

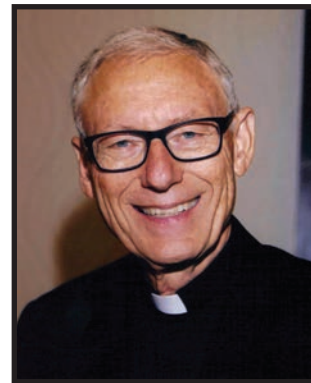
# Immaculata

.....from our parish family to yours



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As we begin the season that helps prepare us for the birth of Jesus it is good to pause and reflect on the importance of this great feast so we can focus our attention and truly use this time well. I am aware how this season takes on a certain character given the society in which we live. This time before Christmas is so very highly emotionally charged that it can actually overshadow the true meaning and significance of this feast. We all know of course, that the very foundation of all the gift giving and partying is the gift of the Christ Child from the Father. What a gift to rejoice about! It is a good thing to want to imitate our heavenly Father in His generosity. Thus, all of our gift giving and partying is, at its root, a good thing, if done for the right reason. But as we have all experienced and know, things that begin well can go bad.

Who of us doesn't like a scrumptious meal, a good party or a beautiful gift? But when all of this is done without any thought of its origin or purpose it loses its value for our spiritual lives. It can make this religiously and spiritually rich season merely a human and family celebration rather than a spiritual experience that strengthens our faith life. If God is left out or put on the periphery, then it is merely horizontal and without value for deepening our bonds with God who is the ***Reason for the Season***.

So, let us pause and reflect to use this time in a manner that will enrich our relationship with God and deepen our bonds with our fellow parishioners and indeed all. How do we do that? One of the ways is to reflect on the people that the Church gives to us during this season. First of all is Mary, secondly St. Joseph, thirdly St. John the Baptist, and the prophet Isaiah. If we take time to reflect on their lives and their words, we will be drawn more and more into the mystery of Christmas. One of the best ways to do this is by reading the Bible readings that the Church blesses us with on Sundays during this season. She gives us powerful selections that take us into the heart and therefore the meaning of the feast. One of the most powerful ways we can enter into the message that each one of these beautiful people wishes to convey is simply setting aside time, preferably in the Adoration Chapel, but if not there, find or create a quiet place in your home and read and reread the passages of the Bible pausing to let the words penetrate into your minds and hearts. The Spirit speaks powerfully in silence. If in the Eucharistic Chapel with the most sure presence of Jesus in the Eucharist kindly eyeing us and the power of his Word in our hands and on our lips we will be drawn into the spirit of the season. If at home, the power of the presence of God is truly present in His Word.

God is searching for us. Our hearts are crying out for Him. Our world needs to witness Him in our lives. During this Season of Advent which is a time of grace and favor, let us seize the moment and open ourselves up to all the graces that God wishes to bestow upon us.

I would be remiss if I didn't encourage each and every one of us to seek out the Lord in confession and hear His merciful words, "I absolve you from your sins, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." A pure heart is open to receive all the love that God offers us on Christmas day.

Happy Advent  
Msgr. Eugene Lozinski



# A Piece of St. Mary's History

*This section is dedicated to the history of St. Mary's Parish. By: Josh Sellner*

## *The Four Living Creatures of the Vision of Ezekiel and the Book of Revelation*

Upon entering St. Mary's Church from the main entrance, one of the first things that the visitor's eyes are drawn to is the magnificent golden dome in the ceiling of the transept. Around this dome, with its splendid white cross, on golden backgrounds are the traditional symbols of the Four Evangelists of the New Testament: St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, and St. John. These symbols were painted onto the ceiling when the church was redecorated in 1944. Prior to that year, the pendentives (the pointed, V-shaped areas on the ceiling around the dome) where these portraits are located were blank, and instead the wide areas of the ceiling between the pendentives were painted with four scenes from the life of Our Lady. One can speculate, but it may be that the pastor at that time, Fr. Andrew Koller, instructed the St. Paul Statuary Co. (the studio charged with the redecoration) to make use of the pendentives in conjunction with the symbols of the Four Evangelists, to symbolize the Gospel reaching to the four corners of the earth.

Iconography often portrays the four Evangelists in Evangelist portraits, which derive from classical tradition, and are also frequently represented by the symbols which originate from the "four living creatures" that draw the throne-chariot of God, as witnessed in a vision by the prophet Ezekiel (Chapter 1) and reflected in the Book of Revelation. It should be noted, however, that neither source links the creatures to the Evangelists. Images normally (but not always) appear with wings like angels.

• **St. Matthew** is represented by a winged man/angel as his gospel starts with Joseph's genealogy from Abraham; it represents Jesus' Incarnation, and so Christ's human nature. This signifies that Christians should use their reason for salvation.

• **St. Mark** is represented by a winged lion, a figure of courage and monarchy. The lion also represents Jesus' resurrection (because lions were believed to sleep with open eyes, a comparison with Christ in the tomb), and Christ as king. This signifies that Christians should be courageous on the path of salvation.

• **St. Luke** is symbolized by a winged ox or bull—a figure of sacrifice, service and strength. Luke's account begins with the duties of Zacharias in the temple; it represents Jesus' sacrifice

in His Passion and Crucifixion, as well as Christ being High priest (this also represents Mary's obedience). The ox signifies that Christians should be prepared to sacrifice themselves in following Christ.

• **St. John** is represented by the only creature in the physical realm that naturally has wings: the eagle. A figure of the sky, and believed by Christian scholars to be able to look straight into the sun. John starts with an eternal overview of Jesus the Logos and goes on to describe many things with a "higher" christology than the other three (synoptic) gospels; it represents Jesus' Ascension, and Christ's divine nature. This symbolizes that Christians should look on eternity without flinching as they journey towards their goal of union with God.



# Parish Family Profile

by Chris Heiderscheidt

Dorothy Brey grew up on a farm outside of Lake Crystal, the fifth and tiniest of seven Gilman children. So tiny in fact, she remembers being told how she fit “just right” in her father’s boot box. As a young girl, Dorothy would dance about their big kitchen in her skirt, dreaming of going to Arthur Murray’s dance studio someday. She attended country school for six years until graduation from Lake Crystal High School.

After graduation Dorothy went to work at Amco in Mankato where they made parts (by hand) for airplanes. Then in 1959, while at a New Year’s Eve dance with some of her girlfriends, a young man from New Ulm asked Dorothy for the last dance. Little did she know that he would be her future husband. Even though it was the custom for everyone to kiss when the clock struck midnight, she recalls with a glimmer in her eye, “We did not.”

Leon saw something special in Dorothy, as she recalls him telling her, “You weren’t trampy like the other girls.” Only remembering her name and wanting to see her again, he wasted no time as he headed to Lake Crystal the next day in hopes to learn where this Dorothy Gilman lived. And sure enough, the people at the local gas station provided the information he needed. Dorothy vividly recalls how they all looked out the farmhouse window when he drove up in his black car, wondering who it was. She remembers how surprised she was to see it was none other than the young man who shared the last dance with her the night before. You see, he remembered her name but she did not his. Leon came to the door and asked Mrs. Gilman to see Dorothy.

Leon’s Catholic faith was important to him and Dorothy was Methodist. So after about 1 ½ years of dating, Leon decided it was time to let her know if they were to remain a couple, she’d need to convert. Dorothy agreed, after all her mother was Catholic before she married. Leon attended every class with her as she received her Catholic instruction. They married on May 9, 1961, and were blessed with five children, Lonnie, LuAnn, Leslie (Butch), Larry and Lance which brought about more blessings, nine grandchildren.

After the kids were in school, Dorothy went to work at the Orchid Inn. Leon was a trucker and also worked for Moorman’s Feed. They later moved to a farm north of Sleepy Eye and Dorothy went to work at Advertising Unlimited Inc., (AUI) for about 20 years helping in the Order Processing department. From there the family moved up north to Herman, MN, where they lived on a farm raising

hogs for about ten years. During this time Dorothy worked at the local (only) grocery store and also taught religious education which was called “release time” during the day. There were plenty of ups and downs over the years. Life presented challenges among which was two diabetic children, their eldest at the age of 12 and just six months later, the youngest at age two.

Then in 1989, the Brey family moved back to Sleepy Eye, and Dorothy returned to AUI. In 1990, Leon purchased the Saddle Bar in Cobden. Dorothy kept the books and other odds and ends until Leon retired and sold the bar in 2000. Life had its ups and downs but nothing could prepare them for the death of their son, Lonnie in 2002. Perpetual adoration provided comfort during this difficult time period for both Leon and Dorothy.

Dorothy retired later in 2004, allowing her time to become involved with church activities. It was during this time that Verna Wendinger, Dorothy Haala and Kathy Wichmann noticed Dorothy’s strong work ethic with excellent tidiness skills. They pleasantly persisted and encouraged Dorothy to do more. And thank goodness they did, as we have been so fortunate to have her tending to the social room kitchen and dining room ever since.

It was also during this time that Dorothy began to notice the onset of Leon’s Alzheimer’s. Dorothy cared for Leon in their home until the spring of 2015 when it became evident he required the services of a healthcare facility. He lived at Sleepy Eye Care Center until he died in January 2019.

As Dorothy reflected on her life, she shared, “*Though many would be surprised, Leon would often pray the rosary in his tractor and later during his adoration hour. He loved the rosary.*” And so as God would have it, her faith deepened even more since Leon’s death. She finds herself drawn to pray the rosary and read scripture, like Leon did. “*God really does work in mysterious ways,*” pondered Dorothy.

When asked what lesson she would like to share with others, she clearly states, “*Life is so short and precious, love one another. God is our teacher, learn from Him.*”





# MUSIC NOTES

By: Sean Connolly

In September, our Holy Father Pope Francis made his first statement on sacred music in an official capacity. Given to the Italian St. Caecilia Association, his comments, perhaps more so than any recent statement on church music by a recent Pontiff, pertained to the ordinary parish choir and its work, rather than to ideals or first principles. I thought many of the statements were particularly appropriate to our Caecilian Choir, which is a beautiful part of our heritage here at St. Mary's.

The Pope said of parish choirs, "the choir guides the assembly, and with its own specific repertoire, is a skilled voice of spirituality, of community, of tradition, and of liturgical culture."

Who could read this without thinking of the Caecilian Choir? They are all of these things. They are not only a voice keeping alive the broader Church's tradition of sacred music, but they also keep alive our local traditions, from German hymns their grandparents taught them, to a body of choral repertoire both before and after the Council. The singers in that choir represent in a real way the collective memory of sacred song. Beyond this, there is the tradition of sung liturgy, choral liturgy, at the principal Mass, that they have maintained for over a century in this place, which so appropriately elevates our liturgical culture.

And they are indeed the voice of the community. Students, farmers, accountants, teachers, dentists, doctors, etc., -- but by their dedication and practice, they give voice to the community gathered for the liturgy which helps them to praise God. The beauty of a volunteer choir is something magnificent in its own right.

The Holy Father also said, "I know that your preparation involves sacrifices connected with finding time to devote to practice, with getting people involved, with carrying out feast days when perhaps your friends invite you to come and have fun. So many times!"

I had to read this part aloud to my wife! The Holy Father touched on all of the frustrations, difficulties, peculiar crosses of the calling of a church musician! How well my

family knows, and all of the singers' families know, the sacrifice involved in glorifying God, especially on those holiest of days (Christmas and Easter) when others enjoy a break from work -- our work is at its busiest! But what a joy that sacrifice is, in order to make these celebrations beautiful, reverent, and uplifting for those who attend them.

Finally, he says, "Sacred music also reveals another duty, that of joining Christian history together: in the Liturgy resound Gregorian chant, polyphony, congregational song, and music of the present day. It is as though all the generations, past and present, were there to praise God, each with its own sensibility."

For me, this passage was particularly moving. At St. Mary's, this is our Sunday Mass. Recent musical offerings have included hymns from the 16th to the 20th Centuries, choral anthems and motets by Josquin (16th Century), Allegri (17th Century), Mozart (18th Century), Rheinberger (19th Century), and 20th and 21st Century Composers as well, not to mention the Gregorian Chant that is sung, that dates back to the 9th or 10th Centuries.

Just as the angels and the saints of all periods are present to worship with us, so too we sing the Church's music from all generations, making that presence visceral. And, as the incarnation of the Church in Sleepy Eye has aged over the past centuries, we also sing songs from all generations of the faithful here. From "Maria zu Lieben," when German was the language of the parish, to the Hymn to St. Therese that the men sing on the Sunday nearest her feast every October, to the beautiful anthem To Christ the King, "Praise be to Thee, O Lord," and even "O Night of Holy Memory," which we will sing again on Christmas Eve this year, and which one of our elder choir members recalls singing, dressed as an angel, when she was only a high schooler.

More than a curiosity, these connections help express the bond of faith that we share with those who have gone before us, who have passed that faith onto us. And during this month of the Holy Souls, November, let us never forget that this bond still connects us, and pray for them.



# Advent, Christmas and Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule 2019

## Divine Mercy Area Faith Community

*St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye, St. Paul's, Comfrey, Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth, St. Michael's, Morgan*

### Area Advent Penance Services

Sunday, Dec. 1 4:00pm, St. Anne's, Wabasso  
Sunday, Dec. 8 4:00pm, St. Raphael, Springfield  
Sunday, Dec. 15 4:00pm, St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye

### Individual Confession Times

Every Saturday 4:00-5:00pm, St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye  
Every Saturday 7:30-7:45pm, Japanese Martyrs,  
Leavenworth  
Every Sunday 8-8:15am, St. Michael's, Morgan  
Every Sunday 11:30-11:45am, St. Paul's, Comfrey  
Every Wednesday 6-6:30pm, St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye  
Saturday, Dec. 7 9-10:00am, St. Michael's, Morgan  
Saturday, Dec. 14 9:30-10:30am, St. Michael's, Morgan  
Sunday, Dec. 15 11:30-noon, St. Paul's, Comfrey  
Wednesday, Dec. 18 6-7:00pm, St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye  
Thursday, Dec. 19 11am-noon/6-7:00pm, St. Mary's,  
Sleepy Eye  
Friday, Dec. 20 9:30-10:00am, St. Michael's, Morgan  
Friday, Dec. 20 6:30-7:30pm, St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye  
Saturday, Dec. 21 7:00-7:45pm, Japanese Martyrs,  
Leavenworth  
Sunday, Dec. 22 11:30-noon, St. Paul's, Comfrey

Monday, Dec. 23 11am-noon/6-7:00pm, St. Mary's,  
Sleepy Eye

Tuesday, Dec. 24 11am-noon, St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye

### Christmas Mass Times

*Christmas Eve* 4:00pm, St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye  
4:00pm, Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth  
6:00pm, St. Michael's, Morgan  
8:00pm, St. Paul's, Comfrey  
8:00pm, St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye  
Midnight /Latin, St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye  
*Christmas Day* 8:30am, St. Michael, Morgan  
9:30am, St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye  
10:30am, St. Paul's, Comfrey

### Solemnity of Mary Mass Times

Tuesday, December 31 5:30pm, St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye  
6:00pm, Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth  
Wednesday, January 1 8:30am, St. Michael's, Morgan  
9:00am, St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye  
10:30am, St. Paul's, Comfrey  
10:30am/Latin, St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye





# Born into God's Family

August 4, 2019 - November 18, 2019

Hunter Andrew Hoffman, son of Kevin & Ashley Hoffman  
August Michael Northagen, son of Lucas & Katherine Northagen  
Blakely Grace Bloedow, daughter of Jacob & Kathryn Bloedow  
Corbin Gregory Fuchs, son of Paul & Nicole Fuchs  
Ellie Mae Steffl, daughter of Joshua & Jillian Steffl  
Lily Ann McCoy, daughter of Kevin & Emily McCoy  
Maximus Leo Letellier, son of Forest & Katherine Letellier

## Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, Oh Lord...

August 8, 2019 - November 5, 2019

Raymond Hengel 8/3/2019

Sandra Seidl 8/28/2019

Diane Bauer 8/21/2019

Ronald Helget 9/13/2019

Donna Helget 9/16/2019

Florence Appel 9/19/2019

Marvin Sellner 9/19/2019

Lenore Trost 10/9/2019

JoAnn Oleson 10/23/2019

Paul Schroeffer 10/30/2019

Roger Sellner 11/3/2019

Gerald Weiss 11/5/2019

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.

## Welcome To Our Parish



Steven & Helen DesMarais

Photos not available:

Nathan Fix

Shannon (Noelle) Harrigan, Skylar and Spencer

## AFC Religious Ed Director



We are pleased to welcome Dan Davis who was hired to be the Religious Education Director for our Divine Mercy Area Faith Community in August. Dan brings a wealth of theological knowledge and excellent organizational skills to this position.



*Holy Matrimony  
at St. Mary's*

David Surprenant & Larissa Helget 10/12/2019

Christopher Ibberson & Andrea Thurmes 10/19/2019

Cody Groen & Alissa Fischer 11/23/2019

# Memorial Mass 2019

*Please remember in prayer the following  
who have died this past year.*

Joan Portner  
Robert Novotny  
Buddy Schroepfer  
Phil & Betty Heymans  
Florence Helget  
Cecelia Wersal  
Linus Braun  
Dorothy Klein  
Joe Neid  
Sylvia Moran  
Virginia Mickelson  
John Riederer  
Leon Brey  
Armin Losleben  
David Ludewig

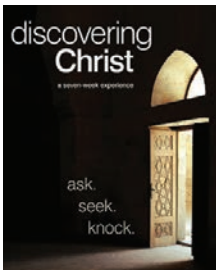
Brunilla Schilling  
Jane Goblirsch  
Rose Fromm  
Lucille Simonsen  
Gerald Stimpert  
Wayne Hillesheim  
Catherine Meyer  
Dorothy U'Ren  
Dale Krzmarzick  
Ron Current  
Ray Hengel  
Sandra Seidl  
Diane Bauer  
Ron Helget  
Donna Helget

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## ChristLife Program

### Discovering Christ in our AFC



With increasing challenges, darkness, and confusion, both in the world and in the Church itself, how can we live our Catholic faith, and help others who are falling away? How can we renew our parishes to become vibrant communities of faith?

The only answer can be found in Jesus Christ. When we put Jesus Christ back at the center of our lives and our parishes, everything falls back into right order.

Through a transformational process of forming disciples called ChristLife, parishes from across the country are seeing people come to Christ, Catholics return to the sacraments, authentic community form among parishioners, and passive Catholics catch fire to follow Jesus and share Him with others in their everyday life!

Last year, a group of parishioners from our Divine Mercy AFC, formed a core team of 13 people to experience ChristLife. After the team went through the process of Discovering Christ, Following Christ and Sharing Christ, they were excited to share it with the rest of the AFC.

*"When I began ChristLife, I thought I had a good rela-*



*tionship with God the Father, Son & Holy Spirit. At the Discovering Christ Retreat, I had a profound encounter with the Holy Spirit that deepened that relationship. Recognizing the Holy Spirit and His power dwelling inside me has given me a confidence in sharing my faith, praying with people and listening to the "nudges" to reach out to those suffering. These are things I would have never done on my own...it's all the Holy Spirit."*

*Colleen Wildt – St. Michaels, Morgan*

Currently 40 members of the Divine Mercy AFC are meeting weekly to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. If you are interested in finding out more about the ChristLife series, please contact the parish office.

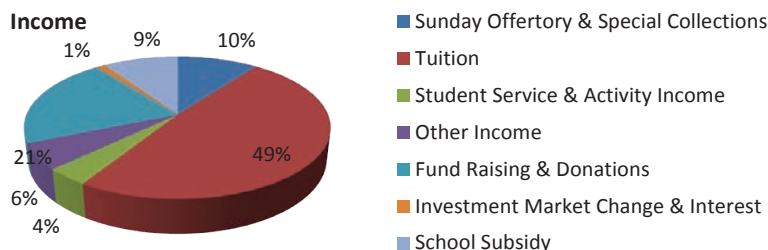


# St. Mary's Catholic Church Consolidated Financial Statement

For the Four Months Ending October 31, 2019

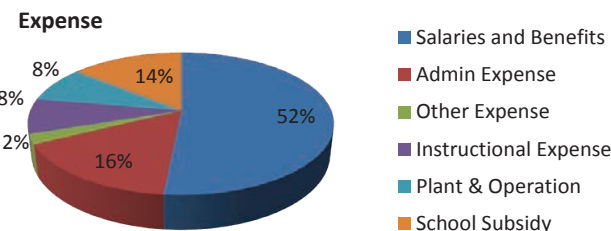
## INCOME

Sunday Offertory & Special Collections	10%	\$ 198,810.40
Tuition	49%	\$ 954,158.55
Student Service & Activity Income	4%	\$ 76,375.80
Other Income	6%	\$ 114,906.60
Fund Raising & Donations	21%	\$ 407,698.41
Investment Market Change & Interest	1%	\$ 22,412.69
School Subsidy	9%	\$ 184,090.40
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$ 1,958,452.85</b>



## EXPENSES

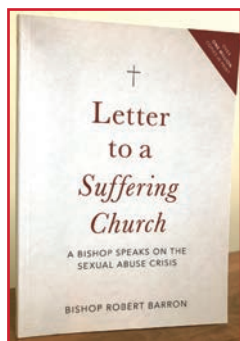
Salaries and Benefits	52%	\$ 675,046.29
Admin Expense	16%	\$ 209,626.08
Other Expense	2%	\$ 29,265.80
Instructional Expense	8%	\$ 103,846.18
Plant & Operation	8%	\$ 107,742.14
School Subsidy	14%	\$ 184,090.40
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>\$ 1,309,616.89</b>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>\$ 648,835.96</b>
<b>Budgeted Net Income</b>		<b>\$ 683,888.14</b>



Four months of the new fiscal year have gone by already and we are well into this year's budget. Adult support continues to be a concern as the giving has decreased each fiscal year now for the past eight years excluding 2016. Last fiscal year we ended with the lowest amount given at just over \$588,000.00. Adult support used to be the largest income piece in the budget. Now, fundraising has taken its place. It is vitally important that we maintain the adult support funding level in our budget. The parish gives each student at our school a tuition subsidy of just over \$2,000.00. The adult support needs to remain at its current level in order to do that each school year. We are \$20,500.00 behind what we have budgeted (\$203,333.28) four months into this fiscal year for adult support.

## CCW Christmas Gift To You

*The sexual abuse scandal has gripped the Catholic Church for the past thirty years, and continues to wreak havoc even today. It's been a diabolical masterpiece, one that has compromised the work of the Church in every way and has left countless lives in ruins. Many Catholics are understandably asking, "Why should I stay? Why not abandon this sinking ship before it drags me or my children under?"*



In this stirring manifesto, Bishop Robert Barron, founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries and Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, explains why this is not the time to leave, but the time to stay and fight. Reading the current crisis through the lenses of Scripture and Church history, Bishop Barron shows that we have faced such egregious scandals before; that the spiritual treasures of the Church were preserved by holy men and women who recommitted themselves to fighting evil; and that there is a clear path forward for us today.

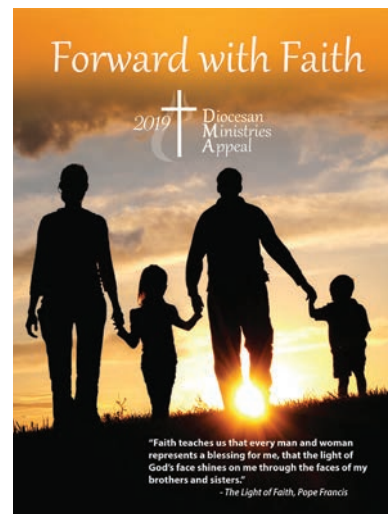
For Catholics questioning their faith, searching desperately for encouragement and hope, this book will offer reasons to stay and fight for the Body of Christ.

## The 2019-2020 Diocesan Ministries Appeal

This year we will continue to utilize the best practices recommended by the diocesan attorneys with eight specific areas of ministry supported by the DMA. The percentage of each dollar gifted to the DMA will be allocated as follows: Catholic Charities 25%, Vocations 20%, Youth Ministry 12%, Family Life 8%, Catholic Schools 7%, Social Concerns 6%, Hispanic Ministry 2%, and 20% to the donor's parish.

The eight ministries supported by this year's DMA continue to impact the lives of many people across the Diocese of New Ulm. These ministries help pass on the faith, assist those needing spiritual and/or physical assistance, as well as provide spiritual guidance and nurture youth and adults in their faith.

**The DMA goal remains \$1 million. Parishes will continue to have soft goals. Our total goal is \$46,940.14. The funds returned to our parish will be used to purchase a new dishwasher for St. Mary's social room kitchen.**



# *What is your legacy?*

By Wayne Pelzel

The construction of St. Mary's Church in the early 1900s left the Catholic parishioners of Sleepy Eye with a remarkably beautiful legacy. Why was that construction a legacy? It was because that generation of builders gifted us and future generations of worshippers with a magnificent edifice that will serve the needs of the faithful for many years to come.

This legacy not only gives us a pretty clear indication of the priority of our forefathers, but it left us with a fully functional and awe inspiring house of God that helps us live our faith to the fullest. As a true legacy, their gift to the future will go on giving.

Have you created a legacy of faith? What will your children and grandchildren come to know about what you held as most important? Will they come to see that you gave some of God's gifts to you back in such a way that the gift will make a lasting statement about your values?

St. Mary's Endowment Funds were created to help you create that lasting legacy. Endowments are gifts that will go on giving. Because only the interest and dividends are used annually, the principal remains to continue to gift to the designated cause year after year.

The first Endowment Fund created at St. Mary's in 1985 is the Staff Endowment Fund. The fund presently holds over one million dollars and each year 80% of the interest and dividends are returned to the staff and teachers in the form of a bonus. The remaining 20% of the dividends are reinvested and become a part of the principal. This fund has been highly successful and has given bonuses to the teachers for over 30 years. That is the beauty of an endowment fund- perpetual giving.

Another significant parish endowment fund is the Parish Endowment Fund. This fund's purpose is to support the financial needs of the parish of the Church of St. Mary's, Help of Christians in Sleepy Eye, MN. This endowment is used for parish repairs, maintenance and updates as well as support of the ministries of the parish and school. It began a few years ago, and has grown to \$20,300.

The third endowment is the Scholarship Trust Fund and presently holds over \$400,000. Again, the dividends and interest are used to help families who need assistance paying their tuition bill.

For illustrative purposes suppose an endowment fund grew to one million dollars. That fund would function as follows:

- Assuming a 5% return, the fund would generate \$50,000 that year.
- 80% of the dividends and interest would be disbursed to the designated cause.
- The remaining 20% would be reinvested in the fund raising the principal to \$1,010,000
- That \$1,010,000 would generate \$50,500 the next year (and would continue to grow in similar fashion year after year.

You, too, can help to create a legacy that will make a difference in perpetuity. Here are some ways you might consider creating a legacy.

- Remember your chosen endowment fund in your will.
- Give a portion of your annual IRA withdrawal and avoid paying tax on that withdrawal as an added bonus.
- Gift a mature CD that you no longer need over to your chosen endowment fund.
- Gift appreciated stock to the endowment fund.
- Gift to the endowment fund from your annual excess.

Contact Chris Heiderscheidt at the parish office to discuss your legacy.







# Decorating for Christmas

*We welcome you to come and help prepare the Lord's house for one of the most holy seasons in the Church.*

**When: Sunday, December 22, 2019**

**Time: 3:00pm ~ Where: St. Mary's Church**

*This is a great tradition to start with your family.*

*What a great opportunity for service hours.*

*Volunteers will be treated to pizza and goodies after decorating.*



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## Christmas Caroling

**Saturday, December 7, 2019**

*Caroling will start after the 5:30 Mass*

### Upcoming Events...

#### December

1-First Sunday of Advent  
1-CUF Matching Grant Pancake Breakfast at Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth  
1-Advent Penance Service at St. Anne's Church, Wabasso  
2-Extra Ordinary Form of Confirmation, St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye  
6-Prayer & Adoration for Hope & Healing Service at St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye  
7-KC & Parish Christmas Caroling  
8-2nd Sunday of Advent  
8-DNU Children's Advent Prayer Service at St. Mary, Bird Island  
8-Advent Penance Service at St. Raphael's Church, Springfield  
9-The Solemnity Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
12-Our Lady of Guadalupe  
12-Baptism Class at 8:00 PM  
15-3rd Sunday in Advent

15-Advent Penance Service at St. Mary's Church, Sleepy Eye  
22-4th Sunday of Advent  
22-Church decorating 3PM  
24-Christmas Eve  
25-Christmas Day (Holy Day of Obligation)  
28-Alumni Basketball Tournament  
30-The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

#### January

1-Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)  
5-Epiphany of the Lord  
5- CUF Matching Grant Pancake Breakfast at Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth  
12-Baptism of the Lord  
13-KC Meeting & Las Vegas Raffle  
19-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
22-Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children  
25-Appreciation Dinner with Hall of Fame

26-3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
26-Feb. 1-Catholic Schools Week  
28-All AFC councils, committees, & staff meeting at St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye

#### February

1-God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage Class  
1-2 CCW Scholarship Bake Sale  
2-The Presentation of the Lord  
2-KC Super Sunday Brunch  
9-CUF Matching Grant Pancake Breakfast at Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth  
13-Baptism Class  
15-Caribbean Knights Party  
19-AFC Religious Education Teacher Meeting at St. Mary's Church, Sleepy Eye  
23-KC Pancake Breakfast  
23-Volkswagon Dinner at Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth  
26-Ash Wednesday

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