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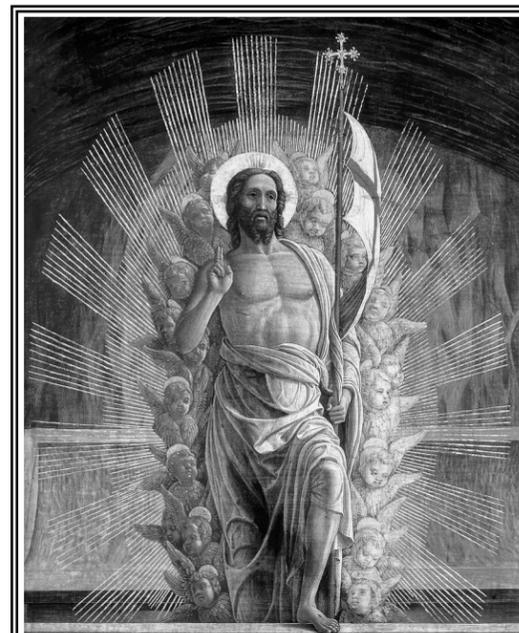
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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 4, 2021



HAPPY EASTER!

"We proclaim
the resurrection
of Christ when
his light
illuminates the
dark moments
of our
existence."

-Pope Francis

Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00 PM at St. Henry

Sunday - at St. Mary

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 Confessions are available Tuesdays & Fridays, 6-6:30pm at the Church of St. Mary in Le Center in the parish building entrance by the office.

Eucharistic Adoration takes place in the main church from 7:00-9:00 pm Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday, & Friday 9:30-11:30 am.

Parish Staff

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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, Weds 3-6pm

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

Monday, April 5

OFFICE CLOSED

7:00-9:00 pm Adoration - (in the church)

Tuesday, April 6

5:00 pm Mass Living & Deceased of George Welckle and Ralph Blaschko families

6:00-6:30 pm Confessions - (building office entrance)

7:00-9:00 pm Adoration - (in the church)

Wednesday, April 7

9:00 am Mass Vincent Holicky†

6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation Family Group B (in the church)

6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation 2nd & 9th grade (in classrooms)

Thursday, April 8

9:00 am Mass Thomas & Michael Thornton††

7:00-9:00 pm Adoration - (in the church)

Friday, April 9

9:00 am Mass Bill Schmidt†

9:30-11:30 am Adoration - (in the church)

5:00 pm wedding rehearsal

6:00-6:30 pm Confessions - (building office entrance)

Saturday, April 10

2:00 pm Wedding Ruiz/Johnson

5:00 pm Mass (St. Henry) Bernard Widmer & Gary Goettl††

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 11

9:00 am Mass (St. Mary) Richard Schloesser† & Monica Holicky†

Confirmation Sending Mass

12:00 pm Mass-Spanish (St. Mary) For the Parish

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/>

Please note the Parish office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 5, 2021

ST. HENRY NEWS

Church Cleaning - Sharon Riebel & Holly Germscheid are scheduled to clean the church by April 11.

Readings for next Sunday, April 11, 2021

Acts 4:32-35

1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Rejoice! Christ is Risen!

Happy Easter! We now begin the most celebratory time of year. And just like Christmas, we don't just celebrate for one day, we celebrate for eight days! The octave of Easter extends from Easter Sunday to the following Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday). But even then, we aren't finished. After the octave of Easter, we continue Easter Season until Pentecost for a total of fifty days. If you thought lent was long, this is good news because we now get to rejoice for even longer.

But what if we feel like we didn't do a good job at practicing lent this year? Does this make us unworthy of joining the party? Saint John Chrysostom (347-407 AD) actually gave an Easter homily about this which I think you will find quite encouraging. This is what he said:

Let all pious men and all lovers of God rejoice in the splendor of this feast; let the wise servants blissfully enter into the joy of their Lord; let those who have borne the burden of Lent now receive their pay, and those who have toiled since the first hour, let them now receive their due reward; let any who came after the third hour be grateful to join in the feast, and those who may have come after the sixth, let them not be afraid of being too late; for the Lord is gracious and He receives the last even as the first. He gives rest to him who comes on the eleventh hour as well as to him who has toiled since the first: yes, He has pity on the last and He serves the first; He rewards the one and praises the effort.

Come you all: enter into the joy of your Lord. You the first and you the last, receive alike your reward; you rich and you poor, dance together; you sober and you weaklings, celebrate the day; you who have kept the fast and you who have not, rejoice today. The table is richly loaded: enjoy its royal banquet. The calf is a fatted one: let no one go away hungry. All of you enjoy the banquet of faith; all of you receive the riches of his goodness. Let no one grieve over his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed; let no one weep over his sins, for pardon has shone from the grave; let no one fear death, for the death of our Savior has set us free: He has destroyed it by enduring it, He has despoiled Hades by going down into its kingdom, He has angered it by allowing it to taste of his flesh.

O death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? Christ is risen and you are abolished. Christ is risen and the demons are cast down. Christ is risen and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen and life is freed. Christ is risen and the tomb is emptied of the dead: for Christ, being risen from the dead, has become the Leader and Reviver of those who had fallen asleep. To Him be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

-Fr. Sandquist

The Confirmation Sending will take place at the 9AM Sunday Mass on April 11 at St. Mary. We ask parishioners who are not a part of Confirmation this year (parents/sponsors/family/teachers) to consider sitting in the social hall, if needed, to allow for the Confirmation Students, their families, and sponsors to have space in the church to sit using social distancing rules. Thank you!

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Easter Flower Donations - Happy Easter!

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Banns of Marriage

Avery Johnson and Priscilla Ruiz

MASS TIMES

NEXT WEEKEND-DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Saturday & Sunday - April 10-11

Parishioners are asked to wear masks and keep a 6 ft distance from those not within their household; proper spacing is up to each parishioner. We ask and trust that everyone will continue to comply with the requirements. Thank you for your cooperation. Please stay home if you are experiencing any cold like symptoms.

We ask that if the center of the pew is open to please move to the center, so as others arrive they can sit on the ends.

Saturday, April 10, 5PM Mass at Church of St. Henry

Sunday, April 11, 9AM Mass at Church of St. Mary

We have the social hall set up for extra seating. An Extraordinary Minister will bring Communion into the Social Hall.

You are also welcome to attend Mass in the parking lot via live-stream or using the FM radio audio broadcast at station 90.7. Holy Communion will be brought outside to those in their cars during the usual Communion time.

If you'd like to receive Communion, please turn on your car lights and an Extraordinary Minister will bring Communion out to you.

Sunday, April 11 - Spanish Mass at 12PM

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11, 2021 is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day. Jesus further asked that this Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena of Chaplets to the Divine Mercy which began on Good Friday (April 2) and ends on Saturday, April 10. Say one chaplet each day following the novena intention.

In her diary, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her: "On each day of the novena you will bring to My Heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls. By this novena I will grant every possible grace to souls." (Diary 1209, 796) You can find copies of the Divine Mercy Novena and instructions on how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the church entrances.

The Image of The Divine Mercy, which Our Lord requested to be solemnly blessed and venerated on this day, is on display in our church. Pope John Paul II said that the image portrays the Risen Jesus Christ bringing Mercy to the whole world. Our Lord said **"I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish"**. (Diary 341, 48) Please take the time to visit with this Image of The Divine Mercy and venerate Jesus.



For more information go to www.DivineMercySunday.com.

FAITH FORMATION

SAVE THE DATE!

SUMMER PROGRAMS AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY & ST. HENRY!

TOTUS TUUS (Latin for Totally Yours) is a fun and energetic parish based summer catechetical program, for grade school age children with a junior and senior high school component. They are dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting Catholic faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. Each Totus Tuus team consists of 4 members who are either college students or seminarians. Their youthfulness, energy, and ability to witness to the Faith make our teachers particularly effective with children and young people.

Grades 1-6 – Monday, July 26 – Friday, July 30
from 9-2:30pm

Grades 7-12 – Sunday, July 25 – Thursday, July 29
from 7:30-9:40pm

VBS - More details to follow!

Preschool (age 3) through Kindergarten
Sunday, August 8 – Thursday, August 12
5:30-7:30 each night

RES TOR ED Steubenville Rochester Youth Conference

All current 8th – 12th grade students are invited to participate in this July 23-25, 2021 weekend conference packed with great speakers, small group discussions, Mass, Reconciliation, and Adoration. REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE and are located by the parish office and ONLINE!

Upcoming Dates:

- April 7 - 2nd & 9th grade classes
Family Faith Formation GROUP B
- April 11 - Confirmation sending Mass - time TBD
- April 14 - 2nd & 9th grade classes
Family Faith Formation GROUP A **last class for Group A & 9th grade
- April 18 - Confirmation Mass at 4pm
- April 21 - 2nd grade classes
Family Faith Formation GROUP B **final classes for all

Like us on Facebook! For Faith Formation News go to **St Mary & St Henry Faith Formation**. For other news in the parish go to **St. Mary's Church, Le Center**



"He is not here for He has risen just as he said."
Matthew 28:6

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Thank you to all who helped
decorate the church for Holy Week
and Easter!



ST. MARY-ST. HENRY PRO-LIFE TEAM

**Easter is the time to rejoice
and be thankful for the gift
of life, love and joy.
Have a Blessed day!
HAPPY EASTER!**

SAVE the DATE:

Kickball Tournament -Sunday, May 16, 2021
St. Henry Ballfield 2-5 pm Fun for the entire family!
Concessions to benefit "Pro-Life Across America"



Global Solidarity Sunday - One Church, One Mission, Real Lives

We collected \$405 St. Mary/\$100 St. Henry during Global Solidarity Sunday. Our struggling brothers and sisters in Africa, Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, and all those who receive much needed assistance through Catholic Relief Services thank you for your support and generosity.

April 10 - April 11: Second Sunday of Easter - Sunday of Divine Mercy	Altar Server	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Ushers
Saturday, 5:00 PM (St. Henry)	Brendan Germescheid	Jim Selly		
Sunday, 9:00 AM (St. Mary)	2 Volunteers Needed	Maureen Blaschko	Angela Christian	Timothy Blaschko Philip Campbell Paul Factor Norman Schmidt

May 1– June 30, 2021 Ministry Schedule Please contact Gloria, gloriagw@frontier.com (or call the parish office 357-6633) by Monday, April 19, with dates that you are unable to serve for the May 1 - June 30, 2021 schedule. This schedule includes Mother's Day, Memorial Day, & Father's Day. **Dates that you can not serve are entered into the ministry scheduling software. Without that information you may be scheduled on dates that you are not available. Thank you!**



This weekend we have holy water in bottles available for you in the church entrances. These are for you to take and keep. You can use them to bless yourself as you enter church when you attend Mass each Sunday, to bless your children, your homes-- to bring sanctity into your everyday life. Easter is a beautiful time to use this sacramental of holy water.

When sacramentals are used with faith, we receive God's grace through the intercession of the Church. Sacramentals arouse us to acts of virtue that draw God's graces to us. Technically, sacramentals are not necessary for salvation, but they can inspire us to greater devotion. "Sacramentals do not confer the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the Sacraments do, but by the Church's prayer, they prepare us to receive grace and dispose us to cooperate with it" (Catechism 1670).

So, what are some acts of virtue Holy water can arouse us to and how can it inspire a greater devotion?

- It reminds us of our need of repentance of sin. Psalm 51 reads in part, "Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me."
- It recalls our Baptism through which we became a child of God and now need to lead our lives accordingly.
- And lastly, the protection from evil offered by the act of sprinkling holy water in our homes is an act of inviting God to enter in and let His goodness and light drive out all evil and darkness in us, through us, and with us.

Since our holy water fonts in the church have been empty for a year now, we are hoping these bottles of holy water will help provide spiritual comfort to you. Feel free to refill your bottle whenever needed by using the holy water receptacle in the back of the church.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

March 27-28, 2021	St. Mary	St. Henry
Weekly Budget	\$ 4230.00	\$ 825.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 4584.75	\$ 255.00
Vanco Online Giving	\$ 770.00	\$ 20.00
Plate	\$ 195.00	\$ 95.00
Total	\$ 5549.75	\$ 370.00
Diff. from budget	+\$ 1319.75	-\$ 455.00
Cemetery Project	\$	
Weekly Building Fund	\$ 91.78	

CRS RICE BOWL - COLLECTED NOW

Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl using the box found in the church or dropping it off at the parish office. Thank you!