Lent Materials Available in Church Entrances

FOR LENT FOR LIFE

Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your

family's CRS Rice Bowl in our church entrances. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

THE WORD AMONG US AND FIVE MINUTES WITH THE WORD - LENT ISSUES

Each issue of this magazine includes daily among us®
The Spirit of Catholic Living meditations based on the Mass readings, full Mass readings and prayers from the Liturgy,

articles, and practical advice on living the Christian life. Looking for the daily meditations without the Mass readings and articles? Then the simpler version, Five Minutes With The Word is the one you want.

DEVOTIONALS AND PRAYER BOOKS

Specific to the Lenten season for individuals, families, teens, and children. Take them home, and strive to use them each day throughout Lent. These books can be found in the church entrances. Feel free to browse through the selection offered.

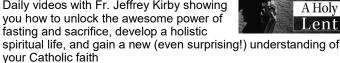
This weekend we have an assortment of prayer/reflection Lent booklets in our church entrances for parishioners to take home and use during Lent. However, if you find it more convenient to have them pop up in your email each morning to access with your phone or computer, sign up for an online resource today - don't wait! The key to a meaningful Lent is to plan for it! See below for a few suggestions, some free, some to purchase. Or do some searching on your own to find an online resource that will help vou grow in faith this Lent.

www.goodcatholic.com/product/a-holy-lent

The series A Holy Lent is your personal Lenten retreat. It navigates the forty days of Lent and helps you receive all of its graces.

Starting Ash Wednesday, you'll receive:

• Daily videos with Fr. Jeffrey Kirby showing you how to unlock the awesome power of fasting and sacrifice, develop a holistic



- Daily articles that dig deep into the treasures, graces, and traditions of Lent
- Daily email reminders delivered straight to your inbox to help you stay the course



www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent FREE BEST **LENT** EVER Join Matthew Kelly for BEST LENT EVER 2.0 this year and you'll receive a short, inspiring

video in your inbox every morning of Lent to help you encounter a new challenge from Jesus. Each day, you'll be encouraged to rethink Jesus' wisdom and apply it directly to your life.

www.FORMED.org.

Click on "Sign Up", then click FORMED" on "Sign up as a parishioner",

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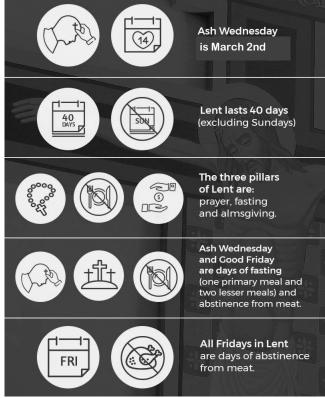
then type in "Churches of St Mary & St. Henry" in the "Find your parish or organization", set up a username and password. (Our parish code is 3675db) It's that easy! Search *Lent* for many programs

https://ascensionpress.com/collections/activated-disciple

The Activated Disciple 40-Day Challenge by Jeff Cavins will help you become more like Christ as you cultivate the eight characteristics that are the most important in the life of a disciple.

LENT IS COMING

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



The Church teaches that Catholics in good health are to observe the following practices during Lent unless for some serious reason they are unable to do so:

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal and two smaller meals that do not equal the main meal. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat.

During Lent we encourage you to take advantage of any and all of the following offerings:

Extended times for Individual Confessions:

Tuesdays & Fridays, 5:45-6:45 PM at St. Mary Saturdays 4:00-4:45 PM at St. Henry

Lenten Penance Service:

Sunday, March 27, 6:30 PM at St. Mary Sunday, April 3, 6:30 PM at Immaculate Conception, Marysburg

Stations of the Cross at St. Mary

Fridays during Lent at 7:00 PM



Holy Hours Offered During Lent

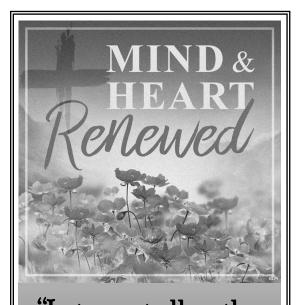
Church of St. Mary - Le Center 10:00-11:30 am Saturdays, March 5, March 19, March 26, & April 2

Fr. Michael will offer a short teaching on prayer followed by time in adoration and prayer.

Churches of St. Mary & St. Henry

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www.stmarysthenry.org



"Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and selfabsorption, and turn to Jesus. By concretely welcoming Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all creation.

Pope Francis 2019 Message for Lent

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 27, 2022

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 5:00 PM Tuesday Weds, Thurs, & Friday 9:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation Confessions are available Tuesdays & Fridays, 6:00-6:30pm (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. (Closed during a Funeral Mass)

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Office Hours - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Friday

Bulletin Deadline - articles 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 10am-4pm

Mass/Adoration/Confession Schedule

Monday, February 28

Tuesday, March 1

5:00 pm Mass Ralph & Kathryn Hoey††

5:30 – 9:00 pm Adoration

6:00 - 6:30 pm Reconciliation

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 2

9:00 am Mass For the Parish

9:30 am - *6:00 pm Adoration (please note early Adoration closing for this week)

6:30 pm Mass For the Parish

Thursday, March 3

9:00 am Mass Donna & Edward Dudley††

FIRST FRIDAY, March 4

9:00 am Mass Living & Deceased of Don & Eileen Lee family

5:45 - 6:45 pm Reconciliation

Saturday, March 5

4:00-4:45 pm Reconciliation (St. Henry)

5:00 pm Mass (St. Henry) Connie Selly†

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, March 6

9:00 am Mass (St. Mary) Tommy Boettcher† and Living & Deceased of Charles L. Traxler family 12:15 pm Mass -Spanish (St Mary) For the Parish

This Week in the Parish

Monday, February 28

12:00 pm Patriotic Rosary (St. Mary in the church) 7:00 pm Doctors of the Church Seminar

Tuesday, March 1

1:00 pm Mission Sewing pm church decorating for Lent

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 2

10:00 am Women's Grief Group

No Faith Formation Classes - All kids to attend Mass with their family

Thursday, March 3

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

FIRST FRIDAY, March 4

AM Communion Calls 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 5

10:00-11:30 am Lenten Holy Hour (St. Mary in the church)

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, March 6

9:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word 6:00-8:00 pm Leap Into Lent Youth Event

Readings for next Sunday, March 6, 2022

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER STILES

Attention All Men!

Lent is fast upon us (starts on March 2nd). I invite any man who is interested in having a challenging but spiritually fruitful Lent season to join Fr. Michael and me in Exodus 40!

What is it?

This is a spiritual "program" specifically designed for men which taps into the powerful practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The best part is that we will do this together. Here is a glimpse of what we will do:

- 1. Asceticism (exercising self-discipline)—These will be practiced daily except on Sundays.
 - a. Take cold showers
 - No unnecessary use of mobile devices (entertainment, surfing the web...)
 - No eating between meals
 - No watching T.V., movies, and televised sports alone.
 - No video games
 - No sweets and desserts
 - No alcohol
 - Fast on Wednesdays and Fridays Also, no meat on Wednesdays and Fridays
 - Do regular exercise
 - Get a full night's rest (around at least 7 hours)

2. Prayer

- a. Read a specified passage from the bible and a short reflection.
- b. Pray at least 30 minutes every day
- c. Pray a nightly examen (will be taught)

3. Fraternity

a. Meet weekly at 5 am for one hour for brotherly support, accountability, fun, and prayer (Watch bulletin for more info on location)

Why do this?

The Church and the world need strong men. Jesus is calling us to be leaders in the faith and in all aspects of society. If we are not disciplined men who are dedicated to serving the Lord and others, we simply can't fulfill our mission. Moreover, as men, we must learn to fight together. We are wired for this.

If you are interested in joining this rigorous and spiritually fruitful adventure, please email me at fr.stiles@frontier.com, and I will get to you more information. Looking forward to hearing from you. God bless vou!

With fatherly and brotherly love, Fr. Stiles

Journey to Easter with Exodus Lent

40 days to grow closer to God



SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

All are invited, especially those concerned about our nation, to participate in praying the Patriotic Rosary the last Monday of each month: February 28 March 28 April 25 12 noon at St. Mary, Le Center (Patriotic booklets will be available.)

During the months of May - October, we will join the public Fatima rosary group at the fairground park in the gazebo next the swimming pool on the 13th day of the month.

Pray with us in person or pray at home as we seek Mary's motherly protection and mercy to heal the wounds of discord and disunity in our nation. In this spiritual battle we must pray that our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness be upheld.

Adult Faith Formation Night! Church of St. Mary, Le Center Wednesday, March 16 6:30-7:30 pm in the church

One of our priests will be presenting the 3 Theological Virtues—Faith, Hope, & Love (Charity). If you know nothing or everything, join us! All are welcome to come and learn!

PASTORAL CARE EVENTS

Le Center Blood Drive

Thursday, March 10, 2022 12PM - 6PM American Legion, 97 S Park Ave, Le Center, MN Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit Blood RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Le Center to Drive schedule an appointment.

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.

MEALS ON WHEELS IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS 2 weeks are open: April 11-15 June 13-17

If you are able to serve or have questions about what is involved in volunteering for Meals On Wheels, please contact Tara at the Church of St. Marv. Le Center. Parish Office.

2022 MN FoodShare Campaign - February 28 to April 10 In 2021 the Le Center Food Shelf served a total of 946 individuals from 293 families, distributing a total of 34,242 pounds of food. The Le Center Food Shelf is currently open the first Monday of each month from 1-3 pm and every Wednesday evening from 6-7:30 pm. Monetary donations can be mailed to the Le Center Food Shelf, P.O. Box 16, Le Center, MN 56057 or dropped off at either Le Center bank. Food donations can be dropped off at the food shelf during open hours. Thank you for helping us to serve those in need.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE



We welcome the newest member of the Church through the waters of Baptism: Henry Phillip Heitner

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.

Please Note: A requirement for Baptism is a copy of the child's birth certificate.

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.

March 2, 2022 Ash Wednesday



Mass Schedule:

9:00 AM Mass (St. Mary) 6:30 PM Mass (St. Maru)

Please note: Adoration will close at 6:00 pm on Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM Mass (Immaculate Conception - Marysburg) 6:30 PM Mass (Nativity ~ Cleveland)

St. Mary-St. Henry Pro-Life Team

Lenten Pro-life Prayer

Father of all mercy, we thank you for this season of grace and light. We know that sin has blinded us. *Draw us ever closer to you,* in prayer and penance.

Since you, O God, are light itself, give all your people a clearer understanding of what is sin and what is virtue.

Grant that we may see the profound dignity of every human life including the vulnerable unborn children.

Give us the grace to defend our brothers and sisters in the womb by our prayers, our words and our self-sacrificing actions.

We pray through Christ, Our Lord, Amen. Fr. Frank Pavone, priestsforlife.org



There is an opening on the St. Mary's Cemetery Board. The Board meets quarterly to develop and implement policies and procedures and to oversee the operation and maintenance of the parish cemetery. If this is something that would interest you, and you would like to know more about what it entails, please contact Bill Collins at 507-357-4996. Or you may inquire at the

parish office about this important ministry.

"Catholic cemeteries are sacred places with blessed ground. They are places of prayer and deep respect for the deceased. Statues. memorials and chapels distinguish Catholic cemeteries, and they also remind us of our faith in the final resurrection of our bodies, promised and made possible by Christ's life, death and resurrection." - USCCB

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL EVENTS

TODAY, Sunday, February 27, 2022 FFA Breakfast - 4th Annual TCU Area Alumni FFA Week Breakfast from 7:30-11:30 am at Montgomery Legion Club. Serving: pancakes, eggs with ham, sausage, hash brown patties, toast, milk, coffee, and juice. Take out available. Adults \$10, Ages 6-12 \$5, Kids 5 and under free.

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022 All You Can Eat Fish Fry -Le Center Sportsman Club (by the fairgrounds), 11 am - 2 pm & 4 - 7 pm, \$15 eat in or take out available 507-420-5389.



Friday Fish Fry American Legion - Le Center, MN 507-357-4787

Fish Basket Lunch 11AM-1PM \$9 (Free Delivery in town for lunch only) Fish Dinner 5PM-7PM (or until gone) \$15 Adults, \$7 Children under 12.

Dates: March 4, March 11 (lunch only), March 18 (lunch only), March 25, April 1, April 8, April 15 (lunch only) No dinner meals on: March 11, March 18, & April 15 Take out available for Lunch and Dinner!



ST. MARY'S CCW NEWS & EVENTS

CCW Lenten Retreat Divine Mercy CCW invites you to join them in a Morning of Reflection on Saturday, March 5, at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, 139 Mercy Drive, Faribault. This will be a great start to your Lenten journey. The morning will begin at 8:30 am with Mass, followed by a light breakfast and speaker Nancy Jo Sullivan . She will speak on "When Everything Changes: Following the Footsteps of Mary". She will explore how the life of Mary with her many changes and challenges connects to many life experiences we face as women and mothers. Cost is \$10. Registration required by calling: 507-331-7253 by February 25.

St. Henry News

Church Cleaning - Kim Brockway, Shelly Frederickson, and Julie Brockway are scheduled to clean the church by March 6.

FAITH FORMATION

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be each Sunday during the 9 AM Mass for any child ages 3 - Kindergarten. Confirmation students are encouraged to sign up to help out. See Cris Young for more details.

Altar Server Training Wednesday, March 16, from 5:15-6:30 pm for new or returning Altar Servers. Contact Fr. Michael or sign-up at https://forms.gle/k73UDQw6ELrViKeK6

Steubenville Rochester Youth Conference



All current 8th - 12th grade students are invited to participate in this July 15-17, 2022 weekend conference packed with great speakers, small group discussions, Mass, Reconciliation, and Adoration. Register

online today! https://forms.gle/EkgbzJ2xkiC3YCxw8

SAVE THE DATE: Totus Tuus will be June 12th -17th for grades 1-12. More information to come!

Dates to Remember

- March 2 Ash Wednesday—All students attend Mass with families 9 am or 6:30 pm
- March 9 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation all classes & Kindergarten
- March 16 5:15-6:30 pm Altar Server Training 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation all classes
- March 23 6:30-7:30 pm Family Faith Formation (grades1-5 - in the church) 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation (grades 6-9 - in the classrooms)
- March 30 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation all classes



Please download the Remind App for quick and easy Faith Formation updates and information. Our class code is 7q962b

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

"This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19

Cris Young crisayoung@frontier.com Faith Formation Coordinator/Safe Environment Coordinator

Leap INTO Lent Youth Event!

Sunday, March 6, 2022, at St. Mary's Social Hall from 6-8PM. Calling all high school age kids to join the priests for an evening of faith, food, friends, and fun! Mark your calendar!

Are you curious about religious life?

Women ages 18-45 are invited to learn more about the School Sisters of Notre Dame through a casual, online "Joyful and Alive Conversation" Wednesday, March 9 at 8pm ET / 7pm CT. Experience God's blessings of being "joyful and alive!" Register by March 7 at ssnd.org/events/3-9-22.



St. Mary's Thrift Store 69 E Minnesota St., Le Center 507-357-6942

OPEN HOURS 10 AM - 4 PM Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays

Come join us for our half price sale on clothing of all sizes starting March 8th through March 24th. Thank you for the recent clean donations of clothing & shoes of all sizes, household goods, home decorations, and bedding. Please keep the donations coming! Donations can be dropped off during business hours, Tuesday-Thursday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. We also can accept donations on our Sorting Monday, 8:30 am to 10:30 am.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP								
Last Week's Offertory	S	St. Mary	St	. Henry				
Weekly Budget	\$	4425.00	\$	825.00				
Weekly Offering Vanco Online Giving Plate	\$ \$ \$	2596.57 705.00 247.00	\$ \$ \$	519.00 154.13 117.00				
Total	\$	3548.57	\$	790.13				
Diff. from budget	-\$	876.43	-\$	34.87				
Weekly Building Fund	\$	93.09						

Thank you for your continued generosity!

The Catholic Services Appeal Foundation contributions go directly to 20 Designated Ministries. To learn more, go to www.csafspm.org. In addition, you can find a short & informative video on the Churches of St. Mary & St. Henry webpage: www.stmarysthenry.org or at www.csafspm.org.

Those who have contributed to the Appeal in the past should have already received a mailing from CSAF. Please prayerfully consider pledging. Please send in your pledge using the preaddressed envelope and payment voucher provided with the mailing or bring your completed pledge to Mass and drop it in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity!

For those who have not received a CSAF mailing, we are providing an informational flyer and envelope in the church entrances. When using the envelopes provided by the church, be sure to use an envelope marked for St. Mary or St. Henry according to which parish goal you want your contribution to go toward. You can also give directly at GiveCSAF.org using your phone, tablet, or computer.

Together in Hope



The Catholic Services Appeal Foundation is an independent foundation partnering with fellow Catholics to share Christ's love with neighbors in need through ministries that serve the poor, support life and strengthen the Faith.





Our parish goal this year is: St. Mary \$14,932 St. Henry \$2,415

Wednesday, March 2: Ash Wednesday Mass	Altar Server	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Ushers
Wednesday, 9:00 AM (St. Mary)		Madonna Russo	Ruth Germscheid Marlaine Smisek	Donald Hayden Volunteer Needed
Wednesday, 6:30 PM (St. Mary)	Camryn Holicky Olivia Shouler	Sarah Denn	Beatrice Grof Beverly Steffen Kathy Traxler Jeff Traxler	Philip Campbell Peter Plut Norman Schmidt Timothy Widmer

March 5 - March 6: First Sunday of Lent	Altar Server	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Ushers
Saturday, 5:00 PM (St. Henry)	Zach Holicky	Mike Wilmes		
Sunday, 9:00 AM (St. Mary)	Dylan Hunt Tristan Hunt	Constance Meyer	Corey Block Daniel Meyer	Paul Factor James O'Connell Brendan O'Keefe Brad O'Keefe