

SACRAMENTAL LIFE



Please note daily Mass will not take place on Wednesday, August 11 at Church of St. Mary.

This also creates some changes in the Adoration program:

- On Wednesday, August 11, 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 adorer.



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

“Carry Christ everywhere in your hearts. Make your souls monstrances, and go into places where Our Lord has never been adored in the Host, where the monstrance has never been lifted up.”

Caryll Houselander
The Passion of the Infant Christ
(Chapter Ten – The Host Life)



Congratulations!

Bridget & Brandon Duban (Friday, August 6)
& Megan & Bradley Rose (Saturday, August 7)
on your Sacrament of Marriage which took place at Church of St. Mary.

May the outpouring of sacramental grace strengthen and deepen your love with each passing day.

Banns of Marriage

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.

Churches of St. Mary & St. Henry

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 8, 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



“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him...” John 6:44

Those who accepted Jesus' teaching and followed him did so because they had been given faith directly from God. It was not because they were better people. For some mysterious reason known only to God Himself, they received a special gift of faith.

Douglas Sousa

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

Mass/Adoration/Confession Schedule

Monday, August 9

Tuesday, August 10

5:00 pm Mass Joe & Edith Tambornino†† and Living & Deceased of George Welckle & Ralph Blaschko families

5:30 - 9:00 pm Adoration

6:00 - 6:30 pm Reconciliation

Wednesday, August 11

No Daily Mass (Please note change for this week)

9:00 am - 9:00 pm Adoration (Please note early start for this week)

Thursday, August 12

9:00 am Mass Jim & Bobbie Hruska†† and Larry & Gina Germscheid††

Friday, August 13

9:00 am Mass LeRoy & Tim Simonette†† and Gerald O'Meara†

6:00 - 6:30 pm Reconciliation

Saturday, August 14

2:00 pm Wedding Gruetzmacher/Valdmanis

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

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

Sunday, August 15 Assumption of the BVM

9:00 am Mass (St. Mary) Vernie Hrdlichka† & LeRoy & Tim Simonette††

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

This Week in the Parish

Monday, August 9

5:30-7:30 pm VBS

Tuesday, August 10

Communion Calls - Darcy

5:30-7:30 pm VBS

Wednesday, August 11

10:00 am Women's Grief Group

5:30-7:30 pm VBS

Thursday, August 12

Friday, August 13

12:00 pm Fatima Rosary (at Park)

5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, August 14

Sunday, August 15

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/>

Readings for next Sunday, August 15, 2021

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Luke 1:39-56

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Synod Small Group: The Focus of Discussion

It just a little over a month from now, our parish cluster will be hosting small group discussions as part of the Archdiocesan Synod process. The three major topics of these discussions are:

1. **Forming parishes that are at the service of evangelization.**
2. **Forming missionary disciples who know Jesus' love and respond to his call.**
3. **Forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young.**

Allow me to unpack a bit the meaning of these focus topics.

Forming parishes that are at the service of evangelization.

Evangelization is a word that simply means to share the Good News. The Good News of our faith is that Jesus Christ has forgiven us of our sins, saved us from eternal separation from God, and given us His Spirit to live in this world as God's holy people on pilgrimage to our heavenly homeland. Therefore, on this topic we'll discuss how our parishes are successfully conveying the Good News of Jesus Christ in all their operations and where we stand in need of growth. We might ask ourselves: "From the moment someone walks into the doors of our parish to the moment they leave, are they being led closer to discovering the person of Jesus Christ in and through His Church?"; "What personal attitudes and behaviors, institutional habits, aspects of the parish culture might need to change/improve to ensure that the answer to the preceding question is "yes"?"; "Is my parish a place that helps me so encounter Jesus Christ that I can't help but want to invite others, out of love, to my parish that they too may discover and fall in love with Jesus and His Church?" etc.

Forming missionary disciples who know Jesus' love and respond to his call.

To be a "missionary disciple" means to be a follower of Jesus who, moved by God's love, seeks to live out to the full Jesus' command to go "and make disciples of all nations..." (Mt 28:19). Throughout the Gospels, whenever Jesus called someone to follow Him, He would eventually send them out to bring the Good News to others, to help increase those numbered in the Family of God. We might ask ourselves, "How is Jesus calling me to invite others into relationship with Him?"; "How deeply do I know Jesus' love for me—does it compel me to want to share Him with others?"; "Where/When do I most encounter God's love and truth and how might I help others do the same, be it in my parish, in my family, in my neighborhood, at the workplace, among the poor, the sick, and the lonely...?";

Forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young.

That many of our youth and young adults of our day are not practicing their Catholic faith is a truth all too familiar to us. Jesus Christ is always attractive. He is the answer to the human soul's deepest questions and desires. On this topic, therefore, we might have discussion on questions like: "Why are our youth and young adults seemingly so detached from their faith and the Church?"; "What are they truly desiring?"; "What might I do, however small it may be, to contribute to attracting youth and young adults to rediscover the gift of Jesus Christ and His Church?"; "What can our parish do to help youth and young adults feel connected to their parish and the universal Church as well as have an uncompromising desire to forever help contribute to the fulfillment of the Church's mission?"; etc.

Friends, I've given you only a taste of the nature of these three focus areas of discussion which our parish small groups will take up. **I invite all parishioners high-school aged and above to participate in these small groups.** There is no capacity limit. I am confident that these small group discussions will not only bear fruit for our parishes but also for ourselves in our own spiritual journey with the Lord as part of His Church. Stay tuned on how you can join one of these small group discussions! God bless you!

With love,
Father Stiles

Get the Catholic Spirit for free!

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.

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1-4 PM Tuesdays & Thursdays
& 2-5 PM Wednesdays (NEW - note change)

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952-953-6330 www.holycrossbooks.com



COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Today, Sunday, August 8, 2021 St. Wenceslaus Parish

Festival - 215 East Main Street, New Prague, 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: Ettlins Field Kitchen, Blue Loon Concessions, Pizzeria 201, Froggy's Cotton Candy Bar, Smashed.

Sunday, August 15, 2021 Most Holy Trinity Church,

Veseli - (Between New Prague & Lonsdale, Hwy 19W off of 135) Polka Mass at 11am, Grilled Pork & Dumpling Dinner from 11am-sold out, continuous music from noon -6:15pm, games for all ages, country store, silent auction, home-baked goods including Czech favorites, food, refreshments (no carry-in beverages), and a raffle drawing at 6:30pm., shuttle service.

Thursday, August 19, 2021 Tri City Legion Baseball

Fundraiser/Dinner - American Legion Post 108, 97 S Park Ave, Le Center, MN from 6-8pm hosted by Pizzeria 201, Free Will Donation. Join us in celebrating the return of Legion Baseball to our Tri City Area! We will have several pizzas to choose from as well as chips, cookies, and pop! All money collected goes directly back to the baseball team!

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.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

A wonderful
Cuppa Joe

**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.

Rosary in the Park



Public Fatima Rosary will be held Friday, August 13, 2021 at 12 Noon in Le Center, at the Fairground park in the gazebo next to the swimming pool. If rainy weather, it will take place in the Community pavilion on the fairgrounds. This is held monthly on the 13th from May through October 2021. Come pray with us, either in person, in your car, or at home to ask our Lady of Fatima for protection for our families, our communities, our nation, and the world. We may include the Divine Mercy chaplet as part of our prayer this year, and as it is the year of St. Joseph, ask also for his intercession as well. For more information, call or email Sheila McCabe Swan: 507-317-1496, mccabeswan@gmail.com



If you do one thing this fall...

**Be part of the
Synod process
that will shape
our local Church,
with Synod small
groups!**

**Watch for the fall dates announcement
for small groups at St. Mary & St. Henry!**

Archbishop Hebda is asking you to join a Synod small group at your parish this fall! Synod small groups will meet weekly for six weeks to:

1. PRAY

Pray for God's guidance on how we can more vigorously proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ!



2. LEARN

Learn the Church's wisdom on the Synod focus area topics.



3. DISCUSS

Discuss your perspective and ideas with other parishioners.



4. RESPOND

Respond with your feedback on Archdiocesan priorities to proclaim the Good News in our culture today.

MORE AT: ARCHSPM.ORG/SYNOD

SYNOD 2021

PARISH CONSULTATION WITH SMALL GROUPS

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL & MINNEAPOLIS

FAITH FORMATION



From the Totus Tuus Team: Every Catholic has the responsibility to know and serve God. Totus Tuus is an excellent tool for the spiritual growth of Catholic youth. This past week has been an exciting opportunity to experience our faith for us teachers, the students and community. As a team, we've received tremendous hospitality and support from parishioners, for which we are eternally grateful. It's wonderful to see the Holy Spirit at work in each and every one of our lives! Thank you so much for this wonderful week; we hope to see you next summer. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue Jesus' ministry on earth.

Faith Formation Classes: We are working on finalizing dates for faith formation classes this fall. If you know you'd like to volunteer in any capacity this fall please reach out!

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 – Wednesday, August 11 **note date change 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**

"The lord is my strength and my shield, in whom my heart trusts." Psalm 28:7

Angie Neubauer
 Faith Formation Assistant & Safe Environment Coordinator
angieneubauer@frontier.com

ST. MARY-ST. HENRY PRO-LIFE TEAM

Will Roe v. Wade Be Overturned?

The Supreme Court announced in May they would take up the case posed by Mississippi Attorney General, Lynn Fitch, namely, "whether all pre-viability prohibitions on elective abortion are unconstitutional".

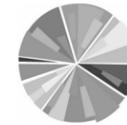
With the publication of the Mississippi legal brief last week it became clear that the case directly implicates Roe v. Wade - the landmark 1973 Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion - and Planned Parenthood v. Casey ruling that added legal heft to the so-called constitutional "right" to abortion.

"Roe and Casey are unprincipled decisions that have damaged the democratic process, poisoned our national discourse, plagued the law and in doing so, harmed the court," according to the brief.

The brief also states that "The conclusion that abortion is a constitutional right has no basis in text, structure, history or tradition ... Roe and Casey are egregiously wrong. They have proven hopelessly unworkable. They have inflicted profound damage. Decades of progress have overtaken them. And nothing but a full break from those cases can stem the harms they have caused."

The Supreme Court is slated to begin examining the case in the fall of 2021 with a final ruling likely to come in the summer of 2022.

Please join us in prayer that Roe v. Wade will be overturned!



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 \$12,165 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 - Laurie Schatz & Jennifer Rutt are scheduled to clean the church by August 15.

We have received donations of \$1856 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

July 31-August 1, 2021	St. Mary	St. Henry
Weekly Budget	\$ 4230.00	\$ 825.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 2793.54	\$ 875.00
Vanco Online Giving	\$ 205.00	\$ 120.00
Plate	\$ 163.00	\$ 128.00
Total	\$ 3161.54	\$ 1123.00
Diff. from budget	-\$ 1068.46	+\$ 298.00
Weekly Building Fund	\$ 1.40	
Weekly Cemetery	\$	

Please see the New Operating Budget (7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022) 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 \$33,130!** 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!



Pastoral Council Meeting
St. Mary/St. Henry
 Tuesday, August 17, 7:00 PM
 St. Mary Social Hall

St. Henry Pastoral Council Members

Nancy Stauff Nathan Traxler
 Mike Boettcher Sharon Riebel

St. Mary Pastoral Council Members

Jean Cemensky-Mohr Matt Wallskog Don Reak
 Hayley Hunt Sheila McCabe Swan Juan Zamora
 Deb O'Connell Madonna Russo
 Phil Campbell Jim Harmon

August 14 - August 15: The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Altar Server	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Ushers
Saturday, 5:00 PM (St. Henry)	Zach Holicky	Jim Selly		
Sunday, 9:00 AM (St. Mary)	Sophie Shouler Olivia Shouler	Shannon Holicky	Angela Christian Brent Christian	Daniel Lang Dennis Lang Donald Reak Timothy Widmer