



MAY 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Sat, May 14, 4:00PM (Sacred Heart) †Clare Francis/
For the People
Sat, May 14, 5:00PM (St. Henry) Special Intention
Sat, May 14, 7:00PM (Holy Cross) †Jonah Kletsch
Sun, May 15, 8:00AM (St. Henry) For the People/
†Marion Stoll
Sun, May 15, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) †Sharon Korze-
nowski
Sun, May 15, 10:00AM (St. Henry) †Coleen (Sundberg)
Larson
Sun, May 15, 10:30AM (St. Lawrence) †Patty Doll
Tue, May 17, 7:00PM (Sacred Heart) †L & D Christian
Mothers
Wed, May 18, 5:15PM (Holy Cross) Christian Mothers
Thu, May 19, 8:45AM (St. Henry) †Oscar & LaVonne
Kawlewski
Fri, May 20, 8:30AM (St. Lawrence) †Patrick Doll
Fri, May 20, 10:00AM (Perham Living-Residents Only)
Special Intention for Taeya Sailer
Sat, May 21, 4:00PM (Sacred Heart) †Joe & Delores
Wasche
Sat, May 21, 5:00PM (St. Henry) †Cory Orvik
Sat, May 21, 7:00PM (Holy Cross) For the Graduates
Sun, May 22, 8:00AM (St. Henry) For the People/
†Marilyn Stenger
Sun, May 22, 8:30AM (Sacred Heart) †Lillian Haider
Sun, May 22, 10:00AM (St. Henry) †Ambrose Altstadt
Sun, May 22, 10:30AM (St. Lawrence) Healing for Dea-
con Mark



A Prayer for May
 Almighty Creator, help us see that your plan is not established until all are allowed to contribute their unique talents. Help us realize that none of us can move forward as long as one of us is left behind. Help us work not in competition for our own gain or purpose, but rather in cooperation towards fulfillment of your plans for all of us. We pray "Thy kingdom come; thy will be done." And we work towards that.



By John Clossick from Prayer Without Borders

Financial Blessing for May 7th

Adult.....	1,113.00	Children.....	31.25
Plate.....	88.48	Peter's Pence.....	35.00
Missions.....	399.00		

Total.....1,666.73

Thank you for remembering Holy Cross Church with your Stewardship throughout the year.

Financial Blessing for May 7th & 8th

Adult.....	1,573.00	Plate.....	430.00
Youth.....	20.00	Elec. Transfers....	450.00

Total.....2,473.00

Thank you for remembering Sacred Heart Church with your Stewardship throughout the year.

Financial Blessing for May 7th & 8th

Adult.....	4,676.00	Children's Basket.....	96.25
Plate.....	921.00	Youth Offering.....	2.00
Initial Offering.....	5.00	Ascension.....	20.00
Votives.....	151.01	Coffee.....	24.00
Easter Offering.....	20.00	Rent Income.....	1,000.00
Candles.....	5.00	Copies.....	72.50
CYF.....	701.61	Building Improve....	170.00
Elec. Transfers.....	4,125.00		

Total.....11,989.37

Thank you for remembering St. Henry Church with your Stewardship throughout the year.

Financial Blessing for May 8th

Adult.....	988.00	Youth	28.50
Plate.....	577.25		

Total.....1,593.75

Thank you for remembering St. Lawrence Church with your Stewardship throughout the year.



Week Day Mass Schedule
 (April 25, 2022-May 30, 2022)
 Tuesdays—Sacred Heart 7:00PM
 Wednesdays—Holy Cross 5:15PM
 Thursdays—St. Henry 8:45AM
 Fridays—St. Lawrence 8:30AM
 Weekend Mass schedule will remain the same.

Weekly Bulletin Email List
 If you would like to have the bulletin emailed to you each week, please let us know by giving us a call or by email.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesday Noon

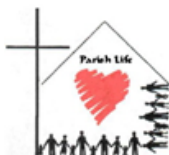
ST. LAWRENCE UPCOMING EVENTS



Super Salad Sunday
May 22 - After 10:30AM Mass
 Free Will Offering
 All St. Lawrence Christian Mothers/
 Women will provide salads.
Save the date! All are welcome.

Parish Life Meeting
Monday, May 23
7:00PM

Invest in your Parish! Join the Parish Life Committee! Everyone Welcome!



St. Lawrence Polka Festival Raffle Tickets are in your mailboxes. **PLEASE PICK THEM UP!** Extra tickets are available in the Parish Office from the office personnel or Father George. You can also contact Marlene Boedigheimer (218-457-1588) for extra tickets.

SELL! SELL! SELL!
Many wonderful cash prizes to win!



St. Lawrence Christian Mothers Meeting:
Monday, May 16th
6:45PM-Rosary/Prayer; 7:00PM-Meeting



Spring Cleaning for St. Lawrence Parish
Wednesday, May 18, 2022
5:00 PM

Bring your rags and buckets to help clean the inside of our beautiful St. Lawrence Church. "Many hands make light work."



Mass in honor of the St. Lawrence 2022 Graduates will be on Sunday, May 22nd at St. Lawrence Church at 10:30AM. The St. Lawrence Graduates of 2022 are: **Hannah Hunter, Stephanie Bernstetter, Kiata Westhoff, and Cody Barthel.**

May God bless each of you as you continue to become the person God wants you to be.



FREE SENIOR MOVIE

Monday, May 16th at 1:00PM, **Clouds** rated PG-13 at the Comet Theater in Perham. Clouds is based on the true story of Zach Sobiech, a 17 year old Minnesota teen who passed away from cancer. **Free** for all UCB Summit Card members—\$6.00 for all others. **Free pop & popcorn provided by the Comet Theater.**

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." John 13:34



Membership Information

We extend our hearts and hands in Christian fellowship to all who celebrate with us at St. Lawrence & Sacred Heart. If we may assist you, please fill out the form below and drop it off at one of the parish offices, put it in the collection or mail it to us.

If you are new to the parish, please complete the information below and a form will be mailed to you so that you can become a registered member.

- I am Catholic; I would like to become a member.
- I am not Catholic but am interested in learning more about the Catholic faith.
- I have moved; here is my new address.
- I am going to the hospital; please call me.
- I am homebound; please visit me.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____

Canonical Administrator: Fr. George, E-mail: gmichaelvc@gmail.com, fathergeorge@ncacc.net
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Deacons: Deacon Richard Quistorff; Deacon Randy Altstadt; Deacon Mark Stenger



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Sacred Heart Bazaar Raffle

Raffle tickets will be in your church mailbox as soon as they are printed. Thank you for your generous support of our parish.



SACRED HEART UPCOMING EVENTS

Sacred Heart Christian Mothers Meeting:
Tuesday, May 24th
(after 7:00PM Mass)



St. Lawrence, Sacred Heart, St. Joseph Flower Policy for Cemeteries

Removal of flowers shall be no later than 14 days after Memorial Day. If not removed by the giver, maintenance personnel shall remove and dispose of them. This ruling will not apply to flowers in containers that are part of the headstone. Removal of such will be entirely up to the giver.

Sacred Heart Parishioners needed to help with *Spring cleaning* of the church and church grounds on Monday, May 23rd at 9:00AM. We will have a pot luck lunch at noon so bring a dish to pass. Any amount of time you can give will be appreciated! Bring rags and pails.



If you would like to send a card to Deacon Mark, it can be mailed to:

Deacon Mark and Joan Stenger
 47629 353rd Ave
 Frazee, MN 56544

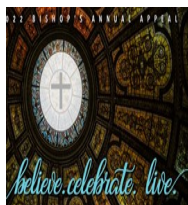


Please keep Deacon Mark and his family in your prayers.



Dorothy Day House: Help the homeless in our area by supporting the Dorothy Day House men's shelter in Moorhead, MN. They are currently in need of the following items: Ziploc bags (gallon and sandwich); bath towels, winter hats, gloves and scarves; deodorant, men's underwear, plain white t-shirts, socks (these clothing items preferred to be new); disposable razors; sleeping bags; blankets and hygiene products. **They are especially in need of plain white t-shirts, men's large and extra large.** For more information, see the website at www.churches.united.org or call Teresa Elkin 218-298-1274 or Cecile Guck 218-298-4386. This will be an ongoing effort.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: The Diocesan TV Mass and parish livestream Masses have been a lifeline for the homebound. Ministries of the Appeal continue their work in support of faith formation, family life, Catholic schools, multicultural ministries, evangelization, and vocational discernment. Will you help keep these ministries strong? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Contact the Parish Offices

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Diocesan Policy requires that the Pastor be contacted at least 6 months before the anticipated date of marriage to allow time for premarital inventory, instructions and planning.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: ½ Hour before Weekend Masses at Sacred Heart, St. Lawrence and Holy Cross; First Friday from 9:00AM-10:00AM at St. Lawrence; Second Thursday from 9:00AM-10:00AM at Sacred Heart; Third Saturday from 6:00PM– 7:00PM at Holy Cross. Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 8:15AM-8:45AM; Wednesday, 9:00AM-10:00AM; Saturday, 4:00PM—4:45PM (Before 5:00PM Mass) at St. Henry

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Offices

Trustees: Brenda Aschnewitz & Jan Januszewski (Sacred Heart); Jack Werner & Andy Klinnert (St. Lawrence); Mark Halbakken & Lisa Hemmelgarn (St. Henry); Michele Hofland & Clint Brandt (Holy Cross)

Northern Cross Area Catholic Community Pastoral Council Members: Dawn Swanz, Michele Hofland, Jason Schik (Holy Cross); Brenda Aschnewitz, John Kratzke, Kenny Moenkendick (Sacred Heart) Tim Graff, Lisa Hemmelgarn, Jason Smith (St. Henry); Sandi Carrlson, Jack Werner, Jerry Guck (St. Lawrence)



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Email: sacredheart@arvig.net

Parish Website: sacredheartstlawrencecatholicchurches.com





St. Henry's Area School

Congratulations to our Calendar Raffle winners this week. 5-13-22-John and Cindy Kratzke-\$100

Fun Fair News: I want to thank you very much for your support of the Fun Fair. More than \$45,000 was earned for the school because of your support.

St. Henry's Area School (Perham, MN) is seeking a full-time music/technology teacher to provide excellent instruction focused on student learning for the 2022-2023 school year.

Preferred Qualifications and Credentials:

1. Teach and act in accordance with doctrinal and moral teachings of the Catholic Church
2. Bachelor/Masters degree in education and/or related field
3. Valid Minnesota Department of Education license with an Elementary Education endorsement or other related endorsement
4. Knowledge of content areas and structured unit and lesson planning
5. Student-centered teaching style focused on student learning
6. High sense of professionalism

To apply for this position, please submit the application found on the school's website (www.sthenrysareaschool.com), your resume and credentials, and three letters of reference to Jason Smith by mail (St. Henry's Area School, 253 2nd St. SW, Perham, MN 56573) or by email to sthenryschool@arvig.net. Position open until filled.

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

Volunteers Needed

Need hard rakes to help with reseeding bare spots on Monday, May 23rd at 5:00PM at St. Henry Cemetery. If inclement weather, it will be May 24th or 25th.



Wedding Banns III

Luke Stull & Maria Lorenson will be getting married in the

Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New Ulm May 21st.

St. Agnes-Mary Mission Circle will meet on **Thursday, May 19th**, at 1:00 pm. They will gather at Kathy Hemmelgarn's home (47634 Minnesota St., Perham). All interested persons are welcome. For more information, contact Kathy at 346-5797.

Faith Formation: St. Henry

Steubenville youth are hosting an eat-in or to-go tenderloin meal this Sunday, May 15th from 11:00AM-1PM in St. Henry's Church basement. All proceeds go to the youth going to Steubenville.

Totus Tuus - St. Henry's summer vacation Bible School program- will be this coming June 20-24. For more information and to register your child/ren please go parish-faith.com/totustuus

Lisa Hendrickx, DRE
218-346-7030, religioused@st-henrys.org

St. Henry's Summer Festival Raffle

This year we are planning an all cash raffle for our Summer Festival. We are asking you, our parish family, to prayerfully consider a cash donation to our raffle. Please contact Fr. Tom at 218-298-0585 or fathertom@ncacc.net if you are able to donate a cash prize and wish to be listed on the raffle ticket. Then you can put your donation in the collection in an envelope marked "Summer Festival Raffle". Thank you for your generous support of our parish.



Liturgical Ministers

The schedule from May 27th through September 2nd has been finalized. If you have not received an email or a letter in your mailbox from Michael, please contact him.

Interested in Being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?

Now is a great time to join this Liturgical Ministry! We are currently in the process of setting up training. If you are interested and are a confirmed, practicing Catholic, contact Michael at 218-346-7030 or music@st-henrys.org.

Michael Mettler, Director of Music & Liturgy
218-346-7030, music@st-henrys.org

Perham Memorial Day Services

Memorial Day Services will be held at 9:00AM on Monday, May 30th, at St. Stanislaus Catholic Cemetery in Perham. The names of Veterans buried at St. Stan's will be read. Attending will be the Perham VFW Post 4020 honor guard and the Dent American Legion Post 148 honor guard. In case of inclement weather, services will be held at St. Henry Catholic Church.

Girls! If you enjoyed the Junior Catholic Daughters' tea party or were unable to attend, come join us again on Wednesday, May 18th at 6:30PM. Get together with other Catholic girls. Those ages 6-18 are invited. The older girls can be a big help with the younger ones.



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Parish Website: www.parishfaith.com

HOLY CROSS UPCOMING EVENTS

Cleaning of the church grounds will be on Wednesday, May 18th after Mass.

The fall bazaar will be September 11th with Bishop Kettler planning to attend; plans are to hold a bazaar similar to last years. Raffle prizes are once again needed; if you know of someone who would like to donate a prize or you would like to donate; contact Dawn at 639-8647 or Faye at 385-3850.

Cards will be played every Thursday at 1:00 pm.



2022 STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE FUNDRAISER

TENDERLOIN SIT DOWN OR TO-GO MEAL

SUNDAY, MAY 15 @ 11:00AM-1:00PM
IN ST. HENRY'S CHURCH BASEMENT

\$15.00 -- 10 years and up
\$8.00 -- 5-9 years
Free -- 4 and under

Meal includes: tenderloin, green beans, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, dinner roll & bread pudding

Ruth Ann Palmer has retired as the chairperson of the **Forever Remembered Garden** committee at St. Henry. She is grateful for the volunteers and generous donations over the last ten years. We are now looking for someone with fresh, new ideas willing to fill this role. If you are interested in learning more about this, call St. Henry's parish office at 218-346-4240.

OFFICE HOURS: (HOLY CROSS): Call Faye Hendrickx: (218) 385-3850
(SACRED HEART): Monday, Thursday & Friday: From 9:00 AM-12 Noon, (218) 758-2700
(ST.LAWRENCE): Tuesday & Wednesday: From 9:00 AM-12 Noon, (218) 346-7729
(ST. HENRY): Monday-Friday: From 8:30 AM—4:30PM, (218) 346-4240

Please pray for those in need of healing in our parishes: Adam Stewart, Al Baumstarck, Angela Florin, Blake Thene, Clint Conzemius, Connie Foltz, Deacon Mark Stenger, Dean Salo, Diana Billie, Elaine Pietsch, Heath Kinnunen, Ivy McGuire, Jim Neuerburg, Joan Schmitz, Joyce Rohweller, Kacie (Pikula) Derkacht, Karen Omberg, Mary Ann Guck, Marion Jaroszewski, Melvin Hoas, Mike Ruther, Paul Juen, Sue Loerzel

All military personnel, especially: Martin Ara, Greg Hirschey, Sandra Silbernagel, Nicholas Melz, Luke Potts, Zoe McAvoy, Jason Richter, Miguel Martinez, Tanya Robison, Tommy Robison, Steven Sundberg, Tyler Van Watermulen, Wyatt Guck, Andrew Schlosser, Ed Guck

Always remember in prayer our leaders in faith, especially: Pope Francis, Bishop Donald Kettler, Dcn Randy Altstadt, Dcn Richard Quistorff, Dcn Mark Stenger, Fr. George Michael and Fr. Tom Skaja.

Baccalaureate Mass



A Baccalaureate Mass to honor the Northern Cross Area Catholic Community 2022 high school graduates will be held on Sunday, May 22nd at the 10:00 am Mass at St. Henry's Church. The Catholic Daughters Court St. Rita #409 are sponsoring this Mass as well as a Continental Breakfast following the Mass.



The Bridge Community Pantry, a food shelf serving Perham, Dent, Richville, Ottertail and Vergas, is seeking a part-time Executive Director. Ideal candidates will work with volunteers and clients, maintaining an environment of respect, caring and optimism. He or she is responsible for the overall operation of the Bridge Community Pantry and the Mobile Pantry. Submit resume and cover letter to Fred Lehmkuhl, The Bridge Community Pantry, PO Box 7, Perham, MN 56573. Deadline for applications is Friday, May 27th.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Readings for the Week

Monday	Acts 14:5-18	Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14:19-28	Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday	Acts 15:1-6	Jn 15:1-8
Thursday	Acts 15:7-21	Jn 15:9-11
Friday	Acts 15:22-31	Jn 15:12-17
Saturday	Acts 16:1-10	Jn 15:18-21
Sunday	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29	
	Rev 21:10-14, 22-23	Jn 14:23-29

New School Capital Campaign Update

Complete Project	\$8,100,000.00
Pledged	\$7,499,297.00
Needed	\$600,703.00
Received	\$6,244,513.00
Pledges Received 05-08	\$6,337.00
Households Contributing	350



Holy Cross Catholic Church of Butler

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Stewardship
a way of life

Stewardship as a Way of Life:

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (John 13:34).

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part — Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know or someone who doesn't look like you.