

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. HENRY

WELCOME TO ST. HENRY'S

We extend a warm welcome to all new members of our parish. We hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith life will grow. Please introduce yourself after one of the Masses and do not forget to register. You may register on-line or by calling the parish office at the number below.

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OFFICE HOURS

The parish office hours are: Monday—Thursday 9:00am—4:30pm Friday 9:00am—2:00pm

STEWARDSHIP—TAKE A STEP

Our weekly donations need to average \$7500 to meet operating expenses. E-Giving is available online. Please contact the parish office to receive an email to help set it up.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Instructional classes for parents prior to the Baptism of their children are held the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm, at St. Henry's Church. Please call the parish office to register for classes. Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of the month during Mass and the fourth Sunday of the month following the 10:00am Mass.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION

St. Henry's Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation & First Communion will begin after completing at least (1) year of Faith Formation. This is the prerequisite to registration into the sacramental preparation classes. Participants will attend weekly classes, Mass and a retreat to further their faith education experience. For more information, please call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament is conferred in Tenth grade. The diocese requires a two year preparation period. That takes place in grades 9 & 10 with a retreat and two day mandatory preparation.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements for marriage should be made at least 6 months in advance. Kindly call the parish office for an appointment.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	4:00pm
Sunday	
Weekdays	

NO MORNING MASS ON THURSDAY

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

WEEKEND OF January 15 & 16
Attendance 257

Collection for January 1 & 2 \$7,463.00 Includes E-Giving

"UNDIE SUNDAY"

On February 19th, & 20th St. Henry's sponsoring "Undie Sunday". To meet basic needs of those who are in shelters, we will be collecting new undergarments to pass onto homeless shelters and outreach agencies. This collection allows us to make a meaningful difference in the life of someone going without this basic need. The men, women and children who seek refuge in emergency shelters often arrive with only the clothing on their backs. Boxers, briefs, bras, socks, undershirts and the like of all sizes for adult men, women and children will be accepted. Items must be new and in their packaging. For questions, please contact Lynn Waterman at 674-3377. for more information.

IN APPRECIATION!

Thank you to our families, catechists and volunteers who helped make our First Reconciliation Retreat a success. It was a fun afternoon of games, crafts, learning and exploring reconciliation. We are especially grateful for helpers: Father Tom, Tana LeBlanc, Jessie LeBlanc. Arden Maiorisi, and Julie Hansen

MISPLACE A GIFT CARD?

A gift card was found in the church just after Christmas. If you are missing a card, please call the office to describe and claim.

PARKING

Please **<u>DO NOT</u>** park in the parking lot across the street. It is not church property. We also ask that you **<u>DO NOT</u>** park in the side driveway. It is for emergency vehicles only.

MASS INTENTIONS

The calendar for Mass intentions for 2020 is now open. Diocesan guidelines ask that we limit the number of intentions per Mass. We would like to encourage you to plan ahead for 2022. The Mass Stipend is now \$15.00.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Please remember that if Averill Park Schools are closed or delayed due to inclement weather, St. Henry's will be closed and Mass will be canceled.

RESPECT LIFE

The annual, pro-life novena, <u>9 Days for Life</u>, **started Wednesday**, **January 19!** Invite your friends and family to join you and Thousands of Catholics in prayer for the protection of human life.

HAVE A CONCERN OR A QUESTION? MAYBE A SUGGESTION?

In an effort to be open to all of our parishioner's thoughts and ideas on all aspects of parish life, we are listing the people (with their usual Mass time) who serve our parish by being a member of the Pastoral Council. Please feel free to speak to any of them when you see them. If you prefer, call the parish office (518-674-3818) and leave your name and number and the person you would like to speak with will call you back.

These are times of change and we understand that you may wonder why or how some decisions are made. <u>Any and all thoughts and questions are welcome</u>.

Membership List January 2022

Linda Banker	ex-officio	Parish Staff	8am Mass
Rita Evans		10	Oam Mass
Maryann Francis	10am Mass		
Nancy Hall		8	am Mass
Cyndi Herman		1	0am Mass
Fr. Tom Holmes ex-officio			
Lisa Hutchinson		10	Oam Mass
Pat Mosher		10	Oam Mass
Deacon Bob Pasquarelli ex-officio			
Kathy Petley		4	lpm Mass
Betty Ricciardi		10	Oam Mass
Marj Ritzer		10	0am Mass
Marsha Wereb		4	pm Mass
Peter Wrenn	Chair	8	Bam Mass

TAX TIME

Tax statements for 2021 are available **upon request only**. You should receive a separate statement from the diocese acknowledging your Bishop's Appeal donation and your Capital Campaign pledge. If you do not receive them by the end of the month, please call the parish office at 518-674-3818.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Anyone who is frail, ill, facing surgery, or is in need of healing of body, mind or spirit is welcome to call the parish office to request an appointment with Fr. Tom to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. This is a beautiful sacrament of healing. Please do not hesitate to call if you are interested.

DEACON BOB'S CORNER

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time by Sr. Mary M. McGlone

January 23, 2022

What if you were asked to choose a word, an image, or a passage of Scripture to summarize who you are and want to be? What might you choose? High school seniors sometimes choose the phrase they want under their picture in the yearbook. Their grandparents might complete this exercise by planning their funerals. Others make identity statements with tattoos. Reciting the creed, singing and praying are also expressions of our identity. Jesus chose the context of a Sabbath liturgy to describe himself and his mission to his hometown folk. As Luke tells the story, this happened after Jesus had begun his public life. Before he went to the synagogue in Nazareth, he had been baptized, spent time in the desert, and was getting a reputation in Galilee as a preacher and healer. One wonders what he and others expected as he stood before his neighbors, now not the craftsman son of Joseph, but a public preacher whose reputation got back home before he did. Until that moment, one of the few unusual things that his neighbors noted about Jesus was that he had never married. John the Baptist or the Essenes could have been his models for celibacy, but Jesus didn't adopt John's austere lifestyle or the separated, communal life of the Essenes. Biblical scholar José Antonio Pagola suggests that Jesus remained celibate because his passion for the reign of God required all his emotional energy. Historical data suggests that Jesus was close to 30 years of age when he began his public ministry. That was about an average lifespan in his time, indicating that he was at least middle-aged when he began this phase of his vocation. His family and friends must have wondered what had happened, what caused the conversion that led him to the mission he announced in the synagogue at Nazareth. Jesus' announcement, short as it was, gives us the interpretative key to the rest of his life. The first line sets the tone for everything that would come: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." Perhaps more than other evangelists, Luke emphasizes the Spirit's movement in Jesus and in the life of the people. We have already heard of the Spirit's involvement with Jesus' conception and birth. The Spirit descended on Jesus at the baptism and led him to the desert. Throughout his life, every one of Jesus' actions and decisions flowed from what he believed the Spirit was leading him to do. By quoting Isaiah and identifying with the anointed one, Jesus might have been referring to expectations about a coming Messiah.

What we should note is that Jesus does not simply say he has been anointed, but that he was anointed for the purpose of bringing glad tidings to the poor. From the beginning, he avoids being proclaimed as the Messiah and describes his mission as being sent to bring glad tidings to the poor. This theme, begun by his mother in her Magnificat, remained a core characteristic of the Gospel. The Spirit of God leads Jesus to minister to the poor, and to call his followers to do the same. This will be his definition of what it means to be Messiah. Jesus chose this passage from Isaiah to explain who he was called to be and what he intended to do. He would carry it out in relationships with people from all strata of society, by healing, preaching, forgiving, teaching and calling others to follow him. He did not demand that all his followers become impoverished or itinerant preachers. He did demand that they put others first, stop vying for first place and serve people on the margins and he knew they could do so in a variety of ways. This brings us to Paul's famous passage about the body of Christ. Neither Paul nor Jesus expected that all who would be Christian should be and act or even worship in the same way. In fact, Paul emphasizes the vital importance of diversity. As he says, each is a part of the body of Christ, gifted by the Spirit to bring something unique to the world. This applies to individuals as well as communities and cultures. Today's liturgy invites us first to contemplate Jesus in his own discernment and acceptance of his vocation — his developing identity. Then, aware that every vocation grows and changes, we are invited to ask the Spirit to continue to reveal our path to us. Doing that will lead us to recognize the gifts we have been given and how to use them. In the end, in different languages and through different activities, each of us who follow Christ are invited to live the truth that, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me and has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."



Mass Intentions

Monday, January 24

8:30AM Thomas Snook—Sister

Tuesday, January 25

8:30AM Albert Marion—Rita Evans

Estelle Hawkins—Rita Evans

Wednesday, January 26 8:30AM For the People Thursday, January 27 8:30AM NO MASS Friday, January 28

8:30 AM All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 29

4:00 PM Arthur Mardon—Addie & John Schepis

Paul Rodgers-Mr. & Mrs. Brian Ahlborn

Anna Wimmer—Steve Coffey

Sunday, January 30

8:00 AM Mary Lou Roser—Fr. Tom & Staff

John Kronau—Lois Rohloff

10:00 AM Lillian & Bill Shaughnessy—Thomas & Carolee

Coffey

Mary Lynn Baldwin—Thomas & Carolee Coffey

Monday, January 31

8:30AM For the People

Tuesday, February 1

8:30AM For the People

Wednesday, Febuary 2

8:30 AM For the People

Thursday, February 3

10:00am NO MASS

Friday, February 4

8:30AM All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, February 5

4:00 PM Marjorie Bassett—Linda Biittig

Kimberly Skylstad—Jane & Kevin Boyd

Janet Coffey Bonesteel—Steve Coffey

Sunday, February 6

8:00 AM Walter Lane—Maria Gallerie

Arthur Mardon—Deb Divorl

10:00 AM Andrea Scanu—Anna Church

Calendar of Events

Prayer Group meets every Tuesday 1:00pm in the Blue Room Rosary Group meets every Tuesday 6:00pm in the Chapel Mens Scripture Group meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Sat.—Sun 1/29 & 1/30

1. Jeremiah 1:4-5,, 17-19

2. Corinthians 12:31-13:13

3. Luke 4:21-30

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Sat.—Sun 2/5 & 2/6

1. Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

2. Corinthians 15:1-11

3. Luke 5:1-11

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Sat.—Sun 2/12 & 2/13

1. Jeremiah 17:5-8

2. Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

3. Luke 6:17, 20-26



Saturday, January 29 4:00pm

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Sunday, January 30

8:00am

Altar Servers

Lectors

Counters

10:00am

Altar Servers

Lectors

Counters

February 5 4:00pm

Altar Servers

Lectors

Counters

Sunday, February 6

8:00am

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10:00am

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