in the month of November when the Church puts a special emphasis on praying for the dead. One of the best ways we can do this is with the help of indulgences. It may come as a surprise to some, but yes, indulgences still exist in the Catholic Church.

As you may know, the topic of indulgences historically sparked a good deal of controversy. It was one of Martin Luther’s main criticisms of the Catholic Church when he broke away in the 1500s. So a good question for us to ask is why we believe in them in the first place.

To answer this question, we first must understand that there is a two-fold consequence to sin – namely, (1) guilt and (2) debt of punishment. To illustrate this, consider the following example: Suppose your teenage daughter sneaks out at night to go to a party and you catch her. If she says she’s sorry and you forgive her, that doesn’t mean you still aren’t allowed to ground her for a couple of weeks. In this case, you’ve released her from her guilt, but she still has a “debt” to pay for her actions. In the same way, we can be forgiven of the guilt of our sins (usually through confession), while still owing some debt of punishment for them. This distinction is why the Church uses two different words for these two realities: to “absolve” means to wipe away the guilt, but to “remit” means to wipe away the debt of punishment.

Hopefully with this explanation we are now ready to understand the official Church definition of an indulgence – “An indulgence is the remission before God of temporal punishment for sins whose guilt is already forgiven” (Code of Canon Law #992).

But who, we might ask, gave the Church the authority to grant this remission of punishment for us? The answer to this is easy – Jesus did. In Matthew 19:19, Jesus says to Peter, “I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” We see in this that Jesus gave a mere man – St. Peter – authority which extends even into the spiritual realm. And so, every pope, because he stands in the office of Peter, has the authority to set the conditions under which our debt of temporal punishment may be “loosed.”

But then, we might ask, why wouldn’t the pope just grant a full remission for all the souls in purgatory at once and be done with it? One answer is that this would not be beneficial to the salvation and sanctification of souls. Indulgences are always attached to good and holy practices that help us grow closer to God. By attaching indulgences to these practices, the church encourages us on to do these good things that we might not otherwise be motivated enough to do on our own – much like offering a candy bar to a kid if he does his homework. In addition to this, without a healthy fear of punishment for our sins, we would have less motivation to fight sin and we might risk not even making it to heaven at all.

With that I’d like to leave you with some examples of pious practices that the Church has chosen to attach indulgences to:

In a spirit of penance, abstaining from something pleasing. Visiting the Blessed Sacrament. Devoutly reciting an Act of Contrition. Praying the Rosary. Praying the Stations of the Cross. Reading scripture as spiritual reading. Visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead.

By your own intention, you can choose to apply an indulgence to yourself or to a deceased loved one. If your deceased loved one no longer needs it, it will go to another soul that does.

God Bless,
Fr. Sandquist

December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ADVENT 1 7:15 am Confessions (StH) 8:00 am Mass (StH) 10:00 am Mass (StM) Children's Liturgy of Word 12:00 pm Mass (StM-Span)	No Mass 6:30-9:00 pm VIRTUS Training (St. Mary)	9:00 am Open Adoration 1:00 pm Mission sewing 5:00 pm Mass – CCW General Meeting/Potluck 8:00 pm Rosary Novena	9:00 am Mass 10:00 am Women's Grief Group Faith Formation classes 5:30-6:30 pm K'garten 6:45-8:00 pm 8:00 pm Rosary Novena	9:00 am Close Adoration 9:00 am Mass 7:00 pm KC meeting 8:00 pm Rosary Novena	FIRST FRIDAY 8:30 am Confessions 9:00 am Mass AM Communion Calls 3:30-7:30 pm Family Cookie Baking Night 8:00 pm Rosary Novena	8:30 am-12:00 pm Christmas Fair setup 2:00 pm Wedding (St Henry - Paulsen / Baker) 3:15 pm Confessions 4:30 pm Mass 8:00 pm Rosary Novena
ADVENT 2 CHRISTMAS FAIR 7:15 am Confessions (StH) 8:00 am Mass (StH) 10:00 am Mass (StM) Children's Liturgy of Word 12:00 pm Mass (StM-Span) 8:00 pm Rosary Novena	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (not a holy day of obligation) 9:00 am Mass 8:00 pm Rosary Novena	9:00 am Open Adoration Communion Calls - Darcy 1:00 pm Mission sewing 5:00 pm Mass PM Luth Social Services 8:00 pm Rosary Novena	9:00 am Mass 10:00 am Women's Grief Group Faith Formation classes 5:30-6:30 pm 6:45-8:00 pm 8:15 pm FF Board Mtg 10:00 pm Mañanitas	9:00 am Close Adoration 9:00 am Mass pm Social Hall in use	9:00 am Mass 11:00 am CHC Mass Communion Calls – Horizon Place Posadas	9:00-11:00 am Social Hall in use 3:15 pm Confessions 4:30 pm Mass
ADVENT 3 7:15 am Confessions (StH) 8:00 am Mass (StH) 10:00 am Mass (StM) Children's Liturgy of Word 12:00 pm Mass (StM-Span) Guadalupe celebration	No Mass am-pm Social Hall in use Posadas	9:00 am Open Adoration Communion Calls – Sue 1:00 pm Mission sewing 5:00 pm Mass 6:30-8:30 pm Pastoral Council Meetings Posadas	9:00 am Mass 10:00 am Women's Grief Group Faith Formation classes 5:30-6:30 pm 6:45-8:00 pm Posadas	9:00 am Close Adoration 9:00 am Mass Posadas	9:00 am Mass 11:00 am CHC Mass Communion Calls – Horizon Place Posadas	3:15 pm Confessions 4:30 pm Mass Posadas
ADVENT 4 7:15 am Confessions (StH) 8:00 am Mass (StH) 10:00 am Mass (StM) Children's Liturgy of Word 12:00 pm Mass (StM-Span) Baptisms after Masses 6:30-8:00 pm Advent Penance Service Posadas	No Mass Posadas	CHRISTMAS EVE OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 am Open Adoration Communion Calls – Deb 4:00 pm Mass 7:00 pm Mass (Spanish) 8:30 pm Posadas 10:00 pm Mass	CHRISTMAS DAY OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 am Mass (St. Henry) 10:00 am Mass No FF Classes	9:00 am Close Adoration 9:00 am Mass	9:00 am Mass	3:45 pm Confessions 4:30 pm Mass
7:30 am Confessions (StH) 8:00 am Mass (StH) 10:00 am Mass (StM) Children's Liturgy of Word 12:00 pm Mass (StM-Span)	No Mass	9:00 am Open Adoration OFFICE CLOSED 5:00 pm Vigil Mass for holy day	MARY MOTHER of GOD Holy day of obligation OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 am Mass No FF Classes			

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Archbishop's Discernment Retreat Saturday, December 28-Monday, December 30 Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo

Retreat Master: Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda
Vocation Director: Fr. David Blume

Inviting men between the ages of 18-50 who are discerning whether God may be calling them to the priesthood. Do you know someone who fits this



description? Spread the word!
RSVP before December 23.

Register online at www.10000vocations.org
Questions? Contact the Office of Vocation at 651-962-6890 or stpaulpriest@10000vocations.org.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Sunday, December 1, 2019 All You Can Eat Country Style Breakfast - Please join the Western Catholic Community of St. Scholastica and St. John the Evangelist, 4 miles south of New Prague on Highway 13, then 2 miles west on County Road 28 to 181st Ave, turn right, go 1 mile to church. Serving scrambled eggs with ham, pancakes, country-style fried potatoes, sweet breads, desserts, coffee, milk, and orange juice from 8:30 AM-noon. See church bulletin board for more details.

Saturday, December 7, 2019 Craft and Bake Sale - at Marysburg Church Hall, 27528 Patrick St., Madison Lake from 10AM-2PM. Featuring baked goods & crafts, Designs by Daryl & Shelby, Knots by Nancy, LMB Weaving, Norwex, Pampered Chef, The Melting Pot, Tupperware, and more. Benefiting the Le Sueur County Relay for Life. Come and shop for the holidays!

Sunday, December 8, 2019 Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast and the Cookie Walk - Hosted by St. Anne's CCW. All you can eat waffles, sausage, and toppings serving from 8:30AM-Noon. The Cookie Walk is a great way to do your holiday baking. Choose from a large assortment and pay by the pound. Advanced tickets are \$8 or pay \$10 at the door, 5 and under free. All taking place at St. Anne's School, 511 North 4th St., Le Sueur.



Eucharistic Adoration Tuesday 9AM-Thursday 9AM in the Cry Room

With winter approaching we would like to add an adorer, who lives in town, to the 1AM Thursday morning hour. The two adorers on that hour live out of town on roads that can be difficult with ice and snow in the dark. If you are able to do this for the winter months, please contact Gloria in the parish office.

If you are interested in signing up for a regular weekly hour of Adoration or have any questions, contact:
Gloria 507-317-2839 or Joyce 357-4410.

A selection of Advent prayer and meditation booklets can be found in the church entrances for you to take home and use as you prepare yourself for the coming of the Christ Child. There are items available for individuals, families, and teens.



Take some time after Mass to pick out something to make your Advent fruitful!

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Sunday, December 15



All are invited to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of life and of the Americas. In 1531 the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to the peasant Juan Diego and asked him to build a church in her honor on the hill of Tepeyac near Mexico City. He went to the bishop and delivered the miracle of fresh roses from the hill, which should not have grown in the middle of winter. On his tilma (his cloak) was imprinted the image of Our Lady, which we still venerate today. Our Lady of Guadalupe instilled the Christian faith in the hearts of millions of native people. And today there is still a strong devotion to Our Lady.

Come celebrate this important feast for all people. We begin with Mass on Sunday, December 15 at 12:00 pm, followed by a meal, music and dancing in St. Mary's Social Hall. All are invited.



Monday, December 9, 2019 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This is usually a Holy Day of Obligation but is not in 2019. The USCCB explains, "Since December 8, 2019, is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9, 2019. The obligation to attend Mass, however, does not transfer."

The Church of St. Mary will offer Mass at 9AM on Monday, December 9 to celebrate this Feast Day.

ST. MARY-ST. HENRY PRO-LIFE TEAM



HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE PRO-LIFE TEAM!

ST. MARY'S CCW EVENTS

CCW Board Meeting - Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 5:45 PM in the Conference Room.

CCW General Meeting and Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2019. Mass will be at 5 PM with potluck and meeting to follow at 5:45 PM.

Attention Parishioners: As Christmas and the holiday seasons get closer you may have been pondering the best way to make a charitable contribution to the church. One way you might not have thought about was donating an appreciated stock. This could be very beneficial to you in many ways. First, you can take a tax deduction for the current fair market value. Second, you or your family avoids paying taxes on the growth. And third, you can feel good about yourself, knowing you did your part. If you have questions about the tax savings consult your tax advisor. If you are interested in making a stock donation, please contact Emmett Krenik at 507-304-5159 or Pete Plut at 357-2238.

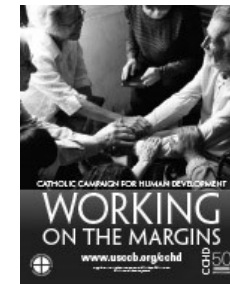
Make a year-end donation from your IRA

The strategy of donating to the church directly from an IRA after age 70½ is still around after the new tax laws. The donation allows those age 70½ and older to give money to the church directly from their IRAs in a tax-advantageous manner. This allows IRA owners who have reached age 70½ to distribute money directly from their IRA to the church and not have to pay the income tax on those dollars. The amount of the contribution is not counted as income, thus it does not get included to Gross Income when determining the amount of your Social Security that is taxed. In addition, the qualified charitable distribution (QCD) counts toward the required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year.

To take advantage of this tax-saving donation, please talk with your financial planner about donating your distribution from your IRA to the Church of St. Mary or St. Henry.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

<i>November 16-17, 2019</i>	St. Mary	St. Henry
<i>Weekly Budget</i>	\$ 4230.00	\$ 825.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 3661.81	\$ 575.00
Plate	\$ 298.05	\$ 137.05
TOTAL	\$ 3959.86	\$ 712.05
<i>Diff. from budget</i>	-\$ 270.14	-\$ 112.95
Building Fund	\$ 86.70	



Please be generous in this week's special collection, which supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people live in poverty. Through this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for people across the country who struggle. In addition 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection. For your convenience we have envelopes in the church entrances. Please place your donation in the collection basket this weekend or bring to the parish office throughout the week.

ST. HENRY NEWS

Church Cleaning - Dorothy Riebel, Ann Holicky, & Kenie Hertaus are scheduled to clean the church by December 1, 2019.

January–April Altar Ministry Schedule - Please submit dates that you are unavailable to serve to the parish office or email gloriagw@frontier.com by Monday, Nov 25. Please remember Masses on the following days when you are looking at your calendar:

Ash Wednesday - February 26, 9:00AM & 5:30PM
Holy Thursday - April 9, 7:00PM **Good Friday** - April 10, 3:00PM
Easter Vigil - April 11, 8:30PM
Easter Sunday - April 12, 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!



Ministry Schedule

November 30 - December 1: First Sunday of Advent	Altar Server	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Usher
Saturday, 4:30 PM (St. Mary)	Carter Sladek	Don Reak - Host Darcy Schloesser - Host	Maureen Blaschko	Eugene Holicky Andy Simonette Timothy Wolf Mark Wolf
Sunday, 8:00 AM (St. Henry)	Caleb Holicky	Milan Weber - Host	Sharon Budin Tyler Budin	
Sunday, 10:00 AM (St. Mary)	Tristan Hunt Dylan Hunt Tristan Tellijohn	Beatrice Grof - Host Darian Hunt - Host Rose Krenik - Host Jennifer Weiers - Host	Shannon Holicky	Scott Blaschko Robert Goettl Michael Grof Jeremy Weiers



St. Mary's Annual Christmas Fair

Sunday, December 8th
from 8:30 am-12:30 pm

How can you help?

Bake Shoppe - Bake some of your favorite goodies

Cookie Patch! Simply make 2-3 dozen of your family's favorite holiday cookies which we will display

Raffle - Create a themed basket or donate individual items that will be magically grouped together

Kids Games – Donations for prizes - small toys, craft items, candy and fun food or beverage items

Donations can be brought into the Parish Center

Bake Shoppe and **Cookie Patch** items can be dropped off on Saturday, December 7th, from 9am to 4:30pm as well as early Sunday morning

OR JOIN US FOR A BAKING NIGHT

Do you love to Bake? We can use your help!

On **Friday December 6th** anytime from 3:30-7:30 for our

Family Cookie Baking Night

Children welcome with an adult

Help us make cookies and treats for the Christmas Fair

To share your ideas or volunteer: please contact

Jean Boothby jeanrb@frontier.com

Colleen Budin budinbc2@gmail.com

Doreen Hogan hoganmd21@gmail.com

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



St Mary's Choir is getting ready for Christmas!

Won't you join us? All voices are needed! If you like to sing, or would like a different experience or way to worship come and join us. There is plenty of room in the choir loft for your family so you can still worship together.

Practices are scheduled for:

Monday, November 25 6:30-8:00 pm

Monday, December 2 6:30-8:00 pm

Tuesday, December 10 6:30-8:00 pm

Monday, December 16 6:30-8:00 pm

St Mary's Choir meets at 9:30am every

Sunday to practice as well. Come when you can.

St Mary's Choir sings for the Christmas Eve Mass at 10:00 pm.

We ask anyone who can to also sing Christmas Day at the 10:00 am Mass.

Youth Choir

All students in grades K-12 are welcome to join in the fun of spreading God's word through song! Youth Choir practices Sundays after the 10AM Mass. Students will meet in the choir loft after Mass and then move to a classroom. Practice will be done at noon. Confirmation students – This is a great way to earn service hours and be a part of your parish community!



Please help the 2019 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 6** 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!



For over thirty 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. Donations can be mailed to 209 Sunrise Ave, New Prague MN 56071. Thank-you for your participation.

Help Needed

Advent and Christmas Church Decorating

Join us on November 30 at 8AM when we will be decorating the church in the Advent liturgical color of purple. Advent "includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas. This penitential dimension is expressed through the color purple, but also through the restrained (simple and plain) manner of decorating the church and altar." (USCCB)



Would you like to be part of the process of creating an experience of awe, reverence, and wonder this Christmas Season? Our humble additions to the presence of Christ, already in the tabernacle, lead us to prayer and praise. Our decorating team strives for noble simplicity that draws people to the true nature of the mystery being celebrated. This is truly a labor of love and takes many hands and hours to complete. **Please join us on Monday, December 23, at 8:30 am.** We will work throughout the morning. You do not need to have an artful eye, just a willingness to follow direction and be able to lift and carry. If you are able to help, come and join us. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION



Christmas Play - Students in grades 2-12, are you interested in acting and/or singing in the Christmas Play in conjunction with the 1st grade Nativity? Practices will continue each Sunday after the 10AM Mass. Extra practices may be scheduled as we get closer to the Christmas Fair. Contact Terri or Jean if you have questions.

All New Volunteers & Council members –We have scheduled two live **VIRTUS** safe environment trainings at St. Mary required for those who work with youth or vulnerable adults, and council members. All volunteers or future volunteers in the parish are encouraged to take this training for the safety of those you may come in contact with during your ministry. Training dates are Monday, Dec. 2 or Monday, Jan. 13 from 6:30-9:00pm. Register online at www.virtus.org or contact Jean if you have any questions.

Keep Christ in Christmas – All students in grades 1-6 are encouraged to enter the KC Poster Contest, **Keep Christ in Christmas**. Posters will be hung in the Social Hall during the Christmas Fair and prizes awarded. Take this opportunity to express what Jesus' birth means to you! Posters are due by Dec. 4. Directions are on our website www.stmarysthenry.org.

Upcoming Dates:

Nov. 27th – **NO** FF Classes, Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service @ St. Paul Lutheran Church, Confirmation service hours.

Dec. 4th – FF Classes, **including Kindergarten**

Dec. 6th – **Family Cookie Baking Night** 3:30-7:30pm– All families welcome to join us in making cookies and treats for the Christmas Fair.

Dec. 7th – Christmas Fair Set up 8:30am - noon. Confirmation service hours

Dec. 8th – **Christmas Fair, Kid's Games** (8:30am – 12:30pm) & **Nativity/Christmas Play** (after the 10am Mass). Confirmation Service hours



Stay in touch with Faith Formation activities by downloading the Remind App (class code is [7g962b](https://www.remind.com/join/7g962b)), following us on Facebook, or visiting our website at www.stmarysthenry.org.

"She opens her mouth in wisdom; and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue." Proverbs 31:26

Jean R. Boothby
Faith Formation Coordinator
jeanrb@frontier.com
941-962-5168



Please note the following opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent:

Beginning December 1, during Advent: Confessions will be heard Saturdays 3:15-4:20 PM, prior to the 4:30 PM Mass (St. Mary) and Sundays 7:15-7:50 AM prior to the 8:00 AM Mass (St. Henry).

Advent Penance Services:

Sunday, December 1, 6:30-8:00 PM at Church of Nativity, Cleveland.

Sunday, December 22, 6:30-8:00 PM at Church of St. Mary.

Fr. Stiles, Fr. Sandquist & additional priest will be available to hear confessions during the Penance Service times.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Banns of Marriage

Emily Eileen Paulsen and Dylan John Baker



We welcome the newest member of the Church through the waters of Baptism:
James Douglas McMillen

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 December 22, 2019.

Please Note: A requirement for Baptism is a copy of the child's birth certificate.

Sacramental Information

Baptism - offered once each month. Contact Fr. Sandquist for baptism in English or Fr. Stiles for baptism in Spanish.

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 the parish office. In an emergency call 507-456-8473.

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

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
Kathy Schroer Dave Farm Bob Selly
Tim Simonette Stacy Germscheid

Thanksgiving

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 27 at 7PM at

St. Paul Lutheran Church 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

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!

