Divine Mercy Area Faith Community

ST. MARY'S 636 1st Ave N • Sleepy Eye MN 56085
(507) 794-4171 • saintmaryse@sleepyeyetel.net
Weekend Mass Times: Sat., 5:30pm; Sun., 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am (EF/Latin)

ST. PAUL'S 209 Field St N • PO Box 277 • Comfrey, MN 56019
(507) 877-2361 • stpcomfrey@yahoo.com
Weekend Mass Time: Sun., 10:30am

ST. MICHAEL'S 510 W 3rd St • PO Box 459 • Morgan, MN 56266
(507) 249-3192 • stmichaels@redred.com
Weekend Mass Time: Sun., 8:30am

JAPANESE MARTYRS 30881 County Rd 24 • Sleepy Eye, MN 56085
(507) 794-6974 • jmartyrs@sleepyeyetel.net
Weekend Mass Time: Sat., 8:00pm

Pastoral Leadership

Fr. Mark Steffl
Pastor

Fr. Samuel Perez
Senior Associate Pastor

Fr. Zachary Peterson
Senior Associate Pastor

Deacon Mark Kober
Permanent Deacon

Deacon Mike McKeown
Permanent Deacon

Sacrament of Penance

St. Mary:
Saturday 9:00-10:00 am
Saturday 4:00-5:00 pm
Sunday 11:00-11:20 am (Before Latin Mass)
Monday 6:00-7:00 pm

St. Paul:
Sunday 11:30-11:45 am
1st Tuesday 6-6:30 pm

St. Michael:
Thursday 9-10:00 am
1st Friday 9-10:00 am
Sunday 8:00-8:15 am

Japanese Martyrs:
Saturday 7:30-7:45 pm

Sacrament of Marriage

For those who are free to marry, marriage preparation takes at least six months. Contact your parish office for further information.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents expecting the birth of their child must participate in a preparation session, preferable six months prior to the birth. Godparents need to participate in a preparation session also. Contact your parish office for further information.

Bulletin Copy Deadline:
Monday: noon

Catholic Charities:
1-866-670-5163

Notes from the Pastor

From Fr. Steffl:

Next Sunday, **May 2, is the Rosary/Marian Procession** that we will have to begin the month of May, the month of Mary. We will begin at 7:30 pm at Schoenstatt, and end at St. Mary's Church. (This will take the place of the *Adoremus* Holy Hour for the month of May.) For those who would like to have a ride from the St. Mary's parking lot to Schoenstatt, there will be a shuttle available beginning at 6:45 pm from the St. Mary's north parking lot (just asking for a donation from those who use it so we can cover the cost). There will be candles available for people to carry in the procession (if the wind cooperates), and when we arrive at the church after the procession, we will have a ½ hour of Eucharistic Adoration along with some Marian hymns and Benediction, so for those who are not able to walk the procession, you can still be a part of the event to honor the Blessed Mother in her month. Feel free to invite others to come along for this event!

Sunday, May 2, is also **First Communion** in our group of parishes. Thanks to the teachers and catechists who helped these students prepare, as well as the parents, who are the first and most important teachers of the Faith for their children, and have to be good examples in the witness of their own practice of the faith, and bringing their children to Mass every Sunday! Each year, First Communion gives us all an opportunity to remember how important the Eucharist is and how It and the Mass should be the very center of our lives as followers of Jesus, striving for eternal life.

After the 9:30 am Mass at St. Mary's, on Sunday, June 6, the Feast of Corpus Christi, I am inviting the children who are making their First Communion this year to once again wear their First Communion clothes to be a special part of the Eucharistic procession that we will have at the end of Mass on that day that we honor the Lord present to us in the Eucharist.

Beginning on Thursday, May 6, I will be offering a new **adult education series on the Gospel of St. John called "Follow Me"** that will meet for 8 successive Thursdays at 6:30 pm. I did this study a number of years ago in a previous parish assignment, and I found it to be excellent! The sessions last each about an hour, include a video presentation and then some time to go over some study questions. If you have not yet done a faith study, I would especially like to encourage you, even if you cannot make every one of the sessions. Please call the parish office if you are going to come so we can have enough handouts.

I am glad to see so many who take advantage of the opportunities we have in our parishes of weekday Masses, and want to do all I can to encourage everyone, even if you cannot make it every day. Saturday morning Mass is also a very beautiful opportunity for those who are not able to make a weekday, while still adding an extra Mass to our Sunday obligation.

Japanese Martyrs just had a historic chalice re-plated that we will be using for Mass. This was done, thanks to some money that came to the parish from the Albert Sellner estate.

AFC Mass Times & Weekly Events

AFC Mass Intentions for April 26-May 2, 2021

Monday
Apr. 26 Act 11:1-18 / Jn 10:1-10
Divine Providence †Nicole Fuchs
5:30 pm **St. Mary's** Catholic United Financial
6-7:00 pm **St. Mary's** Confessions

Tuesday
Apr. 27 Acts 11:19-26 / Jn 10:22-30
7:00 am **St. Mary's** †Joe Schmitz
8:30 am **St. Michael's** †Lloyd & Florence Gewerth
8:30 am **Japanese Martyrs** †Mark Schley
Divine Providence †Sherry Eigen
5:30 pm **St. Paul's** †Cyril Helget

Wednesday - *St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montford, Priest*
Apr. 28 Acts 12:24-13:5a / Jn 12:44-50
7:00 am **St. Mary's** †George Sellner
8:30 am **St. Michael's** †Adeline & Adolph Nelsen
Divine Providence †Edwin & Agnes Tauer
2:20 pm **St. Mary's** †Ryan Harvey / GS Mass

Thursday - *St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church*
Apr. 29 Acts 13:13-25 / Jn 13:16-20
7:00 pm **St. Mary's** †Ron Helget
8:15 am **St. Mary's** †Louie & Mary Steffl & Nicole Fuchs / HS Mass
8:30 am **St. Michael's** †Mary Wersal
8:30 am **Japanese Martyrs** †Rita Windschitl
9-10:00 am **St. Michael's** Holy Hour & Confessions
Divine Providence †Bill & Maggie Wintheiser

Friday - *St. Pius V, Pope*
Apr. 30 Acts 13:26-33 / Jn 14:1-6
7:00 am **St. Mary's** CUF sick or in distress
7:30 am-5pm **St. Mary's** Adoration in main Church
8:30 am **St. Paul's** †Roman Zwaschka
8:30 am **St. Michael's** †Mike Larsen
Divine Providence Seth Weeks
SE Care Center †Bob R. Hoffmann

Saturday - *St. Joseph the Worker*
May 1 Gn 1:26-2:3 / Mt 13:54-58
8:00 am **St. Mary's** †Norbert M. Portner
8:30 am **St. Michael's** †Edmund Baune
9-10:00 am **St. Mary's** Confessions
Divine Providence DSMP
4-5:00 pm **St. Mary's** Confessions
5:30 pm **St. Mary's** †Ben, Florence & Ron Hoffmann
7:30-7:45 pm **Japanese Martyrs** Confessions
8:00 pm **Japanese Martyrs** †Pat Steffl

Sunday - *Fifth Sunday of Easter*
May 2 Acts 9:26-31 / 1 Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8
7:30 am **St. Mary's** †Tony & Leona Schueller
8:00 am **St. Michael's** Confessions
8:30 am **St. Michael's** †D & L of Connie Kodet Family / 1st Communion
9:30 am **St. Mary's** †Mike Wagner
10:30 am **St. Paul's** †Wishy & Lorrie Eischen / 1st Communion
11:00 am **St. Mary's** Confessions
11:30 am **St. Mary's/Latin** †Rita A. Schmitz
11:30 am **St. Paul's** Confessions
1:00 pm **St. Mary's** Rosary at the Holy Family Statue
2:00 pm **St. Mary's** Parish Family / 1st Communion
3-4:00 pm **St. Michael's** Holy Hour
4:00 pm **St. Mary's** Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer)
7:30 pm **St. Mary's** Marian Procession from Schoenstatt to St. Mary's

Weekly Events

St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye
Sunday, Apr. 25
4:00pm Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer)
7-8:00pm Holy Hour
Wednesday, Apr. 28
6:30 Religious Ed
Friday, Apr. 30
5:45am That Man is You! in soc rm
7:30am-5:00pm Adoration in main the Church
Sunday, May 2
1:00pm Rosary at the Holy Family Statue
4:00pm Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer)
7:30pm Marian Rosary Procession from Schoenstatt to St. Mary's

St. Michael's, Morgan
Sunday, Apr. 25
3-4:00pm Holy Hour
Wednesday, Apr. 28
6:15pm Religious Ed

St. Paul's, Comfrey
Wednesday, Apr. 28
7:00pm Religious Ed at Comfrey

Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth
Wednesday, Apr. 28
7:00pm Religious Ed at Comfrey

Prayer for a new bishop

Almighty God,
Who by the Holy Spirit moves
the hearts of Your people,
Direct the counsels of those who
are appointed to choose a bishop
for the Diocese of New Ulm,
that we may be given a pastor who in
faithfulness and wisdom
shall lead Your people
in the way of holiness.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.
Mary, Mother of the Church,
pray for us.

St. Mary's Church, Sleepy Eye

Called to Eternal Life….
Please remember in your prayers **Ordell Krambeer** who passed away recently. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and friends, and we pray for her eternal peace. Grant her a place of light and peace, O Lord.

We Celebrate
….the baptism of **Arlene Christine Domeier**, daughter of Chris & Ashley Domeier. Congratulations!

Votive Lights burn this week for:
Patt Seifert; Jerome & Rose Fromm; Alice Sellner; Leon Bushard; Ray & Adella Tauer; Family Intentions; Sylvester & Irene Seifert; Dec'd family mbrs of Alphonse Mages; Witucki Family; Art & Marion M. Sellner; Hacker Families; Arnold & Lorraine Roiger; Paul, Jim, Gerald & Joan (Abrahamson) Schroepfer; Les Haala; Gary's Health; Special Intentions; Don Ludewig; Melvin Braun; Lorraine M. Roiger; For Special Intentions; Stanley Bauer; Willard Fischer; Grandchildren; Reinarts Family; Florian & Florence Sellner; Marie Vittetoe; Nick Reed; Shawn Jirak; Milo & Gladys Jirak; Marion & Harry Jirak; Mike Wagner; Our Daughter; Robert R. Hoffmann; Leonard; Brian & Sharrie Roberts; Fronie, Bert, James & Patrick Wagner; Matt & Lenore Trost; (2) Special Intentions.

Parish Prayer List: Dave Walter, Gary Kuebler, Ruth Steffl, Cheryl Nessett, Eileen Kral, Megan Eldeen, Lennon Ludewig, Yvonne Windschitl, Barry Hilmann, Mildred Rosenhammer, Karen Yager, Margaret Kaldon, Grace Hoeper, Bev Soukup, Chris, Pat, Carol, Laurie, Dustin, Addy Fairbarn, Sara Ann Wendinger, Baby Elliott, Willhite family, DJS, Janet J., our son, Alice & Robert Tanley, Successful Surgeries, Stacie Dillard, Jon Kopacek, my sister, my granddaughter, Frank Ziegler, DRK, my daughter, Melissa Sellner.

Traveling Chalice Prayer for Vocations
Apr. 25: Audrey Wagner
May 2: Pat & Patty Berkner

Calendar raffle winners for April 12-18: Rebecca Sellner, Ronald J. Saffert, Chris Larson, Lisa (Tom) Pelzel, Terry Hauser, Tammy (David) Helget, Mary Catherine Bauer.

NEX-TU-NU II - April 26-May 1: Artificial flowers 50% off; flower pots 25% off. Store hours: Mon.-Fri. from 10:00am to 4:30pm; Sat. 10:00am-1:00pm.

CRS Rice Bowls Please drop off your Rice Bowl boxes at the parish office.

St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye ~ Shepherd of the Field
Rev. Fr. Keith Salisbury
307 4th St W, Canby, MN 56220
Birthday: March 10 ~ Ordination: June 3, 2006
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Rev. Fr. David Breu
PO Box 127, Graceville, MN 56240-0127
*Birthday: March 1 ~ Ordination: May 27, 1973*

**Liturgical Ministers for May 1 & 2, 2021**

**Rosary Leader**

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| 5:00 pm | Lillian Stimpert |
| 7:00 am | Linda (Paul) Schroepfer |
| 9:00 am | Lorraine Schroepfer |

| | Accompanist | Cantor |
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| 5:30 pm | Lisa Portner | Kevin Currans |
| 7:30 am | Sean Connolly | Tom Larson |
| 9:30 am | Sean Connolly | Caecilian Choir |
| 11:30 am | Sean Connolly | Latin Mass Choir |

**Servers**

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| 5:30 pm | Jasmine Petermann, Natalie Fischer, Emma Weilage, Brylee Hansen |
| 7:30 am | Lacey Mathiowetz, Emily Helget, Josie Helget, Taylor Mathiowetz |
| 9:30 am | Caidence Kucera, Lyndsey Sellner, Rachel Portner, Kiauna Suess, Caroline Currans |
| 11:30 am | TBD |

**Lectors**

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| 5:30 pm | Wayne Pelzel |
| 7:30 am | Cynthia Surprenant |
| 9:30 am | Pat Krzmarzick |
| 11:30 am | Clergy |

**Ushers/Greeters**

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| 5:30 pm | *John Sellner, Ron Salfer, Rusty Hoffmann, Greg Braulick, Greg Gangelhoff |
| 7:30 am | *Phil Sellner, Michael A. Sellner, Rick Mages, Scott Surprenant, Pete Schumacher, Andy Pelzel |
| 9:30 am | *Roger Kral, Randy Reinarts, Dan Reddemann, Brandon Krzmarzick, Mike Steffl, David H. Sellner. |
| 11:30 am | Volunteers |

**Christian Mothers News**
Christian Mothers' dues are $2/per year. If you are not sure if you owe, please call Mary Ann Thedens at 794-6369. You can mail your dues to Mary Ann Thedens, 25149 290th St., Sleepy Eye, MN 56085.

**St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye Men's Sausage Dinner Meat For Sale**
We have 13 rings liver sausage and 44 packages of pepper cheese sticks for sale. To purchase, call Marie Bushard at 507-276-7295.

**FORMED.org**
FORMED.org has some fantastic resources for the whole family all year round, whether it is a family movie night, kids programing, a bible study, or audio talks. This resource is paid for by our AFC for you to use at no cost. To take advantage of this great resource, go to our website: www.divinemercyafc.org to find it under the Spiritual Resources page. Enjoy!

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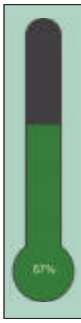
St. Mary's Catholic School

exists to assist families in passing on the Catholic faith while providing a quality education in a safe and positive environment.

THANK YOU!

We are so grateful for all of the generous individuals who help support St. Mary's! Thank you to Matt and Mandy Wagner for their gift of $50 toward our Adopt-A-Student program. Thank you to Ken and Audrey Schons for their donation $200 toward our Adopt-A-Student program. We are also very blessed by all of the individuals who contributed to the Knights boys' and girls' basketball teams' trips to the State Tournament. We appreciate your support!

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS ANNUAL APPEAL



Thank you to everyone who has donated to this fund. This year our annual appeal needs a hand since our Night of Knights dinner was not held last fall due to the pandemic. Please consider giving to help St. Mary's reach it's goal of $100,000 by June 30. The gifts received from this appeal will be used to satisfy the budgeted salary increase (plus benefits) for school personnel already factored in for this 2020-2021 school year. We are grateful to everyone who supports St. Mary's!

NO FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUSSING

Sleepy Eye Public School will be dismissing at 12:30 p.m. on Fridays for the remainder of the school year. Thus, there will be no afternoon bussing on Fridays for the rest of the school year. Thank you for your help with this!

SMS VIP DAY FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

It's time to celebrate the Very Important People in our elementary students' lives!! Due to COVID restrictions, St. Mary's cannot hold our annual traditional Grandparents' Day. However, we still want to acknowledge the important role that our grandparents (and other very important people) play in our students' lives. **Thus, we are declaring Monday, May 17 as VIP DAY!!!!**

PARENTS, we need your help! Please contact your children's grandparents (or other VIPS such as aunts, uncles, godparents, daycare providers, etc) and ask them to send a letter or a card to each of your elementary children at school. **We need all letters to arrive at school by Monday, May 10.** It's fine if your child receives more than one letter! They will receive and open their letters on VIP Day.

Please address the letters as follows:
St. Mary's Catholic School/VIP Day
Child's First and Last Name and Grade
104 St. Mary's Street NE
Sleepy Eye, MN 56085

Please start asking your grandparents and VIPs to send their letters TODAY! Thank you for your help making this day special for our elementary students!

ADOPT-A-STUDENT

Donations of any amount to this program are appreciated and help us to pass on the Catholic faith to our children. Thank you!

Child 2	$ 358.45	Child 35	$ 358.45
Child 4	$ 389.45	Child 37	$ 58.45
Child 17	$ 358.45	Child 38	$ 358.45
Child 18	$ 358.45	Child 39	$ 358.45
Child 19	$ 858.45	Child 40	$ 358.45
Child 20	$ 858.45	Child 41	$ 358.45
Child 23	$ 858.45	Child 43	$ 713.00
Child 28	$ 358.45	Child 44	$ 713.00
Child 34	$ 358.45		

HELP KNOCK CANCER OUT OF THE PARK!

All are invited to join us for the St. Mary's softball game against Sleepy Eye Public School on RESCEDULED FOR MAY 7. The game will include a silent auction fundraiser for Judy Hose in support of her cancer diagnosis. If you would like to donation toward the silent auction, please bring your basket to school or contact Kayla Mathiowetz before May 6. Thank you for your support!

CARIBBEAN KNIGHT PARTY—MAY 15!

This fun night of music with Sandra Lee and the Velvets, food, drinks games, live and silent auction and fun will take place on May 15! If you have any silent auction items, please bring them to the school office. If you have any items for the live auction, please contact Judd Walter. The variety of auction items has yielded excellent results and we appreciate your donations! Thank you!

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

At St. Mary's, we believe very strongly in the value of a Catholic education at our school. Thus, we do not want financial limitations to hinder any child from attending St. Mary's. We have also been blessed with generous donors who support this goal and whose gifts have made it possible to offer tuition assistance. A financial assistance package was sent home. This needs to be mailed to FAIR or completed online by May 7. If you have any questions, please contact the school!

FOURTH QUARTER MIDTERMS

We are halfway through the fourth quarter and final quarter of school. Midterm took place on April 21. Please contact your child's teacher(s) with any concerns.

St. Mary's School Website: www.sesmschool.com
Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/sesmschool

Virtue of the Month:
Forgiveness

St. Michael's Church, Morgan

Called to Eternal Life….
Please remember in your prayers **Jacob Otto** and **Allan Hacker** who passed away . We extend our sincere sympathy to their family and friends, and we pray for their eternal peace. Grant them a place of light and peace, O Lord.

We are extremely grateful for the gifts received this past week: $11,015.81 as beneficiary of Joe Larsen's life insurance policy; $26,404.31 from Catholic United Financial as beneficiary of Fr. Eugene Hackert's life insurance policy; and for the donation of snow removal services from Gary Kerkhoff Construction. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for continuing to support our "Friends of San Lucas" with your aluminum can donations. Our last load resulted in a donation of $88.80.

PARISH PRAYER LIST:
Patrick Simon, for special blessings and good health for a family in need, Bonnie Welter, Andrew Hacker, Bernice Ricke, Hans Larson, Jerome Tauer and Joanna Teed. *Names will stay on the prayer list for 6 months, if you would like a name added to the list or a name taken off the list, please call the office at 249-3192.*

LARGE VOTIVE LIGHTS
will burn this week for: family of KDK, Hans Larson and Carisa Walter. *Candles are $3.00 each. Candles are lit on Friday and will burn throughout the week.*

May, the Month of Mary
During the month of May, the month of our Blessed Virgin Mary, we will pray the rosary toward the end of our Sunday holy hour (3-4 PM) for the intention of those fallen away from the Catholic faith. St Louis de Montfort says," The rosary is the most powerful weapon to touch the heart of Jesus, our Redeemer, who so loves His mother."

Congratulations Calendar Raffle Winners!
April 21 - Kathy Frederickson
April 25 - Ruth & Russ Beert

Scholarships for Catholic Education
St. Michael's parishioners attending a Catholic school in the area are eligible for tuition assistance. Applications are available in the back of church or in the parish office and are due by June 1st.

Thank you to all parishioners who have been mailing in or dropping off their donations - your support is very much appreciated and needed!

Follow us on our NEW Facebook Page
Church of St. Michael, Morgan, MN
https://www.facebook.com/Church-of-St-Michael-Morgan-MN-106460008071485

Liturgical Ministers
Sunday, May 2 - 8:30am
Lector: Jeff Kodet
Servers: Maryanne Larsen, Theresa Larsen, Sophie Kodet
Ushers: Pat Larsen, Greg Wersal, Bill & Eileen Rothmeier

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
We would like to thank **Robert Senkyr** for hosting the K of C Fatima statue and praying daily for more Church vocations, for the intentions of the KC's and the Church. Next week **Phyllis Schouvieller** will host the statue.

Updating Parish Roster
We are planning to update the parish member records and would like your current information. Through previous church mailings and the amount of mail returned as "undeliverable" it is apparent we are due for some updates. Forms are available in the back of church. Please complete the form and return it in the collection basket, the drop box in the breezeway, or to the parish office.

Upcoming Events
- Holy Hour Sunday, April 25, 3-4pm
- Sung Vespers Sunday, April 25, 4pm - SESM
- Youth Group Sunday, April 25, 6:30pm - SESM
- First Communion Interviews Wednesday, April 28
- Religious Ed Wednesday, April 28, 6:15-7:30pm
- That Man is YOU! Friday, April 30, 5:45pm—SESM
- First Communion practice Saturday, May 1, 10:00am
- First Communion Mass Sunday, May 2, 8:30am
- Holy Hour and Rosary, Sunday, May 2, 3-4pm
- Sung Vespers Sunday, May 2, 4pm - SESM
- Youth Group Sunday, May 2, 6:30pm - SESM
- Marian Procession from Schoenstatt to St. Mary's Sun., May 2, 7:30pm

Please tune in!
Morgan Public Access (channel 3) will be airing *The History of the Catholic Church in the United States* on Wednesdays at 11 am and again at 4:30 pm. Historian Fr. Charles Connor hosts a stand-out EWTN Home Video series on Catholicism in the United States from Colonial days to the present. With the approach of a scholar and the heart of a lover of history, Fr. Connor takes us from the parishes of the 13 colonies, to the Civil War era, through ongoing religious persecutions and discriminations, to post-World War II years. **April 28th - The Church of the Twenties - Episode 10**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend
Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34 - Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and experience the love of your spouse like you never have before. The next available **Weekends** are Nov. 19-21, 2021 in WINDOM, MN and Feb. 18-20, 2022 in WINDOM, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: **southmnwwme.org** or contact Miki at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesdays and Fridays 8:30 AM-12:30 PM

St. Paul's Church, Comfrey

Happy 91 Birthday to Evelyn Eischen on April 30!
Happy 93 Birthday to Marian Treml on April 30!

The next CCW Meeting will be Thursday, May 6, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Social Hall.

Cemetery News Reminder: If you set items out in the cemetery by a loved one's grave over the winter, please remember to pick those things up. Mowing season won't be too far off!

Mass Time
Just a reminder, it was decided to discontinue the Wednesday morning Mass at St. Paul's, starting after Easter, but will keep the Tuesday evening and Friday morning Masses as our weekday services. Our Sunday Mass will continue as well. With our AFC priests covering other parishes due to illness, this will help free up their schedule to allow them to help out.

Needed: Once again, we are looking for volunteers to be on the Church Dinner Committee. Please consider helping with this very much-needed fundraiser for our church!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Sunday, May 2 - 10:30am
Rosary: Judy
Lector: Leah Eischen
Servers: Kyla Wuertz
Ushers: Dennis Schumacher

Keep In Your Prayers - Servicemen, Jim Schneider, Derek Wingert, Allen Evers, Brian Fredin, Briar Lippert, Chris Amsden, Joyce Platz, Lennon Ludewig, baby Cora Mathiowetz, Anonymous, Alphonse Mathiowetz, Matt Simon, Deanna Sellner, Arlene Helget, Bernice Goldschmidt.

Congratulations to our lucky $50 Calendar Raffle winner: **Melissa Dietel**. Who will be next week's $50 winner?

If you would like to send a card to **Jean Swift**: Good Samaritan Society, 601 West Street, Room 105, Jackson, MN 56143

Japanese Martyrs Church, Sleepy Eye (Leavenworth)

Parish Festival
Plans are underway for a complete Church Festival on July 25, including Mass, meal, softball tournament, games, kids tractor pull, food & beverage stand, and live music! It will take everyone's help to make it a success. **At this time we are asking for donations to help out with the beef processing. Donations can be put in the collection basket.**

If anyone would like to donate a prize to the Big Raffle for our Annual Church Summer Festival, please contact Barb Windschitl at 507-227-6936 or Ronda Mathiowetz at 507-360-9162, or items can be dropped off at the office. Thanks to everyone who is donating!

Social Room Floor Update
Work has begun on the floor in the church social hall. Please avoid that area. The social hall will be unavailable for events until the work is complete. The rest rooms are still accessible.

Church of the Japanese Martyrs ~ Shepherd of the Field
Reverend Father Mark Mallak
Po Box 235, Grove City, MN 56243
Birthday: September 20 ~ Ordination: June 25, 1988

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Saturday, May 1 - 8:00 pm
Rosary– begin at 7:40pm: Mary Lou Mathiowetz
Lector: JoAnn Schumacher
Servers: Josh & Logan Moldan
Music: Becky Sellner

Cemetery Reminder:
Please remember to remove any items from graves in the cemetery that will be in the way for mowing, as that time will be here soon. Thank you!

UPDATES??
Please remember to update the office on any address, phone or membership changes for yourself or your children, especially if they have completed their post high school education, as **we will be changing to a bi-monthly envelope mailing in 2022**, instead of the current boxes. Thank you!

During the COVID 19 Pandemic, Catholic Charities counselors are conducting counseling sessions via telehealth. They are also still accepting new clients during the Pandemic. Please call 866-670-5163 if you have any questions related to Catholic Charities counseling services.

St. Paul's & Japanese Martyrs Combined Events

Religious Education News
Apr 28 - 7pm-8:15pm Rel Ed classes at SP
May 5 - 7pm **AFC** Closing CCD Mass/May Crowning at SM

CRS Rice Bowls
If you have not returned your RICE Bowls, please drop off your boxes at the parish office. Thank you for your donations.

Download the phone App at www.divinemercyafc.org

Upcoming Events
May 2 **SP** 10:30am First Communion Mass
May 2 **SM** 2pm First Communion Mass
May 6 **SP** 7pm CCW Meeting - Church Social Hall
May 20 **SP** 6:30pm Administrative Council meeting via Zoom
July 25 **JM** Church Dinner & Festival

Thanks to all parishioners who have been mailing in or dropping off their donations or are trying online giving. Your support is very much appreciated and needed!

Stewardship Collection from April 17 & 18, 2021

	St. Mary's	St. Michael's	St. Paul's	Japanese Martyrs
Adult	$12,907.91	$655.00	$640.00	$335.00
Youth	$125.95	$3.00	$0	$0
Loose Plate	$837.49	$281.00	$5.00	$111.29
All Other	$900.00	$680.00	$102.00	$451.25
Total	$14,771.35	$1,619.00	$747.00	$897.54
Total (adult/yth/loose/mbrshp)	$13,871.35	$939.00	$645.00	$446.29
Weekly Budget Needed	$12,288.47	$1,786.54	$855.77	$939.43
Fiscal Year to Date	$590,681.33	$100,900.65	$40,822.78	$41,198.50
Fiscal Year to Date Budget	$516,115.74	$75,034.69	$35,942.34	$39,456.06
SM Church Floor/Windows	Rec'd this week $172,725.00	Total Received $191,064.60	# Donors - 25	Goal $700,000.00

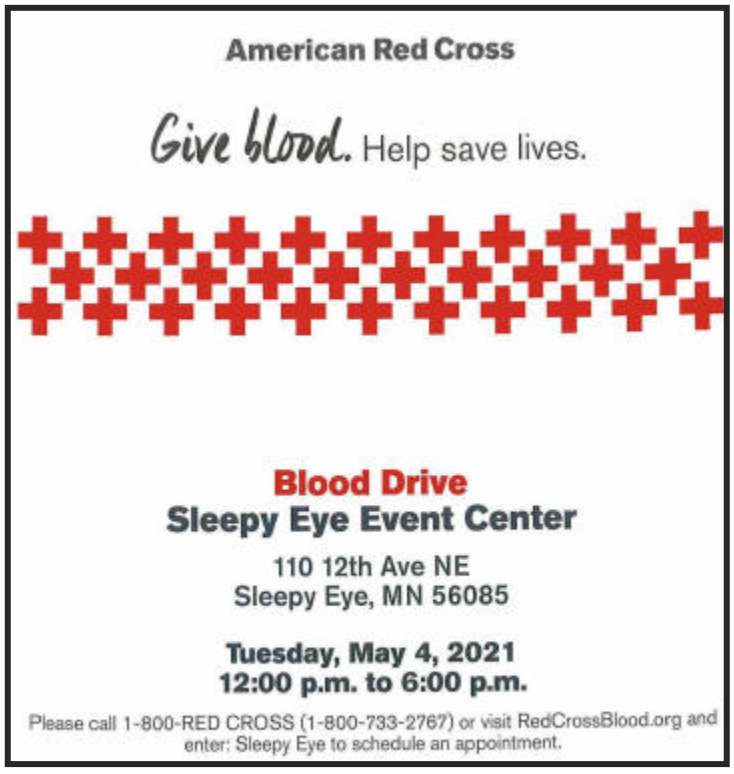
Diocesan Ministries Appeal 2020-2021 / April 20, 2021

	St. Mary's	St. Michael's	St. Paul's	Japanese Martyrs
Goal	$51,039.04	$10,520.82	$5,303.89	$6,782.02
Received for DNU Ministries	$31,189.60	$10,697.96	$5,696.00	$4,748.00
Received for Parish	$7,797.40	$2,674.49	$1,424.00	$1,187.00
Total Cash Received	$38,987.00	$13,372.45	$7,120.00	$5,935.00
Variance	($12,052.04)	$2,851.63	$1,816.11	($847.02)
# Donors	140	51	20	17
Total Cash & Pledges	$41,467.00	$13,897.45	$7,300.00	$5,935.00

Perpetual Adoration at St. Mary's Church Adoration Chapel, Sleepy Eye

Please call Deacon Mark Kober at (507) 227-4602 with questions, to sign up for an hour of Adoration or to be a substitute. Thank you!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1-2am						9-10am



Items for Sale by Divine Providence Auxiliary

Myrtyce Remus has volunteered to sell embroidered dish towels, crocheted baby gift sets, various quilts, hot pads, etc. directly from the Divine Providence Marion Conference Room. Please call Myrtyce at 701/429-3657 for an appointment. Anyone interested in volunteering some time to embroidering dish towels, please contact Mary Sommerfeld at 507/380-2865. Towels will be provided.

NEEDED: Science Instructor/Middle-High School

St. Mary's Catholic School, Sleepy Eye is seeking a middle-high school science instructor for the 2021-2022 school year. St. Mary's is a preK-12 Catholic school in search of an individual of the Catholic faith, who desires to make a difference in the lives of our students. Applicants must be passionate about education, strong in collaboration, focused on instructional best practices, and contribute positively to the learning and development of all students. Applicants must hold a valid MN teaching license in the area of Secondary Education.

Applications for this position will be accepted until the position is filled. Interested applicants should visit our website, www.sesmschool.com, to obtain an application and answer short essay questions. Mail, email, or fax a cover letter, personal resume, St. Mary's application, short essay questions, copy of MN licensure, copy of transcript, and three letters of recommendation to:

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Fax: 507-794-4841
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We are currently hiring full-time or part-time evening shift, or casual (all shifts) **Nursing Assistants.** If you are not a certified nursing assistant, the class is offered at the facility at no cost to the employee and the employee is paid for hours in the class. In the Dietary department, we are currently hiring a full-time **Evening Cook.** There are also part-time openings in Dietary for adults and high school students. Must be 16 years old. Apply online at http://divineprovidencehome.org or pickup an application at the front desk.

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