St. Henry's Catholic Church

January 24th, 2021
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Reflection by Father Matthew

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

"*When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out*."

It is by our actions that we show God our intention to reform our lives. It can feel "too easy" to go to Confession and be reconciled with God because we know at a deep level that true repentance demands a change of life. To repent means to turn back to the Lord. What good does turning back do us if we never take steps *toward* God? This is why your penance is an important part of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We need to not only confess our sins and profess our desire to do better, but to *do* better. The more we progress upward in virtue (the habit of doing good), the less we will progress downward into sin.

The real danger lies in doing nothing. Even having received God's forgiveness for our sins, we remain in danger of falling back into sin as long as we continue to flirt with evil. Sin doesn't get less tempting, less attractive. What changes is our hearts, our desires; when we reorient ourselves toward God *and* habitually practice good actions that take us farther from sin, we give ourselves greater perspective and a better sense of the reality of sin. With enough perspective, we can see sin for what it is—empty, unfulfilling, relationship-destroying, soul-killing evil. This greater perspective makes us desire sin less and virtue more.

So, let us learn from the people of Nineveh and make acts of penance and repentance a regular part of our lives. Let us inoculate ourselves against the disease of sin by a healthy diet of self-denial, honest labor, and deliberate care for others.

Peace in Christ,
Father Matthew Kuhn

Today's Readings: Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31
Mk 1:14-20

Updates to Availability

I will continue doing the schedule as we have been for now. If we are fortunate enough to add ministries back to the schedule, we'll figure that out when it comes. Please submit can't serve dates whether or not you believe you will be scheduled during this coming schedule. Thank you for your patience.

The next scheduling period will be from February 17 through May 24. Please remember to inform us of any dates you will not be available to serve in this period **before Monday, January 25.**

Special dates to inform me about are: Ash Wednesday - February 17th, Holy Thursday – April 1st, Good Friday – April 2nd, Easter Vigil – April 3rd, Easter Sunday – April 4th, Confirmation – May 2nd, 2pm.

Michael Mettler, Director of Music & Liturgy
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2021 Marriage Prep Course

The Marriage Prep Course will be held (virtually) by St. Henry's Church this Saturday, **January 30th, 2021.** The fee is $175.00 per couple. For more information, or to register, please contact the Parish Office for a registration form.

Couples Married 5, 25, 40, 50, 60 Plus Years

Honoring Marriage Day will be held on Saturday, May 1st, 2021, at the Cathedral of Saint Mary in St. Cloud for couples celebrating 5, 25, 40, 50 or 60 plus years of marriage in 2021. We, as a diocese, would like to honor you and your commitment to each other and the great example you are setting. Please let the parish office know if you are celebrating these anniversary years by **January 31st**, so we can send the information to the diocese.

Parish news & events

St. Henry's Area School

Congratulations to the calendar raffle winners this week- Jan. 20-***Mark Januszewski***-$50 and Jan. 22-***Joann Maneval***.

We have decided to move our Fun Fair to an online auction and raffle for this year. The auction will begin on April 11 and end on April 18. The raffle prizes will be drawn on April 18th as well. So, we are seeking donations for the raffle and auction. Raffle prizes need to be known by Feb. 22 to allow enough time for printing and distribution. If you would like to donate to either the raffle or auction, please reach out to us or drop donations into the church collections or church offices and I will get them. Our phone number is 218-346-6190 if you'd like to coordinate a donation. We are hoping to continue with the live Fun Fair in 2022.

I want to personally thank everyone who has helped make the new school a reality through your prayers and support. We are excited to begin building it this spring.

Mr. Jason Smith, Principal
218-346-6190 or sthenryschool@arvig.net
St. Henry's Area School provides academic excellence while following the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church.

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sister of +Bob Hammers
-and-
Kenny Wallin
brother of Jean (& Deacon Richard) Quistorff
who passed away recently

Congratulations to
Jack Stanley
child of Steve & Elizabeth Dombeck
who was baptized at St. Henry last weekend

Family Faith Formation

For the remainder of January, all Faith Formation Classes will be online. What to expect for February: Our K-6th Family Faith Formation classes for the month of February will be solely online. We will not meet in person on January 31 or on February 3. I will email home the lesson overviews, and you can pick up your packet after Mass this weekend for the month of February. 7-12th grade Faith Formation classes will resume on Wednesday, February 17th with Ash Wednesday Mass. Please make every possible effort to bring your family to Ash Wednesday Mass. It's a great way to begin the Lenten Season, which is fast approaching. Then normal classes will begin on Wednesday, February 24th from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm. If your child is able to be at school, then please, have them be at Faith Formation classes. I will send out an updated schedule soon of what the rest of the year will look like. Know of my continued prayers for you and your family and please feel free to reach out with any questions!

Lisa Hendrickx, DRE
218-346-7030, religioused@st-henrys.org

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2021: The 2021 Appeal launches in February.

- **Announcement Weekend is February 6-7:** You will receive bulletin inserts highlighting diocesan ministries and be asked to consider a gift to support these ministries on Commitment Weekend.
- **Commitment Weekend is February 13-14:** This is your opportunity to support diocesan ministries with a 2021 gift to the appeal. You may bring the envelope you receive in the mail or use a response envelope that will be provided at Mass. Both will be gratefully received in the offertory.

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Mass & ministry schedule for January 25-31 (as of January 21)

Tue, Jan 26, 8:45 AM (School Mass) *+Robert Gill*
Rosary Dot Hofland
Sacristan Katie Murdock

Wed, Jan 27, 5:15 PM (Holy Cross) *+Joanne Friedsam*

Thu, Jan 28, 8:45 AM (School Mass) *+Jim & Margaret Huebsch*
Rosary Carol Doll
Sacristan **NOT FILLED**

Fri, Jan 29, 7:00 AM *+Carol Januszewski*
Rosary Ardith Altstadt
Lector Elsie Schultz
Sacristan **NOT FILLED**

Fri, Jan 29, 1:00 PM *+Henry "Bud" Johnson*
(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, Jan 30, 5:00 PM *+George Thomas*
Rosary Darla Medeck-Johnson
Lector Kevin Lorentz
Body Father Matt Kuhn, Deacon Richard Quistorff
Ushers Jim Friedsam, Jon Kinn, Jerry Moris
Sacristan Don & Pat Hendrickx
Music Michael Mettler, Ann Dardis
Sanitizers **3 NOT FILLED**

Sat, Jan 30, 8:00 PM (Holy Cross) *Deceased Aunts, Uncles, Great Aunts & Uncles, and Cousins of Tom & Nancy Hendrickx*

Financial Blessing for January 16th & 17th

Adult	8,032.00	Youth Offering	2.00
Plate	620.25	Initial Offering	25.00
Ribs	10.00	Votives	70.00
Coffee	48.00	Candles	5.00
CYF	100.00	Elec. Transfers	4,607.00
		Total	***$13,519.25***

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
Goal Phase I	$6,100,000.00
Pledged	$6,983,608.00
Needed	$516,392.00
Received	$5,013,294.00
Pledges Received 01-17	$4,190.00
Households Contributing	340

Sun, Jan 31, 8:00 AM *+Lorie Siebels & +Larry Kempenich, Jr.*
Rosary Joe & Kathy Hemmelgarn
Lector Mike Schmelz
Body Father Matt Kuhn, Deacon Richard Quistorff
Ushers Gene Falk, Joe Sczygiel, Peter Zavadil
Sacristan Mike & Sue Schmelz
Music Ann Koll, Karla Bell
Sanitizers **3 NOT FILLED**

Sun, Jan 31, 10:00 AM *For the People of the Parishes*
Rosary Alan Schumacher
Lector Tom Hammers
Body Father Matt Kuhn, Deacon Richard Quistorff
Ushers Roger Altstadt, Garry Grewe, Adam Holzer, Nick Price
Sacristan Rich Richter
Music Michael Mettler, Heidi Kalina
Sanitizers **2 NOT FILLED**

Please pray For those in need of healing in our parishes: Sue Baumgart, Joel Carlson, Clint Conzemius, Harriet Daiker, Jeff Fritz, Hudson Hendrickx, Barb Jarchow, Helene Johnson, Lynn Johnson, Oscar Kawlewski, John Ogroske, Lois Porath, Bob Riestenberg, Joan Schmitz, Ray Schmitz, James Stenger, Anthony Thompson, Gertie Ulschmid, Liam Voss, Gerald Wegscheid & 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

Prayer Chain/Prayer Corner
To add a name to our prayer chain and/or prayer corner (must be a family member or have permission from the individual), or if you would like to be added as a pray-er, contact Ardith at 218-346-5345 or ardithaltstadt37@gmail.com, or call Sigrid at 218-346-7342.

Holy Father's January Prayer Intention:
May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 22:3-16	Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday:	2 Tm 1:1-8	Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Heb 10:11-18	Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Heb 10:19-25	Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39	Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19	Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20	1 Cor 7:32-35
	Mk 1:21-28	

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