



Catholic Church of  
**Saint Henry**

December 25, 2020  
The Nativity of the Lord

## Gospel Reflection

Today marks the end of the Advent season and the beginning of the Christmas season. We have lighted four candles these past four weeks and asked God to help us be present to our neighbors and friends. Now in the Christmas season we are called to be Christ in the flesh to our world.

Let us pray...

God,  
you became human through the obedience of a simple young woman named Mary. Mary is our model of faith. May we be faithful to your word as Mary was. Give us the courage to face each day with the yes that Mary gave to you. We ask this through the incarnate God, who comes to us again during this Christmas season.  
Amen.

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas. ©LPi

### Readings for December 25, 2020

**Thursday:** Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/ Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

**Friday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/ Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14.

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

*The mystery of the Holy Night, which historically happened two thousand years ago, must be lived as a spiritual event in the 'today' of the Liturgy" the Pope clarified. "The Word who found a dwelling the Mary's womb comes to knock on the heart of every person with singular intensity this Christmas. Pope Saint John Paul II*

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[www.archspm.org/covid19](http://www.archspm.org/covid19) and  
[www.stherrycatholic.info](http://www.stherrycatholic.info)

# This Week at Saint Henry

# Anuncios En Español

## Sunday, December 20

### 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Rosary

- 8:30 AM **Mass**—Barrie Dalbec ☩
- 10:30 AM **Mass**—Jerome Perrault ☩
- 11:00 AM Spanish Faith Formation (SH/17-18)
- 11:30 AM Baptism
- 1:00 PM **Mass**—St. Henry Parishioners

## Monday, December 21

*Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

## Tuesday, December 22

- 5:15 PM Reconciliation
- 6:30 PM **Mass**—Mary DeMars ☩

## Wednesday, December 23

*Saint John of Kanty, Priest*

- 8:15 AM **Mass**—Philip LaValle ☩

## Thursday, December 24

### Parish Office Closed

- 4:00 PM **Mass**—Walt Markling ☩
- 6:00 PM **Mass**—St. Henry Parishioners
- 10:00 PM **Mass**—St. Henry Parishioners

## Friday, December 25

### The Nativity of the Lord

### Parish Office Closed

- 9:00 AM **Mass**—Angie Thompson ☩
- 11:00 AM **Mass**—Kenneth Richard Murphy ☩

## Saturday, December 26

### 4:25 Rosary

*St. Stephen, The First Martyr*

- 3:45 PM Reconciliation
- 5:00 PM **Mass**—Claude and Madelyn Christianson ☩

## Sunday, December 27

### 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Rosary

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- 8:30 AM **Mass**—Catherine Vogel ☩
- 10:30 AM **Mass**—Maurice Kilian ☩  
and Bill Shierts ☩
- 1:00 PM **Mass**—St. Henry Parishioners

Misa en Español Los Domingos a la 1:00 PM

### Grupo de Oracion

Se Reune en la Iglesia. Viernes, 7-9 pm

### Colecta de comida

El primer Domingo de cada mess se colecta comida para el almacén de Monticello. Favor de traer productos perecederos.

### Confesiones

Cada Martes a las 5:15-6:15 PM, Viernes 9:00 AM, y los Sábados a las 3:45 PM-4:45 PM.

### Bautizos

Hay que planear con tiempo. Contacte a Adriana para mas información al 763.807.0061.XV y Bodas contacte al Padre Barnes al 763.271.3073.

## We pray for those in need and in the military

### Pray for those in the military:

SrA Joe Fasen, Maj. Isaac Hedtke,  
PO3 Nicholas Bomersine, AFC Colin Scherber,  
LT Nicholis Relias

### Pray for those in need:

Maddie Poranski



# Financial Corner

## Sunday Offering

2020-2021 Budget..... \$940,000.00  
July 1, 2020– November 29, 2020 ..... **\$320,468.00**

## Building Maintenance Fund

2020 FY Collected as of 6/30/2020... \$99,388.00  
2021 FY Collected as of 11/29/2020..... \$25,782.00  
Balance (11/29/2020)..... **\$207,340.00**

## Debt Reduction (Mortgage)

Balance as of Oct. 20, 2020..... \$2,348,228.90  
Less:  
Amortized Payment (11/4/20)..... \$10,663.53  
Accelerated Payment (11/12/20)..... \$7,520.50  
(11/25/20)..... \$4,065.00  
Balance November 29, 2020..... **\$2,325,979.87**  
2021 Fiscal Year Debt Reduction Collected ..... \$32,887.00

WS = Worship Space  
CH = Chapel  
SH = Social Hall  
N = Nursery  
GS = Gathering Space  
MR = Music Room

FS = Fireside Room  
FYSH = Room 23  
CL #(2-22) = Classrooms  
G = Gym  
K = Kitchen  
MCR = Money Ctr. Room



# Community

## Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the compassionate mercy of Jesus Christ on our confidential weekend retreat. Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreats are open to anyone impacted by abortion - women, men, grandparents, siblings, and health care professionals. The next retreat is January 8-10, 2021 in the Twin Cities area. For more information contact Nancy at [rachels@rvinyardmn.org](mailto:rachels@rvinyardmn.org), call 763-250-9313 or see [www.rvinyardmn.org](http://www.rvinyardmn.org).

## Catechetical Institute

Two thousand years ago, Jesus gave us a new normal—to follow Him. Registration is now open for the CI: School of Discipleship beginning Jan. 5, 2021, and we are incredibly excited about this offering as the 40-Day Discipleship Challenge will take place during Lent! The course will be held at Holy Family in St. Louis Park on Tues. evenings from 7pm. to 8:30 pm., Jan. 5 – Feb. 16, 2021. Participants have the option to join in person or via Livestream! This 7-week course taught by Jeff Cavins includes a 40-Day Discipleship Challenge and a follow-up Activated Disciple seminar! To sign up for the course, materials (*The Activated Disciple book & The Activated Disciple 40-Day Challenge Journal, Bible Timeline Chart, Kerygma Card*), and seminar please visit the website: <http://www.cistudent.com/january-2021/>

## Question of the Week

**Q:** Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

**A:** Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all.  
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## Wright County Serrans

The Wright County Serrans invite you to join in praying for our local seminarians and those in religious formation: Deacon Josh Salonek, Ryan Sustacek, Jack Gebert and Sr. M. Emmaus Panuska St. Michael, St. Michael; Chris Yanta, Alexander Marquette, Elias Budke and Lisa Northenscold, St. Timothy, Maple Lake; Bro. Morgan Backstrom, Dan Berning, RaeAnn Athman and Sr. Seraphine of the Heart of Jesus, St. Albert, Albertville; Samuel Gilbertson and Jonathon Hank, St. Thomas the Apostle, Corcoran; Andrew Scherber and Alexander Rasset, St. Francis Xavier, Buffalo; Deacon Michael Sester, Dain Scherber and John Sester, Mary Queen of Peace; Mitch Logeais and Morgan Fournier Church of St. Ignatius, Annandale; Sister Gianna Agnes Popp, St. Luke, Clearwater; Gabe Thorp, Sarah Koshiol, Leah Weber, St. Michael, St. Michael who are in NET Ministries; Zachary Sandquist, St. Boniface, St. Bonifacius, and Krista Steele and Luke Eicher, St. Michael, St. Michael who are serving with FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). Yanta Vizenor, St. Michael, St. Michael is a missionary with Damascus Catholic Mission; Jennifer Elsen, Sts. Peter & Paul, Loretto is at Bethany House.

“Walk With Me” Vocation Prayer for those on their journey to ordination/final vows:  
Loving God, we ask you to guide the men and women of this Archdiocese who are considering religious life and those already on their journey towards ordination or final vows. Bless them in their decisions. Strengthen them in their love for you and their desire to serve you in this special way. Hold them close to your heart, especially during difficult or troubled times. Shower them with your love and fill them with courage and joy as they study and prepare themselves for your work. We pray for all on their journey to religious life. May they feel our loving and prayerful support. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

### Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

#### Safe Environment Adult Requirements:

All clergy and parish, school and archdiocesan employees, as well as all volunteers who have either regular or unsupervised interaction with minors, must complete the **Essential 3 (E3)** requirements:

- Background Check
- Code of Conduct
- Safe Environment Training

Victim's Assistance Program 651-291-4475

Dan Dupay  
Church of Saint Henry Safe Environment Coordinator  
763-271-3072  
[ddupay@sthenrycatholic.com](mailto:ddupay@sthenrycatholic.com)

# Parish News & Events

## Perpetual Adoration



Come, Let us adore Him. Bethlehem! The city where Jesus was born in fulfilment of the Scriptures, in Hebrew means "house of bread." It was there that the Messiah was to be born, the One who would say of himself: "I am the bread of life" (Jn 6:35, 48). In Bethlehem was born the One who, under the sign of broken bread, would leave us the memorial of his Pasch. On this Holy Night, adoration of the Child Jesus becomes Eucharistic adoration. We adore you, Lord, truly present in the Sacrament of the Altar, the living Bread which gives life to humanity. We acknowledge you as our one God, a little Child lying helpless in the manger! – St. John Paul II. Please contact Grace Janssen PEAT Coordinator at 763-360-5334 to sign up for an hour to Adore in our beautiful chapel.

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Android users text: ParishApp2 to 555888

Things you will find on our app include:

Prayers, Mass & Confession Times, Calendar, Contact info, Staff Bios, Bulletins, Daily readings, Online Giving etc.

Enable notifications to receive notifications about parish news and ministries.



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# Faith Formation

Merry Christmas!!!! A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us. Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. This



year has been exceptionally challenging. Let us unite tribulations with the peace that only Jesus Christ can give when we completely surrender ourselves to him. Jesus comes in poverty so we will always know that we are never alone, even when we are overwhelmed by fear, anxiety or any discouragement or disillusionment. Let us have hearts that are grateful, glorifying and praising God even in the midst of trial. Let us never forget the shepherds that he brought so much joy to, as we accept our mission to bring joy to the world.

Our First Confession retreat is scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup>. At this point we will still plan to have an in-person retreat, using social distancing and safety protocol. We will need adult station leaders to help lead the different stations that morning. If you are able to help please contact Jessica Soden [jsoden@sthenrycatholic.com](mailto:jsoden@sthenrycatholic.com) 763-271-3079. The retreat is from 8:45am-Noon.

12/30 – No Class

1/6 – Class

1/9 – 8:45am-Noon First Confession Parent/Child Retreat

1/13 – Class

1/20 – Class

1/27 – Class

1/28 – 6pm First Confessions

## Youth Ministry



Facebook:  
The Fysh Bowl



Instagram:  
@BowlofFysh



Website:  
[www.sthenrycatholic.info/youth-ministry](http://www.sthenrycatholic.info/youth-ministry)

## Save the Dates!

This winter we are hosting TWO high-school retreats, with returning college students coming to serve as leaders! Save the dates: The Girls' Retreat is Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Guys' Retreat is Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>!