

# December 1st, 2019 First Sunday of Advent

#### From the Desk of Deacon Randy:

Thanks to Steve Morris from Morris Paint & Decorating Inc. for patching and painting our spots on the ceiling of the church from the leaks. He did a great job and it looks like it never had even leaked. He was very courteous, pleasant to work with and he worked around our schedules. I have not received the final bill yet, but if anyone wants to contribute to the repairs of the ceiling, please put an envelope in the collection, Attn: Deacon Randy and mark it "ceiling repairs". Thanks and God bless!



# **Vocations Mass** Sacred Heart-Dent Thursday, December 5th

6:00 pm: Adoration/Confession 7:00 pm: Mass 8:00 pm: Refreshments

# Parish Events for the Week

Sun (12/1)

After 8:00 am & 10:00 am Masses: Youth Serving Donuts

Mon (12/2)

5:30 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet

6:00 pm: Choir Practice

Tues (12/3)

6:30 pm: Choir Practice

6:30 pm-8:00 pm: "Gaze Upon Jesus" Book Study

7:00 pm: CDA Meeting

Wed (12/4)

8:00 am: Rosary Group

3:10 pm-4:30 pm: Afternoon Religious Ed 5:00 pm-8:30 pm: Evening Religious Ed 5:15 pm: Making Music Praying Twice 6:00 pm: Steubenville Meeting 6:30 pm-7:50 pm: Coffee with Creed

Thurs (12/5)

7:00 pm: Vocations Mass (Sacred Heart - Dent)

Fri (12/6)

6:45 am: Men's Bible Study

Sat (12/7)

9:00 am: Pro-Life Rosary

8:00 am-12:00 pm: Women's Retreat

10:00 am-12:00 pm: Little Flowers Girls' Group After 5:00 pm Mass: Mission Circle to Sell Items

Sun (12/8)

8:30 am-12:00 pm: Knights of Columbus Breakfast

After 8:00 am & 10:00 am Masses: Mission Circle to Sell Items

1:00 pm-2:30 pm: Baby Jesus Christmas Party

#### Sts. Agnes & Mary Mission Circle

The Mission Circle will be selling embroidered dish towels and other items after all the Masses the weekend of December 7th & 8th. These items would make perfect Christmas or birthday gifts for loved vour ones. Come! Check it out!

#### **Holy Family Council**

Holy Family Council will again be assembling fruit baskets and cookie trays for the elderly and homebound. We need cookies for about 65 people and apples, oranges, bananas, halos and pears. Please consider helping by leaving your donation in the church kitchen by noon on December 9th.

### **Catholic Daughters Meeting**

On Tuesday, December 3rd, at 6:00 pm, there will be a member potluck, followed by the meeting and Christmas fun. Interested in joining Catholic Daughters? Contact Dianne at 218-205-1301 or membership chairperson Karen Hammers at 218-298-0726.

"BABY JESUS CHRISTMAS PARTY" is Sunday, December 8th from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm in the church basement. All kids are welcome to come celebrate the true reason for the season. Questions, call Courtney Rooney at 218-371-7942. Anyone interested in donating plain sugar cookies for the kids to decorate, please let Courtney know.

#### **Christmas Poinsettias & Wreaths**

The Knights of Columbus will be selling poinsettias and wreaths. This year, we have a focus and a cause, with our profits going to Stanislaus Communications. You can place your order with any Knight or in the parish office. The Knights will be taking orders after the Masses in the Narthex November 30th/December 1st. Dates for pick up will be December 7th/8th. We ask that you place your order by December 2nd. You can purchase them for yourself or in memorial of a loved one. If you purchase a memorial, the poinsettia will be placed by the altar for Christmas with your loved one's name listed on an easel. If you have any questions, contact Roger Altstadt at 218-329-1890.



#### **Scripture Reflection by Father Matt**

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

"Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh."

St. Paul is very blunt in warning us against indulging our disordered desires. We might be tempted to disdain our sexual desires altogether. Yet this is not St. Paul's point. He is warning against *disordered* desires. Our sexual nature is a gift from God that allows us to participate in God's creative and life-giving action. When we use that gift for disordered ends, then we are destroying relationships rather than creating them. Promiscuity and lust do not strengthen relationships between husbands and wives, nor do they order us toward stable society in our homes and communities. Orgies, drunkenness, rivalry, and jeal-ousy drive us apart and demean us. We are called to greatness, not base indulgence.

Disordered affections break us down. We are called to something higher, something greater than ourselves, and this greater relationship in Christ demands that we order ourselves toward Christ in all things, including our relationships. I can judge whether my desires are ordered or disordered based on whether or not they will bring me closer to God, to my spouse, to my family. I can take St. Paul's advice and "put on the Lord Jesus Christ," inviting Jesus into every part of my life and relationships. I can share with Him my inmost desires and ask Him to reform my heart in His image.

Advent is a time to put our house in order so that we may be ready to welcome Jesus. This applies to our innermost selves as well as our homes. Let us take the time this Advent to honestly examine our lives and make the necessary changes that will re-order us toward God, toward healthy relationships with family and friends. Let us "put on the armor of light" and arm ourselves for battle. "For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed."

Peace in Christ, Today's Readings: Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14
Father Matthew Kuhn Mt 24:37-44

#### **Archdiocese for the Military Services Collection**

On behalf of His Excellency, the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, thanks to those who contributed to the Triennial National Collection for the AMS last week. Your generosity will assist Archbishop Broglio in the mission, "Serving Those Who Serve," and will help make it possible for Catholic men and women, and their families, currently serving in the U.S. Military, to receive the sacraments and pastoral care no matter their location around the globe. Your support will also provide the sacraments and pastoral care to those who are wounded, or as veterans, being cared for in one of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers. Thank you for supporting the men and women, and their families, from our own parish and diocese who serve and protect this great nation, and who defend the freedoms we hold dear.

#### December Monthly Church Cleaners—Thank you!

Mark & Ellen Ceynowa - Chris & Peggy Rutten
Mike & Lynn Bleichner - Deb Romann
Debbie Blickenstaff

#### **Bulletin Sponsor of the Week**

Our New Sponsor of the Week is Schoeneberger Funeral & Cremation Service. Thank you for your support. Please remember



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#### **Christmas Eve Choir!**

Interested in singing with us for Christmas? Please contact Michael at 218-346-7030 or music@st-henrys.org.

Practices are listed below. December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 pm December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 pm December 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm December 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm December 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 pm

Michael Mettler, Director of Music & Liturgy 218-346-7030, music@st-henrys.org

#### **Holiday Bake & Craft Sale**

The Holiday Bake/Craft Sale this year was once again a big success. Total revenue of \$2,753.00 went to support the Building Fund. A huge thank you to all those who donated, worked and purchased baked goodies and craft items.

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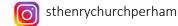
Monday:Is 4:2-6Mt 8:5-11Tuesday:Is 11:1-10Lk 10:21-24Wednesday:Is 25:6-10aMt 15:29-37Thursday:Is 26:1-6Mt 7:21, 24-27Friday:Is 29:17-24Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26

Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday:** Is 11:1-10 Rom 15:4-9

Mt 3:1-12



#### PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

#### St. Henry's Area School

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the following fundraisers in the past couple of weeks: Apple Pie Sale, Bake Sale, and Turkey Bingo. We appreciate your help in providing a Catholic education to all those who desire it.

Save the Date: Our annual Christmas program will be on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm at St. Henry's Church.

Our 2020 calendars will be available soon. The calendars are \$50 and support the efforts at the school. With the purchase of the calendar, you are entered in a weekly \$100 drawing and a \$50 drawing every other week. Calendars will be available after Masses as soon as they are printed. If you'd like to reserve a calendar, please call or email the school at 218-346-6190 or sthenryschool@arvig.net.

Mr. Jason Smith, Principal 218-346-6190 or sthenryschool@arvig.net

#### **Advent Women's Retreat**

Finding Time for God in Our Daily Lives

Is your day filled to the brim,

and you don't seem to have time for prayer?

This retreat is for you. We will explore the ways to find time in our daily life for God and prayer. Grab your favorite bible and journal/notebook and join us on **December 7th** at St. Henry's Church from 8:00 am to noon with breads/muffins/coffee/juice and registration starting at 7:30 am. Give yourself the gift of a half day retreat and fellowship. Confessions will be available following the retreat. Free will offering for speaker and treats. Please register by **December 4th** by calling St. Henry's parish office at 218-346-4240.

#### Steubenville Fundraiser

Now through December 8<sup>th</sup>, the youth will be doing a fundraiser for Steubenville to try to raise enough money for their transportation and lodging for Steubenville. They will be giving out envelopes with a dollar amount on the front, and we ask anyone who is willing, to fill the envelopes with the given dollar amount and return it to the office or the collection basket by Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to ask family and friends to help you fill the envelope. Everyone who donates will be invited to a supper this summer, after the youth return from their trip and the youth will serve you a supper along with sharing about their experience at Steubenville. Steubenville is a 3 day conference with national speakers who share about the beauty and truths of the Catholic Church, the youth will attend daily Mass and have daily adoration as well. With everyone giving just a little, the youth can meet their goal.

#### **Religious Education**

We are still in need of a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher and a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher for RE Classes beginning on Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>. These classes are from 3:00-4:30pm. Please let Lisa know if you are able to help.

Also, we will have classes for the afternoon RE classes on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, but due to the Christmas program, the evening classes will not meet on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.

Please keep our RCIA Candidates in your prayers as they discern entering into the Catholic Church: Chelsey Hemmelgarn, Dylan Dumpprope, Emily Altstadt, Jesse Hein, Nina Reyes, Krystal Ramirez, Luke Preussler, Matt Kaiser and Steph Winjum.

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

#### **KC Breakfast**

The Knights will be serving pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice & coffee from 8:30am to 12:00 pm on **Sunday December 8**<sup>th</sup> in St. Henry's Church Basement. The proceeds will go towards a new ultrasound machine for the Health Resources Center located in Detroit Lakes.

#### A Widow's Walk

A Widow's Walk is an informal group for Catholic Widows. Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:00 pm for dinner and fellowship. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Char Holzer at 218-298-0646/benchar@arvig.net or Judy Christopherson at 218-298-0797/jc.myrock@hotmail.com. Next month, on December 12th, they will be dining at The Cactus in Perham. Please RSVP to Char or Judy.

#### **Retirement Fund for Religious**

**Give in thanksgiving.** "The nuns left lasting impressions on me," writes a donor. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education." Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members.

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

Congratulations! Honoring Marriage Day will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, 2020 at the Cathedral of Saint Mary in St. Cloud for couples celebrating 5, 25, 40, 50 or 60 plus years of marriage in 2020. 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 17th so we can send the information to the diocese.



# MASS & MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2 - DECEMBER 8 (AS OF NOVEMBER 27)

Tue, Dec 3, 8:30 AM +Craig Peterson

Rosary Dot Hofland Sacristan Cheryl Prososki

Wed, Dec 4, 5:15 PM (Holy Cross) No Mass

Wed, Dec 4, 7:50 PM L & D CUF Members

Thu, Dec 5, 7:30 AM +Edith & Ray Boedigheimer

Carol Doll Rosary Lector Cheryl Prososki Sacristan Cheryl Prososki

Fri, Dec 6, 10:00 AM (Perham Living) +Rose Martodam

Fri, Dec 6, 11:30 AM (School Mass) +Rachel Fox

Ardith Altstadt Rosary Sacristan Michael Mettler

Sat, Dec 7, 5:00 PM All Military Men & Women

Dot Hofland Rosary

Servers Elliot & Herman Frost, Daisy Loerzel (sub req.)

Kevin Lorentz Lector

Father Matt Kuhn, Deacon Randy Altstadt Body

Blood Barbara Berns, Mary Dertinger, Kevin Lorentz, Jennifer

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Mary Dertinger, Bryan & Sarah Gillespie Greeters

Sacristan Don & Pat Hendrickx

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Gina Cavanagh, Karla Bell, Sharon Neuerburg Music

#### Holy Father's December Prayer Intention

That every country takes the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

#### Collection for November 23rd & 24th

Adult	\$7,509.00	Youth Offering	110.30
Plate	690.50	<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	508.00
Votives	49.00	Religious Ed.	50.00
Adult Formation	n 28.00	Lighthouse Media	12.00
Holy Water Bo	ttles 1.00	CYF	10.00
Donation	500.00	<b>Bulletin Sponsors</b>	585.00
Elec. Transfers	1.979.00	Total \$12	,031.80

#### Deacon Randy Altstadt - Parish Administrator

Average amount needed to meet weekly operation of St. Henry for the fiscal year is: \$14,725.00

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Goal	\$7,343,900.00
Pledged	\$4,583,620.00
Needed	\$2,760,280.00
Received	\$1,654,310.00
Pledges Received 11-24	\$7,323.00
Proceeds from Bake Sale at St. Henry	\$2,753.00
Households Contributing	256

Sat, Dec 7, 8:00 PM (Holy Cross) +Roger & LaVerne Hendrickx

Sun, Dec 8, 8:00 AM For the People of the Parishes

Joe & Kathy Hemmelgarn Rosary

Luis & Omar Briseno, NOT FILLED Servers

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Music Michael Mettler, Karla Bell

Sun, Dec 8, 10:00 AM +Alvin & Georgia Gerard

Servers Kallie Bachmann, Keyana King, Dacotah McDonald Anthony Anderson, Trudy Swanson Schreier Lector

Father Matt Kuhn, Deacon Randy Altstadt, Ken & Evelyn Body

Beauchamp, Janel Altstadt

Anthony Anderson, Mary Mercer, Alan Schumacher Blood Ushers Roger Altstadt, Vance Bachmann, Nick Price, Noah

Rooney

Gifts Deb & Thea Romann

NOT FILLED, Judy Christopherson, Mary Mercer Greeters

Anthony Anderson, NOT FILLED Sacristan

Music Youth Choir

#### **Please Pray For**

Those in need of healing in our parishes: Carol Beaupre, Joel Carlson, Harriet Daiker, Renee Doll, Hudson Hendrickx, Margaret Kasowski, Oscar Kawlewski, Jackie Lachowitzer, Jeff Maddock, Brandon McDonnell, John Ogroske, Lois Porath, Lowell Siebels, JoAnn Tingelstad and Larry Wankel

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







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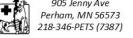


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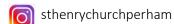
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**Mass Schedule** 

Saturday evening: 5:00 pm

8:00 pm (Holy Cross)

**Sunday:** 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Tuesday: 8:30 am

Wednesday: 5:15 pm (Holy Cross)

Thursday: 7:30 am

Friday: 10:00 am (Perham Living)

**Confessions:** Saturdays at 4:00 pm or by appointment **Eucharistic Adoration:** 8:30 am Tues. to 8:30 am Wed. **Sunday Mass Broadcast:** Sundays: 8:00 am on 99.5 FM

TV Mass: Mondays at 10:30 am on Channel 14

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Father Matthew's Office Hours: Tuesdays: 9:00 am—12:00 pm Thursdays: 1:00 pm—4:00 pm

Feel free to call the Parish Office to set up an appointment with Father Matthew during this time.

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# Sacraments

Families that would like their children to be baptized or receive the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation or couples that would like to be married here should be registered and active members of the parish.

Sacrament of Baptism: 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, which is normally offered every two months. Parents are encouraged to take the class before their child is born. For more information, call the parish office at 218-346-4240. Please note, this class is only required if this Baptism is for your first child. Preregistration required.

**Sacraments of Confirmation/First Communion:** Please contact the Religious Education Office at 218-346-7030.

**Sacraments of Penance/Reconciliation:** Please contact the Religious Education Office at 218-346-7030 for first time Preparation.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call the Parish Office at 218-346-4240 or in emergency call 218-298-2030.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Couples that want to be married in the Catholic Church need to go through a Marriage Preparation course and need to meet with the priest or deacon at least six months in advance of the wedding.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the members of St. Henry's Parish of Perham, MN, are a Catholic Faith Community of the Diocese of St. Cloud, guided by the Holy Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ to build God's kingdom here on Earth.

As disciples of Christ, we commit ourselves to love one another, to pray together, celebrate the sacraments, serve the individual and family needs of all God's people, carry out Catholic education programs for youth and adults, and attend to the material needs of our parish.



