

Immaculata

.....from our parish family to yours

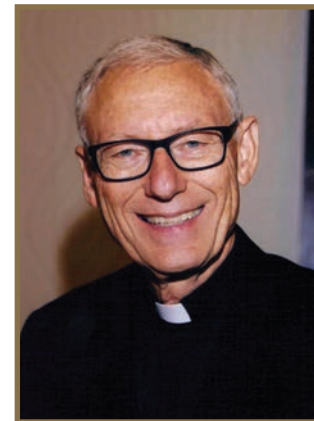


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Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul

Each year on June 29, we celebrate the Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul, therefore we chose to showcase the statues of Peter and Paul on the cover. These statues adorn our high altar in St. Mary's Church. I am grateful for the presence of those two saints in such a prominent position in our Church. They are on either side of the Tabernacle, which is rich theologically. In the tabernacle we have the Sacramental Presence of Jesus in our midst, so it is appropriate that nearby we have the two men that were so intimately connected to Jesus, Ss. Peter and Paul. St. Peter chosen by Jesus to be the head of the apostles and thus head of the Church and St. Paul chosen by Jesus and known as the Apostle to the Gentiles. They both gave powerful witness to Jesus and indeed gave the ultimate, their lives. They were martyred (meaning witness) for their belief in Jesus as their resurrected Lord.



Be grateful to God for the gift of these two great men. Their lives were an outpouring of love for Jesus and the people they served. They become powerful intercessors for us in heaven as we make this journey here on earth and they become powerful examples for us.

They, in spite of countless attacks from the world around them and from within, carried on preaching and living the Gospel. They guided the young fledgling community of believers and helped it continue to expand as they traveled from their homeland to make Jesus known.

We, who are alive today, are inheritors of their deep faith and love of the Church. We too are barraged by countless attacks on our faith. Our culture is inimical (hostile) to the faith. This is not surprising since Jesus himself warned us that this would be the case. Since the world did not accept Jesus, neither will it be welcoming to His followers. But fortunately, we have the prayer of Jesus himself (I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word. Jn. 17:20), to give us strength and we have the prayer and powerful witness of Ss. Peter and Paul who gave themselves totally for the faith.

We must do today that which Ss. Peter and Paul did so admirably in view of the difficult circumstances of their time; they clung to Jesus and they formed disciples. They never tired of praying, studying and preaching the Word of God. In that they found strength. We are called to do the same. We must pray and pray continually that we never lose heart. Prayer needs to be the foundation of our faith lives. Indeed, if it isn't we will not have a faith life. For a relationship with Jesus cannot continue without communication. And we need to study the faith. We need to take every opportunity to reflect on the Word of God and study its content. And finally, we must insert ourselves more fully into the life of the Church, the community of Jesus' followers. For the Church is the Body of Christ. In that community we have the sacraments of which the Eucharist is central.

Ss. Peter and Paul, pray for us.

Msgr. Eugene Lozinski



Forty-two juniors from the Divine Mercy Area Faith Community were confirmed by Bishop John M. LeVoor on March 11, 2018, at St. Mary's Church in Sleepy Eye. The Divine Mercy Area Faith Community consists of four parishes: St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye, St. Michael's, Morgan, St. Paul's, Comfrey and Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth. Front row (left): John Luu Mathiowetz, Anna St. Peter, Hali Soukup, Brooklyn Kerkhoff, Bailey Madsen, Taylor Reinarts, Kendra Zuhlsdorf, Leah Weiss, Cassie Heinrichs, Emily Stevens, Alexa Owens, Kira DeMaris, Livia Nelson. Second row: Sr. Jo-Anne Backes, Linda Schwab, Msgr. Lozinski, Kaila Domeier, Deacon Mike McKeown, Anna Sellner, Sara Zinniel, Kallie Kodet, Natalie Lux, Emma Schouvieller, Cassidy Hoffmann, Madison Krueger, Gabriella Helget, Callie Bohnen, Kyle McKeown and Bishop John LeVoor. Third row: Wyatt Guggisberg, Kaleb Cornwell, Shane Helget, Andrew Neid, Ryan Hoffman, Haley Hacker, Carter Currans, Collin Ludewig, Rachel Slood, Dominic Helget, Leah Schnobrich, Dallas Bauer, Tyler Helget, Kyle Tauer, Austin Steffl, Nathan Walter, Michael Slood. Not pictured: Alexis Anderson.



Twenty-one second graders of St. Mary's Parish received the sacrament of their First Holy Communion at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Sunday, May 6, 2018. Pictured in the front row (left): Aiden Grausam, Travis Mages, Heath Eckstein, Ethan Hinderman, John Paul Montemayor, Ryker Schmidt. Second row: William Murphy, Jared Portner, Landry Folkens, Ellie Rosales, Brianna Ziegenhagen, Brianna Fromm and Ava Kunkel. Third row: Karly Wendinger, Mason Poole, Olivia Schieffert, Makayla Strong, Tyler Sellner, Jonathan Bloedow, Jaslyn Meyer and Davin Suess. Back row: Shauna Moldan, DRE; Nina Kirchoefer, Catechist; Msgr. Eugene Lozinski, Pastor and Anita Schwartz, Catechist.

Parish Family Profile

by Tracy Meyer

Last spring as I was sitting in church waiting for Mass to begin, some people caught my eye. There were a few young adults sitting toward the front of church who I did not remember seeing before. There was some whispering between the three of them and then they took out their phones and began taking pictures of the church's interior. It gave me pause and brought home a reality for me that I had long forgotten: our church is incredible! Sometimes you take for granted the beautiful things that are around you, and you need to be reminded occasionally.

Josh Sellner is one of those unique people who has never needed to be reminded of the beautiful architectural treasure that is this church. In fact, when asked about his Head Maintenance position at St. Mary's, he stated that the best part of his job is taking care of this church and the organ, "They are very special to me."

Josh was born and raised in Sleepy Eye, the son of John and Vicki (Juenemann) Sellner. John is employed at Haala Industries and Vicki is a nurse in the surgery department at the Sleepy Eye Medical Center. "I have loved this church my whole life. One of my earliest memories of working in the church is when I was about 11 or 12 years old. My dad was working on fixing the steeple clocks. I remember being in the steeple with him when the bells began to ring the Angelus. I got so scared. I now consider those steeples and the attic some of the most interesting areas of the church." Family has been a large part of Josh's life. Both of his parents come from large families, and Josh and his brother Noah were able to spend a lot of time with their Grandma and Grandpa Sellner while growing up. Noah is married to Jennifer Arkfeld and lives in Harlan, Iowa.

After graduating from St. Mary's School in 2006, Josh continued his education by attending Minnesota West in Jackson where he received his diploma in the electrician program. After graduation in 2008, he held various positions in the area including working at Zinniel Electric for three years. At that point he was encouraged by Sarah Jirak to apply for an open position in the maintenance de-

partment at St. Mary's. He applied and was offered the position. He considers it a privilege to be able to take care of St. Mary's campus. Each area is different and holds its own unique challenges. "If I had to choose one area of this job that I could do without, it's probably the snow removal,

especially on all the steps. But, it's Minnesota; what are you going to do?" Care of the cemetery also came with the maintenance position. "I remember visiting the cemetery two to three times a summer, remembering family and paying our respects. In the end, I guess it's because I love art, and this church is filled with beautiful art. It's the reason that I stuck around Sleepy Eye after graduation." In his spare time Josh has a concertina repair and manufacturing business. "My Grandma and Grandpa Sellner were old-tyme music lov-

ers, so I grew up loving it too." With the encouragement of his dad, he got his first concertina at the age of 13 and taught himself how to play it. "I like to tinker with mechanical things, whether they be pipe organs or concertinas or anything else. It was literally through tinkering with concertinas that I learned how to repair them, and later on how to build them. I gave my mom quite a scare once when she came into my bedroom and found the one for which they had just paid over \$7,000 taken apart." Josh is also very active as a regular altar server and attendee at the Traditional Latin Mass in our parish. "We currently have between nine to 11 boys that I am training as servers. Our average attendance is growing and we currently have around 100 people attending each Sunday. The Latin Mass is seeing a resurgence among my generation, and we are very fortunate that we have a church here that is still intact from when the Latin Mass was the normal rite. Our parish council knew what they were doing when they decided not to make any drastic changes to the interior of the church during the period after the second Vatican Council. It assists in reminding us as a Church of our heritage and patrimony."





Born into God's Family

January 22, 2018 - May 20, 2018

Sawyer Lee Ibberson, son of Terry & Madeline Ibberson

Luke Jared Miller, son of Jared & Jenny Miller

Charlemagne Edward Renner, son of Daniel & Martha Renner

Maddyn Jamie Krzmarzick, daughter of Brandon & Jessica Krzmarzick

Robert Daniel Olson, son of Kevin & Karen Olson



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, Oh Lord...

January 22, 2018 - May 20, 2018

Rita Schmitz 2/18/2018

Doris Saffert 4/17/2018

James Broich 3/11/2018

Les Haala 4/18/2018

Mary Steffl 3/13/2018

Melvin Pelzel 4/21/2018

Rosemary Riederer 3/16/2018

Herb Schreiner 4/27/2018

Leo Kral 4/17/2018

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.

Holy Matrimony at St. Mary's

Dillan Meyer & Kahley Pelzel 4/7/2018

John Schmid & Elizabeth Chua 5/11/2018

Jacob Mangen & Crissi Schewe 5/19/2018

Welcome To Our Parish



Anthony & Tessa Parisek and their children,
Justin, Claire and Lily

MUSIC NOTES

By: Sean Connolly



Greetings from the Choir Loft! It's been an exciting end to this academic year. Our parish was blessed to host the diaconal ordinations for the Diocese this year, coming right on the heels of Holy Week and Easter.

Our first year with the St. Mary's School Caecilian Choir Choristers, 3rd through 6th graders who have been singing with the adults of the Caecilian Choir for Sunday Mass, has been a smashing success. Hopefully we'll be able to integrate them even more fully into the schedule for next year. A big thanks to Annette Lux for her help getting this program kick-started and integrated into the school day. Don't forget to sign your student up!

Rachel Moldan and the high school band have also been helping glorify our school liturgies this Eastertide with the band's incredible trumpet line joining our Schola Cantorum (thanks to Sarah Jirak for her invaluable assistance with this group). The Schola this year has become a four-part choir, with the addition of some outstanding male voices.

Lent and Holy Week were beautiful and prayerful liturgies. Our Lenten Concert this year was also outstanding; it's beautiful to pull all of our choirs together for fellowship and music making. There were more in attendance than last year, but there could have been more still: if you have not yet attended, plan to! Our dedicated singers give generously of their time and talent to make it worth your while.

Tenebrae this year was remarkable; the church was very full, and we nearly ran out of room for all the singers. Thanks to all who came, and took the extra time this Lent to meditate on Christ's Passion and death.

On a personal note, my family appreciate your prayers, as we expect our third child this October! In addition, I am grateful to begin my graduate studies in Church Music this summer, working towards a Master's degree through three, four-week, intensive summer sessions over the next three years. I hope this experience and education will enable me to serve God and this community more effectively; please pray for me!

Finally, I am excited to announce that we will be marking the 56th Anniversary of St. Mary's Consecration, August 15, 2019, by singing Mozart's Coronation Mass with choir and orchestra for an E.F. Solemn Mass for the Assumption here at St. Mary's. Rehearsals will begin in the fall, and continue throughout the year in preparation for the Mass. We have many commitments from singers and instrumentalists already, some from as far away as Marshall, but we are still in need of many more! If you are interested, please E-mail me at s.connolly@sesmschool.com, and I will keep you up to date on rehearsal schedules. If this venture is successful, hopefully we will be able to offer large-scale orchestral and choral works for liturgies with some regularity.

The Caecilian Choir and Latin Mass Choir will go out of season after Corpus Christi, and will resume rehearsals after Labor Day. We welcome more members; feel free to E-mail me with questions.

It is a blessing to be here and serve you! Have a wonderful summer!

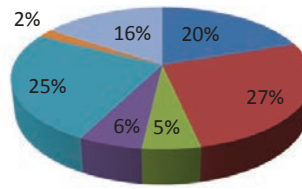
St. Mary's Catholic Church Consolidated Financial Statement

For the Ten Months Ending April 30, 2018

INCOME

Sunday Offertory & Special Collections	20%	\$ 688,558.30
Tuition	27%	\$ 929,490.50
Student Service & Activity Income	5%	\$ 182,641.57
Other Income	6%	\$ 199,245.48
Fund Raising & Donations	25%	\$ 869,694.83
Investment Market Change & Interest	2%	\$ 63,928.51
School Subsidy	16%	\$ 541,538.20
Total Income		\$ 3,475,097.39

Income

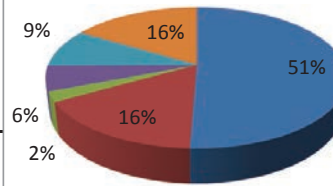


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EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits	51%	\$ 1,674,188.23
Admin Expense	16%	\$ 532,179.76
Other Expense	2%	\$ 77,028.92
Instructional Expense	6%	\$ 192,378.19
Plant & Operation	9%	\$ 290,538.39
School Subsidy	16%	\$ 540,918.20
Total Expense		\$ 3,307,231.69
Net Income		\$ 167,865.70
Budgeted Net Income		\$ 214,840.02

Expense



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

Our budget is going well. Adult envelopes in the Sunday offertory continue to be above budget for the year. However, giving has decreased over the last month. The adult envelopes for the fiscal year are budgeted at \$620,000.00. Adult envelopes are one of the most important revenue sources for the parish. Due to a more realistic budget for adult envelopes, we should come close to meeting it this year. This 2017-2018 fiscal year, the parish needs to provide a subsidy to the school of \$649,101.67. As you can see, this is why your Sunday giving is so important. The less that is given to meet the adult envelopes, the harder it is for the parish to pay the subsidy. If the parish cannot afford the subsidy, the school has to look to other revenue sources to make up the difference like tuition, fundraising, etc.

Calendar Raffle 2017-2018



St. Mary's Calendar Raffle sales are in full swing!

Our sellers are busy selling their tickets
before the drawing on July 2!

**There will be \$12,000 in prizes
awarded with 377 chances to win!**

3 drawings for \$200
11 drawings for \$100
49 drawings for \$50
314 drawings for \$25

Please buy a calendar raffle ticket this year to help support this important parish fundraiser.
The calendar tickets are \$25 each and a limited number will be sold. Our goal is to sell 1,500 calendars;
please help us to reach our goal! Thank You!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Check Enclosed for \$ _____ for _____ calendar(s)

**Province of St. Paul/Minneapolis Council of Catholic Women's
20th Biennial Conference**



Monday & Tuesday June 25 - 26, 2018
St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 901 S. Prairie Ave., Fairmont, MN
Parish PH# 507-235-5535

KATHY BONNER is an international motivational speaker with over 35 yrs experience. She has spoken in Great Britain, Mexico, Canada and throughout the US. Ms Bonner is a convention keynote speaker and brings a myriad of expertise with a diverse leadership background. She has served on many church and civic boards, locally and nationally. She has been published in national magazines and newsletters. Her experience also includes producing and editing a nationally distributed brochure on domestic violence, **Women Healing the Wounds** and a book on mentoring, **Mentors of the Past...Models for the Future**

SHEILA SNOW HOPKINS - Active in the Council of Catholic Women for 41 years, Sheila Hopkins has served in various positions on all levels of Council including the Board of the Florida Council of Catholic Women, legislative chair for the National Council of Catholic Women (2003-2005) as well as Treasurer and President of the Associates of NCCW, Inc. In 2010, she received the Our Lady of Good Counsel award for her personal and professional work in Council and the Church from the Florida Council of Catholic Women, Province of Miami. Sheila was the President of the National Council of Catholic Women (2015-2017) and currently sits on the NCCW Executive Committee as Immediate Past President.

Tuesday only - Conference Reservation is \$35.
 Plan to stay for **both days** and just send one check for \$65 to Sue Goerges
Reservations due by June 1, 2018 (Reservations After 6/1 are \$70)
Send Reservation and check to:
Sue Goerges 28425 Co. Rd 4 Pequot Lakes, MN 56472

Upcoming Events...

June

3 Corpus Christi
 10-15 Totus Tuus
 14 Baptism Class
 17 Father's Day
 17 Farewell for Sr. JoAnne
 Backes at Japanese Martyrs,
 Leavenworth
 24 Farewell for Sr. JoAnne
 Backes at St. Paul's, Comfrey
 28 Mass Server Valleyfair Trip

July

2 Calendar Raffle Drawing
 4 Parish Office Closed

9-19 Guatemala Trip
 29 Japanese Martyrs
 Parish Festival

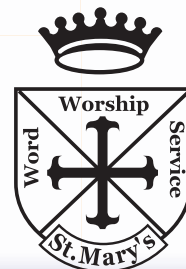
August

5 St. Mary's Parish Festival
 9 Baptism Class
 15 The Assumption of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary
 18 Corn Days Parade 6:00 PM
 20 KC Corn Feed
 at Leavenworth
 20 First Day of School
 for SE Public Students
 27 First Day of School
 for St. Mary's Students

29 First Day of School for
 St. Mary's Kindergarten
 Students
 29-Sept 1 NCCW Convention,
 Pittsburgh, PA

September

3 Labor Day – Parish Office
 Closed
 9 St. Mary's School Alumni
 & Friends Golf Tournament



St. Mary's Baccalaureate

Congratulations Sleepy Eye Public and
St. Mary's Graduates from St. Mary's Parish

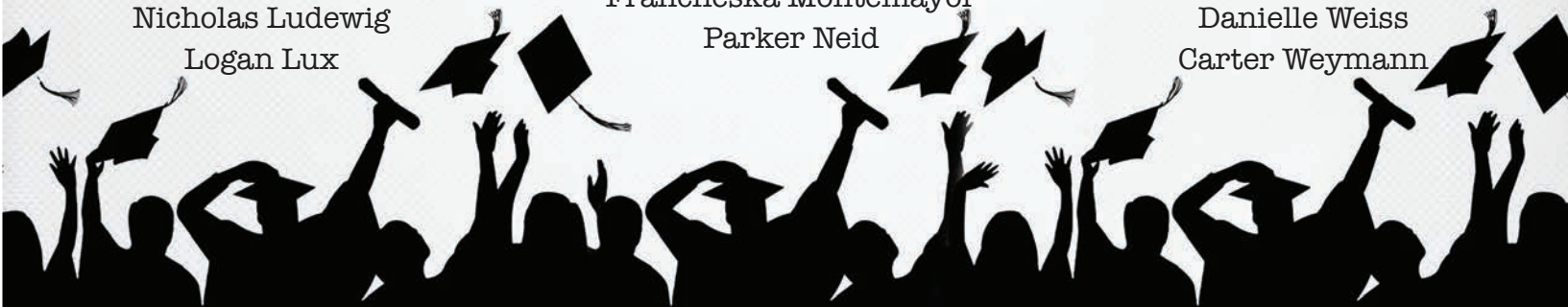
Alexandra Beltz
Carter Brinkman
Libby Coners
Lyndsey Goblirsch
Nicholas Goblirsch
Jadon Haala
Jody Hansen
Madison Heiderscheidt
Max Heiderscheidt
Mallory Helget
Carter Ibberson
Abby Johnson
Kelsie Kosak
Kailey Larson
Nicholas Ludewig
Logan Lux



Class of 2018

Molly Mack
Jonathon Mickelson
Luke Miller
Francheska Montemayor
Parker Neid

Nicholas Nelson
Crystal Portner
Jacob Pulley
Sarah Reinarts
Karlie Ries
Andrick Sanchez
Courtney Sellner
Jaden Sellner
Melanie Sellner
Clarissa Simonsen
Carter Tauer
Keira Tauer
Caleb Trebesch
Brandon Wait
Danielle Weiss
Carter Weymann



Immaculate Mary Your Praises We Sing

St. Mary's Parish celebrated one of the most defining aspects in our devotion to Mary, May Crowning. On May 11, Crystal Portner escorted by Luke Miller, crowned Mary during Mass for Grandparents' Day. (Top) On May 13, crowning Mary was second grader Makayla Strong accompanied by her mother, Marci and her grandmother, Lori Braun. (Left)

Valleyfair!

A Day at Valleyfair for the Altar Servers

When: August 28, 2018

Being an altar server for Mass is a privilege for many students in our area faith community. They take pride in the good job they do, and rightfully so as they do a great job serving at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Since Msgr. Lozinski became pastor here, they have been treated to a fun day at Valleyfair as has been Msgr.'s practice over the years. Thank you to the parents for encouraging your children to serve and see that they attend practice.

The date for the fieldtrip this year has been set for Thursday, June 28. The bus will leave from St. Mary's Church parking lot at 8:30 AM and return at approximately 8:00 PM. Each parish is responsible for the cost of the tickets and transportation. Each student is responsible for paying for their own food and beverages for the day. They are encouraged to pack a lunch and some snacks as well. The bus will stop at a fast food restaurant for supper on the way back.

Each server must submit a completed permission form in order to participate on this field trip. Forms were sent home but are also available to download online at divinemeracyafc.org or sesmschool.com. Please complete the form and return to the parish office by June 18.

COMING SOON...



St. Mary's Parish Festival 2018
Sunday, August 5, 2018 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m.
Grilled Pork Chops - 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The Quilt and Variety Auction starts at 1:30 p.m.
and the Big Ticket Raffle at 4:30 p.m.

Totus Tuus (Totally Yours)



TOTUS TUUS a summer catechetical youth program that is being held at St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye, June 10-15, 2018. For grade school children (going into grades 1-6), the program runs Monday-Friday, June 11-15, 9:00am-2:30pm. The day includes catechetical instruction, daily Mass, songs, games, and recess. For youth (going into grades 7-12), the program runs Sunday-Thursday, June 10-14, 7:30-9:30pm. The youthfulness and energy of the college-aged teachers is contagious! Registration will be available through your parish office, the church bulletin, entrance of church or from our AFC website (www.divinemeracyafc.org). Cost is \$20. Financial assistance is available, please call the parish office.

We are in need of volunteers to make this program run smoothly. We need volunteers to provide daily lunches and evening meals (in your home), helpers during the grade school program (great opportunity for high schoolers) and adults to help during the evening program. Please call Shauna Moldan at 507-794-7600.

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Grades 6-8



July 30-Aug. 3



Grades 9-12

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Sleepy Eye

"I will do the work You entrust
to me. While You command, I will
FIGHT beneath Your banner"
-St. Martin of Tours



Jesus

I love you!

-Diocese of New Ulm-

camp beloved

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