

ST. MARY-ST. HENRY PRO-LIFE TEAM

What happened on March 10, 2020 might have escaped most of us in the state of MN who were intent upon obtaining the latest news of the spread of the coronavirus. The city council of St. Paul voted 7-0 to declare March 10th "Abortion Providers Appreciation Day." Following St. Paul's lead, the Mayor of Mpls, also announced that his city would follow suit. The day was intended to recognize the killing of David Gunn, a Florida abortionist shot to death by 31-year-old Michael Griffin on March 10, 1993. Griffin reportedly shouted, "Don't kill any more babies!" before shooting Gunn 3 times.

In a statement issued that same afternoon, Archbishop Bernard Hebda stated, "I cannot help but be profoundly saddened and confounded that elected officials in both St. Paul and Minneapolis declared today 'Abortion Provider Appreciation Day.'"

The pro-life office of the ASPM urged Catholics to send letters to city council members, to show their disdain for the proclamation.

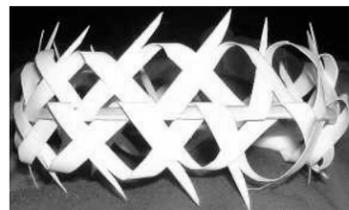
Jason Adkins of the MN Catholic Conference asked the question, "Do our local officials hear from us? Are we telling them about the work of pregnancy resource centers in helping women in need? We may not always agree with our elected officials, but we have no choice but to operate on the premise that for civic life to function, we must engage in the respectful dialogue about what is good, rather than being reactive and outraged. We can light a candle or curse the darkness."

As a reminder, the Center for Mission, as the CRS office for our archdiocese, manages the Rice Bowl program at this time of year. The program is scheduled to end during Holy Week, Holy Thursday. **To make it easier for all of you who have collected coins for Rice Bowl as your Lenten call to almsgiving, we want to remind you of the opportunities to "turn in" the collections.** We pray that this has been a rewarding journey of hope for you during this time of struggle and uncertainty. For collection details, go to www.centerformission.org. A quick overview is below:

1. Send in check for collected amount to your parish
2. Mail check to Center for Mission; 777 Forest St. Saint Paul, MN 55106
3. Use credit card for donation amount at www.centerformission.org/donate



Weave a Crown of Thorns



To start you need a "spine", which is the piece down the center in the picture. The best thing to use as the spine is the hard piece you find on the edge of the palms. It's best because it's stiff and won't bend when you're weaving.

Then you need four separate pieces of palm; two pieces on each side of the spine. Then tape the palms and spine so they stay together, like shown in the picture. The white piece at the top is, of course, the tape. Then tape that part to the edge of a table so it isn't

moving around while weaving. It's the best way to do it.

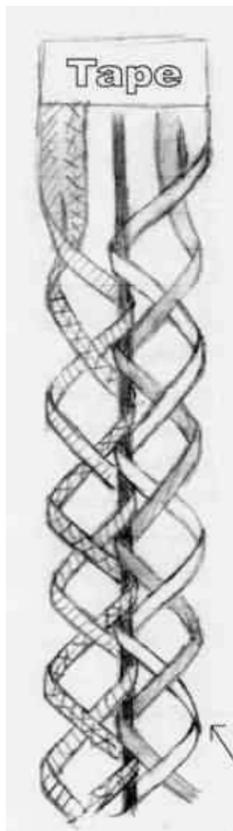
To start weaving, you start with the outer most palm on the right. Twist it, as shown in the picture, over the palm next to it and then under the spine. Then you want to make sure and bend it back over. So follow the outer most palm on the right in the picture.

Next you want to take the outer most palm on the left and fold it over the palm next to it and under the spine, and then back over. Remember to bring it back over to point down to the left.

Next take the inner palm on the right and twist it over the palm and under the spine, and then back and down to the right. And then you do the inner palm on the left, over the palm, under the spine and back down to the left. Next back to the outer palm on the right, over the palm, under the spine and back over. Then you do the outer palm on the left and so forth, switching from side to side.

When you get to where you want to stop, fold all the palms in towards the spine, so they follow the pattern of the crown. Then take the taped end and bring them together to form the shape of a crown (a circle). They should overlap, one on the inside of the crown and one on the outside. You want to then use either some string or a thin piece of palm to tie around the two ends to hold them together. Tie tight, so it won't come apart. And you want to tie down from the tape and up from the bottom end. Then cut the taped edge off near the string (or palm) and cut all the extra palm off the bottom end.

Then you take nail clippers or scissors and clip the outside palms at an angle to reveal the thorns. You clip where the arrow indicates in the picture, and you clip every one where it's folded. The crown is very easy to make once you get the pattern down. It will come quickly. Good luck!



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

APRIL 5, 2020



"Jesus shows us how to face moments of difficulty and the most insidious of temptations by preserving in our hearts a peace that is neither detachment nor superhuman impassivity, but confident abandonment to the Father and to his saving will, which bestows life and mercy."

-Pope Francis
Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019

As of now, the archbishop has suspended ordinary public celebrations of the Mass at least through the week after Easter. The reason for this suspension is that gathering publicly for Mass not only puts the lives of attendees in danger, but it also endangers those whom attendees come into contact with and society at large. Please know that the graces of the Mass have not come to an end. Fr. Stiles and Fr. Sandquist continue to celebrate Masses privately for your intentions and for the whole world. If you happen to hear the church bells ring, know that Mass is about to be offered for you inside and that you can unite your own prayers and intentions to it. We are now in solidarity with many Catholics throughout the world who also experience a lack of access to the sacraments due to persecution, war, the absence of priests, etc.

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Office Hours - Parish office is closed until further notice

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 Closed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic

Mass Schedule & Intentions

In the absence of public Mass the priests will continue to say daily and Sunday Mass and will offer these intentions.

Monday, April 6

6:00-7:00 pm Confessions - drive-thru (parking lot)
7:30-9:30 pm Adoration - drive-in (parking lot)

Tuesday, April 7

Mass Intention Lucy Helfter†
7:30-9:30 pm Adoration - drive-in (parking lot)

Wednesday, April 8

Mass Intention Living & Deceased of John C. & Mabel Krenik family
6:00-7:00 pm Confessions - drive-thru (parking lot)
7:30-9:30 pm Adoration - drive-in (parking lot)

HOLY THURSDAY, April 9

Noon - 3 pm Adoration - drive-in (parking lot)
Mass of the Lord's Supper
Bilingual Live-Streamed at 7 pm from Marysburg

GOOD FRIDAY, April 10

Friday Service of the Passion of the Lord
Bilingual Live-Streamed at 3 pm from Nativity
6:00-7:00 pm Confessions - drive-thru (parking lot)
No Adoration on Good Friday

HOLY SATURDAY, April 11

3:00-4:00 Confessions - drive-thru at Nativity
Easter Vigil Mass For the Parish
Bilingual Live-Streamed at 8:30 pm from St. Mary

EASTER SUNDAY, April 12

8:00 am Mass Bernard Widmer & Gary Goettl††
Drive-in Parking Lot at St. Mary
10:00 am Mass For the Parish
Drive-in Parking Lot at St. Mary
12:00 pm Mass (Spanish) For the Parish
Drive-in Parking Lot at St. Mary

Please see more information about these Easter Sunday Masses and other events in this bulletin.

This Week in the Parish

Please check our website and Facebook for the latest news and happenings here at the Churches of St. Mary & St. Henry. Tune in to pray with our priests who are offering live and recorded prayers and reflections.

www.stmarysthenry.org

St. Mary's Church, Le Center

<https://www.facebook.com/StMaryStHenry/>

Readings for next Sunday, April 12, 2020

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A Response to the King

My dearest parishioners,

Happy Holy Week as we kick it off with the solemn celebration of Palm Sunday! Truly, how I long to be with you all in these coming sacred celebrations! I had certainly hoped that we would be back to "normal life" by the time we reached this holiest of weeks. But you and I are being called to joyfully surrender to God's will. If considered in this light, what a gift He is giving us! For, our God is not a cruel God. By no means. Still, He is the King of kings and Lord of lords. Therefore, what He wants goes. The good news, though, is that He never asks something of us which He has not already experienced, and which is not for our good.

This Palm Sunday we remember and celebrate the grand entrance of Jesus the King into Jerusalem. Psalm 118 prophesied that this entrance of the king would be followed by him taking his rightful throne after making a sacrifice in the temple. What did Jesus do? Yes, He took His throne and offered His sacrifice, but to the shock of everyone in the world, even to this day, that throne was an instrument of torture and death and the sacrifice was His very Self. This was God's perfect sacrifice.

This scandal poses to each of us the most important question perhaps we can ever answer in this life: "Will we receive Jesus the King on His own terms or will we only accept Him on ours?" We might have preferred Him to come in on a large, strong war horse. We might have preferred Him to have come into Jerusalem and begin solving all the problems of the world. We might have preferred Him to work some grand miracle as He was hanging on the cross, striking down His enemies and coming down from the cross unharmed. Instead, He rode into that city of Jerusalem on a humble donkey, He spoke the truth with vigor but never with the intent of simply fixing the world's problems but rather to save the world by transforming it, and He prayed from the cross, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do" (Lk 23:24).

Jesus continues to "ride" into our lives every day. Will we receive Him without placing our own conditions on what He can and can't do in our lives? I know this is difficult, but we have no reason to fear our Lord's coming because all He desires is our salvation. As we enter this Holy Week, repent with me for all the ways which we haven't yet fully received Christ. Instead of putting up roadblocks by placing conditions on how we expect/demand Jesus to act in our lives, let us strip ourselves of our garments of excessive self-love and pave a path with them for our Friend, Savior, and King. If we do this, we can expect that the Kingdom that Christ won for us will soon be ours. We will soon shout with jubilation and with palm branches of victory in hand, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Fr. Sandquist and I continue to daily offer the mass for you. Please, check the parish website and/or bulletin on how you can participate in these greatest celebrations of the Christian year.

With paternal love,
Fr. Stiles

As part of the effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, we have closed the Parish Office & Building. We are still here for you working from the safety of our homes! Please continue to call the office (numbers on bulletin cover) with any needs you may have. We will be checking our messages frequently and making our cell numbers available to you.

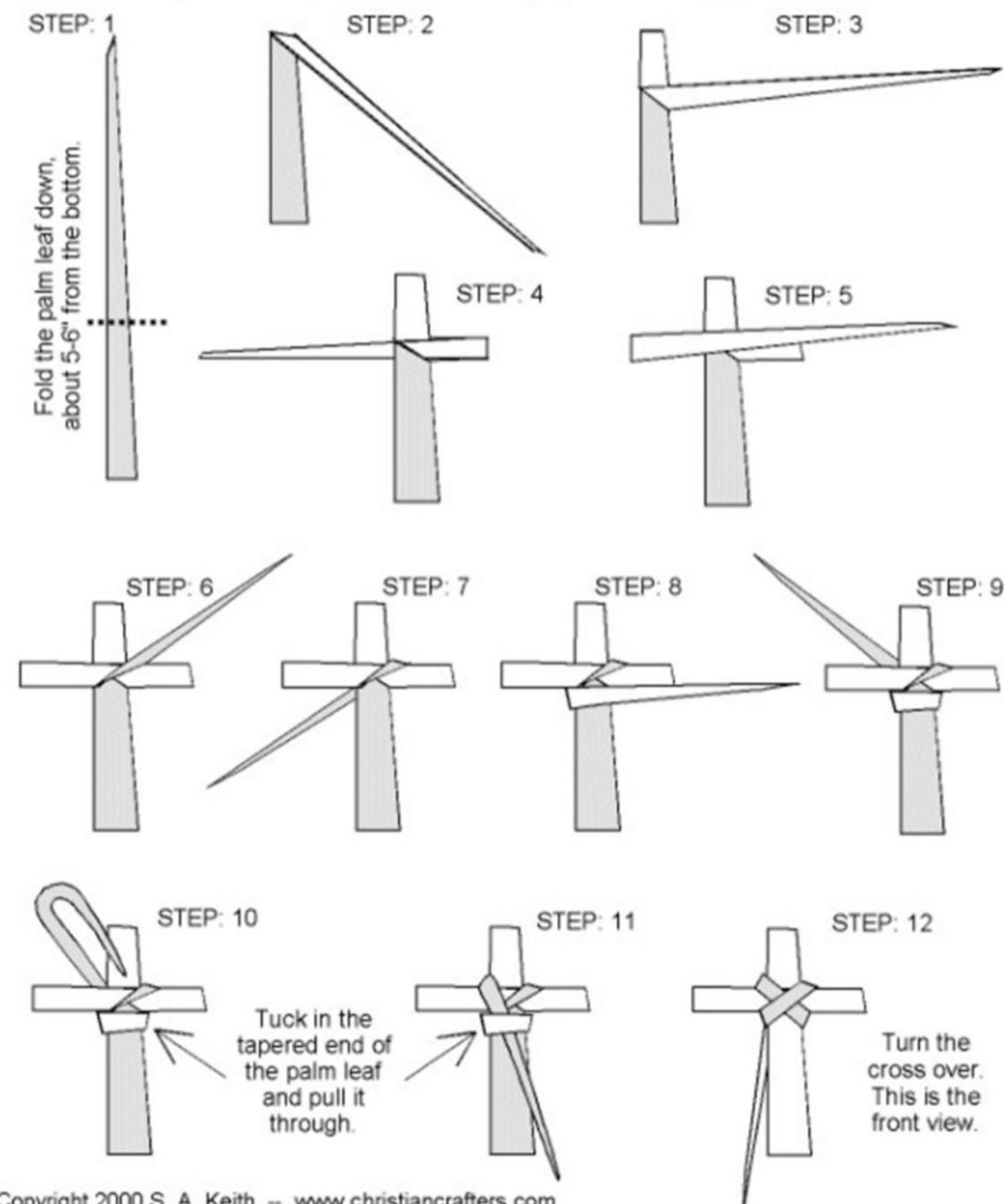
Palm Sunday is this Sunday - April 5

Plan to pick up your palms outside the doors off of the church parking lot. Since they dry out quite quickly, they will just be there for a short time. There will be plenty of palms, so help yourself to several. *Please sanitize your hands before and after picking up palms.* Thank you!



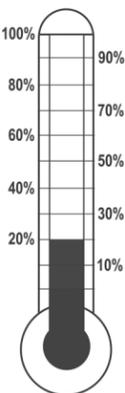
Palm Cross Diagram

Supplies: One palm leaf strip about 24-26" in length, 1/2" in width, tapering to the end.



St. Mary Calvary Cemetery Maintenance and Beautification Projects

You can give to this project in the same manner as listed below under "Wondering How to Give to the Church". If you don't have a purple cemetery giving envelope, you can indicate on your check memo line "Cemetery Project" and/or place in an envelope marked the same. Feel free to indicate if you'd like your donation to go to the statue or the roads or both. Gifts of any amount are welcome - Thank you!



Total Cost of Projects: \$32,664.00
Raised to Date: \$ 8430.00

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

| March 28-29, 2020 | St. Mary | St. Henry |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|
| Weekly Budget | \$ 4230.00 | \$ 825.00 |
| Weekly Offering | \$ 2045.00 | \$ 150.00 |
| Diff. from budget | -\$ 2185.00 | -\$ 675.00 |

See below for ways to give!

Weekly Building Fund \$ 2170.00
We appreciate your continued monetary support and prayers for our building. Maintenance is ongoing with any building, so we anticipate more repairs and replacements will be needed in the future.

Wondering How to Give to the Church?

- ◆ Place your contribution in the night depository or at the drive-up at either bank in Le Center
- ◆ Mail your contribution to Churches of St. Mary/St. Henry, 165 N Waterville Ave, Le Center, MN 56057 (Save yourself time and stamps by placing several weekend envelopes in one mailing)
- ◆ Sign up for Electronic Giving - see below



If you would like to give electronically, visit our website www.stmarysthenry.org and see "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 work of your Church continues; in fact, intensifies. Nobody can stop the Mass: the perfect Holy Sacrifice for the salvation of the world is being offered by your priests. Our office staff is still here for you. We are working from our homes in response to the efforts underway to slow the spread of the coronavirus. In addition, maintenance of the building is continuing with necessary cleaning and repairs.

ST. HENRY NEWS

Church Cleaning - Laurie Schatz & Jennifer Rutt are scheduled to clean the church by April 12, 2020.



Serve the Poor Support Life Strengthen the Faith

Help those in need - donate today! Thank you from the 20 Designated Ministries of the CSAF! Use the same giving methods as listed above for the Sunday Collection. You can also give directly at GiveCSAF.org using your phone, tablet, or computer.

Our parish goal this year is: St. Mary \$14,270 Collected \$10,020 (70%)
St. Henry \$2,655 Collected \$2630 (99%)

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Classes were held online this past week. Lessons are sent home through email, Facebook, or Remind. Watch this week for family activities for Holy Week. Thank you to the families who keeping up with these lessons at home.

For timely updates on classes and church activities, please access these resources: Please download the **Remind App** for quick and easy Faith Formation updates and information. Our class code for Parents is [7g962b](#). The class code for Confirmation 2020 students is [3b739ee](#). The class code for Confirmation 2021 is [62h6d3](#).



Like us on Facebook! For Faith Formation News go to **St Mary & St Henry Faith Formation** (<https://www.facebook.com/lecentercatholic/>). For other news in the parish go to **St. Mary's Church, Le Center** (<https://www.facebook.com/StMaryStHenry/>)

Lasagna Take & Bake Our Lasagna Take & Bake has been postponed until a later date. We will continue taking orders by messaging, emailing, or calling Jean.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all our ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your path." Proverbs 3:3-6

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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptism

The archbishop has asked that baptisms be delayed to the extent possible until further notice. Due to the great importance of this sacrament, however, parents should not anticipate this delay to be lengthy. When baptisms are eventually celebrated, it is likely that attendance will be significantly limited. In this case, families will still have the option of doing a larger welcoming ceremony for the baptized at a later time to give the extended family a chance to celebrate. *If an infant begins to be in danger in any way, baptism is never to be delayed.* For all baptisms, appropriate safety measures would be taken (for example, the use of fresh, newly blessed water).

Eucharistic Adoration

starts Monday, April 6, 2020

We will have Eucharistic Adoration from 7:30-9:30 pm each evening Monday-Friday (see exceptions below for Holy Thursday & Good Friday). This will be done "Drive-in" style in our parking lot. The Blessed Sacrament exposed in a monstrance will be placed in the center window. We have scheduled adorers who will cover the hours throughout the week, but all are welcome to come and visit Jesus during this time. The Archdiocese has instructed that people must remain in their cars, do not park right beside each other, especially if you will have your window down even slightly. Come and talk with Jesus, listen to Him, pray, bring along a book to aid in your meditation, praise, and adoration.



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*****Please note on Holy Thursday Adoration will take place from Noon - 3PM instead of the evening hours. In addition, we will not have Eucharistic Adoration on Good Friday.*****

theWORD & Living Faith among us® Daily Catholic Devotions

Living Faith Books, April/May/June Edition, and the Word Among Us, Easter Edition, will be outside the building (as weather permits) at the Parish Office door for you to pick up at your convenience. *Please sanitize your hands before and after picking up any materials.* Thank you!



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Tim Simonette. Tim passed away on Wednesday, April 1 at his home surrounded by his family. Funeral arrangements will be made at a later date.

The Paschal Triduum and Easter Schedule



Holy Thursday, April 9 - 7PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper
Bilingual Live-Streamed from Marysburg

Good Friday, April 10 - 3PM

Service Commemorating the Passion & Death of our Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross.

Bilingual Live-Streamed from Nativity

Easter Vigil, April 11 - 8:30 PM

Bilingual Live-Streamed from St. Mary

Easter Sunday, April 12

8AM (English) 10AM (English)

12PM - (Spanish)



Drive-in parking lot Masses at St. Mary

You must stay in your vehicle for these Masses.

At the direction of the archbishop we are not able to offer Holy Communion during the parking lot Masses. Car windows may only be open a crack during the Mass. Parishioners may make an appointment to privately receive Holy Communion once during the Easter season (while the suspension remains in effect).

More details to follow.

Opportunity for Confession During Lent (this schedule will also continue after Easter)

"Drive-thru" confessions will be available **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 6-7pm at the Church of St. Mary in Le Center** and **Saturday, 3-4pm at Nativity in Cleveland** in the parish parking lots.



Cones will be set up to direct the flow of traffic. A sufficient distance between the confession area and the line will maintain privacy and the recommended distance of six feet will be maintained

between the penitent and the priest. In the case of multiple people in the same car, penitents will exit the car individually and stand or be seated an appropriate distance from the priest. Fr. Stiles intends to be consistently present at St. Mary's on Wednesdays so that Spanish speakers know when they can expect to be able to confess to him.

