

SACRAMENTAL LIFE



Please note change to daily Mass times for this week of August 2-6.

Due to our priests attending their annual Companions of Christ Conference we will not have daily Mass this week at Church of St. Mary. (See page 2 for area church daily Mass schedules.)

In addition, we will not have our usual confession time on Tuesday or Friday.

This also creates some changes in the Adoration program:

- On Tuesday, August 3, we will have Adoration from **5:00** - 9:00 pm - Please note the early start time at 5 pm instead of 5:30 pm
- On Wednesday, August 4, we will have Adoration from **9:00 am** - 9:00 pm - Please note the early start time at 9am instead of 9:30am.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 5:30PM - 9PM
Wednesdays 9:30AM - 9:00PM
in the Cry Room.

The Wednesday 10am, 12pm, & 1pm hours are all in need of a second adorers.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up for an hour, please contact Gloria in the parish office or Joyce 357-4410



Congratulations Graciela & Ruben Ortiz on your Sacrament of Marriage which took place at Church of St. Mary this weekend, Saturday, July 31. May the outpouring of sacramental grace strengthen and deepen your love with each passing day.

Banns of Marriage

Bridget Westall & Brandon Duban
Megan Rutt & Bradley Rose

Nanci Ann Gruetzmacher & Erik Andris Valdmanis

Baptism

Please contact Fr. Michael 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 - Contact Fr. Michael for baptism in English or Fr. Stiles for baptism in Spanish.

Marriage - contact Fr. Michael at least 6 months in advance. All couples must complete a weekend retreat as well as marriage preparation classes.

Anointing of the Sick - communal anointing for the Parish once each year in the spring. For private anointing, contact the parish office. In an emergency call 507-456-8473.

Please Pray For:

Jolene Zell Holden Zell Dave Krenik
Gene Holicky Belinda Krenik

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

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 1, 2021

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 PM (St. Henry)
Sunday 9:00 AM (St. Mary)
12:00 PM (St. Mary in Spanish)

Daily Mass - at St. Mary

Monday No Mass
Tuesday 5:00 PM
Weds, Thurs, & Friday 9:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation Confessions are available Tuesdays & Fridays, 6-6:30pm (St. Mary) & Saturdays, 4:15-4:45 (St. Henry) Or by appointment (contact Fr. Stiles or Fr. Barsness)

Eucharistic Adoration takes place in cry room on Tuesdays from 5:30-9pm & Wednesdays from 9:30am - 9:00pm. The chapel is open for individuals to come for 5 minutes, an hour, or longer, to be with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. (Closes during a Funeral Mass)

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. James Stiles (ext 306) fr.stiles@frontier.com
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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 2-5pm

PASTORAL CARE EVENTS

Grief, Hope, & Healing Wednesdays 10AM-11AM Church of St. Mary Mission Room

A nondenominational grief support group for women who have experienced the death of a spouse or significant other. You are not alone. This grief group is led by widows who understand what you are going through. The group offers an opportunity to learn about grief, share experiences and find healing and hope from your loss. No registration is necessary. For more information call Marlene Hunt, 507-381-1177.



Healing Takes Time Fall Retreat September 17-19, 2021 Friday, 7pm thru Saturday, 11am Franciscan Retreat Center, Prior Lake, MN

This retreat is an uplifting experience to help those who are suffering from the loss of a loved one. Keynote Speaker, Dr. Melissa Mork who was orphaned in college, lost friends, suffered miscarriages, and lost her husband to cancer. Consequently, Melissa is intimately acquainted with grief. For more information or to register contact Marlene Hunt, 507-381-1177 or hopeunitedgriefgroup@gmail.com

Lutheran Social Service - Offering Healthy Meals at a Pop-up Event Near You

2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month 1:30-2:30PM LeSueur Food Shelf, 427 S 5th St., LeSueur No Cost
Any senior 60+ in Minnesota in need of nutrition is eligible to receive meals in bundles of 10 at each pop-up event on a first come, first serve basis. For more information call, Samantha at 651-253-4355.

Looking for a way to increase the love and romance in your marriage?

A Marriage Encounter Weekend allows a husband and wife to get away together and focus on each other. The next available Weekends are Oct 8-10, 2021 in Buffalo, MN and Oct 15-17, 2021 in OWATONNA, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720

To receive the
Eucharist is not to
get something but to
encounter someone.
Because in the
Eucharist, we enter
into a communion
with Jesus himself. It
is in this communion
that the deepest
desires and longings
of our hearts find
lasting fulfillment.

Br. Silas Henderson, S.D.S.

Mass/Adoration/Confession Schedule

Please note daily Mass will not be celebrated this week at St. Mary, Cleveland/Marysburg parishes, or St. Anne in Le Sueur due to the priests being out for retreats. We suggest using www.masstimes.org to find nearby Masses. In addition, please see options listed below.

Monday, August 2

Tuesday, August 3

5:00 - 9:00 pm Adoration

*No Confessions

Wednesday, August 4

9:00 am - 9:00 pm Adoration

Thursday, August 5

FIRST Friday, August 6

2:00 pm Wedding Westall/Duban

*No Confessions

Saturday, August 7

2:00 pm Wedding Rutt/Bradley

4:15 - 4:45 pm Confessions (St. Henry)

5:00 pm Mass (St. Henry) Bob Riebel†

Sunday, August 8

9:00 am Mass (St. Mary) Vincent Holicky† & Bruce Weber†

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

This Week in the Parish

Monday, August 2

Tuesday, August 3

Wednesday, August 4

10:00 am Women's Grief Group

Thursday, August 5

FIRST Friday, August 6

AM Communion Calls

6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, August 7

pm VBS Decorating

Sunday, August 8

5:30-7:30 pm VBS

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/>



If you ordered your Steubenville Fundraiser coffee from the parish office, feel free to stop in anytime to pick it up!

Readings for next Sunday, August 8, 2021

1 Kings 19:4-8 Ephesians 4:30—5:2
John 6:41-51

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In light of our present time with division, cancel culture, etc. it is easy to loose sight of the hope we have in Christ. It is hard to see that while things are bad now, people leaving the Church, faith in Christ is on the decline in so many peoples lives, with the idols sports, technology, etc. at the fore it can be quite daunting to face day to day. In the midst of darkness there is always hope in Christ. The mystery of the Cross is the dramatic transformation of evil into good, from death to life, from destruction to resurrection, from damnation to redemption.

Throughout the centuries we as the Christian Church have faced countless daunting realities. If we look at it from the beginning Jesus' disciples, all but one, abandoned him, the odds are always seemingly stacked against God and His Church. We are constantly fighting on what seems to be the loosing side. Yet the reality is that God uses this loosing to turn us towards him sometimes in a deeper way. Our weakness causes us to seek help, to seek a higher power, that we might be lifted out of our self sufficiency and pride. I have reflected on this reality in my own life as I struggled with depression early it gave me reason to seek God. We are being purified, shown that we need to become better Christians laying aside our pettiness and giving over our lives to Christ. In the book of Judges we see how the Israelites fall away from the Lord and he allows them to be oppressed. I can't help but see at least some parallel between our situation and Israel as they both go astray from the Lord and come back to him through his saving power.

Like Israel we need to turn all the more back to the Lord. Seeking holiness like our spiritual lives depended on it, because in reality they do. Everything we do shapes us into the people we will become. Every action good or evil brings us closer to God or further away, and forms us in virtue or vice. This goes for all vocations, married, priesthood, diaconate, and religious alike. In every age there has been difficulty, tragedy and even plagues, but those are the times when we find great hero's and Saints that God raises up. I think of the heroic St. Charles Borromeo who despite a plague in his own day he stayed and ministered to the people when almost every other church, city and state official left and abandoned ship. God raised up St. Francis of Assisi in very difficult times calling him from the San Domiano Cross, "Francis rebuild my Church". How did they do it? At the core was their commitment to prayer and love for Jesus and his Church. Prayer is the healing balm for our hearts. First to hear the call and then to find strength to answer the call. God is so powerful yet he loves to work in and through us. The only thing he lacks is people willing and open to his power. We cannot do it on our own we need God and we need each other. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!" (Phil 4:13)

In Christ,
Fr. Michael

Area Weekday Mass Times for August 2-6

Holy Redeemer, Montgomery

Tuesday - 8:30 AM (St. Patrick, Shieldsville)

Wednesday - 8:30 AM

Thursday - 8:30 AM

Friday - 8:30 AM

Our Lady of the Prairie, Belle Plaine

Tuesday – 6:30 PM

Wednesday – 8:30 AM

Thursday- 8:30 AM

Friday – 8:30 AM

St Wenceslaus, New Prague

Tuesday - 8:00 AM

Wednesday - 8:00 AM

Thursday - 8:00 AM

Friday - 8:00 AM

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The Catholic Spirit

We have free annual subscriptions to *The Catholic Spirit* available for parishioners. Each edition of the award-winning official newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis is packed with Catholic news coverage of our archdiocese, nation and world, as well as issue analysis and reflections on Catholic living from family life to public policy. Contact Gloria to subscribe through our parish office at 507-357-6633.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Saturday & Sunday, August 7-8, 2021 St. Wenceslaus Parish Festival

- 215 East Main Street, New Prague, Saturday, 5pm Polka Mass, Sunday, 8:30am & 10:30am Polka Masses. Festival 11:30am-4pm, bucket raffle, kids games, beer tent, live music, bingo, and more. New this year - food trucks: Ettlin's Field Kitchen, Blue Loon Concessions, Pizzeria 201, Froggy's Cotton Candy Bar, Smashed.

The LeSueur County Fair Board is seeking nominations from county residents for the 2021 Outstanding Senior Citizen Award. The award recognizes outstanding senior citizens (age 70 by June 1 or older) who have contributed their time and talent to benefit their community after reaching the age of 65.

They will be honored at the LeSueur County Fair on Sunday, August 22, 2021. Official nomination forms are available by contacting Jessie Filter (507-269-3069) or Leah Schloesser (507-340-2521). Forms are available at the county extension office in the Le Sueur County Courthouse.

Archbishop Hebda Needs Your Help

How can we as a Church better pass-on our beautiful Catholic faith whether in our homes or in the broader world? The Archdiocesan Synod kicks into high gear this fall and your input is needed to help Archbishop Hebda chart the course for this local Church. Join a small group to discuss and give feedback on priorities within each Synod focus area. **Stay tuned as we put together fall dates for our Synod small groups to take place here at Churches of St. Mary & St. Henry!** See more at archspm.org/synod.

What You Need to Know About Synod Small Groups This Fall

Be part of the Synod process that will shape our local Church. In small groups this fall, our parish will:

1. Pray for God's guidance on how we can more vigorously proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ!
1. Learn the Church's wisdom on the Synod focus area topics.
2. Discuss your perspective and ideas with other parishioners.
3. Respond with your feedback on Archdiocesan priorities to proclaim the Good News in our culture today.

Let's talk...

If you ever start a sentence with, "The Church needs to..." then this is for you! Plan to discuss and provide input this fall about the best ways for the local Catholic Church to form:

- Parishes that are in the service of evangelization;
- Missionary disciples who know Jesus's love and respond to his call; and
- Youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young.

Join a small group to discuss and give feedback on priorities within each Synod focus area. .

We offer our sincere gratitude and an abundance of good wishes to Bea Budin Grof on her retirement from the Rectory Housekeeping position she held for 16 years! Bea faithfully, cheerfully, and professionally performed her duties and the priests over the years have benefitted greatly from her efforts.

Thank you, Bea! May God bless you on a job well done in His service!

We welcome, Nancy Stauff into this position of Rectory Housekeeper and look forward to many years of working with her and having her as part of our team here at our Churches of St. Mary & St. Henry.

Are you new to the Churches of St. Mary & St. Henry?



www.stmarysthenry.org. **We welcome our recently registered parishioners and look forward to getting to know you better.**

We ask all our parishioners that if you see someone at Mass that you do not know, do take the time to greet them and introduce yourself to them. It may not seem like much, but simple acts such as sliding over in the pew at the beginning of Mass to let someone in, a welcoming smile, attentive & reverent prayer, are all powerful ways to evangelize. These acts say, "Come and worship our Lord, with us."

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



10 Talks on the 10 Wonders of Saint Joseph - Ready for your afternoon Cuppa Joe?

In celebration of the Year of Saint Joseph, who is patron of Year 2 of the Archdiocesan Synod, the Cuppa Joe series features 10 talks by 10 theologians on the 10 wonders of Saint Joseph, taking place at 10 locations in our archdiocese entrusted to the patronage of our spiritual father. These talks premiere the first Tuesday of the month, March – December, at 4 p.m. – just in time for your afternoon coffee. And as a Synod Updates subscriber, you'll receive these videos monthly, right in your inbox! To sign up and see a schedule of all talks, topics and speakers go to archspm.org/cuppajoe.

FAITH FORMATION

THANK YOU!



Thank you to all the parishioners who helped us out this week with **Totus Tuus**. Whether it was with food donations, checking in the students, helping prepare snack, joining us in daily Mass, assisting in the classrooms and beyond, housing the team and feeding the team. Over 100 students participated in the program learning about the sacraments and the sorrowful mysteries.

Totus Tuus

Thank you to all the people who made it possible for the youth of our parishes to attend the **Steubenville Conference**. Through the efforts of parents, chaperones, donations from parishioners, the parishes, and the prayers of our community we were able to take 17 youth and 7 chaperones to this incredible conference! They enjoyed a weekend of motivating speakers, inspirational music, and faith filled Masses and Adoration. It's truly an experience they will never forget!



SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

We need volunteers for VBS – If you attended Family Faith Formation in 2020-21 and will be in the 8th or 9th grade this fall you will need community service hours. This is a **GREAT** opportunity to get a jump start on them! If you are interested, please contact Angie at the Parish office, thank you!



VBS – Discovery on Adventure Island

Quest For God's Great Light! Discovery on Adventure Island invites children to arise and shine because the light of God's love has come and is shining on them. The children will be empowered by exploring ways God shines great light in the world and by learning how they can also shine God's light by reflecting what they've learned.

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

*Volunteers are needed to lead groups, transport children to stations, and to prepare snacks. Contact Angie if interested.

**All volunteers in contact with the children must be willing to meet the Essential Three: VIRTUS training, Background Check/Evaluation, and Code of Conduct through the Archdiocese. We are willing to provide these for both adults and youth volunteers.*

Registration and payments now available online @ www.stmarysthenry.org
Registration forms can also be found by the parish office.

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**



“But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise.” Psalm 79:13

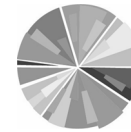
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ST. MARY-ST. HENRY PRO-LIFE TEAM

“Sexualizing children.” These are words from a former volunteer sex instructor for Planned Parenthood who now serves as a pro-life advocate. Monica Cline received training at Planned Parenthood, the nation’s largest abortion provider. “Planned Parenthood’s philosophy and their belief about our children is highly sexualized,” said Cline. “It’s about keeping parents out of the picture and ensuring that those children not only dehumanize themselves through the act of sex outside of marriage, but ultimately dehumanize the pre-born child through abortion.” Cline warned, “Comprehensive sexuality education is all about grooming children” and ultimately leading them to abortion. Abstinence is never addressed.

Monica Cline, founder of “It Takes a Family” (ittakesafamily.org), applauded a recent ruling in the Iowa Supreme Court denying Planned Parenthood access to public schools to teach federally funded sex education programs. A majority of judges concluded having abortion providers teach sex education could undermine goals of providing abstinence and reducing teen pregnancies.

Source: Catholic News Agency (CNA Newsletter) “Planned Parenthood-trained instructor: sex-ed programs sexualize children,” by Katie Yoder, Washington, D.C. Newsroom, Jul 10, 2021 / 09:00 am



The **Catholic Services Appeal Foundation** contributions go directly to 20 Designated Ministries. To learn more, go to www.csafspm.org.

We have a ways to go to reach our goal. If you haven't given yet, please prayerfully consider making a pledge using the envelopes found in the church entrances. You can also give directly at GiveCSAF.org using your phone, tablet, or computer. Thank you for your generosity! **Any amount is appreciated!**

Our parish goal & raised to date totals this year are:
St. Mary Goal \$15,322 St. Henry Goal \$2,768
Raised to date \$12,065 Raised to date \$2,395

OPEN POSITION:

We are currently looking for a faithful Catholic with the passion and skillset to help coordinate an engaging, k-12 faith formation program, forming disciples of Jesus Christ for generations to come.

- Position is part-time
- Flexible hours
- Wage depending upon experience

Full Job Description can be found at:
www.stmarysthenry.org/faith-formation

If interested, please, contact Fr. Stiles at fr.stiles@frontier.com.

Applications and/or résumé should be emailed to Fr. Stiles at fr.stiles@frontier.com.

ST. HENRY NEWS

Church Cleaning - Chrit Hoey & Cindy Widmer are scheduled to clean the church by August 8.

We have received donations of \$1250 toward our newly purchased piano. If you would like to contribute, please make your check out to Church of St. Henry and write “piano” on the memo line of your check or on your envelope. Your donation can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office. Thank you!



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

<i>July 24-25, 2021</i>	St. Mary	St. Henry
<i>Weekly Budget</i>	\$ 4230.00	\$ 825.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 5472.25	\$ 540.00
Vanco Online Giving	\$ 440.00	\$ 370.00
Plate	\$ 150.00	\$ 116.00
Total	\$ 6062.25	\$ 1026.00
<i>Diff. from budget</i>	+\$ 1832.25	+\$ 201.00
Weekly Building Fund	\$ 116.75	
Weekly Cemetery	\$ 430.00	

Please see the General Operating Budget (7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021) for the Churches of St. Mary & St. Henry inserted in this weekend’s bulletin.



Thank you for making our festival fundraiser a tremendous success with your prayers and donations! We asked you to make a monetary donation in hopes of raising the amount that we usually bring in each year (about \$30,000) **and you generously responded! To date we have collected \$32,820!** Our festival has always been a success due to our team effort. **And once again YOU have done it!!**

ST. MARY’S CCW NEWS & EVENTS

CCW \$10 Dues for 2021–2022 are due now

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 parish office. Please mark “CCW Dues” on the memo line of your check made out to St. Mary CCW. If you have already given, thank you for your support!

Please note: Contact Gloria in the parish office **by Monday, August 2** to let her know if you are **not available** to serve (Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors & Ushers) for any dates in the Sept-Oct schedule (gloriagw@frontier.com).

This schedule includes:

- Labor Day Weekend (September 4-5)

Note: Sunday, August 15, 2021 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity - Normally a separate Holy Day of Obligation, but since the Assumption falls on a Sunday this year, your regular Sunday Mass will fulfill the obligation.



August 7 - August 8: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Altar Server	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Ushers
Saturday, 5:00 PM (St. Henry)	Elizabeth Holicky	Dianne Traxler Earle Traxler		
Sunday, 9:00 AM (St. Mary)	Emme Beer Carter Hunt	Julie Deutsch	Randy Hunt Debra O'Connell	Daniel Lang Dennis Lang Peter Plut Donald Reak