

Immaculata

.....from our parish family to yours



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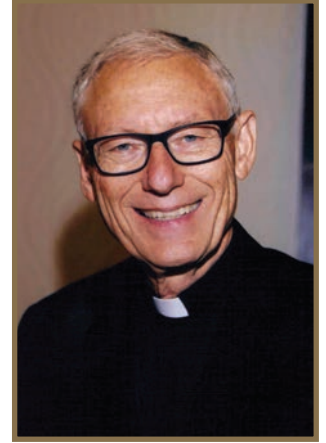
Divine



Mercy

Pope Francis has compared the Church to a Field Hospital. It is a place we bring someone who is injured to receive immediate attention so that they can be stabilized and then moved for more long-term care. We live in a fallen broken world. We are effected by sin and all that entails. There isn't any of us who has it all together so to speak, we all have some skeletons or stuff we're dealing with in our lives.

The Church has been given to us by Christ to carry on His work of healing by bringing His mercy to those who need it. He has blessed us with His Spirit, which is a Spirit of healing and consolation as well as a spirit of fortitude. The Church is the great dispenser of mercy and everything about her exists to make people's lives better.



Last year the Administrative Council struggled with writing a mission statement for our parish. I believe it was time well spent, although at times it seemed that we would never arrive at a couple sentences to sum up who we are and who we are striving to be. But the Holy Spirit guided us and finally we wrote:

St. Mary's is a community of people called and renewed by God to live a life of holiness as a part of the Body of Christ in union with the Pope and Local Bishop. It is a mission carrying on Christ's work of healing a broken world through worship, the proclamation of God's wonderful works and serving with acts of mercy.

That is what we are about. Dispensing mercy to a broken world and this means growing in holiness, becoming more like God who sent His Divine Son to heal this disordered world.

Thus, God filled His Church with mercy so that people would not have to wander aimlessly without hope and despairing. The greatest gift of the priesthood and, at the same time the most humbling and challenging, is the power to forgive sins. In spite of the fact that we live in a culture and society that denies the reality of sin, human beings still know deep down that there is a right and wrong and that they need God to heal them and at the same time we need to hear the words, "You are forgiven."

The genius of Catholicism is that it knows that we as people with bodies and souls, need the visible, the tangible to be healed. It isn't enough to just spiritually say, "Lord forgive me." We need to speak our sins and hear the words, "I forgive you." We need that between friends and we need it from our great friend Jesus. In the Sacrament of Penance we find our deepest healing. When we are healed in the inners of our souls we truly begin to heal and know peace.

May each of us hear these beautiful words this Lent, "I absolve you..."

Praised be Jesus Christ now and forever,

Msgr. Eugene Lozinski

Divine Mercy AFC Lenten Schedule for 2018

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye - 7:15am; 8:30am School Mass; 7:15pm
St. Michael's, Morgan - 8:30am School Mass; 5:30pm

St. Paul's, Comfrey - 6:00pm
Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth - 8:00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays

St. Paul's, Comfrey and Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth - 7:00pm (Check parish bulletin weekly during Lent)

Fridays

St. Michael's, Morgan - 5:00pm Mass/Stations of the Cross/Confessions (weekly during Lent)

St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye - 6:00pm (weekly during Lent)

(Check parish bulletin for school Stations of the Cross times during Lent)

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES IN REGION 2

Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth - Wednesday, March 7, 7:00pm

St. Raphael, Springfield - Sunday, March 11, 4:00pm

St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye - Sunday, March 18, 5:00pm

St. Anne's, Wabasso - Sunday, March 25, 4:00pm

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION TIMES

Saturdays

St. Paul's, Comfrey - Saturday, March 3, 10:00-11:00am

St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye - 4:00-5:00pm (weekly)

Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth, Saturday, March 10, 6:00-7:00pm & 7:30-7:45pm

Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth - 7:30-7:45pm (weekly)

Sundays

St. Michael's, Morgan - 8:00-8:20am (weekly)

St. Paul's, Comfrey - 10:00-10:15am (weekly)

Wednesdays

St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye - 6:00-6:30pm (weekly)

Other Days

St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye - Mon., Tues., Wed., March. 26-27-28 11:00am-noon and 6:00-7:00pm

St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye - Holy Thursday, March. 29 Confessions after 7:00pm Mass

St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye - Good Friday, March. 30 Confessions after 12:00pm Good Friday Service

St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye - Holy Saturday, March. 31 Confessions 1:30-2:30pm

CHRISM MASS Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, New Ulm - Thursday, Mar. 22 7:00pm

PALM SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday, March 24

St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye - 4:00pm

Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth - 8:00pm

Sunday, March 25

St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye - 7:30am; 9:45am; 11:30 (Latin)

St. Michael's, Morgan - 8:30am

St. Paul's, Comfrey - 10:30am

HOLY THURSDAY MASS TIMES - March 29

St. Michael's, Morgan - 5:30pm Mass

St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye - 7:00pm Mass/Confessions/Adoration until night prayers at 10:30pm

Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth - 8:00pm Mass at Leavenworth/Adoration after Mass until 10:30pm at

Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth and Adoration until midnight at St. Paul's, Comfrey

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE TIMES, March. 30

St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye - 12:00pm (Good Friday Service); 7:00pm (Chaplet & Stations) 8:30pm (Tenebrae)

Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth - 12:00pm

St. Michael's, Morgan - 5:30pm

St. Paul's, Comfrey - 6:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL, March 31: St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye - 8:30pm and St. Paul's, Comfrey - 8:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY MASS TIMES, April 1:

St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye - 7:30am; 9:45am; 11:30 (Latin)

St. Michael's, Morgan - 7:30am; and 10:30am

Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth - 9:00am

***Dates/Times subject to change**



Born into God's Family

November 13, 2017 - January 21, 2018

Scarlett Roelle Braulick, daughter of Tom & Casie Braulick

Zayden Alexander Craft, son of Erik Craft & Nicole Havemeier

Tate Everest Showalter, son of Nick Showalter & Dawn Sellner



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, Oh Lord...

November 13, 2017 through January 21, 2018

Leona Sellner 12/8/17

Lynn Soukup 1/10/18

Lillian Riebel 1/7/18

Lorraine Harkin 1/14/18

Bequests - Remembering St. Mary's Church in your will is the ultimate demonstration of commitment to this institution and the values it represents. Continuing the good works you support on earth, beyond your lifetime, is the ultimate form of good stewardship.

Upcoming Events...

February

- 2 CCW Ladies Night Out
Gala Dinner
- 3 God's Plan for a Joy-Filled
Marriage workshop
- 3-4 CCW Scholarship Bake Sale
- 4 KC Super Bowl Brunch
- 8 Baptism Class
- 14 Ash Wednesday
- 17 Caribbean Knights
Fundraiser Party
- 23 KC Fish Fry
- 25 KC Pancake Breakfast

March

- 2 World Day of Prayer
- 4 Men's Sausage Dinner
- 11 Daylight Saving Time begins

- 11 AFC Confirmation
- 13 CCW Region II Spring
Gathering at Japanese Martyrs,
Leavenworth
- 15 CCW Church Cleaning
- 17 God's Plan for a Joy-Filled
Marriage workshop
- 20 Bishop Lucker Lecture,
St. Catherine's, Redwood Falls
- 22 Chrism Mass at Cathedral,
New Ulm
- 23-25 St. Mary's Musical
- 25 Palm Sunday
- 29 Holy Thursday
- 30 Good Friday and Tenebrae
- 31 Holy Saturday

April

- 1 Easter
- 7-8 CCW Spring Bake Sale

- 8 Divine Mercy Sunday
at St. Paul's, Comfrey
- 8 KC Auction
- 14 KC Cadillac Dinner
- 21 DNU Deacon Ordination
- 28 New Ulm Diocesan Council
of Catholic Women Convention at
St. Catherine's, Redwood Falls

May

- 6 First Communion
- 11 May Crowning
& Grandparents Day
- 12 Baccalaureate
- 13 Ascension of the Lord
- 13 Mother's Day / May Crowning
- 18 Sleepy Eye Public
School Graduation
- 27 St. Mary's School Graduation
- 28 Memorial Day



Donna Mathiowetz

**NUDCCW Region II
Spring Gathering
Tuesday, March 13, 2018
Japanese Martyrs Church - Leavenworth**

Registration	5:30 pm
Mass	6:00 pm
Meal	6:45 pm
Speaker	7:30 pm

*Registration fee \$10.00
Contact your Parish CCW President for more information*

Donna's passion is to help others as they navigate several types of grieving and loss in life resulting from the death of a loved one, health issues, divorce, loss of a job, loss of independence, broken dreams, future plans and other life events. Her knowledge of grief and loss was born out of her own life experiences following the death of two sons.

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. *Psalms 34:18*

*Tenebrae at St. Marys, Sleepy Eye
Good Friday, March 30 at 8:30 PM*

Sung Tenebrae will be held on Good Friday at 8:30 PM at St. Marys, Sleepy Eye. Tenebrae is a brief meditation on Christ's suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ's passion, music portrays his pathos, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of this momentous day. As the candlelight is gradually extinguished, we ponder the depth of Christ's suffering and death; through the return of the small but persistent flame of the Christ candle at the conclusion of the service, we anticipate the joy of ultimate victory. Plan on attending this powerful opportunity for prayer!

Divine Mercy Sunday *April 8, 2018*

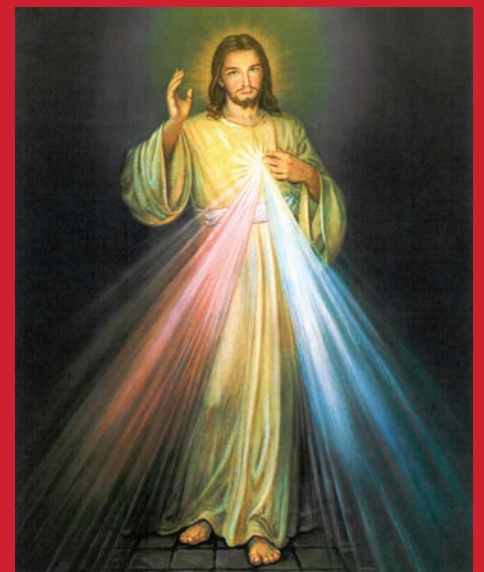
The parishes in our Area Faith Community take turns hosting the Divine Mercy Sunday and this year it will be held at St. Paul's in Comfrey. We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 2:00-3:00pm in the church, along with the priests available to hear confessions one hour prior to the Hour of Mercy, 3:00pm, when Jesus died on the cross. At 3:00pm we will have the opportunity to take part in the beautiful Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Sunday, April 8, 2018

2:00 pm: Exposition

2:00-3:00 pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions

3:00 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction



2018 BISHOP LUCKER LECTURE

The Role of Healing in Evangelization

Tuesday
March 20
7:00 p.m.

Church of St. Catherine
900 E Flynn Street
Redwood Falls, MN

FREE ADMISSION - NO REGISTRATION



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Many Catholics today think of miraculous healings as something relatively rare, found mainly in the lives of great saints or at shrines like Lourdes. Yet Scripture shows that healings are meant to be a normal part of the life of the Church, especially in the context of evangelization. Scripture professor Mary Healy will explain the implications for ordinary Catholics of the Church's mandate to be a "field hospital" in a world filled with people in need of healing.

featuring

Dr. Mary Healy

Professor at Sacred Heart Major Seminary - Detroit, Michigan
Member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission

St. Mary's Church

Men's Sausage Dinner & Raffle

Serving Family-Style: Country Style Sausage, Old-Fashioned Sauerkraut,
Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Beverage, Bread, Applesauce and Ice Cream

Sunday, March 4, 2018
10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Adult take-out orders available, beginning at 9:30 a.m.



St. Mary's Catholic Church, Sleepy Eye Consolidated Financial Statement

For the Six Months Ending December 31, 2017

INCOME

Sunday Offertory & Special Collections	18%	\$	460,030.95
Tuition	36%	\$	922,858.72
Student Service & Activity Income	5%	\$	133,394.59
Other Income	5%	\$	119,153.10
Fund Raising & Donations	23%	\$	593,109.08
Investment Market Change & Interest	1%	\$	37,045.36
School Subsidy	13%	\$	324,910.92
Total Income		\$	2,590,502.72

Income

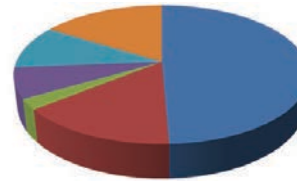


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EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits	49%	\$	996,511.97
Admin Expense	15%	\$	298,261.65
Other Expense	2%	\$	50,264.86
Instructional Expense	7%	\$	143,474.79
Plant & Operation	10%	\$	206,242.39
School Subsidy	16%	\$	324,550.92
Total Expense		\$	2,019,306.58
Net Income		\$	571,196.14
Budgeted Net Income		\$	452,708.58

Expense



- Salaries and Benefits
- Admin Expense
- Other Expense
- Instructional Expense
- Plant & Operation
- School Subsidy

The fiscal year is half over with the budget doing well six months in. The parishioners of St. Mary's were extremely generous over the Christmas season. The Christmas collection was the largest in recent years at \$69,000.00. The adult envelopes are ahead of budget by over \$52,000.00 which is \$20,000.00 ahead of last year at this time. This is good because Sunday giving trends decrease during the months of January and February and the cushion helps us meet our obligations during those months. Over \$9,000.00 was given to the Adopt-A-Student program during the month of December. I know those families really appreciate the help they receive from this fund. St. Mary's is only able to fund 35% to 40% of the tuition assistance need determined by FAIR. The Adopt-A-Student program is a great way to help fill the gap of that need. Thank you for your generosity in support of St. Mary's Church and School.

New Ulm Diocesan Convention
SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 28, 2018
St. Catherine's, Redwood Falls, MN

Nancy Jo Sullivan



Nancy Jo Sullivan is an inspirational author and speaker. Having worked with both Catholic and Evangelical publishers, she writes and speaks in a language that is accessible to all denominations. Nancy Jo speaks regularly at Christian conferences and retreats, and serves as a presenter at grief coalitions throughout the Minneapolis area.

Mary Kay Stebbins



The topic she will be speaking on is "Are Catholics Christian?" Before she was a public speaker she had so many people in her life ask her what her faith was. When she answered, "I'm Catholic," they would ask, "Yes, but are you Christian?" Please come to hear just how Mary Beth answers this question. She says you will leave with a good dose of truth, hope and validation from the Holy Spirit.

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