St. Henry's Catholic Church

March 31st, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Catholic Daughters Meeting

The next Catholic Daughters meeting is at 7:00 pm on **Tuesday, April 2nd** at St. Henry's Church. The program will be by Lori Curtis on her mission trip to Homa Bay, Kenya. All women 18 and older are welcome. Come check us out or contact Karen Hammers, membership chairperson, at 218-346-3743 for more information. Check out the Catholic Daughters' new webpage at:

https://www.parishfaith.com/catholic-daughters

Reconciliation Service
Sunday, March 31st
2:00 pm
St. Henry's Church

Parish Events for the Week

Sun (3/31)
2:00 pm: Reconciliation Service
Mon (4/1)
10:30 am: Making Music Praying Twice
5:30 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet
Tues (4/2)
7:00 pm: Catholic Daughters Meeting
Wed (4/3)
8:00 am: Rosary Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm: Afternoon Religious Ed
5:00 pm-8:30 pm: Evening Religious Ed
5:30 pm: Making Music Praying Twice
Thurs (4/4)
3:00 pm: (Perham Living) Stations of the Cross
6:00 pm: Holy Thursday Choir Practice (Choir Loft)
6:00 pm: Good Friday Choir Practice (Music Room)
7:00 pm: (St. Edward-Henning) Vocations Mass
Fri (4/5)
6:45 am: Men's Bible Study
4:30 pm-7:00 pm: Fish Fry
5:30 pm: Stations of the Cross
Sat (4/6)
9:00 am: Pro-Life Rosary
10:00 am: Little Flowers Girls' Group
10:00 am: First Communion Practice
Sun (4/7)
10:00 am: First Communion
Youth Serving Donuts After 8:00 am & 10:00 am Masses

Holy Family Council (Perham) Fish Fry
Friday, April 5th & 12th at St. Henry's
4:30 pm-7:00 pm
Fish, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Corn, Coleslaw,
Dinner Rolls, Bars and Beverages
$10-Adult; $5-Children (6-12); 5 & Under-Free
Everyone is welcome! Take-out is available!

Confirmation Choir

Looking for individuals to enhance our Confirmation experience with their voices. Confirmation is Tuesday, April 23rd at 7:00 pm. Practices will be April 8th, April 12th, and April 15th at 6:00 pm in St. Henry's choir loft. Some of the music will also be available to listen to online. We would love to have you join us! Contact Michael Mettler at 218-346-7030 or music@st-henrys.org for more information.

Vocations Mass
St. Edward (Henning)
Thursday, April 4th

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

Gathering of Widows

We will be having an informal gathering of widows on Thursday, April 11th at 4:00 pm St. Henry's Church basement. Please join us!

For more information, please contact Judy Christopherson at 298-0797 jc.myrock@hotmail.com or Char Holzer at 298-0646 benchar@arvig.net.

Interested in Leading a Book Study?

We are looking for a person to co-facilitate a book study this Spring. Please call Mary Kerekes if interested.

Retirement Reception for Mary Kerekes

Help us wish Mary Kerekes, our Director of Religious Education, well in her retirement. We will be having a reception for her after the Sunday, April 28th 10:00 am Mass during the youth breakfast. Please join us in thanking her for her dedication to the St. Henry's Religious Education program the past 16 years here at St. Henry's. Her last day will be Friday, April 26th if you would like to stop by the parish office and wish her well!

Scripture Reflection by Father Matt

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

The parable of the two sons is meant to be a lesson to the Pharisees and Scribes, who are represented in the parable by the elder son. Because Jesus spends most of the parable speaking of the younger son, we may be tempted to focus on his story of reconciliation with the father. I invite you listen to the words of the father to the elder son in isolation; ignore the younger son for a moment and listen to how beautifully the father speaks to his son.

"My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours...now we must celebrate and rejoice…your brother… has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

Taken on their own, these are words of great joy, warmth, and intimacy. The father shares everything with the son and wishes the son to love his brother and rejoice in his brother's return to life with them. It is only the elder son's bitterness and envy that destroys this joy. Both sons desired to revel in the good things of this world; the elder brother chose to work instead of indulging in sins of excess, and he blames the father for not letting him feast and carouse. In reality, both sons were tempted by the same sins; one indulged, and the other refrained from those sins but indulged just as deeply in sins of pride, envy, and hatred toward his brother and father. The grand irony is that the bitterness of the elder brother bars him from participating in the very celebrations that he yearned for! It seems that the elder brother wanted to party, but not if that celebration included his father or brother. His hard work was born of pride, not of love for the father; he did the right thing, but for the wrong reasons, and could not bear to celebrate someone other than himself.

The lesson for us, or at least for the pharisaical part of our hearts, is to rejoice *with* the Father and the Son. If we want to enjoy the banquet feast of Heaven, then we must learn to love the things that God loves and celebrate His mercy, forgiveness, and compassion for those who have been dead and have come to life again. Let us put aside all bitterness, all envy, all hatred of others as well as the unworthy desires toward sin that give birth to such darkness in our hearts. May we not envy sinners for their sins but rejoice in each and every soul that turns back to God. For if we choose to accept it with humility and mercy, everything God has will be ours, and we will be with Him always.

Peace in Christ,
Father Matthew Kuhn

Today's Readings: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

We Extend Our
Deepest Sympathy
to the family and friends of
Caroline Wettstein
(mother of Sue Meyhuber)
who passed away recently

Divine Mercy Chaplet

You are invited to join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Monday from 5:30 pm-6:00 pm in St. Henry's Church. If you have any questions, please call Ardith at 346-5345.

April Monthly Volunteer Church Cleaners
Megan Wells—Nick & Kristi Karels
Judy Christopherson—Yvonne & Gordy Przybylski
Thank you!

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week

Our *New Sponsor of the Week is Perham Sand & Gravel.* Thank you for your support. Please remember to patronize all the advertisers whenever possible.

2020 Parish Calendar Sponsors

We are now signing up sponsors for the 2020 parish calendars. A donation of $150.00 to the parish in the name of your business or in memory of a deceased loved one is requested. Please contact the parish office at 218-346-4240 if you are interested.

Lenten Special Speakers
Jim & Maureen Otremba
Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 pm
St. Ann's - Wadena

"The Daily Dozen of Catholic Parenting "
"Living our Catholic Faith in the Context of our Family "

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 65:17-21	Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12	Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15	Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14	Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22	Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20	Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Is 43:16-21 Jn 8:1-11	Phil 3:8-14

St. Henry's Area School

Congratulations to this week's Calendar Raffle winner, Fun Fair Silent Auction purchaser, ***David Ogroske***.

Thank you to everyone that was involved in the Fun Fair in any way. We had a great day with wonderful results. A full report will be made available soon. It is looking like this year's Fun Fair was again near the top in earnings. Thank you to all the businesses and families that donated items or money to help in this success. Thank you to everyone who attended the event. Special thanks to my committee members who put it all together: Game and Prizes: Joe and Lynn Johnson, Chad and Julie Shannon, Dustin and Steph Vickmark, Greg and Pam Schmitz, and Jacques and Amy Kimball. Food Committee: Mike and Jen Minten, Eric and Jessica Ruther, Robb and Illene Reed, and Kate and Jeff Mosca. Advertising Committee: Adam Holzer and Lisa Smith. Silent Auction Committee: Alex and Missy Mickelson, Justin and Chenoa Pickrain, Lisa Smith, Bryan and Sarah Gillespie Nick and Katie Murdock, Bill and Mallory Stoderl, Jeff and Megan Wells and Josh and Rebecca Scraper. Raffle Committee: Nathan and Courtney Rooney, JJ and Michele Kratzke, Jason and Robin Ecker, Derek and Kelly Riepe, Chris and Tracy Frost. Special thanks to Pam and Ken Guck for the financial help at the end of the event.

Our Kindergarten Round-Up will be on Monday, April 1 from 4-6 PM in the kindergarten room of the school. This is an open house style round up. You are welcome to attend any time between 4-6 PM. Come to meet the teacher, Mrs. Ismil, play with new friends, tour the school, ask questions, etc. Hope to see you there.

Our Preschool Round-Up will be on Monday, April 1 from 5:30-7 PM at St. Henry's Area Preschool. This is also an open house style round up. You are welcome to attend any time between 5:30-7 PM. Come to meet the teachers, Mrs. Samantha and Mrs. McKenzie, play with new friends, see the preschool rooms, ask questions, etc. Preschool will be open to children 3 and older by Sept. 1. Students must be toilet trained. Programming will be discussed at the round up. If you have questions, give Samantha a call at 346-6190.

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.

Pro-Life Rosary

The Pro-Life Rosary will be prayed this **Saturday, April 6th**, at 9:00 am in the church proper. It is prayed every first Saturday of the month. Everyone is welcome to come pray.

Religious Education

All classes in session this week.

First Communion practice will be Saturday, April 6th at 10:00 am. First Communion will be at the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, April 7th.

Mary Kerekes, Director of Religious Ed

218-346-7030 or religioused@st-henrys.org

Taylor's Hope Benefit

On Sunday, April 7th, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Prairie Wind Middle School (Perham), there will be a benefit for Taylor Johnson. Taylor was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia. There will be a live and silent auction, food, games and a bounce house. Please show your support for this amazing family! For more information, see the flyer in Information Alley.

Vacation Bible School Help Needed

We need a person (or two) who loves crafts to help with our Vacation Bible School craft station. VBS is June 3 through 6 from 5:00 to 7:30. Contact Mary Kerekes at 346-7030 if interested.

Anyone wishing to help with VBS is welcome - grades 5 through Adult. Call Mary if interested. She is setting up the program for the new person who will be taking her position. It's a fun four days!

Help Jesus in Disguise

This week, you will find an envelope for *Catholic Relief Services* in your envelope boxes to help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at *www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.*

Encounter Kumba

We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit **crsricebowl.org** for more.

"Via Crucis" by Franz Liszt

Friday, April 12 | 7:00 pm

St. Mary's Cathedral, 25 8th Ave. S., St. Cloud

Admission is free — All are welcome

Stations of the Cross choral and organ event featuring Dr. Charles Echols, organ; Fr. Matthew Kuhn, vocals; and Cathedral Singers

Mass & ministry schedule for April 1 - April 7 (as of march 28)

Tue, Apr 2, 8:30 AM (School Mass) *+Theodore & Mary Egging*

Rosary	Dot Hofland
Sacristan	Renee Doll

Wed, Apr 3, 5:15 PM (Holy Cross) *+Michael Mohr*

Wed, Apr 3, 6:40 PM - Stations of the Cross

Music	**NOT FILLED**
Singer	**NOT FILLED**

Thu, Apr 4, 7:30 AM *+Esther & Kenneth Owens*

Rosary	Carol Doll
Lector	Lori Curtis
Sacristan	Renee Doll

Thu, Apr 4, 3:00 PM – (Perham Living) Stations of the Cross

Fri, Apr 5, 10:00 AM (Perham Living) *+Dorothy & Rusty Keller*

Fri, Apr 5, 11:30 AM (School Mass) *+Jim Huebsch*

Rosary	Ardith Altstadt
Sacristan	Michael Mettler

Fri, Apr 5, 5:30 PM - Stations of the Cross

Server	Logan Olstad
Sacristan	Mike & Sue Schmelz
Music	**NOT FILLED**, Janel Altstadt

Sat, Apr 6, 5:00 PM *+Kaleb Fischer*

Rosary	Darla Medeck-Johnson
Servers	Jeta Hassenstab, Jon Henry, Daisy Loerzel
Lector	Darla Medeck-Johnson
Body	Father Matthew Kuhn, Deacon Randy Altstadt
Blood	Barbara Berns, Wanda Braun, Mary Dertinger, Helene Johnson
Ushers	Joe S. Berns, Jerry Moris, Jim Neuerburg
Gifts	Eileen Lehman, **NOT FILLED**
Greeters	**2 NOT FILLED**, Bryan & Sarah Gillespie **(sub req.)**
Sacristan	Eileen Lehman
Monitor	**NOT FILLED**
Music	Ann Koll, **NOT FILLED**, Sharon Neuerburg

Sat, Apr 6, 8:00 PM (Holy Cross) *+Clarence & Betty Rutten*

Sun, Apr 7, 8:00 AM *For the People of the Parishes*

Rosary	Elsie Schultz
Servers	Luis & Omar Briseno, Connor Kostynick
Lector	Dorothy Doll
Body	Father Matthew Kuhn, Deacon Randy Altstadt
Blood	Sandy Dombeck, Elsie Schultz, Jonathan Schwanke, Everett Wegscheid
Ushers	Joe Byer, Mike Dombeck, Richard Wanderi, **NOT FILLED**
Gifts	Mike & Sue Schmelz
Greeters	**3 NOT FILLED**
Sacristan	Mike & Sue Schmelz
Monitor	**NOT FILLED**
Music	Janelle Thorson, Nancy Krueger, **NOT FILLED**

Sun, Apr 7, 10:00 AM (First Communion) *+Bernice Ruther*

Rosary	Ken Guck
Servers	Natalie & Ty Rooney, Maggie Vickmark
Lector	Renee Doll, Tom Hammers
Body	Father Matthew Kuhn, Deacon Randy Altstadt, Deacon Richard Quistorff, Don Hendrickx, Ken Guck (choir)
Blood	Dana Andrews, Brian & Lori Curtis, Char Holzer
Ushers	Roger Altstadt, Dayton Hammers, Mary Holzer, Noah Rooney
Gifts	Nathan & Courtney Rooney
Greeters	**2 NOT FILLED**, Courtney Rooney
Sacristan	Renee Doll
Monitor	Janel Altstadt
Music	Michael Mettler, Heidi, Grace & Faith Kalina, Keyana King

Collection for March 23rd & 24th

Adult	$7,197.00	Youth Offering	78.50
Plate	823.76	Initial Offering	2.00
Easter Flowers	398.00	Votives	43.00
Miscellaneous	12.00	CYF	856.00
St. Cloud Visitor	19.00	Elec. Transfers	1,683.00
		Total	***$11,112.26***

Deacon Randy Altstadt - Parish Administrator

Average amount needed to meet weekly operation of St. Henry for the fiscal year is: ***$14,320.00***

New School Capital Campaign Update

Goal	$7,343,900.00
Pledged	$4,449,384.00
Needed	$2,894,516.00
Received	$1,310,318.00
Pledges Received 03-24	$4,079.00

Holy Father's March Prayer Intention

Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

Please Pray For

Those in need of healing in our parishes: Harriet Daiker, Rick Heimer, Hudson Hendrickx, Margaret Kasowski, Donald Meyer, Dennis Mitchell, Lois Porath, Christine Scheidecker 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 and Tyler Van Watermulen

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Mass Schedule

Saturday evening:	5:00 pm
Sunday:	8:00 am & 10:00 am
Tuesday:	8:30 am
Wednesday:	5:15 pm (Holy Cross)
	6:40 pm (Sept.-May)
Thursday:	7:30 am
Friday:	10:00 am (Perham Living)
	11:30 am

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
Catholic Talk Radio: KXPM-LP 100.3 FM

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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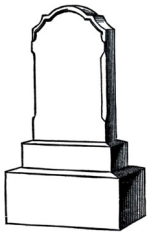

Sacraments

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

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

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

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish office at 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.