

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

### Baptism

The archbishop encouraged baptisms to 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 celebrated, it is likely that attendance will be 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

We will have Eucharistic Adoration from 7:30-9:30 pm each evening Monday-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, if possible. If it is necessary to do so, please leave your windows closed.** Come and talk with Jesus, listen to Him, pray, bring along a book to aid in your meditation, praise, and adoration.

### Opportunity for Confession

"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.



### "Drive-in" Mass - NEXT Sunday, May 10th Church of St. Mary Parking Lot

Father Stiles and Father Sandquist are offering outdoor "drive-in" parking lot Masses on Sunday, May 10th, Church of St. Mary, at 8AM, 10AM, & 12 PM (Spanish). Weather permitting. The Archdiocese has instructed that people must remain in their cars.

### 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 Tom Boettcher Bob Selly  
Stacy Germscheid Shirley Hrdlicka  
Dave Krenik Gene Holicky**

We also keep in prayer all residents at area assisted living and long-term care facilities and our homebound parishioners. 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.

## FAITH FORMATION

**THANK YOU** to all the families who participated this year in our Faith Formation Program! It was an interesting end to the year, but I hope everyone took the time to finish the posted lessons and joined us for our final class Teaching Mass. Thank you to Fr. Stiles & Fr. Sandquist for providing such a great opportunity to learn, pray, and gather in spirit as we learned about each part of the Mass.

We will continue to keep in touch with you on Facebook, Remind, and emails as we share daily Bible quotes, online family formation, and updates from the Archdiocese.

**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 rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3:6-7*

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

### Earth Day: A Different Perspective

Earth Day recently celebrated a birthday. 50 years in 1970 on April 22<sup>nd</sup> the first Earth Day mobilized millions of Americans to protest environmental ignorance and demand a new way forward. Earth Day led to passage of laws in the U.S. including the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts.

In addition to focusing on the environment and care for our planet, the Bishop of Tyler, Texas, Joseph Strickland, also chose a pro-life view of Earth Day: **"What good is a pristine planet if the unborn never get to live on it?"**

# Churches of St. Mary & St. Henry

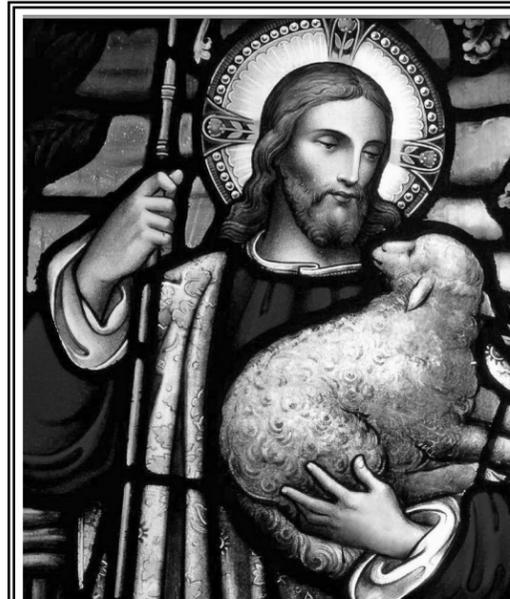
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2020



I am the good  
shepherd,  
says the Lord;  
I know my  
sheep,  
and mine  
know me.

-John 10:14

The archbishop has suspended ordinary public celebrations of the Mass for the present time. The reason for this suspension is that during the current pandemic, public gatherings put the health of the attendees in danger as well as 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.

### Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. James Stiles (ext 306) [fr.stiles@frontier.com](mailto:fr.stiles@frontier.com)  
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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, May 4

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

### Tuesday, May 5

Mass Intention Living & Deceased of LeRoy Simonette family  
7:30-9:30 pm Adoration - drive-in (parking lot)

### Wednesday, May 6

Mass Intention Terry Krenik†  
6:00-7:00 pm Confessions - drive-thru (parking lot)  
7:30-9:30 pm Adoration - drive-in (parking lot)

### Thursday, May 7

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

### Friday, May 8

Mass Intention Living & Deceased of Mary Jo Stocker family  
6:00-7:00 pm Confessions - drive-thru (parking lot)  
7:30-9:30 pm Adoration - drive-in (parking lot)

### Saturday, May 9

3:00-4:00 Confessions - drive-thru at Nativity  
Mass Intention Paul McCabe†

### Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 10

Mass Intention Ann & James Fredrickson††  
Mass Intention JoAnn Cemensky†  
Mass Intention For the Parish

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

St. Mary's Church, Le Center

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

\*\*\*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.\*\*\*

### Readings for next Sunday, May 10, 2020

Acts 6:1-7 1 Peter 2:4-9  
John 14:1-12

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Rule of Life

I used to think I was a fairly disciplined person. But since the start of this pandemic, I've been forced to come to terms with the fact that I am not. The crutches of externally enforced deadlines and scheduled obligations kept me on task in the past, but now that these have largely been taken away, I've been surprised by how easy it is to dilly-dally (as my mom would say) and to get sucked into spending more time than I should with news and social media (this has been especially challenging now that live-streaming has made going on Facebook part of the job). One way I've been combatting this (and slowly getting better at it) is by picking up a pen and pad every morning and writing up a schedule for the day. In this way, I give my day the structure that I need to stay on task and live the day well.

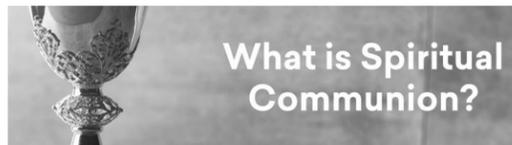
This idea isn't new. The great value of structuring one's day and sticking-to-it was known to the great St. Benedict, who died in the year 549. St. Benedict devised what is now known as the "Rule of St. Benedict." This "rule" was a set of rules that he and his monks promised to live by. It included things such as when to pray, sleep, work, eat, and even recreate (among many other things). One reason it was so important is that it provided stability for an otherwise collapsing society. The rhythm of prayer and work ("Ora et Labora") wisely ordered the lives of the monks, and in doing so, made the monasteries into hubs of commerce, culture, and even to some extent safety. Believe it or not, St. Benedict may have played one of the most influential roles in the preserving of Western civilization during the barbarian invasions.

Whether we are busy or bored during this unusual time, I think we could all benefit from the wisdom of St. Benedict and try to live by a "rule of life" to structure our day - a rule that especially includes prayer and work. In doing so, we too can become sources of stability for those around us.

-Fr. Sandquist

## THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

**How do I get FORMED?** Go to [www.FORMED.org](http://www.FORMED.org). Click on "Sign Up", then click on "I belong to a Parish or Organization", then type in our parish code: [3675db](https://www.facebook.com/StMaryStHenry/) in the "Find your parish or organization" field. Lastly, set up a username and password. It's that easy! Be inspired, be educated, be formed, in your faith



### What is Spiritual Communion?

There are so many great programs, films, and music to choose from for all ages.

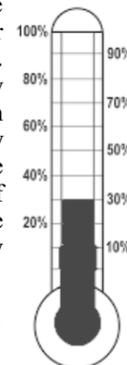
**Featured this week: What is Spiritual Communion?** This is an opportunity to understand more deeply what we are doing as we attend Mass via streaming in our homes.

## ST. HENRY NEWS

**Church Cleaning** - Lisa Beer, Megan Holicky, & Sharon Budin are scheduled to clean the church by May 10, 2020.

## 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: \$11,255.00**

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

April 25-26, 2020	St. Mary	St. Henry
Weekly Budget	\$ 4230.00	\$ 825.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 2777.00	\$ 300.00
Diff. from budget	-\$ 1453.00	-\$ 525.00

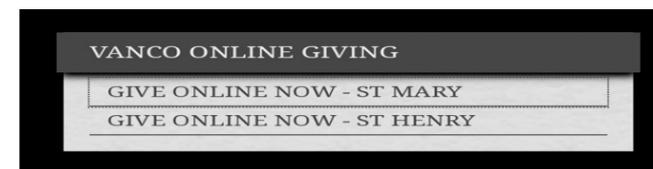
**See below how to give to the church - Thank you!**

Weekly Building Fund \$ 196.00

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](http://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.**



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](http://GiveCSAF.org) using your phone, tablet, or computer. Please note that all donations to the CSA are handled through the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation, a separate corporation from the Archdiocese. **We still have a little way to go. If you need an envelope, please contact Gloria, in the parish office, and she will get one out to you.**

Our parish goal this year is: St. Mary \$14,270 Collected \$10,045 (70%) St. Henry \$2,655 Collected \$2655 (100%) Goal Met!

## Now Opening the Enrollment for Meals on Wheels from Central Health Care (CHC):

Available Monday through Friday, hot delicious home cooked meals to those that are currently not leaving their homes during the Governor Walz "Shelter in Place Order", and beyond, for anyone living in the Le Center Community. Meals can be ordered Monday through Friday or less frequently if you need a break from cooking. Friendly volunteers will pick up the meals and delivery right to your doorstep. Meal pick up is at 11:30 a.m. with delivery to follow.

Did you know temporary meals on wheels delivery service can be arranged after a hospitalization, illness, or post clinic day? Call the friendly folks at Central Health Care to schedule your meal delivery service. This could be great gift to purchase if you know someone or have a family member that has spent all day at the Clinic, or perhaps had a chemotherapy treatment, leaving them feeling exhausted the next day. CHC is here for you and we will be more than happy to serve you by scheduling advanced delivery service at the low cost of \$7.06 per meal. Community based Elderly Waiver recipient's in the community are eligible for free meal service through the waiver.

These hardy meals are approved by Central Health Care's own Registered Dietician Consultant and prepared from the commercial kitchen, inspected annually by the Minnesota Department of Health - Long Term Care Division. The Dietary department is proud of its deficiency free inspections and takes deep pride in the satisfaction of knowing the meals meet with resident, family, and staff approval. Individual Therapeutic Diets are honored.

Meals on Wheels arrangements can be made by contacting Sally Holden, C.D.M. at 1-507-357-2275, extension 228. Please leave a voice message for Sally. If she is not in the office, she will return your call as soon as possible.

