

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE



*We welcome the newest member of the Church through the waters of Baptism:*

Jaxon Kenneth Wander, Jude O'Brien Hertaus, & Daniel Robert McMillen

### 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.

## It's time to start practicing the Christmas Play!

Practices will be mostly Sundays after the 9am Mass with added practices as we get closer to performance dates. Older students are needed for the larger acting parts. We will try to give everyone a speaking part.

Adults with imagination and creativity are needed to help build the stage scenes and others to go over parts with the little actors.

First and Second grade students can be part of the entire play and will make up the Nativity actors as the Christmas Story is told.

Practice CDs will be given out to work on songs at home.

The Play, "Red-Letter Christmas" will be presented on Sunday, Dec 5, 10:45 – 11:30 am in the Church. This Sunday is also the day of the parish Christmas Fair. The play will be live-streamed.

It will be presented again on Wednesday, Dec 15, 6:45-7:30 pm in the church for religion classes. Community members are invited to attend either or both presentations. Some of the songs from the play will also be sung at the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass. If you can and want to be in the play, but can't make it to the Christmas Eve Mass, that's okay.

Participating in telling the Christmas Story is a great way to learn it, too!

Please email me (mcmillen752@gmail.com) with best phone number to send text messages. Then I'll have 2 ways to communicate.

## Blessing and Prayer of Gratitude - Join Us!

Today! Sunday, October 17, 2021 at the St. Mary Calvary Cemetery in Le Center.

We will gather at the cemetery immediately following the 9:00 am St. Mary's Mass. Fr. Stiles will lead us in blessing the new Mary statue and in a prayer of gratitude for the gift of our beautiful resting place for our loved ones.



## SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

### Eucharistic Adoration

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



**The Wednesday 10am, 12pm, 1pm & 3 pm 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

*"In the Blessed Sacrament  
a heavenly school is open to you,  
with the best teacher  
one can possibly imagine,  
Jesus Christ Himself."*

Pope St John XXIII

### NEW PLAY ABOUT BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

runs October 1 through November 1. This latest 4-person drama by Jeremy Stanbary captures the extraordinary story of Blessed Frassati whose short life has inspired millions of people all around the world over the past century. Tickets are available at openwindowtheatre.org or over the phone at 612-615-1515. Come support your local, Catholic-inspired professional theatre this fall!

Open Window Theatre  
5300 S. Robert Trail, Inver Grove Heights, MN



## ST. HENRY NEWS

**Church Cleaning** - Ann Selly & Holly Germscheid are scheduled to clean the church by October 24.

### Annual St. Henry Church Country Fair

Saturday, October 23  
After the 5 pm Mass



Great Gift Certificate or Cash Raffle Items:  
\$50 Rademachers, \$50 Cash, \$50 O'Keefe Meats,  
\$50 Hardware Hank

Get your tickets from an altar society member or purchase right after Mass. Drawing about 6pm.

Homemade Pies & Baked Goods, Canned & Garden Items, plus limited Crafts for Sale.

We will also sell items at St. Mary after the 10am and 12:15pm Masses.

**\*\*FUN after the raffle:** We will have a sloppy joe cook-off, with s-mores, a campfire and apple cider. Please bring a lawn chair and join us!

# Churches of St. Mary & St. Henry

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## TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 17, 2021

### Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:00 PM (St. Henry)
Sunday	9:00 AM (St. Mary)
	12:15 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](mailto:fr.stiles@frontier.com)  
After Hours Emergencies: 507-456-8473

**Associate Pastor:** Fr. Michael Barsness (ext 307) [fr.barsness@frontier.com](mailto:fr.barsness@frontier.com)

**Trustees St. Mary:** Clarence Mager & Pete Plut

**Trustees St. Henry:** Dan Germscheid & Jim Selly

**Faith Formation & Safe Environment Coordinator:**  
Cris Young (phone ext 304) [crisayoung@frontier.com](mailto:crisayoung@frontier.com)

**Secretary/Receptionist:** Gloria Wolf (phone ext 301)  
[gloriagw@frontier.com](mailto:gloriagw@frontier.com)

**Accounting/Bookkeeping:** Tara Robinson (phone ext 302)  
[tarar@frontier.com](mailto:tarar@frontier.com)

**Maintenance:** Joe Holicky (phone ext 305)  
[jholicky1@frontier.com](mailto:jholicky1@frontier.com)

**Music Ministry:** Terri McMillen  
[mcmillen752@gmail.com](mailto: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, Weds, & Thurs 1-4pm

Jesus gave  
of himself  
in service  
to others.  
If we are to  
follow him,  
we must do  
the same.



## Mass/Adoration/Confession Schedule

**Monday, October 18**

**Tuesday, October 19**

5:00 pm Mass Bruce Traxler†

5:30 - 9:00 pm Adoration

6:00 - 6:30 pm Reconciliation

**Wednesday, October 20**

9:00 am Mass Bev Schloesser† & Agnes & Henry Macho††

9:30 am - 9:00 pm Adoration

**Thursday, October 21**

9:00 am Mass In reparation for the lack of thanksgiving for all our blessings

**Friday, October 22**

9:00 am Mass Bill & Virginia Emond††

6:00 - 6:30 pm Reconciliation

**Saturday, October 23**

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

**5:00 pm Mass** (St. Henry) Living & Deceased of Ruth & Roger Schoenecker family

**Sunday, October 24**

**9:00 am Mass** (St. Mary) Terry Krenik† and Jack McCourtney†

**12:15 pm Mass** - Spanish (St. Mary)

## This Week in the Parish

**Monday, October 18**

**Tuesday, October 19**

Communion Calls - Deb

1:00 pm Mission Sewing

5:00-9:00 pm Social Hall in use

7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting

**Wednesday, October 20**

10:00 am Women's Grief Group

MEA Break - No Faith Formation Classes

**Thursday, October 21**

**Friday, October 22**

**Saturday, October 23**

6:00 pm St. Henry Annual Country Fair

**Sunday, October 24**

Please check our website and Facebook for the latest news or feel free to call the parish office.

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

St. Mary's Church, Le Center

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



**St. Mary's Thrift Store**  
69 E Minnesota St.

Le Center 507-357-6942

**OPEN HOURS 10 AM - 4 PM**

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays**

## **Readings for next Sunday, October 24, 2021**

Jeremiah 31:7-9 Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark 10:46-52

## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

### **To Sing or Not to Sing...**

Most of us have had the experience of being deeply moved by a beautiful and meaningful song. For example, what immediately comes to my mind is the National Anthem. It's hard to sing our national anthem without being impacted by not only the beauty of the melody but of its great significance for us Americans.

We, in fact, frequently add music to important celebrations/events in our life to help add grandeur and a certain nobility and importance to the event at hand (think for example of birthday celebrations, attending a fancy restaurant with your soon to be fiancé, when we're sitting around the campfire with family and friends—often campfire songs start to organically come out of our mouths and a greater joy is brought forth into the experience, etc.). Yes, music plays many important roles in our life. Therefore, it makes great sense that sacred music has long been considered essential to our time of giving worship to God, the noblest act we engage in as human beings. Sacred music is distinct from all other music because its purpose is directed toward the worship of God. This is achieved both in its unique melodies and lyrics.

Here is some of what the document on the Divine Liturgy from the Second Vatican Council had to say about sacred music: "The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art. The main reason for this pre-eminence is that, as sacred song united to the words, it forms a necessary or integral part of the solemn liturgy" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, par 112). Here is another striking quote from the same document: "Holy Scripture, indeed, has bestowed praise upon sacred song." The document here references the following quote from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians, "...sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts" (Eph 5:19). Finally, the document states that "[r]eligious singing by the people is to be intelligently fostered so that in devotions and sacred exercises, as also during liturgical services, the voices of the faithful may ring out according to the norms and requirements of the rubrics" (par.118).

Clearly, sacred music is critically important whenever we gather for worship, particularly for Sunday (Saturday Vigil Mass, too) Masses since these are to be celebrated with great solemnity/importance. Moreover, sacred music is not something merely to be listened to at Mass but is a way in which the whole congregation can actively participate in the worship of God.

Let us reconsider the importance of the Holy Mass. The Holy Mass is our participation in the very worship of Jesus Christ given to God the Father. An occasion such as this deserves sacred music which will help lift our hearts and minds and insert us, as it were, more deeply into the reality in which we are participating. I encourage you to join in song at our Holy Masses, pay attention to the words you are singing, and allow yourself to more fully participate in this worship.

God bless you!

With paternal love,  
Fr. Stiles



## **Please pray for our Confirmation students!**

This year we have 24 students who are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation which will be held on April 9, 2022. We are reaching out to all parishioners to pray for these students. If this is something you would like to do, please sign-up on the sheet provided in the back of the Church of St. Mary.

Then, throughout the year, pray for these confirmandi! You may write letters or cards letting them know you are praying for them, share with them in writing a favorite prayer or bible verse, etc. These can be dropped off at the parish office or mailed to the Churches of St. Mary & St. Henry, 165 N Waterville Ave, Le Center, MN 56057.

Any questions please feel free to reach out to Sarah Denn at [sdenn@blc.edu](mailto:sdenn@blc.edu).

## **FAITH FORMATION**

### **Dates to Remember:**

October 20 – NO CLASSES (MEA)

October 27 – 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation Classes, & Confirmation II Sponsor Night, & Confirmation I & II Parent Meeting (Confirmation I & II students, sponsors, and parents meet in the church for opening prayer and directions)

November 3 – 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation Classes - All grades & Kindergarten, KC Posters go home

November 10 – No regular FF classes - NET Retreat - Confirmation I & II students only 3:30-9pm

Parents, if you missed our opening night, calendars may be picked up at the church office.

Confirmation I and II students, don't forget to log your service hours. If you do not have a form to document your hours yet, please let your catechist or Cris Young know. Also, Mass notes are available at the entrances of the church.

The Synod is on! CONFIRMATION STUDENTS can receive volunteer service hours for attending! Please see the parish website for dates and times! Your input is valuable for our faith community!

# FORMED.org

**Formed.org** is available online and as an app. Check out this wonderful resource for family faith formation! Use our parish code [3675db](#).

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**



*"Ascribe to the Lord, O families of peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!" Psalm 96:7*

God bless,  
Cris Young  
Faith Formation Coordinator  
[crisayoung@frontier.com](mailto:crisayoung@frontier.com)

## **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.

### **Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities Retreat**

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child or children to abortion, come and experience the compassionate mercy of Jesus Christ on our confidential weekend retreat. Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreats are open to anyone impacted by abortion—women, men, grandparents, siblings, and health care professionals. The next retreat is November 5-7, 2021 in the Twin Cities area. For more information contact Nancy at [rachels@rvineyardmn.org](mailto:rachels@rvineyardmn.org), call 763-250-9313 or see [www.rvineyardmn.org](http://www.rvineyardmn.org).



**St. Mary  
Social Hall**  
6:30-8:30 pm  
each evening

*If you do one thing this fall...*

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

**Just two dates left!**

**Tuesday, October 26  
Tuesday, November 2**

*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 2022**

PARISH CONSULTATION WITH SMALL GROUPS

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL & MINNEAPOLIS

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

In 1977 Melissa Ohden survived a botched abortion at St. Luke's Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa. Melissa was the featured speaker at the "Options for Women" banquet/fundraiser held in Mankato on Sunday evening at the 'Kato Ballroom. Three of us from the St. Mary/St. Henry Pro-Life Team were among the nearly 500 in attendance who heard firsthand the incredible story of a 44 year-old woman who survived a failed saline infusion abortion at approximately seven months gestation. Hers was a story of the nurses who saved her life, the love and care she received from her adoptive parents and, after many years, the amazing connection she made with her birth parents. With the help of Our LORD, Melissa has forgiven all who were involved with the abortion attempt. Wishing to help others in a similar situation, Melissa is the Founder and Director of "The Abortion Survivors Network", an advocacy and healing organization for abortion survivors.

*Support*  
*Options for Women* | MANKATO Currently our pro-life team is sponsoring a drive to collect new baby items during this month of October, Respect Life Month. These items will be donated to "Options for Women", Mankato. This non-profit organization exists to help both women and men in the surrounding area with the assistance, guidance and education they need when facing an unplanned pregnancy. Know that your donations will give hope and non-judgmental help to mothers, fathers and babies who are in need. A list is located at both W and S entrances of the church. If you'd rather make a monetary donation, one of the pro-life members will shop for you. Place your donation in an envelope marked "Options for Women" and drop in the weekend collection or at the parish office throughout the month of October. Please make your check out to St. Mary Pro-Life Team and write "Options for Women" in the memo line.

**Next Pro-Life Meeting will be Thursday, October 21,  
12:30pm at the home of Margaret Traxler**

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

<i>October 9-10, 2021</i>	<b>St. Mary</b>	<b>St. Henry</b>
<i>Weekly Budget</i>	\$ 4425.00	\$ 825.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 5089.23	\$ 960.00
Vanco Online Giving	\$ 760.00	\$ 170.00
Plate	\$ 106.00	\$ 63.25
Total	\$ 5955.23	\$ 1193.25
<i>Diff. from budget</i>	+\$ 1530.23	+\$ 368.25
Weekly Building Fund	\$ 60.00	
Weekly Cemetery Project	\$	

We appreciate your continued monetary support and prayers for our building. Maintenance is ongoing with any building, so we anticipate that repairs and replacements will be needed in the future. If you would like to give to the building fund, you can mark on your check memo line or on the envelope that your donation is for the building.



### Pastoral Council Meeting St. Mary/St. Henry

Tuesday, October 19, 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

**WORLD  
MISSION  
SUNDAY**  
**24<sup>th</sup> October  
2021**

**"Witness of Life"** - Pope Francis invites us to celebrate World Mission Sunday with the entire Church on the weekend of October 23/24. The theme of the weekend is "Witness of Life" as we recognize all those who "Cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard (Acts 4:20)" which "is a summons to each of us to 'own' and to bring to others what we bear in our hearts." (World Mission Message, Pope Francis). This year, as an example of this theme, we highlight the passionate calling of Sister Rose Hang Vu from our archdiocese and her ministries in South and North Vietnam. The World Mission Sunday Collection supports the many activities of the Mission Church in over 1,100 struggling areas throughout the world, like Vietnam. Please support these mission dioceses by offering prayers and financial gifts during

World Mission Sunday. **You can contribute to this appeal at your parish (use envelope provided in this weekend's bulletin and place in next weekend's collection basket or drop off at the parish office), or at <https://centerformission.org/contribute-donation-form/>.** Questions? Contact Eric Simon, 651.291.4446.

<b>October 23 - October 24: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Altar Server</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b> (St. Henry)	Brendan Gernscheid	Steve Widmer		
<b>Sunday, 9:00 AM</b> (St. Mary)	Parker O'Malley Sophie Shouler	Constance Meyer	Daniel Meyer Jennifer Weiers	Donald Hayden James O'Connell Jeremy Weiers Timothy Widmer