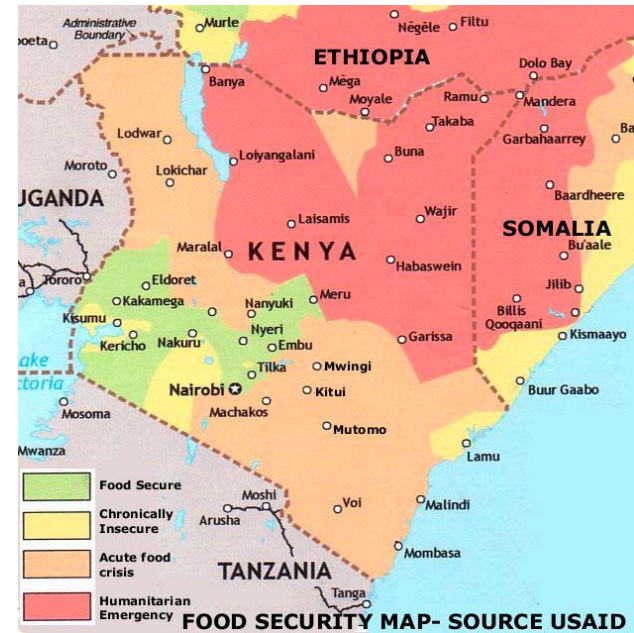


Did You Know?

Your contributions to Saint Henry's Living Water Program last Lent brought in more than \$5,300 towards the development of water and food security in our

partner Diocese of Kitui, Kenya. Over 17% of the money raised in the archdiocese came from Saint Henry's. Thank you for your generosity!



Saint Henry Banner Hangs in Community Center



Pictured above is Lani Brouwer, Communications Ministry, standing near the new Saint Henry's banner hanging at Monticello Community Center. "Our Communications group has been looking for ways to raise awareness of our church and faith to the general community, and the idea came up that we should have a banner at the community center." Check it out next time you visit the center!

Spirit on 7th Street

Winter 2017-18

An up close and personal look at the ministries of Saint Henry's

Visit to Saint Henry's by Children from Mexico

Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos – "Our Little Brothers and Sisters" in Spanish – is a network of nine orphan homes in Latin America and the Caribbean. NPH was started in 1954 when a hungry, homeless boy was arrested for stealing from the poor box of a small church in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Instead of having the child arrested, a local priest, Father William Wasson, asked for custody of the boy. One week later the local judge sent eight more homeless boys to Father Wasson. He gave them a safe home and a chance to turn their lives around. Today, NPH cares for more than 3,000 children in Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Peru.

Twelve children from NPH visited Saint Henry's on October 14-15 and participated in all four masses by singing in the choir. Here is one story about life at NPH from a young man who has graduated from NPH, but continues to work and support the orphanage.

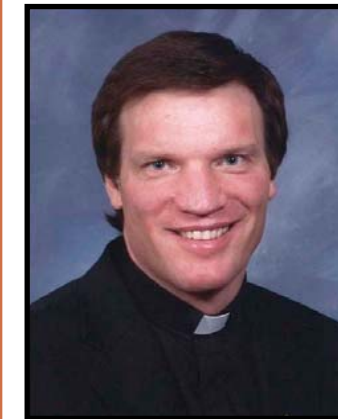
My name is Hugo Ocampo. I would like to share with you a little bit about my story and why I entered NPH.

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Hugo Ocampo spoke at weekend masses Oct. 14-15th.

Remembering Why We Keep Holy the Sabbath



Father Tony VanderLoop

This past October I attended a Clergy Study Day, which we have twice a year for priests and deacons of the Archdiocese. It was devoted to studying the reordering and healing qualities of Sunday. I thought that the day was most informative, especially since it focused not only on the importance of Sunday Mass, but the entire idea of the Sabbath day as a day of resting, reordering and receiving.

The first presenter was Dr. Michael Naughton who pointed out that our sharing in the

Eucharist is the heart of our experience of Sunday, but it is not reduced to it. If we think of what we do at Mass as something that we need to carry through all throughout our Sunday, this helps us to understand the Sabbath. And approaching the Sabbath in the right manner has massive implications. If we do not get Sunday right, we will not get Monday right either. In order to work, we must rest. In order to give, we must receive. In order to be active, we must be contemplative and in order to build, we must re-create. And if we do not do these things, our bodies have a way of doing it for us, eventually, anyway.

There are two major pitfalls to avoid in our approach to the Sabbath day. The first is, as you might guess, to insist

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Advent and Christmas Season Schedule

Sunday, Dec 10 - All parish reconciliation service 4:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec 12 - Virgen De Guadalupe Mass at 6:30 pm

Sunday, Dec 17 - La Posada 2:00 pm

Saturday, Dec 23 - 4th Sunday of Advent Mass 5:00 pm (bilingual)

Sunday, Dec 24 - 4th Sunday of Advent Mass at 9 am **Please note this is a change from our regular Sunday morning mass schedule*

Sunday, Dec 24 - Nativity of our Lord - Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00 pm & 10:00 pm

Monday, Dec 25 - Nativity of our Lord - Christmas Day Mass at 9:00 am

Saturday, Dec 30 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Mass at 5:00 pm

Sunday, Dec 31 - 8:30 am, 10:30 am, & 1:00 pm (Spanish)

Monday, Jan 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God Mass 9:00 am

Holiday Boutique Fun

By Bonnie Sobiech, CCW President

The 7th Annual Council of Catholic Women Holiday Boutique and Bake sale was held on November 11-12th. It was our most successful Boutique to date. The social hall was transformed into a shopping paradise. When the doors opened at 9 AM, the hallway was filled with shoppers waiting to enter and shop. They were not disappointed. The tables were brimming with beautiful handcrafted items, delicious baked goods and one-of-a-kind handmade ornaments. Christmas music filled the air putting them in the holiday spirit. New this year was the addition of a used book sale which many people took advantage of, stocking up on good reads for the winter. Many shoppers snapped up bargains in Grandma's Christmas Attic before treating themselves to a delicious soup lunch and a slice of homemade pie, baked right here in the St. Henry's kitchen. Independent vendors



were set up in the gym for additional shopping.

Proceeds from our sale will be used to support our chosen ministries and missions as well as the needs of our parish and community.

I have many hard working women to thank for our successful boutique. Over 35 members volunteered their time either creating crafts, setting up displays, working the sale, baking pies, serving lunch, sorting books, etc. I would also like to thank Ken and Jerry, custodial staff at Saint Henry's, for putting up with our many requests and a group of special men who provided us with muscle when we needed it.

As you are decorating this year for Christmas and discover items you no longer want, please save them for our next sale. We will also be having the book sale again next year, so as you finish reading your books save them as well.



Keep Holy the Sabbath

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upon working and doing the same things that we do on the other days such that there is no distinction and, therefore, no rest, no receiving, no re-creating, and no contemplation. But the other pitfall is a little more subtle. Our entertainment culture and amusement culture can quite possibly help us to forget about all of our problems, stresses and anxieties for a while. But the real goal is not so much to forget, but to rediscover. Sunday begins to lose its meaning. It becomes a part of a "weekend" rather than anything resembling a new beginning. Relating to one another becomes time in front of a screen. Relaxation time is replaced by a more hectic kind of consumerism.

The goal, however, is to experience a deep rest and a deep sense of celebration with each other. A kind of leisure that carries this deeper meaning involves praying together as a family, playing games with each other that invites conversation, taking a walk or a hike, listening to good music, spiritual reading,



drawing or painting or another way of engaging with art, and sharing a simple enough meal together for the purpose of inviting conversation.

What would happen to our parish if we became "Sunday Keepers"? What would happen to our families and our lives? I have posted some of Dr. Naughton's ideas on our parish website under "Father's Teachings" on how to keep the Sabbath and be "Sunday Keepers". It is titled, "Reclaiming the Lord's Day". I also include Dr. Naughton's article titled, "Integrating Work and Leisure: The Complimentary Relationship between John Paul II's, Laborem Exercens and Dies Domini". Our beloved pope wrote these two encyclicals on the nature of work and on the Lord's Day. Dr. Naughton's article is an easy and fascinating read and very relevant to our times and circumstances in our lives. May God bless you all this Advent and Christmas season!

Maintenance Fund

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and fund these budgets accordingly. I am very pleased to report that our Maintenance Fund has taken hold. We have collected \$1,200 to \$1,500 in cash each month with the second collection. Parishioners have begun using their envelopes to designate funds to maintenance, and the average monthly income for this fund is \$4,200. We are encouraged to have many new pledges for the Maintenance Fund from our annual stewardship renewal! The Maintenance Fund is reported in the Financial Corner of the bulletin around the 15th and 30th of each month. The current fund balance is over \$45,000, halleluia!

Unlike our Capital Campaign, the Maintenance Fund will continue to be a

separate income account moving forward. Our current goal of \$120,000 per year for the next five years is to repair the parking lot and replace both the steel doors and the roof. After these challenges are met, the yearly goal of the Maintenance Fund would be closer to \$50,000 barring any unforeseen needs.

I am invigorated at the response to our Maintenance Fund and the generous gifts which give us great footing to reach our financial goal. I truly want to thank everyone, staff and volunteers, for their countless hours of time and immeasurable talent assisting our parish with maintaining the building and grounds. Please remember my door is always open.



Father Tony's 50th Birthday; KC Pork Chop Dinner

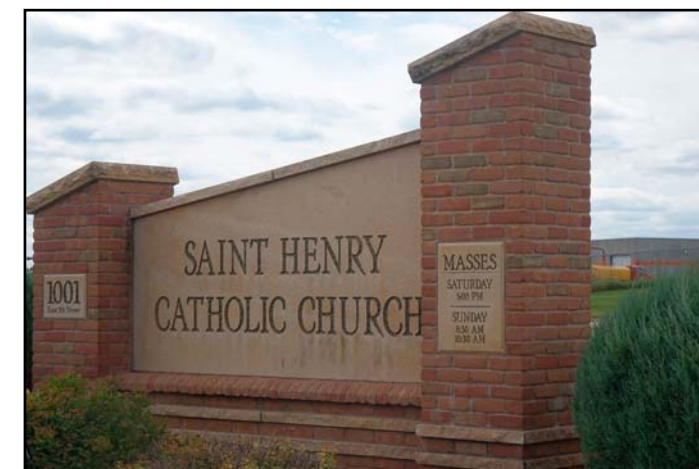
The Knights of Columbus hosted a pork chop dinner on October 21st after Saturday mass. In addition to a delicious meal, those attending were able to celebrate with Father Tony for this 50th birthday! Thanks to everyone who made the day memorable.



Archie Theisen and Ross Holmes, Knights members, welcomed guests with a smile.



Father Tony celebrated his 50th birthday!



Mark Berning and Tony Rumreich have the important job of grilling the pork chops.

Meeting Our Maintenance Challenges

By Dan Dupay, Parish Administrator

We have a beautiful building from which we adore and worship God, ask for His blessings and learn to live the life of an intentional disciple. In the past, we have emphasized the need for financial stewardship which has, thanks be to God, kept our activities funded and worked to pay down our building loan. Now, after 18 years, we face new challenges to maintain our beautiful structure that will require an even more focused effort in our structural stewardship.

This building, built in 1999, has been wonderfully maintained and looked after by both staff and parishioners, yet building materials do have a life span and must be maintained. It is true that the windows surrounding the steel doors and parts of the roof were not installed correctly. I remember

the years surrounding the time that our building was built. The construction industry was bursting at the seams, and the demand for skilled contractors far outnumbered those qualified to actually complete the work. I was not here at the Church of Saint Henry or working at a parish during that time, but I was buckled into lumber trucks hauling windows which just kept getting bigger, composite decking extruded in many different colors and tens of thousands of pounds of building materials. Yeah, it was a BOOM!

Our building being built during a housing and construction boom has areas that need our attention. The maintenance committee has been crucial in identifying, prioritizing and completing many tasks which have saved

the parish substantial amounts of money. We have just had an inspection from our insurance company, and I am happy to report that other than these areas (steel doors, parking lot and roof) our building had no other obvious items which require immediate attention and expenses at this time! We have been blessed in so many ways over the 18 years by the Lord calling people to help keep up our building and grounds.

We have adjusted operating costs through prudent budgeting and refinancing our debt, so we are able to cash flow our current operations with a maintained Sunday Offering. As operating costs increase, the Sunday Offering will too need a boost. However, now we begin our focus on maintenance just as we focused on debt reduction with our successful capital campaign. It is time to begin our Maintenance Fund while maintaining the Sunday Offering and fulfilling the Capital Campaign.

An attempt was made in early June to explain the benefits of having

3 fronts of income at this time, the Sunday Offering, Capital Campaign and new Maintenance Fund. However, the Lord had different plans. We were left without power, but we were never in the dark... In fact, most of the details about our new Maintenance Fund seemed to have been done by word of mouth.

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I feel this demonstrates the close relationships that our parishioners have with each other, and I also hope that every parishioner feels comfortable with calling or stopping by to ask the “when, why and what’s going on around here?”

The difference between designating your contribution to the Sunday Offering and the Maintenance Fund is substantial. There is a 7% savings on every dollar designated to the Maintenance Fund! The Archdiocese encourages parishes to create maintenance budgets

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The Church of Saint Henry was built in 1999. While wonderfully maintained, building materials do have a life span.

Children from Mexico

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I was born in the outskirts of Mexico City, in one of the poorest neighborhoods where violence and drug addiction were common.

I have three siblings, two older and one younger. My mom passed away when I was ten, and I rarely ever saw my dad. He would leave and come back every two or three months without any money to cover our needs.

My grandfather is the one who took care of us. He would sell sweet bread out in the subway so he could have money to feed us. Sometimes, we would only eat once a day. He was seventy five years old and had health problems. We were too young to understand the hardships that we experienced and thought all our basic needs were being met. But the environment that we were in, was slowly consuming us, and reducing our opportunities for a future.

My grandfather asked for help, and found out about NPH. We didn’t like the idea; we felt we were being sent to jail. Now, I know it was the best choice for our future.

I still remember the day I arrived to NPH, it was September 23, 1992. I came in with only a couple of plastic bags as luggage filled with my very few belongings. I immediately made new friends my same age in a section of seventy boys. They are still my best friends today!

I was always an active boy, so I entered the dance group, music group, the soccer team and chess team.



Hugo and Gail Sonbuchner posing with their newly sponsored Godchild, who happened to be one of the band members and was the only child who didn’t have a sponsor yet.

I even had the chance to travel to the United States with the dance group.

In high school I decided to study computer science, since I always had an interest in technology. I was always amazed by the advances being made in this field and I knew it would be a great skill to have to improve my professional career.

After high school, I did two years of service in the Sponsorship Department. I was the mailman who delivered all the sponsor’s letters to their godchildren and vice versa. During these two years of service, I earned a scholarship to one of the best universities in Mexico. I graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Communications and would like to continue my studies for a Masters in Administration.

I am currently working at NPH Mexico as the Administrator and National Director’s Assistant. My main responsibility is to develop projects that promote our children’s well-being.

During my 17 years at NPH, I received food, housing, clothing, education and healthcare. Above all, I was taught good values which play a big part in my life today. I’m eternally grateful to the directors, caregivers, and to you who have believed in Father Wasson’s work, and in us – the pequeños.

I would like to say thank you for all that you have done for me, and thank you for all that you are still doing for my little brothers and sisters.

May God bless you!



Micky and Larry Winkler posing with their Godchild, whom they have been sponsoring for many years, but had never met. They were able to do so when the children visited Saint Henry’s last October.

Highlights of Saint Henry's Fun Fest

By Brent and Lanette Aitchison and Rick and Janelle Hazuka, Festival Co-Chairs

The looming threat of rain, a packed Polka Mass, and lots of smiles—all of these were part of the mix that comprised the 2017 St. Henry's Fun Fest. A parish tradition that began in 1929, The Church of Saint Henry celebrated its 88th parish festival with fun, faith, and fellowship.

Although the set-up on Saturday was hampered by rain and wet conditions, dedicated volunteer workers persevered to have the outside ready by mid-Saturday afternoon. Inside was a flurry of activity as volunteers baked pies, and readied the silent auction. Preparations for Fun Fest began earlier in the week with many components already in place prior to Saturday morning.

The 2017 festival grounds received a bit of a face lift. All new this year were tents for all the booths. The tents invited a closer and more intimate experience for festival goers.

The festival grounds were decorated this year with 1000 feet of pennant streamers. The streamers and other decorations helped to create a "carnival like" atmosphere. In addition, all of the booths had new signs that helped festival patrons more easily recognize and locate their favorite booths.

Last year the Beer Garden was renamed Saint Henry's Pub. The pub was a popular destination, and a cluster of social activity. The "breakfast in a cup" Bloody Marys and Mimosas on Sunday morning had fabulous reviews! Additionally, the pub added craft beer to their already popular domestic beer offerings. The pub was a great choice for stopping to watch the ball game, enjoying a cold beverage, visiting with an old friend, or to meeting a new one.

Food, glorious food! The Saturday evening bilingual and Hispanic dinner were a huge



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hit. Over 225 delicious fajita dinners were served to hungry festival goers. The social hall was transformed into an authentic Mexican courtyard, complete with traditional music. The magical atmosphere was appreciated by all, and celebrated our Hispanic community. Dad's Waffle Breakfast was greeted with rave reviews on Sunday morning after 8:30 and 10:30 es. The waffle breakfast served 351 family friendly meals to parishioners before they hit the festival grounds. The Pie Social on Sunday afternoon proved to be a "favorite" with all festival participants, and it was hard to find an open seat. "Alice and Mary Pie Bakers" supplied 48 pies. Out on the festival grounds, the variety of delicious foods was enthusiastically received by all. Festival food fans couldn't get enough of the fry bread, the Hispanic booth cuisine, hamburgers, delicious brats, pork chops on a stick, and kettle corn. Many of the booths sold out of food.

One of the goals of the festival committee was to have live



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Seminarian James Bernard Learns at Saint Henry's



By James Bernard, Seminarian

My name is James Bernard, and I grew up in New Brighton, MN. I am 39 years old, and the youngest of three boys. My parents were both school teachers. Growing up,

I always enjoyed serving Mass. I attended college at St. Cloud State University, and it was there where I received my calling. Around the time I started attending daily mass in college, a handful of people from different parts of my life asked me if I had ever thought of being a priest, or suggested that I would make a good priest. At that point, I knew in my heart what God wanted me to do.

I finished college and worked for two years, then, trying to do things my way, went back to St. Cloud State for a graduate degree. This led to eight years of teaching English as a second language. I love learning about other cultures and enjoyed this career, but God remained persistent through

all the years, and finally, after about 15 years of trying my way, I realized that I would end up an old man, wondering if God had really wanted me to serve Him as a priest. Not wanting to live with that doubt, I quit my job, sold my house, and, after two years of studying philosophy, have entered Theology I at the St. Paul Seminary.

I was assigned to St. Henry's as a teaching parish. For the next four years, I will be here about once a week and one Sunday per month learning from Fr. Tony and all of you. I look forward to this experience!



Free Store Helps Those in Need

By Diana Guertin, Mission Outreach Ministry

The 18th annual Free Store was held last month at Saint Henry's. Your generous donations of clothes, household items, books, and other items were free to those who may not have been able to purchase these needed goods.

Dedicated men delivered furniture and mattresses to nearby apartments. Many shoppers do not have the transportation needed for these larger items. This friendly and free service is not even provided by most department or furniture stores.

This event gives our parishioners an opportunity to help those in need and meet new people. Our

youth were very helpful and earned volunteer hours. The happy smiles on children's faces as they carried a toy or stuffed animal home made the hard work easier. Thank you again to everyone. We are already on the calendar for October 19-20, 2018.



(Top left) It takes many volunteers to make the annual Free Store a success. Above, volunteers rearrange the books that were available. Above right: Toys are a huge hit at the Free Store, and there was an abundant supply from which to choose!

