



Immaculata

.....from our parish family to yours

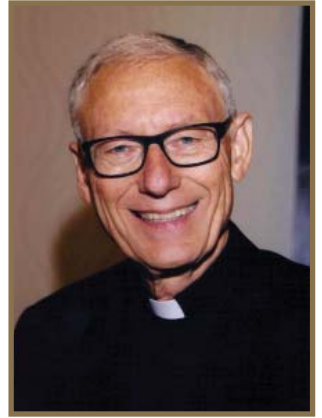
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OUR LADY OF *Fatima*



100th Anniversary of OUR LADY OF FATIMA Apparition - May 13, 2017

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God appeared six times to three shepherd children: Lucia, age 9, Francisco, age 8 and Jacinta, age 6, between May 13 and October 13, 1917. She came to the little village of Fatima which had remained faithful to the Catholic Church during the persecutions by the government. Our Lady came with a message from God to every man, woman, and child of our century. Our Lady of Fatima promised that the whole world would be in peace, and that many souls would go to Heaven if her requests were listened to and obeyed. At each apparition she would request that they recite the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war.



As a great sign of the whole message truly coming from God, a marvelous miracle was worked in the sky above Fatima on October 13, 1917, at the time, date and place that Lucy and the other two children had prophesied in the name of Our Lady of Fatima. The miracle occurred with the sun. All could stare perfectly at the sun without blinking, or even hurting their eyes. While all were watching the sun, it rotated, got large and small, got close to the people and got far away from them. The sun “danced.” Every single person who was there testified to seeing the sun dance, even non-believers who immediately dropped onto their knees and begged for forgiveness. This was the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to the three shepherd children.

Francisco died on April 4, 1919, and Jacinta died on February 20, 1920. Before she died, little Jacinta revealed little-known but remarkable statements made by Our Lady. Here are just some of them: “More souls go to hell because of sins of the flesh than for any other reason; certain fashions will be introduced that will offend Our Lord very much; many marriages are not good, they do not please Our Lord and are not of God; priests must be pure, very pure, they should not busy themselves with anything except what concerns the Church and souls; the disobedience of priests to their superiors and to the Holy Father is very displeasing to Our Lord; the Blessed Mother can no longer restrain the hand of her Divine Son from striking the world with just punishment for its many crimes; tell everybody that God gives graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary; tell them to ask graces from her, and that the Heart of Jesus wishes to be venerated together with the Immaculate Heart of Mary.”

The third shepherd child, Lucy, entered the Convent of the Sisters of St. Dorothy to learn to read and write, then she entered the convent of Coimbra. She died at the age of 97 on February 13, 2005 at the Carmelite convent of St. Teresa of Coimbra in central Portugal. (May 2017 NUDCCW E-Newsletter)

Msgr. Eugene Lozinski



Area Faith Community Confirmation 2017



St. Mary's First Communion 2017

Parish Family Profile

By: Tracy Meyer

In the 1950s there was a dance held somewhere every weekend, and that was the place to be. They were considered social events for people everywhere, and just about every town had a dance hall. One of the most famous in the area was George's Ballroom in New Ulm. Many couples met there, and Fred and Bernadette Hoffmann are included in those numbers. Sixty years later they can say, *it began with a dance.*

Bernadette Bastian grew up on a farm west of St. George, the daughter of Louis and Eleanora Bastian. She attended three years of country school and then St. George Catholic School through 8th grade. She attended Fairfax High School, being involved in Future Homemakers of America (FHA) and band. She graduated from Fairfax High School in 1955.

Fred grew up on a farm 2 ½ miles west of Sleepy Eye, the son of Sylvester and Marcella Hoffmann. He attended St. Mary's School. At that time, it was common for boys to go to school through 8th grade and then return home to the farm and work. Fred, however, wanted to continue his education. While in high school he was involved in football along with being on St. Mary's very first baseball team in 1952. Fred continued his education until he graduated in 1952.

After graduation, Fred began farming and Bernadette worked as a secretary at Furth Insurance Agency in New Ulm. After meeting at a dance at George's Ballroom they began to date, attending more dances and softball games. They would marry on a windy day, June 18, 1957, at St. George. After marriage, they began farming north of Sleepy Eye, which included farm land, milk cows and

chickens. They were blessed with four children, Barbara Miller, who lives in Fergus Falls, Mary Gangelhoff, who lives in Sleepy Eye, Steven, who lives in Glenwood and David, who lives in Starbuck. All four children are graduates of St. Mary's School. "We are so grateful to St. Mary's for the good Catholic education our children received and for assisting us as parents."

As their children grew, Fred and Bernadette stayed active on the farm and in the parish. Fred played on a few men's softball teams. He also ushered at church and was involved with the Knights of Columbus. Bernadette was active in the Council of Catholic Women and Catholic United Financial. She was employed casually at Countryside Apartments.

Retiring from milking cows in 1986 and farming in 2002, the couple stays active being involved in the lives of their 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Fred stays busy with yardwork, playing cards and cutting wood for their wood burner while Bernadette volunteers at Next-Tu-Nu II store.

There are two things we always try to remember, Fred said, "First, be thankful for EVERYTHING, even the troublesome things. Sometimes that is how God gets in touch with you or you know you need to get in touch with God. Second, you must have faith. You must trust that what you ask for you will receive in some way to help you get through the day or through what you need. Oh yes, and you need to pray, every

day!"

The Hoffmann's will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary in June. Congratulations and thank you for your faithful witness to the sacrament of marriage.



St. Mary's School Kitchen Remodeling Project

As many of you already know, the kitchen was assessed and a remodeling plan was developed in two phases, giving the highest priority to safety issues. Phase one was completed by replacing the ventilation system above the ovens and installing the fire suppression system. Phase two will take place this summer with removal of asbestos, replacing the HVAC system, some floor plumbing replacement as well as the walk-in cooler box, installing a new dishwasher system and other general tasks. The estimated cost of this project is \$220,000.00. As of May 19, 2017, we have received \$207,281.00 for this project. The funds received consist of individual donations, a grant of \$23,790.00 received from MN Department of Education, and the portion to our parish from the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. The total also includes Msgr. Wyffels estate gift of \$146,900.52 as needed.

We are all familiar with the wonderful meals prepared for the students as well as the delicious food our St. Mary's Catering Ladies prepare for various functions. Many of you reading this article have eaten more than one meal prepared in this kitchen. The memories made around the table while enjoying those meals with friends and acquaintances are priceless. What a great opportunity to say "thanks" for those memories. Please consider a gift to help pay for this project.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTO DATES

All of the parishes in the Divine Mercy Area Faith will be producing a new pictorial directory with Lifetouch.

Our last directory was done in 2012. We strongly encourage everyone to participate in this process.

Our Area Faith Community consists of four parishes made up of many families.

This pictorial directory serves as a wonderful tool in bringing everyone together in our Area Faith Community.

Our photo dates are:

St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye: August 8-12, 15-19 & 22-26

St. Paul's, Comfrey: August 9-12

Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth: September 10-12

St. Michael's, Morgan: September 14-16



WE NEED YOU
to make our new family directory complete

Hours of photography are 2:00 - 9:00 p.m. on weekdays,
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 12:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Sunday.

All photography will take place at our churches on the above dates for your convenience. To accommodate your schedule you may have your photo taken at any AFC parish. You will receive a complimentary portrait session, 8x10 portrait, and a directory for participating. Look for more information to come!

Remember our directory won't be complete without YOU!



Born into God's Family

February 13, 2017
to May 21, 2017

Margot Kathleen Henry, daughter of Robert & Sarah Henry
James Randy Fromm, son of Andy & Stephanie Fromm
Carwyn Chad Mathiowetz, son of Chad & Cortnie Mathiowetz
Liam Kenneth Lux, son of Adam & Kendra Lux
Brooke Marie Armbruster, daughter of Chad & Samantha Armbruster
Lynnette Lisa Seidl, daughter of Samantha Seidl
Briley Lynn Bertrand, daughter of Justin Bertrand & Katie Wurtzberger
Madelyn Harriet Seifert, daughter of Benjamin & Elizabeth Seifert



Holy Matrimony at St. Mary's

Andrew & Abeni Docter 3/14/2017
Terry Riebel & Misty McColley 4/22/2017



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, Oh Lord...

February 13, 2017 through May 21, 2017

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mary Ann Kotten 2/13/2017 | Rosemary Stimpert 3/14/2017 |
| Ruth Bertrand 2/22/2017 | Duane Wilhelmi 4/3/2017 |
| Roger Hengel 2/24/2017 | Frances Gores 4/18/2017 |
| John Bruggeman 3/6/2017 | Richard Martinka 4/20/2017 |
| Gregory Soukup 3/7/2017 | |
| LaMonte Helget 3/10/2017 | |

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



Daniel & Martha Renner and their children
Victoria, Alexander, Katherine, Maximilian, William, Madonna, Regina, and Xavier



Andy & Cari Peschges
and their children Michael, Bennett, and William

PARISH MUSIC NOTES

By: Sean Connolly



What an inspiring first year here as Director of Music at St. Mary's! I know that it can be easy to take for granted those things closest to us, but I hope you all realize just how exceptional the musical life of St. Mary's is. I can, without hyperbole, compare it favorably with a number of cathedral programs I've worked in and around. St. Mary's has a disciplined, no-nonsense parish choir, over a century old, that draws 30 singers (and a ton of men!) on a good Sunday, singing a large repertoire of quality music that embraces the entire tradition of Catholic sacred music; a high-school Schola Cantorum that, week in and week out, provides for the school community sung liturgies of an exceptionally high standard (and which always deeply impresses the professional, recording liturgical musicians to whom I show it off); a Latin Mass Choir of 17 singers, full of youth and devotion; a full house of skillful and devoted accompanists and cantors; an in-house brass band for special occasions; the ability to muster and train 40 treble choristers from the elementary school for the great Solemnities; and, to top it all off a breathtakingly beautiful and acoustic sacred space, whose voice is one of the finest pipe organs I have ever been privileged to play, maintained in good order by the devoted care of Josh Sellner. It is such a joy to be here!

The Second Vatican Council envisions a Church that embraces, preserves, uses, and constantly enriches Her great, millennia-old treasury of sacred music to which we, as Catholics, are all heirs. It is an educational vision, one that promotes the vocal, musical, and liturgical education of our young people in the classroom and in the choir. It is a global vision, in which Catholics the world over will not lose their ability to sing and pray together in that ancient and universal Latin tongue that unites all tribes and nations, while they also raise more fervently new songs to the Lord in the languages of their own tribes and nations. It is a vision neither of revolutionary change and rejection of the past nor of reactionary closure to the present. It is the Church's vision, my own vision, and a vision which we in Sleepy Eye are exceptionally well-equipped to realize. I hope it will be your vision as well. Without the tremendous, generous, and loving support of the community, for which I am so very grateful, none of this would be possible.

June 4 - Pentecost

Solemn Vespers at 7:30pm

*As we celebrate the solemnity of Pentecost,
please join us for the celebration of sung evening vespers
on June 4, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church.*



Valleyfair!

A Day at Valleyfair for the Altar Servers on June 27, 2017

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 such 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 for over 25 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 Tuesday, June 27. The bus will leave from St. Mary's Church parking lot at 8:30AM and return at approximately 8:00PM. 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 sesmchurch.com or sesmschool.com. Please complete the form and return to the parish office by June 9.

St. Mary's Parish Summer Festival



Mark your calendars for
St. Mary's Parish Summer Festival
on Sunday, August 6, 2017.

The Festival starts at 10:30 a.m. and goes until 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m.

Grilled Pork Chops by Brown Co. Pork Producers
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.

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 3!

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

2 drawings for \$200

1 drawing for \$150

11 drawings for \$100

51 drawings for \$50

300 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)



Jesus ← I love you!

-Diocese of New Ulm-

camp beloved

July 22-26 2017

- *meet new friends!
- *Grow in Faith, Hope, and Love!
- *For girls in grades 6-12!

Go to www.dnu.org/camp-beloved to register!

CAMP GREATNESS

DIocese of New Ulm

Middle School

High School



July 27-30



Grades 6-8



Sleepy Eye



July 31-Aug. 4



Grades 9-12

For more information and to register visit www.dnu.org/camp-greatness

SEE YOU AT CAMP!

"The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort, you were made for GREATNESS."

St. Mary's Baccalaureate

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

McKayla Aschenbrenner
Caleb Berg
Sarah Berkner
Maleah Berry
Megan DeMaris
Kaleb Fischer
Lydia Goblirsch
Allison Helget
Nicholas Helget
Matthew Hirsch
Madison Hoffman
McKenzie Hoffmann
Dylan Ibberson
Mary Joyce
Melissa Kral
Jaden Krebs
Alex Krebsbach



Class of 2017

Noah Krzmarzick
Kayci Kuebler
Megan Labat
Emily Ludewig
Anna Lux
Hannah Marti

Macario Martinez
Cole Owens
Isabella Portner
John Rosenhammer
Bailey Rutscher
Sean Salfer
Jena Schroeffer
Nathan Schroeffer
Megan Sellner
Natalie Sellner
Jim St. Peter
Grace Steffl
Nicholas Strate
Samantha Walter
Alex Woitas
Logan Zuhlsdorf



Immaculate Mary, Your Praises We Sing

On May 12th, Isabella Portner, escorted by Sean Salfer, crowned Mary during Mass for Grandparents Day. (Left)

On May 14th, St. Mary's celebrated one of the most defining aspects in our devotion to Mary, May Crowning. This year crowning Mary was second grader, Kiauna Suess. Accompanying Kiauna was her mother, Kristy and her grandmother, Louise Forster. (Top)

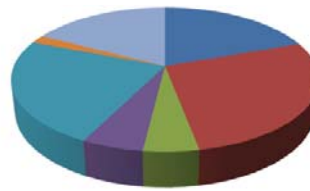
St. Mary's Catholic Church Consolidated Financial Statement

For the Ten Months Ending April 30, 2017

INCOME

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| Sunday Offertory & Special Collections | 19% | \$ 669,225.71 |
| Tuition | 28% | \$ 945,097.87 |
| Student Service & Activity Income | 5% | \$ 168,536.37 |
| Other Income | 5% | \$ 188,855.24 |
| Fund Raising & Donations | 23% | \$ 806,681.95 |
| Investment Market Change & Interest | 2% | \$ 62,518.22 |
| School Subsidy | 17% | \$ 592,922.20 |
| Total Income | | \$ 3,433,837.56 |

Income



- Sunday Offertory & Special Collections
- Tuition
- Student Service & Activity Income
- Other Income
- Fund Raising & Donations
- Investment Market Change & Interest
- School Subsidy

EXPENSES

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----|------------------------|
| Salaries and Benefits | 50% | \$ 1,655,525.37 |
| Admin Expense | 17% | \$ 559,872.78 |
| Other Expense | 2% | \$ 52,501.46 |
| Instructional Expense | 5% | \$ 169,427.22 |
| Plant & Operation | 8% | \$ 263,202.22 |
| School Subsidy | 18% | \$ 592,667.20 |
| Total Expense | | \$ 3,293,196.25 |
| Net Income | | \$ 140,641.31 |
| Budgeted Net Income | | \$ 183,152.78 |

Expense



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

The 2016-2017 fiscal year budget is going well. Sunday envelopes have declined the last quarter but are still ahead of last years mark at this time by over \$14,000.00. Included in the financial statement above is \$86,000.00 in bills from the north addition in which we are still collecting pledges for. Upgrades to LED lighting have begun which cost just under \$3,500.00. Our parish investments have been gaining ground over the last few months and are up over \$58,000.00. We will be forming a strategic planning committee to discuss what the next 5 years will look like financially and what may be needed in terms of revenue to meet those needs. Items considered will be tuition, maintenance / improvements, teacher / staff salaries, etc.

Upcoming Events...

June

- 4 - Pentecost Sunday
- 4-9 Totus Tuus
- 8 - Baptism Class
- 11 - The Most Holy Trinity
- 11 - CUF Corporate Communion & Breakfast
- 18 - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
- 18 - Father's Day
- 27 - Valleyfair trip for altar servers

July

- 3 - Calendar Raffle Drawing
- 4 - 4th of July: Parish Office Closed
- 9-17 Guatemala Trip
- 18 - Region II CCW Board Mtg at St. Mathias, Wanda

- 30 - Japanese Martyrs Parish Festival

August

- 6 - St. Mary's Parish Festival
- 8-26 LifeTouch AFC Parish Directory Pictures at St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye
- 9-12 LifeTouch AFC Parish Directory Pictures at St. Paul's, Comfrey
- 10 - Baptism Class
- 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 16 - NUDCCW Board Meeting at St. John, Darwin
- 19 - Buttered Corn Days Parade 6pm
- 19-20 Japanese Martyrs 150th Anniversary Celebration

- 21 - First Day of School for SE Public School Students

- 28 - First Day of School for St. Mary's Students
- 30 - First Day of School for St. Mary's Kindergarten Students

September

- 4 - Labor Day – Parish Office Closed
- 6-9 NCCW Convention, Dallas, TX
- 9 - St. Mary's School Alumni Golf Tourney
- 10-12 LifeTouch AFC Parish Directory Pictures at Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth
- 14-16 LifeTouch AFC Parish Directory Pictures at St. Michael's, Morgan

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