



MASS TIMES

MASS SCHEDULE - THIS WEEKEND Saturday, August 22 & Sunday, August 23

Saturday, August 22 - There will *not* be a Vigil Mass

Sunday, August 23, 9am Mass. If the weather is favorable, Mass will take place in the parking lot (drive-in style). If the weather is poor, the Mass will take place in the church with no more than 50% capacity in attendance and masks required. The Mass will be live-streamed either way. Holy Communion will be distributed shortly after Mass ends with social distancing procedures in place and masks are required when in the building or in line outside in compliance with the statewide mandate.

Sunday, August 23 - Spanish Mass at 12PM in the church

MASS SCHEDULE - NEXT WEEKEND Saturday, August 29 & Sunday, August 30

Indoor Mass Saturday, August 29 at 5PM at CHURCH OF ST. HENRY - The statewide mask mandate requires the wearing of a face mask. In addition, use hand sanitizer as you enter and exit the church, maintain 6 ft social distance, and please stay home if you are experiencing any cold like symptoms. Please be aware that we will have limited seating. Communion will take place after Mass.

Sunday, August 30, 9am Mass. If the weather is favorable, Mass will take place in the parking lot (drive-in style). 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.

Sunday, August 30 - Spanish Mass at 12PM in the church

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**



Congratulations to Jennifer Ann & Bryce Thomas Prax as they celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on August 22. May God bless the two of you abundantly in love and happiness.

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.

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

Eucharistic Adoration - Drive-in Style Join Us In This Unique Experience!

If you drive by the church any night Monday-Friday from 7:30-9:30 pm, you will see many cars parked in the lot facing the building. The occupants of those cars are adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament exposed in a monstrance placed in the center window. Many have expressed how wonderful this time is for them and some even come every evening. It's a quiet time and a beautiful sight to see Jesus in the window with just the glow of candles and a spotlight. Feel free to stop in and adore Jesus for 5 minutes, 15 minutes, 1 hour or even 2! 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** in the parish parking lot. 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.

**Le Center Volunteer Ambulance
Family Fun Night Drive-Thru**
September 15, 2020 4:00-7:30pm
Menu: Hotdog OR Brat Burger Meals
(meals include chips, bottled water, and dessert) while supplies last



Le Sueur County (COVID Food Assistance Program) FREE Food Distribution



Open to all households in Le Sueur County that are in need! If you have questions, please call the Le Center Food Shelf at 507-357-4076.

**Wednesday, August 26, 2020
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm (or until food is gone)**

Le Sueur County Fairgrounds
320 S Plut Ave, Le Center, MN

Each household will receive: 1 box of produce, 1 box of mixed dairy, 1 box of meat (chicken & pork)

Le Center Food Shelf - Open Hours
First Monday of the month 1:00-3:00
Every Wednesday 6:00 - 8:00 pm

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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 23, 2020

Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00 PM (in the church)
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
After Hours Emergencies: 507-456-8473

Associate Pastor: Fr. Timothy Sandquist (ext 307) ftsandquist@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: Open Position

Secretary/Receptionist: Gloria Wolf (phone ext 301)
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Accounting/Bookkeeping: Tara Robinson (phone ext 302)
tara@frontier.com

Maintenance: Joe Holicky (phone ext 305)
jholicky1@frontier.com

Music Ministry: Terri McMillen
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 Open Tues & Thurs 1-4pm



August 28 - Memorial
Saint Augustine
Bishop & Doctor of the Church

"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe."

- St Augustine

Mass Schedule & Intentions

The statewide mask mandate requires wearing of a face mask in all public indoor spaces.

Monday, August 24

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

Tuesday, August 25

5:00 pm Mass Lary Germscheid†
7:30-9:30 pm Adoration - drive-in (parking lot)

Wednesday, August 26

No Mass **Please note change for this week**

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

Thursday, August 27

9:00 am Mass Jean Nyblom
7:30-9:30 pm Adoration - drive-in (parking lot)

Friday, August 28

9:00 am Mass Jeanne O'Meara†
6:00-7:00 pm Confessions - drive-thru (parking lot)
7:30-9:30 pm Adoration - drive-in (parking lot)

Saturday, August 29

5:00 pm Mass (St. Henry - indoors) Janice Selly†

Sunday, August 30

9:00 am Mass (Parking Lot) Living & Deceased of Agnes Boswell family†, James O'Meara†, John Cooney†
12:00 pm Mass - Spanish (in the church) For the Parish

These Mass times and locations may change. Please check our website and Facebook for the latest news or feel free to call the parish office.

www.stmarysthenry.org
St. Mary's Church, Le Center
<https://www.facebook.com/StMaryStHenry/>

ST. HENRY NEWS

Church Cleaning - Joan Traxler & Katie Holicky are scheduled to clean the church by August 30, 2020.

Readings for next Sunday, August 30, 2020

Jeremiah 20:7-9
Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27

St. Mary's Thrift Store has reopened!! Open Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00-4:00

Stop in and shop our 1/2 price sale next week, August 25 & 27. We are following all required safety and cleaning precautions for customers and volunteers. Masks and social distancing are required. Only five customers in the store at a time and no children under the age of 16 are allowed. Restrooms will not be available to the public.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Peter the Rock

Sometimes knowing the geography of the Holy Land helps a lot in understanding the bible. This is certainly the case for this Sunday's gospel. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples "Who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." In response to this Jesus says, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld [Greek: "hades"] shall not prevail against it."

What does this have to do with geography? Well this passage begins by stating that this happened in "the region of Caesarea Philippi." Caesarea Philippi was a city built right up against a huge rock face. And in that rock face is an ominous cave formerly filled with water descending deep into the earth. (Unfortunately an earthquake has since plugged up the bottom of the cave.) If you were a pagan living in this pagan town at the time of Jesus, wouldn't you have thought of this cave as the "gate of hades"?

With this backdrop, we can now imagine this scene in its full drama: Right in front of this huge rock face and the "gate of hades", Jesus makes Simon Peter the rock on which the Church will be founded and guarantees that it will be so unshakeable that the gates of hades (i.e. the powers of hell) will never be able to destroy it.

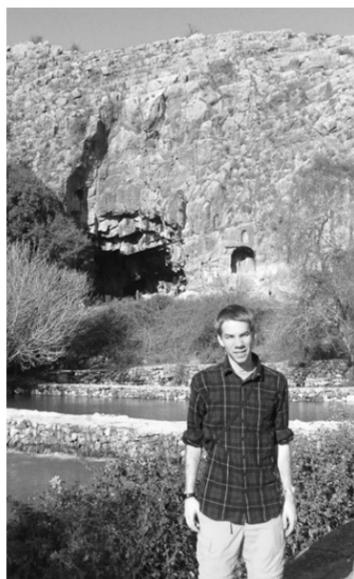
We experience the reality of this promise through the papacy. Whether saints or sinners, the successors of Peter (i.e. the popes) have always been the stable rock that have prevented the Church from being destroyed by enemies from within or without. (Yes, there are enemies of the Church within the Church - Judas being the first one.) If you look at how quickly and how often other Christian groups divide and splinter over time, you can begin to appreciate how extraordinary it is that the Catholic Church is the same Church as it always has been and teaches the same faith that it always has taught.

This is not something for us to toot our own horns about though, because what is remarkable is not that we have made the Church last so long. We have not. It is rather that God has so often prevented us from ruining the Church in spite of ourselves.

We shouldn't be too surprised by this though, since, after all, Jesus chose to found his Church on a stumbling sinner from the start.

-Fr. Sandquist

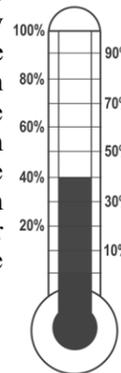
The parish office and church is officially reopened with normal business hours. We appreciate your understanding in advance if you should come to the office and find it closed. Tara and Gloria will be covering the office at this time and out of an abundance of caution, they will be staying home if they are experiencing any cold like symptoms, so there may be times that the office will need to be closed unexpectedly. Thank you and we look forward to serving you!



St. Mary Calvary Cemetery Maintenance and Beautification Projects

You can give to this project in the same manner as used for the Sunday Collection. 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: \$13,980.00



Help those in need - donate today! Thank you from the 20 Designated Ministries of the CSAF! Use the same giving methods used for the Sunday Collection. You can also give directly at 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 \$11,362 (80%) St. Henry \$2,655 Collected \$2780 (105% Goal Met!)

CCW Dues for 2020 - 2021 are \$10.



The dues help cover the costs of the liturgical needs at St. Mary's (i.e. candles, hosts, wine, Living Faith booklets, speakers, etc.). Our fundraising events have been cancelled due to COVID-19, so these dues are critical in providing continued support to our parish. Please place your dues in the collection basket or drop them off at the First National Bank or the First State Bank in Le Center. Please mark "CCW Dues" on the envelope, along with your name. Thank you for your support.

Altar Ministry Schedule	Lector
August 29 - August 30: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Saturday, 5:00 PM Mass (St. Henry - indoors)	Jean Cemensky-Mohr
Sunday, 9:00 AM (St. Mary - in the parking lot)	Margaret Traxler

ST. MARY-ST. HENRY PRO-LIFE TEAM

Good for Nebraska!

Governor Pete Ricketts of Nebraska was set to sign a ban on dilation and evacuation abortions, (D&E), also known as dismemberment abortions, at an outdoor ceremony on the steps of the capitol in Lincoln on Saturday, August 15th, the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. D&E abortions are typically done in the 2nd trimester of pregnancy and result in the dismemberment of an unborn child.

"This barbaric procedure literally rips apart a pre born child, piece by piece, to destroy the life of the baby. I urge Senators to act quickly to end this horrendous form of abortion," Ricketts said.

"Protecting the dignity of life has been, is, and will remain a core value of what it means to be a Nebraskan. I invite you to join us in affirming the preciousness of unborn life and in opposing the brutal practices used to end it," he said. The bill specifically bans the use of clamps, forceps, or similar instruments in abortion procedures.

Source: Denver Newsroom, Aug 14, 2020 / 04:14 pm MT (Catholic News Agency)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

August 15-16, 2020	St. Mary	St. Henry
Weekly Budget	\$ 4230.00	\$ 825.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 2960.43	\$ 235.00
Vanco Online Giving Plate	\$ 1170.00	\$ 20.00
	\$ 163.00	\$ 53.00
Total	\$ 4293.43	\$ 308.00
Diff. from budget	+\$ 63.43	-\$ 517.00
Weekly Building Fund	\$ 25,116.75	

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.

PASTORAL CARE EVENTS

DO YOU PROVIDE CARE FOR A LOVED ONE?
Call now to sign-up for a **FREE POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS** workshop. Participants learn practical skills proven to reduce stress, communicate more effectively, improve self-care, make effective decisions and access community resources for caregivers.



ACTIVE AGING PROGRAMS

Catholic Charities of Southern MN

A FREE workshop sponsored by Catholic Charities of Southern MN, will meet six consecutive Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 22nd through Oct. 27th, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the St Peter Senior Center, 600 S. 5th St., Suite 217, St Peter.

Social distancing will be in place so seating is limited. Register by Sept. 15th to reserve your spot.

To register, contact Mary at Catholic Charities of Southern MN 507-458-9687 or mccassem@ccsomn.org