St. Henry's Catholic Church

May 16th, 2021
The Ascension Of the Lord

Scripture Reflection By Deacon Richard Quistorff

We celebrate The Ascension of the Lord this weekend, a feast that prepares us for the gift of Pentecost next weekend. We read the exciting gospel from Mark that calls us into the mission of Christ in his physical absence. However, we are not alone in living the healing, love, and the purpose of Christ on the earth.

We all know and understand what it means to say *"goodbye"*. These moments of evolution are never easy for anyone. This time of year, students say farewell to classmates and teachers for the summer or in the final goodbye of graduation. This is the time for transitions in employment and summer placements for students, interns, seminarians and so many people on the move. We say goodbye to the depths of winter and look forward with a hope of longer days and warmer weather. Saying *"goodbye"* is never easy. I remember the last time I said goodbye to some of my family or friends who have died. Some of our goodbyes remain in our hearts for our entire lives.

For some people changes are frightening. People who have lost homes in a flood or who live outside the norm or who are on the run from families, or from the authorities, they all have a fear of loss. The endless number of transitions seem to be present in the life of people who have lost so much. These experiences invite us into the gospel today on this feast. The disciples were puzzled at Jesus' death. They could not understand why their friend had to die. Then the transition into the resurrection of Jesus took them awhile to understand that his peace and presence were really real. It seems that Jesus invited his followers into a constant state of transition and change. Life and faith are all about change.

Jesus departs from the disciples into heaven. Imagine how difficult this moment was for the disciples. Before he left, he told them that they would continue to do amazing things for people. They would drive out demons, speak new languages and pick up serpents and drink deadly poison without being harmed. This is an amazing list of happenings. I am not sure that I have done any of those things, but I know that I am still commanded by Jesus to continue his work on earth. The real message here is that there is more to the story. Jesus had to leave so that we would be able to see him everywhere in the gift of the Holy Spirit. The coming of the Holy Spirit will be celebrated next weekend on Pentecost.

May God Bless Us All …. Always!
Deacon Richard J. Quistorff

Today's Readings: Acts 1:1-11*;* Eph 1:17-23
Mk 16:15-20

Thank You!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped clean the "Forever Remembered" Garden Thursday night! It is so appreciated. Please consider volunteering a day or two for one week this summer to keep it weed-free and beautiful. Contact RuthAnn at 218-346-2666 or the church office at 218-346-4240 to sign up. Thank you again, volunteers.

Memorial Day Mass (St. Henry's Catholic Cemetery)

On **Monday, May 31st**, at 8:00 am, Fr. Matthew Kuhn will be having an outdoor Mass at St. Henry's Cemetery. This Mass is to honor all Veterans. Please bring a lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be at St. Henry's Church. All are welcome.

Peter's Pence Envelope - Next Weekend

Next week, you will find an envelope for the Peter's Pence Collection, to help support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See. Please be generous.

Upcoming Baptism Class

Requirements for having your child baptized at the Church of St. Henry are: **registration** at St. Henry (or another parish) and **attendance at a pre-baptism class**. Parents are encouraged to take the class before their child is born. This class is normally offered every two months. A class will be offered on **Saturday, May 29th** from 9:00 am-12:00 pm in the St. JPII Conference Room. If you want your child baptized but have never attended the required class, please register through the Parish Office at 218-346-4240. Please note, this class is only required if this is your first child and you have not attended one previously. **Pre-registration for the class is required.**

To the Kind and Generous Hearts,

Thank you so much for your generosity. We appreciate it greatly! Thank you for all the thoughts and prayers.
The Derkachts (former Holy Cross parishioners)

St. Henry's Area School

Congratulations to the calendar raffle winner this week- May 14th-***Laura Delage***-$100.

Our last day of school this year is Tuesday, May 25th. Our 6th grade graduation Mass will be on Tuesday, May 25th at 7pm. We will have very limited seating for this Mass, but we encourage your prayers for our graduates. This year's graduates are the following:

Isaac Adams	Isabella Burkman
EmmaLee Guck	Ethan Kinn
Max LaFond	Daisy Loerzel
Lucey Minten	Courtney Poser
Olivia Reed	Molly Ruther
Braysen Salo	Gabby Scraper
Bristol Van Watermulen	

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218-346-6190 or sthenryschool@arvig.net

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May she grow closer to God through her experiences here

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8	Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27	Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38	Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11	Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21	Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31	Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	Gn 11:1-9 Jn 7:37-39	Rom 8:22-27

Family Faith Formation

First Communion: Please keep all of our second graders preparing for First Communion in your prayers! First Communion will be Sunday, May 30th at a 2:00pm Mass. This Mass is open to anyone who the First Communion families would like to invite, there is no limit of the number of people that can be invited to this Mass.

Totus Tuus: Please register for Totus Tuus as soon as you are able so we can begin to plan for this fun filled week, June 13-18th. This program is open for all students going into grades 1st-12th. If you do not have a child participating in Totus Tuus, we still need your help! Please see the bulletin insert for more details!

Lisa Hendrickx, DRE
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WEDDING BANNS

The Church of Saint Henry, Perham, wishes to inform the public of the upcoming wedding of **Jacob Wickstrom,** son of Mitch & Donna Wickstrom, and **Megan Buysse,** daughter of Daniel & Bonnie Buysse, to be held at St. Henry Catholic Church on June 12th, 2021.

Inquiries may be directed to Father Matthew or Deacon Randy at the Parish Office.

Baccalaureate Mass

A Baccalaureate Mass to honor the Northern Cross Area Catholic Community 2021 high school graduates will be held on **Sunday, May 30th** at the 10:00 am Mass at St. Henry's Church. The Catholic Daughters will be hosting a gathering after Mass, for all Mass-goers, offering refreshments.

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Mass & Ministry Schedule For May 17-23 (as of may 12)

Tue, May 18, 8:45 AM (School Mass) *Special Intention*
Rosary Dot Hofland
Sacristan Katie Murdock

Wed, May 19, 7:00 AM *+Marie Majaski*
Rosary Elsie Schultz
Lector Lori Curtis
Sacristan **NOT FILLED**

Wed, May 19, 5:15 PM (Holy Cross) *+Vi Bormann*

Thu, May 20, 8:45 AM (School Mass) *+Jim Honer*
Rosary Carol Doll
Sacristan Katie Murdock

Fri, May 21, 10:00 AM (Perham Living—Residents Only)
+Erv Wegscheid

Fri, May 21, 1:00 PM *+Paul Guck*
(This Mass is for our at-risk parishioners. Extra sanitary precautions are taken for this Mass.)
Rosary **NOT FILLED**
Lector **NOT FILLED**
Sacristan **NOT FILLED**
Sanitizers **2 NOT FILLED**

Sat, May 22, 5:00 PM *+Leo & Agatha Berns*
Rosary Rosie Altstadt
Servers **2 NOT FILLED**
Lector Kari Richter
Body Father Matt Kuhn, Deacon Randy Altstadt
Blood **4 NOT FILLED**
Ushers Steve Bormann, Joe Guck, Jim Hendrickson
Gifts **2 NOT FILLED**
Sacristan Don & Pat Hendrickx
Music Michael Mettler, Patty Nelson
Sanitizers **3 NOT FILLED**

Financial Blessing for May 8th & 8th

Adult	11,067.00	Youth Offering	7.00
Plate	1,392.00	Initial Offering	5.00
Ascension	30.00	Votives	69.00
Candles	20.00	Copies	52.80
Memorial	25.00	Donation	1,000.00
Building Improve.	220.00	Calendar Sponsor	150.00
Elec. Transfers	4,095.00	***Total***	***$18,132.80***

Thank you for remembering St. Henry's Church with your Stewardship throughout the year.
Average weekly budget: **$15,045.00**

New School Capital Campaign Update

Goal Phase II	$7,500,000.00
Pledged	$7,086,799.00
Needed	$413,201.00
Received	$5,133,054.00
Pledges Received 05-09	$8,819.00
Households Contributing	349

Sat, May 22, 8:00 PM (Holy Cross) *For the Graduates*

Sun, May 23, 8:00 AM *For the People of the Parishes*
Rosary Joe & Kathy Hemmelgarn
Servers **2 NOT FILLED**
Lector Mike Peterson
Body Father Matt Kuhn, Deacon Randy Altstadt
Blood **4 NOT FILLED**
Ushers Mike Dombeck, Joe Johnson, Everett Wegscheid
Gifts **NOT FILLED**
Sacristan Cheryl Prososki
Music Beth Hein, Teresa Ingebrand, Vince Prososki
Sanitizers **3 NOT FILLED**

Sun, May 23, 10:00 AM *+Helen Januszewski*
Rosary Alan Schumacher
Servers **2 NOT FILLED**
Lector Trudy Swanson Schreier
Body Father Matt Kuhn, Deacon Randy Altstadt, Trudy Swanson Schreier **(sub req.)**, **2 NOT FILLED**
Blood **4 NOT FILLED**
Ushers Don Bernauer, Garry Grewe, Darrin & Jill Swanson
Gifts **NOT FILLED**
Sacristan Rich Richter
Music Michael Mettler, Janel Altstadt, Michelle Bormann, Wanda Kupferschmid
Sanitizers **2 NOT FILLED**

Pope Francis' May Prayer Intention:
Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Please pray for those in need of healing in our parishes:
Sue Baumgart, Dorothy Byer, Joel Carlson, Clint Conzemius, Harriet Daiker, Renee Doll, Hudson Hendrickx, Barb Jarchow, Helene Johnson, Christopher Koplin, Stan Lehman, Sally Limanen, Ruth Moericke, John Ogroske, Lois Porath, Bob Riestenberg, Norbert Ruther, Joan Schmitz, Ray Schmitz, Gertie Ulschmid, Liam Voss, Mikaela Waldon & Larry Wegscheid

All military personnel, especially:
Martin Ara, Jesus Guajardo, Ed Guck, Greg Hirschey, Sandra (Silbernagel) Lagnese, Nicholas Melz, Tanner Neyens, Luke Potts, Zoe Potts, Jason Richter, Tanya Robison, Tommy Robison, Steven Sundberg and Tyler Van Watermulen

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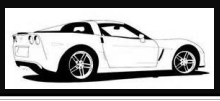

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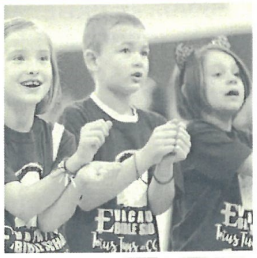

STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 1 - 12

JUNE

MON. 14 - FRI. 18
GRADES 1-6TH

SUN. 13 - THURS. 17
GRADES 7-12TH

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CHILD REGISTRATION FORM - PLEASE TURN INTO THE PARISH OFFICE:

Parents Names: _____ Main Contact Number: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone # (must be different from above #) _____

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Child 2: _____ Grade entering: _____ Allergies: _____

Child 3: _____ Grade entering: _____ Allergies: _____

Child 4: _____ Grade entering: _____ Allergies: _____

Child 5: _____ Grade entering: _____ Allergies: _____

Child 6: _____ Grade entering: _____ Allergies: _____

I hereby give permission for my child(ren) to participate in the Totus Tuus Program at St. Henry's Catholic Church in Perham, MN, June 14-18 (grades 1-6) / June 13-17 (grades 7-12), 2021. I hereby release and indemnify the Diocese of St. Cloud and its Bishop, St. Henry's Catholic Church, the staff and volunteers, and the Totus Tuus team from all claims for personal injuries or property damage that my child(ren) may suffer while participating in this program.

I hereby give permission for any photographs which include my child(ren) to be used in various parish communications.
Yes _____ No _____ Please initial _____

Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

**** Please return with payment to the office, no later than Sunday, June 13, 2021. Cost is $15 per child. ****

GRADES 1-6
MON. JUNE 14TH - FRI. JUNE 18TH
9AM-2:30PM

9:00AM - GRADE SCHOOL PROGRAM
9:15 - ICEBREAKERS
9:25 - LESSON 1
9:50 - SNACK/GAME
10:10 - MUSIC PREPARATION FOR MASS
10:20 - LESSON 2
10:45 - MASS PREP/REVIEW & CONFESSIONS
11:15 - MASS
12:00PM LUNCH & RECESS
1:00 - WATER BREAK
1:10 - LESSON 3
1:35 - SKIT
1:50 - LESSON 4
2:15 - GATHER, REVIEW AND CLOSING PRAYER
2:30 - DISMISSAL OF ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

- Students will need to bring a water bottle and a packed lunch each day.
- At the end of the day Thursday, we will be having outdoor water fun - please have your child bring a towel, clothes they can get wet, & shoes that can get wet.

AND

GRADES 7-12
SUN. JUNE 13TH - THURS. JUNE 17TH
7PM - 9PM

THE 7-12TH GRADE SCHEDULE WILL LOOK DIFFERENT EACH NIGHT BUT A ROUGH IDEA OF WHAT TO EXPECT IS:

7:00PM – ARRIVE/GAMES
7:30 – TALK
8:00 – SMALL GROUPS (SPLIT UP GUYS/GIRLS AND JH/HS IF POSSIBLE)
8:30 – SNACK/GAMES
9:00 – NIGHT PRAYER IN CHURCH

FOCUS FOR JR & SR. HIGH STUDENTS WILL BE LEARNING DIFFERENT WAYS TO PRAY, SHARING FAITH IN SMALL GROUPS AND FELLOWSHIP TIME!

Students should bring a bible and a water bottle.

***This is a Catholic program, however, anyone from any parish is welcome to join us and your child can bring friends - they just have to register - more registration forms can be found in the office.**

TO MAKE THIS PROGRAM POSSIBLE, WE NEED THE SUPPORT OF THE WHOLE PARISH!

Please place a check or an X on the line next to what you would be willing to help us with and return bottom portion to office

HOST FAMILIES: We need 2 families to host our leaders, 1 family for our 2 female leaders and 1 family for our 2 male leaders - preferably families close to the church & with children doing the Totus Tuus program.

_____ The team will arrive on Saturday afternoon on June 12th, and leave on Friday, June 18th. The families housing must be able to provide the leaders a bed/place to sleep, laundry services, and breakfast each morning at 7:30am and possibly snacks for the leaders when there.

MEALS: the team consists of 4 college students/seminarians - 2 females & 2 males

_____ We need 7 different families to volunteer to have the team over or take the team out for supper each night from 5:30pm-6:30pm. **SAT. SUN. MON. TUES. WED. THURS. FRI. (PLEASE CIRCLE THE NIGHT THAT WORKS)**

_____ We need volunteers to bring the team lunch at 12:00pm Monday - Friday at the Church, lunches can be homemade sack lunches or ordered from a restaurant. (The 1st -6th grade children will bring lunches from home each day)

VOLUNTEERS FOR WEEK OF: Team leaders will lead the classes/activities, we need adults/teens to help assist throughout the day

_____ **Registration/Sign in** - someone to come from 8:45am-9:20am Mon-Fri. to check children in. (1-2 teens/adults)

_____ **Supervisors** - adults/teens to help assist our leaders, be aids in the classes, help distribute, clean up during the day. This will be from 8:45am - 2:45pm. (5-6 teens/adults each day)

_____ **Donations:** we need *hoses, *small plastic swimming pools or *totes, water balloons, and some snacks for each afternoon to be donated for the week - * items will all be returned, however, plastic pools/totes, may come back cracked.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

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May 10, 2021

Dear pastor,

Gov. Walz's most recent executive order eliminates most of the state's COVID-19 restrictions by May 28. In light of this order, I will be making significant changes to our diocese's pandemic protocols for parish events and liturgies that will take effect later this month. Please read this letter in its entirety and consider making it available to your parishioners via a pulpit announcement and/or in your Sunday bulletins.

First, I want to thank all of our clergy, parish and school staff, and parishioners who have abided by our protocols for over a year now. I firmly believe that adherence to these protocols prevented many more people from becoming ill and saved lives. We Catholics are called to protect life and care for our neighbors, and your willingness to follow our diocese's requirements have been a great witness to these teachings.

In light of the governor's announcement, these changes will be made to our diocesan protocols:

Effective May 23, the Solemnity of Pentecost (including vigil Masses on the evening of May 22), the following will be allowed:

- Holy water in stoups and fonts
- Altar servers holding the Roman Missal/Book and assisting with the lavabo
- Music: The four hymns (for the gathering, preparation of gifts, Communion and recessional) along with sequences
- Passing collection baskets
- Gift procession
- Sign of peace
- Communion under both species and on the tongue

Face coverings must still be worn at Mass and indoor parish events. The Sunday Mass obligation remains suspended until further notice.

Please remind parishioners to be sensitive to those in your parish who may choose to not yet come to Mass or participate in some aspects of the liturgy (e.g. handshaking at the sign of peace) because of health conditions or other concerns. Please make a special effort to ensure all feel welcomed and included during these times of ongoing transition.

Effective Friday, May 28:

• In line with the governor's executive order, all remaining capacity and physical-distancing limits will come to an end, including for Mass and other indoor parish events and gatherings.

• Parishes may resume funeral luncheons and wedding receptions as they are able. Food may once again be served at parish events.

• Festivals and similar parish celebrations may resume in their pre-pandemic forms.

• Face coverings are still required at all indoor events, including Mass. Masks are also required at outdoor events that exceed 500 people.

Effective Thursday, July 1:

• Face coverings will no longer be required at Mass and other events.

Although these restrictions are being removed at the diocesan level, pastors have the authority and my support to retain any of the current protocols past the dates listed above if they deem them to be in the interest of the health and safety of their parishioners. Catholic schools will continue to follow the protocols specific to them until the end of the school year.

As we continue to make progress against the coronavirus and our state returns to a degree of normalcy, I encourage you — if you haven't already — to receive one of the available COVID-19 vaccines and encourage your parishioners to do the same. The availability of the vaccine is a key reason we are able to take these steps in our state and our diocese, and our continued progress against the virus is contingent on as many people as possible receiving the vaccine.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Donald J. Kettler

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Bishop, Diocese of Saint Cloud