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Eucharistic Adoration

8:00 am Tues- 8:00 am Wed

Sunday Mass Broadcasts

Sundays: 8:00 am on 99.5 FM Mondays: 10:30 am on Ch. 14

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK Mon (12/05)

10:30 am & 6:00 pm: Making Music

Praying Twice 7:00 pm: RCIA

7:00 pm: Sacred Heart Outreach

(Perham Living) **Tues (12/06)**

5:00 pm: Gregorian Chant Schola

7:00 pm: Catholic Daughters

Wed (12/07)

3:00 pm—4:30 pm: *Gr 1-6 RE* 5:00 pm –9:00 pm: *Gr 7-11 RE*

Fri (12/09)

7:00 am: Men's Bible Study

Sat (12/10)

10:00 am: Little Flowers

December 4, 2016: Second Sunday of Advent

Scripture Reflection by Father Matt

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

We have been baptized with the Holy Spirit and with fire. "Baptism by fire" has become a common phrase in our culture to refer to a rapid or difficult introduction to something new. This is not how John the Baptist uses the phrase. John is addressing the Pharisees and Sadducees who have come to him seeking the baptism of repentance without having properly prepared their hearts. John asks them to "produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance." They are guilty of the sin of presumption—they think that their sins should be forgiven just because they are members of the People of God.

John's reference to fire in the baptism that Jesus will bring refers to the cleansing fire that burns away the useless chaff left over after the wheat harvest. The wheat (those souls who have truly turned away from their sins) will not be burned, but the chaff (those who persist in sin) will "burn with unquenchable fire."

John is making clear the deep change of heart required by true repentance. We must make a firm act of the will to turn away from habits of sin and live in the freedom of the Holy Spirit.

The Prophet Isaiah describes the sevenfold Gifts of the Holy Spirit that Christ will bring to make true repentance possible for us: "a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD." May the sevenfold Gift of the Holy Spirit lead us to true repentance and prepare us to receive our Lord Jesus Christ.

Peace in Christ, Todays Readings: *Is* 11:1-10 Father Matthew Kuhn Rom 15:4-9, Mt 3: 1-12

BABY JESUS BIRTHDAY PARTY

All youth are invited to the Baby Jesus Birthday Party today, December 4th, 2016 from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm in St. Henry's church basement. Please come to enjoy music, stories, arts and crafts, games and celebrate Jesus! Hope to see you there!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

On Tuesday, Dec 6th, the Catholic Daughters/Court St. Rita will hold a Christmas Gathering/Meeting starting at 6:00 pm. There will be a members potluck followed by the meeting, then fun and fellowship for all. All interested women are invited to come.

The Scriptures This Week			æ
Monday	Is 35:1-10 `	Lk 5:17-26	(III)
Tuesday	Is 40:1-11	Mt 18:12-14	
Wednesday	Is 40:25-31	Mt 11:28-30	
Thursday	Gn 3:9-15	Eph 1:3-6, 11-12	Lk 1: 26-38
Friday	Is 48: 17-19	Mt 11: 16-19	
Saturday	Sir 48: 1-4, 9-11	Mt 17: 9a, 10-13	
Next Sunday	Is 35: 1-6a, 10	Jas 5: 7-10	Mt 11: 2-11

HOLY FATHER'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS

Universal

End to Child-Soldiers

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

Evangelization

Europe

That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

Please Pray For:

- Those in need of healing in our parishes: Mark Friedsam
- All military personnel, especially: Tanya Robison, Tommy Robison, Luke Potts, Zoe Potts, Tyler Van Watermulen, Greg Hirschey, Ed Guck, Nick Burr & Jesus Guajardo

Collection for November 26 & 27

	
Adult	7,131.00
Children's Basket	104.25
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Electronic Transfers	822.00
Christmas Flowers	406.00
Christmas Offering	5.00
Votives	9.00
Immaculate Conception	5.00
Coffee	60.00
Bake/Craft Sale	1,843.50
Bulletin Sponsors	170.00
Catholic Charities	51.00
Human Development	35.00
Religious Retirement	20.00
Hurricane Matthew	
Thanksgiving (Food Shelf)	719.81
Total	\$ 12 924 11

Deacon Randy Altstadt Parish Administrator

Average amount needed to meet weekly operation of St. Henry's is \$11,525.00

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MASS & MINISTRY SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 30

Tue, Dec 6, 2:15 PM - School Mass All Military Men & Women

Sacristan Fuzz Hammers

Wed, Dec 7, 5:15 PM (Holy Cross) +LaVerne Hendrickx

Wed, Dec 7, 7:00 PM - Religious Ed Mass +Pat Provo

EM-Body Laurie Krueger Sacristan Renee Doll

Music Jordan Berns, Jeff & Isaiah Blickenstaff, Gina Cavanagh, Sharon Neuerburg

Thu, Dec 8, 11:00 AM - Immaculate Conception (School Mass) +Francis Wilkowski

Rosary Carol Doll

EM-Body Stephanie Vickmark

EM-Blood Cecile Guck, Lynn Johnson, Melissa Mickelson, Trudy Swanson Schreier

Sacristan Fuzz Hammers

Thu, Dec 8, 7:00 PM - Immaculate Conception For the People of the Parishes

Rosary Alan Schumacher

Servers Kolbey Bormann, Morgan & Tyler Hanson

Lector Mike Schmelz EM-Body Deacon Altstadt

EM-Blood Ken & Evelyn Beauchamp, Geri Lafreniere, Elsie Schultz

Ushers Joe Byer, Gene Falk, Jeff Fritz Gifts Wayne & Joyce Lehman

Sacristan Mike Schmelz

Music Jordan Berns, Amanda Homelvig, Vince Prososki, Gregorian Chant Schola

Fri, Dec 9, 10:00 AM (Perham Living) L & D Catholic United Financial Members

Fri, Dec 9, 11:30 AM - School Mass + Dodson Bressi

Rosary Ardith Altstadt Sacristan Renee Doll

Sat, Dec 10, 5:00 PM - Third Sunday of Advent +Ed & Cecilia Loerzel

Rosary Kathryn Perszyk

Servers Chandler, Grayce & Ryleigh Mickelson

Lector Dorothy Doll

EM-Body Barbara Berns, (Choir) NOT FILLED

EM-Blood Debbie Heisler, Jane Hendrickson, Don Hendrickx, Lori Wendt

Ushers Joe S. Berns, Jim & Keith Friedsam, Chris Sim

Gifts Deb & Thea Romann
Sacristan Tom & Lisa Silbernagel

Music Jordan Berns, Tom Silbernagel, Rachel Poser

Sat, Dec 10, 7:00 PM (Holy Cross) +Mac Tobkin

Sun, Dec 11, 8:00 AM - Third Sunday of Advent For the People of the Parishes

Rosary Joe & Kathy Hemmelgarn

Servers Kaitlin Johnson, Colton & Connor Kostynick

Lector Cheryl Prososki

EM-Body Jonathan Schwanke, (Choir) Cheryl Prososki

EM-Blood Pat Bahls, Lynn Bleichner, Lynn Johnson, Lynn Schwanke

Ushers Mike Bleichner, Joe & Patrick Johnson

Gifts Brian & Lori Curtis

Sacristan Cheryl Prososki

Music Jordan Berns, Nancy Krueger, Vince Prososki

Sun, Dec 11, 10:00 AM - Third Sunday of Advent +Sam Chaffee

Servers Madeline Abbott, Isabella & Morgan Pazdernik

Lector 2 Youth Scheduled

EM-Body Tammy Richter, Dianne Rohde-Szarke, Jim Szarke

EM-Blood Rosie Altstadt, Deena Cavanagh, Charles Scheidecker, Ed Winjum

Ushers Rich Richter, 3 Youth Scheduled

Gifts 2 Youth Scheduled Sacristan Anthony Anderson Music Youth Choir

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

The KC's will be serving a breakfast of Ham & Eggs, hashbrowns, toast, fruit cup, coffee & juice, Sunday, December 11th from 8:30 am—12:00 noon. Proceeds benefit KC's charities.

Also, the next KC Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13th at St. Henry's at 7:00 pm.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Your donation will work for the aging religious. "I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to work." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement for the Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Patrick Murphy will be giving a Live Performance on Saturday, December 17th at 3:00 pm. Come to Zion Lutheran Church in Amor, MN (Junction of County Hwy 1 & 74). Free Will Donation. Refreshments will follow the performance. For more information: Facebook: Patrick Murphy Live; Twitter: @pmurphylive; YouTube: patrickmurphylive.

HOLY FAMILY COUNCIL, CUF

THANK YOU to all that donated vegetables, helped with the prep, served the supper or attended or purchased from the Soup For Seminarians projects. The Holy Family Council, CUF will be sending \$1102.00 to the Msgr. Shuler Seminarian Fund.

NEEDED

Your help to fill the Christmas Baskets for the elderly/shut ins. We need 60 dozen cookies, and 2 dozen each; oranges, apples, pears, bananas, and cuties by Monday, Dec 12. The Holy Family Council will be packing the baskets that evening with delivery to follow. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE VOLUNTEERS

Believe it or not, it's already time for another Ministry Schedule! The next one will cover Tuesday, January 10, 2017 – Sunday, April 2, 2017 (through the Fifth Sunday of Lent). Please contact me at the parish office or use the online system by December 13 with your schedule preferences and can't serve dates. New volunteers are always welcome! Please consider assisting in the variety of ministries for the 5:00 pm Mass. Training provided. Ann Koll, finance@st-henrys.org, 346-4020

TODAY'S LITURGY BIT

Why do we sing a different Communion Antiphon each week?

As much as I could enjoy having unchecked power to plan any music I please, part of my job is already done for me. Every Mass has its own propers: texts collected in the Roman Missal that fit the Mass of the day. Many of these propers, especially the priest's prayers, must be used for the corresponding Mass. Even though I, on the contrary, technically have the liberty of replacing the proper Communion Antiphon with any approved hymn, why do I instead opt to follow the prescribed texts? 1) To foster meditation on the themes of the day. 2) To expose our parish to the richness of the Psalms and other scriptures which these antiphons use. 3) To concede that I am not the final arbiter of what is most appropriate at Holy Mass. During the codification and later revisions of the Roman Missal, liturgists more educated than I and far wiser were charged with finding the propers best suited to each particular Mass. I am ever thankful of the wisdom of those who have preceded us and of the rich tradition they have left behind.

I invite you to participate more fully in the Communion Antiphon by singing the melody printed in the pamphlet in the back of the hymnal and meditating on the Psalm or canticle verses sung by the choir. What does the choice of text reveal to you about the Mass for that day?

Jordan Berns, Interim Music & Liturgy Coordinator music@st-henrys.org or 218-346-7030

Thank you for all you do!

DECEMBER MONTHLY CLEANING GROUP

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

YOUTH & EDUCATION

ST. HENRY'S AREA SCHOOL

The calendars have arrived. They will only be available at the school at this time. Please call 346-6190 to reserve your calendar. The supply could go quickly, so don't hesitate to get your chance at 56-\$100 prizes. \$50 per calendar. Winners will be notified with a phone call and will be listed in the bulletins. **There are only about 100 calendars remaining.**

Please join us for *The Twelve Days of Christmas* on Wednesday, December 14th at 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm at St. Henry's Church. This is a wonderful tradition for St. Henry's Area School.

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

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

All classes in session this week.

Mary Kerekes, Religious Ed Coordinator 218-346-7030 or religioused@st-henrys.org

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Alleluia! Sing God's praises with JCDA!

JCDA (Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas) invites girls ages 6-18 to join them in caroling and giving cards to the residents at the Perham Living nursing home. Jesus has blessed us with so many things; let's give back to him by spreading joy to others.

When: Sunday, December 18 Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

<u>Where</u>: Meet in the St. Henry's Church basement for a short practice before we go to the nursing home.

See you on December 18 for fun, singing, and making a difference in the community!

For more information, contact Madeline Abbott at <u>abbottri@arvig.net or the St. Henry's Parish office.</u>

CHILDREN GRADES 1-6

All children in grades 1-6 are welcome to sing carols before the Christmas Eve Mass. For those who would like to sing, there will be rehearsal after the 8:00 am Mass on December 11th and 18th. Please contact Gina Cavanagh if you have questions.

Making Music Praying Twice Christmas Music Day Sunday, December 11, 2016 11:30 am

Join us with your little ones (0 – 5 years of age) in St. Henry's Church Basement for a fun, low pressure, hands-on parent/child Christmas music class for our youngest parishioners. Come with even the littlest babies to explore the birth of Jesus with story, song, dancing, instruments and more! Preregistration encouraged, but not necessary: contact Ann Dardis at ann.dardis@gmail.com, (218) 346-3429 call/text. Free will offering accepted.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Upcoming events for you to think about:

- The Alive In You mission trip to Missouri will be open to the 7th-12th graders this year.
- Junior high youth rally is for 6th—8th graders and is on Sunday, January 8th.
- Youth fundraising breakfast is scheduled for the 18th of December; I need lots of volunteers.
- Also, Friday, December 9th, Leah Darrow is speaking at the college of St. Benedict at 7:00 pm. She will be giving a talk on Reclaiming Truth, Beauty, and Love. Leah is a very dynamic speaker. If you are interested, please let me know.

Anthony Anderson, Youth Minister 218-346-7030 or youthministry@st-henrys.org

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday school kids LOVE to make little gifts for the nursing home. We thought we would make this year extra special. It would be great to have all our youth join us! Please join us Sunday, December 11th to make cards and ornaments for all of our parishioners in the nursing home, assisted living and homebound. We will gather at 1:00 pm in the church basement. Snacks will be available. Invite your friends!

Parents: We would love for your kids to come and participate! You do not need to stay if you have some things you would like to do. ***If your child is not potty trained we ask that someone stay with them.***

TOGETHER ENCOUNTERING CHRIST (TEC)

A 3-day retreat weekend for ages 16 and older. Non-Catholics are welcome. Participants experience the message of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ through participation in music, discussions, talks, prayer, Scripture, liturgy, and celebration. There is an upcoming weekend on December 30th-January 1st. For information, contact Steph at 218-346-6056 (h) 218-298-0244 (c) or go to www.cmtec.org.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT TODAY

Be sure to attend the Christmas Concert at the Perham Center for the Arts (former St. Stan's) today, Sunday, December 4th at 4:00 pm. The Lakes Area Men's Chorus will present a program of Christmas carols and Holiday music in the a Capella style. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the construction of a handicapped entrance for the Perham Center for the Arts.

UPCOMING RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

<u>"FILL YOUR CUP" Retreat:</u> Saturday, Feb. 25th; 9:00 am-4:00 pm; St. Henry's, Perham; sponsored by Catholic Daughters.

Advent Weekend Retreat: Fri. Dec. 9 (8:00 pm) - Sun., Dec. 11 (12:45 pm); Theme: "Mary is Pentecostal!"; Christ the King Retreat Center; Buffalo, MN; Call 763-682-1394 to register.

CROSIER FATHERS AND BROTHERS

You are invited to join the Crosier Fathers and Brothers at the National Shrine of St. Odilia in Onamia on Sunday, December 11, at 9:30 am, for an Advent Healing Mass. The Mass will include the Anointing of the Sick and the ritual of blessing with the Relic of St. Odilia. Coffee and freshly baked cinnamon rolls will be served following the Mass. All are welcome! For further information, call 320.532.3103 or email onamia@crosier.org.

PERHAM GIVING TREE

Families in need who would like to have items put on the Perham Giving Tree will need to fill out an application at Terrie's Memories (formerly Ghost Runner) at 745 Main St, Perham, MN 56573. The families <u>must reside in the Perham School District</u>. The deadline to fill out the application is <u>December 7th</u>. For more information, please call Terrie at 218-457-1309.

For those of you who would like to purchase a Christmas gift for a child, cards will be on the tree starting December 7th at Terrie's Gifts.

A CHRISTMAS GATHERING

The Vergas Lonneys Relay for Life Team is having a Concert & Bake Sale Fundraiser on Sunday, December 4th from 2:00 pm—4:00 pm at the Vergas Event Center. Come enjoy an afternoon of Christmas Music featuring: Perham Swing Choir, Kim Kratzke, "Band of Faith". Admission is \$10.00 each or \$25.00 for a family.

NEEDED

St Edward Catholic Church in Henning is looking for someone to play the organ or piano during 8:30 am Sunday Mass. It is a paid position. This would be on a rotation basis with Kathy Mohs, who plays the piano/keyboard. Please call the Parish Office at 218-583-2490, if you are interested or have any questions.

"All that is required for evil to triumph is for good people to do nothing." What are you doing this advent season?

Edmund Burke



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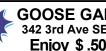
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