**St. Mary’s Thrift Store Hours**

- **Tuesday, October 29th**
  - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
  - Saturday: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**St. Mary’s Thrift Store** #507-357-6942

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**PASTORAL CARE EVENTS**

- **Grief, Hope, & Healing**
  - Wednesdays 10AM-11AM
  - Church of St. Mary, Le Center in the 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, contact Marlene Hunt, 507-381-1177.

- **St John the Baptist Catholic Church, John Paul II Meeting Room**
  - 2nd Floor, 632 S. Broad St., Mankato
  - For more information, please call 507-385-2989 or 1-800-327-3721, ext. 2989 (toll free).

Rachel’s Vineyard Twin Cities’ Retreat

**November 1-3, 2019**

Buffalo, MN

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our weekend retreat. For more information contact Nancy rachels@vineyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313, or see www.vineyardmn.org.

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**St. Mary’s CCW EVENTS**

- **Thursday, October 24th** – 5:30 PM - Southwest Deanery Mission Event – Our Lady of the Prairie – Belle Plaine. We will carpool to the event and leave from St. Mary’s Parking Lot at 5:00 PM. Admission to the Mission Event will be a pair of walking shoes. Shoeboxes for Appalachia will also be collected at the Mission Event. Each box should include something warm, useful, fun and something for hygiene (See insert in this bulletin). Please label boxes with gender and age. Each parish is asked to donate 3-4 items or baskets for the raffle at the Mission Event. If you have put together a basket or have items that you would like to donate to be included in the raffle items from our parish, please drop them off at the parish office. CCW Board Members will put the items together in a basket.

- **Thursday, October 24th** – 5:45 PM – CCW Board Meeting in the library.

- **Saturday, November 2** – CCW Memorial Mass, Church of St. Mary at 4:30 PM with a light meal to follow the Mass.

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**St. Henry News**

**Church Closing**: Mary Lynn Gemelin-Sycks & Shelly Gemelin are scheduled to clean the church by October 20, 2019.

**Annual St. Henry Church Country Fair** - **Sunday, October 27, 2019**

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

After the 8AM Mass (also at St. Mary’s) - Halfway outside social hall after 10 AM & Noon Masses) Great Raffle Items:

- $50 Radenmacher Gift Cert.
- $50 Cash
- $50 O’Keefe Meats Gift Cert.
- $50 Hardware Hank Gift Cert.

Get your raffle tickets from an Altar Society member or purchase right after Mass.

Drawing will take place at about 9:15AM. Eat In: Rolls & Coffee available for purchase
Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, October 14
9:00 AM Opening of Adoration
5:00 PM Mass Living & Deceased of Harry Christian

Wednesday, October 16
9:00 AM Mass Lucy Helfer

Thursday, October 17
8:55 AM Closing of Adoration
9:00 AM Mass Living & Deceased of LeRoy Simoneft family

Friday, October 18
9:00 AM Mass Mary & Richard Krenk†
11:00 AM Mass at Central Health Care

Saturday, October 19
3:45 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Mass Sandra Goettl†

Sunday, October 20
7:30 AM Confessions (St. Henry)
8:00 AM Mass (St. Henry) Loren Riebel†
10:00 AM Mass Jack McCourtney
12:00 PM Mass (in Spanish) For the Parish

This Week in the Parish

Monday, October 14
Tuesday, October 15
Communion Calls - Sue
1:00 PM Mission Sewing
6:30 PM St. Mary Pastoral Council Meeting
7:00 PM Joint Pastoral Council Meeting
8:00 PM St. Henry Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 16
8:00 AM Worker’s and Grief Support Group
No Faith Formation Classes (MEA)

Thursday, October 17
Friday, October 18
Communion Calls - Horizon Place
1:00 PM Quinncalera

Saturday, October 19
Sunday, October 20
Children’s Liturgy of the Word

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

The Rosary

This past Monday, October 7th was the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary which is celebrated on the anniversary of the Battle of Lepanto fought in 1571. This significant naval battle stopped the expansion of the Ottoman Empire which was on its way to conquering the Christian nations of Europe. Though outnumbered, the allied Christian forces arranged by Pope Pius V defeated the Ottomans in the battle losing only 13 of their 212 ships. The Christian forces attributed the victory to the rosary which Pius V had urged all of the faithful to pray in anticipation of this battle.

Today, much like in 1571, the Church, the mystical Body of Christ, is being threatened by enemies both inside and out. While Jesus’ promise to Peter assures us that the Church will never be conquered by the forces of evil (see Mt 16:8), there is still always real danger of many Christians making “shipwreck of their faith” (1 Tim 1:19). And so, just as with Lepanto, the rosary is one of the most powerful means we have to prevent this from happening. Pope Leo XIII even called the rosary, “a most powerful salutary weapon” as his first of twelve encyclicals on the rosary (Supremi Apostolatus Officio 3).

Pope Leo XIII summarizes the rosary as an “admirable garland woven from the Angelic Salutation, together with the Lord’s Prayer, joined to meditation” (Dulturni Temporis 3). I think these three things are a good summary of what makes the rosary such a good prayer. The words “Angelic Salutation” here refer to the first part of the Hail Mary prayer in which we recite the same words that the Archangel Gabriel used to greet Mary: “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.” And so, Pope Leo first reminds us that when we pray the Hail Marys of the rosary, we are approaching the Blessed Mother with the same respect and honor as the archangel. Pope Leo secondly reminds us that the rosary also includes the Lord’s Prayer at interspersed intervals. Since this is the prayer that Jesus himself taught us, the excellence of this aspect of the rosary needs no defense. And thirdly, Pope Leo describes the prayers of the rosary as “joined to meditation.” This is perhaps the part of the rosary most misunderstood. Many 3’s or 15’s have criticized the rosary as an instance of “babbling like the pagans” (see Mt 6:7). However, what these critics don’t realize is that while the Hail Marys are being recited, the goal is that we are meditating on the mysteries of the rosary. In other words, each set of Hail Marys in the rosary is supposed to be like background music while our minds are focused on the events of the life of Jesus or Mary. For example, the first Sorrows Mystery is the Agony in the Garden, where we might reflect on the love of Jesus who was willing to suffer even to the point of sweating blood for our redemption.

If you aren’t familiar with praying the rosary (so long as you are a little tech savvy), you can find an abundance of resources on the internet. I encourage you to take up this powerful weapon!

Reecy update

Fr. Stiles and I went on an expedition into the attic to get some more infant diapers for the situation. We found some bat droppings and one dead dried-up bat (who knows how old), but not one sign of a living bat. It appears that they’ve moved out for the winter.

God Bless,
Fr. Sandquist

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Sunday, October 13, 2019 Harvest Festival Church of St. Peter, 1801 West Broadway, St. Peter, MN. Mass at 10AM. Festival from 11AM-1PM, serving smoked chicken/pulled pork sandwiches, beans, coleslaw, chips, & hotdog baskets. Chances to win a prize for trivia, silent auction, bake sale, beer garden and more.

Thursday, October 17, 2019 Village 55 - at 2PM at Horizon Place, Le Center. At Batt of Hartland, MN will be our speaker, a former abortionist who has a unique story to tell, and a former story teller, and humorist. Please bring a snack, sweet, or health to share at the event.

Wednesday, October 23, 2019 Salad Luncheon Church of St. Peter, 1801 West Broadway, St. Peter, MN. Serving from 11AM-1PM. Adults $8, Ages 5-12 $5. Carry outs available.

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 Life Line Screening A leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be at Church of St. Mary. Available will be ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for cardiovascular disease, EKG heart rhythm screening, and an Osteoporosis Risk Assessment for men and women. Register online today at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle

Eucharistic Adoration Tuesday 9AM-Thursaday 9AM in the Cry Room
If you are interested in signing up for a regular weekly hour of Adoration or have any questions, contact Gloria 507-317-2839 or Joyce 357-4410.

Spiriitual Enrichment and Education Opportunities

Monthly Rosary Rally

The October Monthly Rosary took place on October 12 at 3PM as part of the rosary procession in Le Center with the Pilgrim Virgin Fatima statue at Church of St. Mary. This will be the last monthly rosary until May 13, 2020

Operation Andrew Dinner

Monday, October 21, 2019 6-8PM Archdiocesan Catholic Center 777 Forest Street, St. Paul
The dinner is hosted by Archbishop Bernard A. Hefta and Father David Blume for men ages 16-50, who have a genuine interest in the priesthood or religious life.

Register before Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 1000vocations.org/events or Call: 651-962-6890 Email: stpaulvocations@1000vocations.org

October Diaper Drive - Respect Life Month

We are collecting diapers, (sizes 4/5/6 only) and wipes for two organizations: “Options for Women”, Mankato, which is a non-profit dedicated to helping women who are facing an unwanted pregnancy, and “Sharing and Caring Hands”, A Mpls. based non-profit helping individuals and families who are often homeless get back on their feet. Additionally, Options is asking for hooded towels, wash clothes and educational toys for infants and toddlers. Look for a pack ‘n play near the West and South entrances of the church. We had a successful drive two years ago and are looking forward to your generosity again this year. If you’d rather make a monetary donation, one of the pro-life members will buy the diapers for you.

The next pro-life meeting will take place on Monday, October 14 at 1:00 pm at the home of Jeanne Traxler
**Sacramental Life**

**Baptism Classes**

If you are interested in having your child baptized, please contact Father Sandquist at the Parish Office to reserve your spot and to schedule a Baptism class. This 1 1/2 hour class is required for the parents and godparents of the child to be baptized.

**Please note the next scheduled date for baptism will take place on November 18, 2019.**

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

**Sacramental Information**

- **Baptism** - offered once each month (except during Lent)
- **Confirmation** - contact Fr. Stiles at least 6 months in advance.
- **Marriage** - contact Fr. Sandquist at least 6 months in advance.
- **Confirmation** - youth are prepared in grades 8 & 9. For adult confirmation - contact Fr. Stiles.

**Anointing of the Sick** - communal anointing for the Parish once each year in the spring. For private anointing, contact Fr. Stiles.

**Communion calls for ill or homebound** - please contact the Parish Center.

**St. Anne’s Gala**

**A Black Tie Affair**

Please join us for an evening of socializing, dancing, and fun. Proceeds from this event will go towards replacing the carpet at St. Anne’s Catholic Church.

**Friday, October 25, 2019**

6:30pm - 11:00pm

St. Anne’s Escapo Barn

25628 337th Lane, Henderson, MN

Tickets are available for purchase at the St. Anne’s School Office, SORP table after Mass, or by contacting Kristen Pfer Delilah@gmail.com

Tickets are $50 each and include dinner (steak and chicken), a drink ticket, and the dance. Proceeds will go towards replacing the carpet at St. Anne’s Catholic Church.

**Please note:** This is a 21+ event.

**Pastoral Council**

**Pastoral Council Meetings**

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Church of St. Mary Conference Room

6:30 PM St. Mary Pastoral Council

7:00 PM Joint Pastoral Councils

8:00 PM St. Henry Pastoral Council

**Pastoral Council Election Results**

Thank you to all who participated in our Pastoral Council elections over the last few weekends. After the nomination process the results resulted in 70 nominees who were recognized by others in the parishes as having gifts for parish leadership, which then resulted in 31 candidates who said “yes” to the nomination, and finally we had over 154 ballots submitted to be counted. This indicates very strongly that our parishes are invested in the choice of those who serve as leaders in our communities.

Congratulations to the new members of our Pastoral Councils, who begin their three-year terms this month! Here are your Pastoral Council members with the newly elected members listed in bold type.

- St. Mary: Jean Cemensky-Mohr, Hayley Hunt, Don Reak, Matt Wallishek, Sheila McCabe Swan, Deb O’Connell, Madama Russo, Phil Campbell, Jim Harmon, and by special appointment Juan Zamora
- St. Henry: Nancy Stauff, Nathan Traxler, Mike Boetchter, Joe Boetchter, Sharon Riebel

**World Mission Sunday October 19/20, 2019**

Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World

Pope Francis has named this year’s World Mission Sunday month, an Extraordinary Missionary Month, in honor of the 100th anniversary of Maximum Illud, Pope Benedict XV’s letter focusing on our missionary call. World Mission Sunday is the celebration of this special month. Through participation and appeal of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports our brothers and sisters in over 1,100 mission dioceses worldwide needing help. To honor this day, individuals who sign up to mission include those who have chosen to go beyond borders, leave home and family, and share the Gospel message of love and hope.

Please remember that we are all called to be missionary by our baptism and support those who are serving as missionaries by offering prayers and financial gifts during World Mission Sunday in the parish collection. For your convenience we have attached an envelope to this weekend’s bulletin. Please place in next weekend’s collection basket or bring to the parish office. Thank you for your generosity!