

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE



We welcome the newest members of the Church through the waters of Baptism:  
Charlotte Jo McCabe

### Baptism

Baptisms are still being celebrated in the present time with social distancing, precautions and some limitations. Please contact Fr. Sandquist via email or phone to schedule your child's baptism. Parents are asked to attend a class on the sacrament of baptism (virtually if necessary). Due to the great importance of this sacrament we encourage you not to delay in requesting this sacrament. It is desirable that parents make contact with us even before the birth of the child.

### 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.

### Mass - THIS Sunday, June 21 Church of St. Mary Parking Lot at 9AM & 12 PM (Spanish)

Holy Communion will be distributed shortly after Mass ends with social distancing procedures in place.

If the weather is favorable, Mass will take place in the parking lot. If the weather is poor, the Mass will take place in the church with no more than 50% capacity in attendance. The Mass will be live-streamed either way.



### 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.

## ST. HENRY NEWS

**Church Cleaning** - Nancy Stauff & Barb Weinandt are scheduled to clean the church by June 28, 2020.

## PASTORAL CARE EVENTS

### Le Center Blood Drive

American Legion, 97 S Park Ave, Le Center  
Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12 PM - 6 PM

Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Le Center to schedule an appointment. COVID-19 rules require appointments - no walk-ins. This is a great way to give back and help save lives!



## FAITH FORMATION

### Steubenville LIVE

July 17th and July 18th

<https://www.partnershipforyouth.org/virtual-steubenville-conference/>

This year the Steubenville Conference will be held online. We are planning on hosting the sessions here at St. Mary's through streaming. No payment required.

Friday, July 17 - 6pm-9pm

Join us for events outdoors weather permitting

Saturday July 18 - 11am-7pm

Join us for events - more details to come!



ST. MARY'S  
CONFERENCE

The conference will include engaging talks from many of the speakers you love, quality worship, and Jesus!

We will bring you a unique and interactive experience that will allow your youth's faith to deepen.

If you want to tune in on your own or with your family, you are more than welcome to do so! Using the various interactive methods such as chat, social media, and aspects of the platform, you will be able to bring the conference to life in your own living room!

Stay tuned for more information! We will post updates as we get them. Please contact Jean if you are interested in attending as a youth or being a small group leader as an adult.

Keep in touch with us through Facebook, Remind, and emails where we will share daily Bible quotes, online family formation, and updates from the Archdiocese.

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/>)

"Open the gates, that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in." Isaiah 26:2

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### Please Pray

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

Jolene Zell Holden Zell Dave Krenik Bob Selly  
Mary Boettcher Dave Farm Tom Boettcher  
Stacy Germscheid Shirley Hrdlicka Gene Holicky

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

# Churches of St. Mary & St. Henry

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## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 21, 2020

### Mass Schedule

Sunday - St. Mary Parking Lot - **Holy Communion will be distributed**

9:00 AM - English 12:00 PM - Spanish

The Archbishop has made it abundantly clear that no one is obliged to attend Sunday Mass during the time of this pandemic. Therefore, if you judge it safer for you not to attend Mass at any point during this pandemic, let your conscience be at peace. To help you stay connected the best we are able, we will continue to live stream our Sunday Masses whenever possible.

Daily Mass - in St. Mary Church Building

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 5:00 PM

Weds, Thurs, & Friday 9:00 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** "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.

**Eucharistic Adoration** takes place from 7:30-9:30 pm each evening Monday-Friday. This will be done "Drive-in" style in our parking lot. The Blessed Sacrament will be placed in the center window.

### Parish Staff

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



"Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

-Matthew 10:30-31

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

Public Weekday Masses have resumed according to the normal schedule. Social distancing precautions are being taken. Masks are encouraged.

### Monday, June 22

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

### Tuesday, June 23

5:00 pm Mass Mary Jean Hunt†  
7:30-9:30 pm Adoration - drive-in (parking lot)

### Wednesday, June 24

9:00 am Mass Lorraine Brown†  
6:00-7:00 pm Confessions - drive-thru (parking lot)  
7:30-9:30 pm Adoration - drive-in (parking lot)

### Thursday, June 25

9:00 am Mass Virginia Stoering†  
7:30-9:30 pm Adoration - drive-in (parking lot)

### Friday, June 26

9:00 am Mass Jeanne O'Meara†  
10:00 am Mass Donna Gernscheid funeral (St. Henry)  
6:00-7:00 pm Confessions - drive-thru (parking lot)  
7:30-9:30 pm Adoration - drive-in (parking lot)

### Saturday, June 27

2:00 pm Baptism  
3:00-4:00 pm Confessions - drive-thru at Nativity

### Sunday, June 28

9:00 am Mass (Parking Lot) JoAnn Cemensky†,  
Bob Riebel†, Joe Connolly†  
12:00 pm Mass - Spanish (Parking Lot) For the Parish

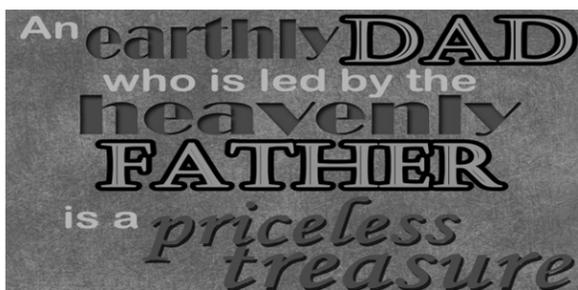
## This Week in the Parish

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 and learn with us.

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

St. Mary's Church, Le Center

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



## Readings for next Sunday, June 28, 2020

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a  
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 Matthew 10:37-42

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Reflections on Fatherhood

What is fatherhood? I think many people nowadays might just say that fatherhood is nothing more than the name we give to parenting when it is done by a male. But, while the simplicity of this answer might be appealing, our faith reveals to us for certain that it is so much more.

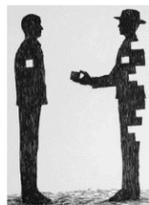
Fatherhood permeates both the Old and the New Testament as a central aspect of God's plan (e.g. Gen 17:5, 1 Cor 4:15). But even more important than the human fatherhood we see in the scriptures is the revelation of God himself as Father in the first person of the Trinity.

If fatherhood is so fundamental to reality, it's something worthy of deep reflection. In fact, this is why God included it in his creation – so that we might come to understand something of his fatherhood.

My own reflections on this have led me to believe that one of the most important aspects of fatherhood is the idea of "bestowal." To bestow means more than just to *give to another*. It means to *give from what I have within me*. For example, I personally might be able to hand you a college diploma, but I can't *bestow* one upon you because I don't have the authority within me to do that – only the president of the college does (or at least his/her appointed representative).

Fathers, first and foremost, bestow *life* upon their children (with the help of the mother, of course), but since life is about more than just being born, it doesn't end there. Fathers have a special role in bestowing upon their children what they need to face the challenges of life. Think about it this way. Mothers have a special gift and role in nurturing their children. This starts in the womb and continues especially through infancy. To nurture (I would argue) means to shelter, to heal, and to assist in the growth of what is already present. While this is critically important, as human beings, being nurtured alone isn't enough because there are some things we don't have within us to begin with, and therefore can't be nurtured. There are some things we need to be given to us *from the outside*.

Imagine being a kid, for example, and you are asked to do something that just seems too much for you. Say, you have been assigned a lead role in the school's Christmas play even though you have stage-fright. When show-time arrives, you might feel like you don't have the courage to follow through with it; indeed, you might even be right. But now imagine having a father who is himself a good and courageous man and, in that moment, he says to you, "I believe in you. I know it's hard, but I know you can do it. You are strong. I see it in you." Who wouldn't be filled with new courage at these words of such a father? Though you might not have had the courage before, you do now because, by these words, he has just placed it in you.



This is especially the gift and role of fathers. They place their strength in us when we don't have it in ourselves.

Sadly, this is why fathers can also cause such great wounds. Think about what happens to the heart of someone who needs their father's strength, but he isn't around to give it. Or worse, think about the father who does the opposite of what fathers are supposed to do – instead of bestowing his strength on the weak, he uses his strength to hurt the weak.

Fortunately for us, whether or not we've been blessed with a good earthly father, we all have a good heavenly Father – the "father of the fatherless" as psalms 68 says.

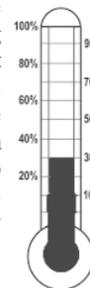
Perhaps the most revealing passage in all of scripture about what our heavenly Father is like is the story of the Prodigal Son (Lk 15). In this story, the father was so eager to receive back his wayward son that he ran out to meet him before he even arrived at the doorstep. He then put on him his best robe, ring, and sandals, symbolizing the bestowal of sonship upon him again, even though he had once rejected it.

May God the Father bestow on all fathers the willingness to empty themselves so that others may be full.

-Fr. Sandquist

## 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: \$12,080.00**

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

June 13-14, 2020	St. Mary	St. Henry
Weekly Budget	\$ 4230.00	\$ 825.00
Weekly Offering Plate	\$ 5326.12	\$ 1185.00
Total	\$ 5371.12	\$ 1230.00
Diff. from budget	+\$ 1141.12	+\$ 405.00
Weekly Building Fund	\$ 40.00	

## 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"



Unfortunately, given the present social distancing circumstances, it was decided we would not be able to move ahead with our festival this year. We are asking each household to make a monetary donation in hopes of raising the amount that we usually bring in each year (about \$30,000). **Thank you for your generous response! To date we have collected \$24,535!** Our festival has always been a success due to our team effort. As always, together, we can do this! If you have not sent in your donation yet, please do so soon.



## 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](http://GiveCSAF.org) using your phone, tablet, or computer. Need an envelope? 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 \$11,232 (79%) St. Henry \$2,655 Collected \$2780 (105% Goal Met!)

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

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

Last fall our pro-life team sponsored a diaper drive. We gave our donations to Options for Women, Mankato and Caring & Sharing Hands, Minneapolis.

Options for Women is a pregnancy care center that helps the women of Mankato and surrounding areas with the support, assistance and guidance they need when facing an unplanned pregnancy. Their goal is to tell each woman her options and make sure she understands that she isn't alone in her time of need. Free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds and educational resources are available.

In the March quarterly newsletter Executive Director Lori Letourneau announced, "As Options for Women continues to grow, we find that one of the greatest impacts we're having is the strengthening of families, which includes reducing father absence in our community. As a result, we have filed to *Do Business As* Options Mankato. This will let men in the community know there is a place for them to learn the foundations of fatherhood. Moms will continue to be the majority of our clientele and Options for Women Mankato will continue its program. Options Mankato will provide positive ways to co-parent as well as being a place for dads to connect with other dads. Fathers will learn the importance of their own health, how to bond with their babies and problem solving skills, thus leading to effective co-parenting".

For more information or to donate, call 507.625.2229 or text 507.508.0817, 11 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 011, Mankato MN 56001; Website: [optionsmankato.optionsmn.org](http://optionsmankato.optionsmn.org)