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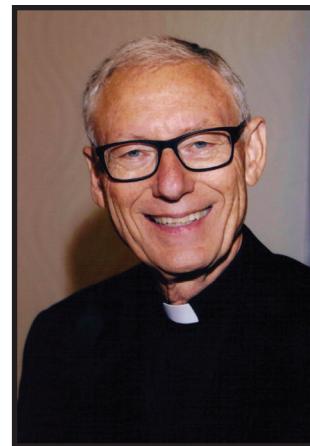
.....from our parish family to yours



Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

Luke 3:4

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We live in awesome times, the potential of doing so much good is so powerfully present in our midst. On the flip side there is much evil in our midst as well. We all recognize it and could come up with a list without much thought.

One of the most critically important virtues we can foster is HOPE. God is alive, Jesus is among us and has promised us that He will be with us forever. What more do we need? Yes, we can wring our hands and give up on this messy screwed up world, but then we would be giving up on God and ourselves and we don't want to do that. God hasn't given up on His creation so neither should we. God hasn't given up on us, so neither should we.

Some may say that we have to hunker down in ourselves, only there will we live peaceful and tranquil lives. I say on the contrary, we need to look beyond our own little worlds. We need to look at the big wide world in which God is acting and we will be able to see and recognize His presence. We will be able to see a thousand points of light illuminating this messy, yet still good world. We will see a thousand points of light illuminate the Church, messy in so many ways, as well. We will see a God who is calling us to save it and thus powerfully working to bring about His kingdom.

Faith and Hope is what is needed, not fear and despair.

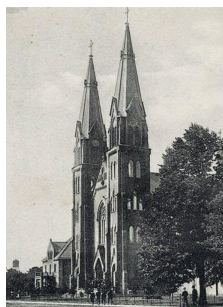
Last Wednesday night after hearing confessions, I went to the Adoration chapel to finish my Liturgy of The Hours for the day. After a few minutes I heard the door open repeatedly and people enter. Finally, my curiosity got the best of me and I looked around and saw that eight of our 6 – 8th grade students were all kneeling and praying around me. All of a sudden it dawned on me that I had forgotten about the junior high youth group meeting. Rather than waiting in the designated meeting room, they had come to the Adoration Chapel to pray. When they saw me praying, they thought that was what I had planned to do with them that evening. What an act of pure goodness. Tears came to my eyes. Each one is a Mass server as well. God's spirit is working.

God has not abandoned us. That is not to say that He might not be challenging us to go out of ourselves and change some of our perspectives; to give even more but perhaps in a different way or in a different place.

We need to hunker down and become people who preserve the authentic spirit of Jesus and in that way rebuild His Church so that His presence will become even more clearly recognizable in our midst. With God's help we can do it. God always is there to give us what we need. As we prepare to celebrate the gift of God's Son on Christmas day, let us again realize that God's love is boundless, and His mercies endure forever. It is trust and hope that is needed, not fear.

May divine mercy abound in our area,
Msgr. Eugene Lozinski

On the cover: Statue of John the Baptist,
precursor of the Lord.



A Piece of St. Mary's History

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

Background on the consecration of St. Mary's Church in 1963

On August 15, 2018, we celebrated the 55th anniversary of the consecration of our church. Below is some background information taken from three editions of the Sleepy Eye Herald-Dispatch from 1963.

From the August 8, 1963 Herald-Dispatch:

"St. Mary's Catholic church will be consecrated by Bishop Alphonse Schladweiler of New Ulm next Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. It will be the first church in the diocese of New Ulm to be consecrated. Very few in the state [at that time] have that distinction and it was only a few years ago that St. Paul Cathedral received that honor. Approximately 60 priests will be in attendance at the ceremony which will be concluded with a Pontifical High Mass. The entire ceremony will last about two and one-half hours. Following the consecration service a banquet will be held in the school dining room for the bishop, priests and religious. It will be prepared and served by the Christian Mothers. In explaining the ritual, Father S. J. Adrian, pastor, said that the consecration of a church is a ceremony reserved to a bishop who by the solemn anointing with Holy Chrism and in the prescribed form, dedicates a building to the service of God, raising it forever to a higher order. It therefore becomes a place where the prayers of the faithful are more readily heard and favors are more graciously granted by God. Consecration differs from



the blessing of a church in that it imprints an indelible mark on the building, by reason of which it may never be transferred to common use again. A church cannot be consecrated if it is built of wood, iron or other metal. Walls of the church must be of brick, stone or reinforced concrete. It cannot be consecrated if in the judgment of the bishop it will later be given up for common use. It cannot be consecrated if it is specifically obligated as security for its debts. Finally, it cannot be consecrated without the consecration of a fixed altar. Essence of Consecration consists in the anointing of the 12 crosses on the inner walls of the church. The crosses are of stone or metal and once placed by the bishop should never be removed as they serve to prove that the church has been consecrated. Under each cross a bracket holding a candle is fixed."

From the August 13, 1963 Herald-Dispatch:

"Impressive ceremonies will mark the consecration of St. Mary's Catholic church Thursday afternoon by Bishop Alphonse J. Schladweiler. The ceremony will begin at 3 p.m. and will be concluded with a Pontifical High Mass. At 2:50 p.m. the bishop and priests will assemble in the convent chapel, then march to the church. Blessing of the outside walls of the

church will take place first. Before the ceremony the church is emptied of its people, save for the "Custos Deacon" (vested) who remains inside the church near the main door. The church doors are closed. Following prayers in front of the church, the bishop will bless the outer walls and when this is completed he will strike the door of the church with the crosier. When the door is opened he will make the sign of the cross on the threshold with the crosier. After the procession

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Parish Family Profile

By Tracy Meyer

There are many benefits to growing up in a small community. Everybody knows who you are and you look out for each other. You played under the street lights and the biggest crime was coming home after curfew. Get together at someone's home was a regular occurrence and if you weren't at church people were concerned and made sure you were okay.

Don and Donna (Dielitz) Brinkman both grew up in a town like that, Somerset, WI, population 495. Both came from active Catholic families and were involved in their home parish of St. Anne's. Don served as a janitor during his high school years. Both graduated from high school in 1948. Don went on to college in River Falls, WI for two years. Donna stayed in Somerset taking several jobs including an office position with the St. Croix Garment Factory which is quite well known for their blue corduroy FFA jackets.

Even though they knew each other because they lived only two houses away from each other, it wasn't until a year after Don left for college that they began to casually date. Don joined the Air Force in 1951 and was stationed in Denver. After dating for about two years, Don and Donna were married at St. Anne's Catholic Church on May 24, 1952 and Donna joined Don in Denver. It was there that their first two children were born, Daniel and David.

After completing the Air Force Don went on to continue his education and the family moved back to Somerset, WI and Don attended Northwestern College of Chiropractic. Donna has always considered her most important job that of a homemaker and raising her children. After completing college and his internship Don and Donna decided they needed to find a place to open a practice. After driving to a few locations, they landed in Sleepy Eye, "The steeples called us." It had always been their wish for their children to be able to attend a Catholic school and be involved in an active parish. St. Mary's Parish seemed the perfect fit and the family moved to Sleepy Eye.

Don opened his first office in the building where the Serviceman's Club is currently located. "There were four business located in that building and I was in the front office." Their family



continued to grow and they welcomed another son, Dean. Through the years they eventually outgrew that office and relocated to where the practice is currently located today. The building was the former All Souls Episcopal Church. The Murphy house next door was the old parsonage. They still have some of the old window frames from the church portion of the building and have re-purposed one into a mirror in their home. There was a beautician shop located in the back of the first building they were in and she also re-

located her business to the basement of their new building.

Donna stayed busy raising their boys, being involved in their interests, being a homemaker and involved in the church. Along with three other ladies, Donna was involved in planning and carrying out St. Mary's very first parish picnic. Don was also active in the parish being Grand Knight with the KCs and serving on the parish and school boards. He was also active on the Diocesan level serving on the Diocesan Pastoral Council and Diocesan Corporate Board. We respected Bishop Schladweiler very much and considered Bishop Lucker a friend of the family.

Don retired in 1991 and his son Dean took over the family practice. They continued to stay active in the parish for many years serving in various roles. Don and Donna have also been active in the Schoenstatt movement for over 38 years and served as adult leaders in the MN movement. We were blessed to be able to visit the original shrine in Germany a couple of times. Other spiritual highlights for the Brinkman's included being involved with the Benedictine Missions for 43 years and receiving an Apostolic Blessing in the year 2000 along with trips to the Vatican in which they were able to attend the Pope's Ash Wednesday service and Saturday night rosary. We were able to have two audiences with him and were able to shake his hand. A highlight on one of those visits was to be able to visit the necropolis underneath the St. Peter Basilica. The Brinkman's are wonderful examples of dedication shown to the church through the years and when I asked them for advice they said, "*One of the most important things in life is to set your priorities, pray and work hard.*"

Advent, Christmas and Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule 2018

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

Wednesday, Nov. 28 7:00pm, St. Paul's, Comfrey
 Sunday, Dec. 2 4:00pm, St. Anne's, Wabasso
 Sunday, Dec. 9 3:00pm, St. Raphael, Springfield
 Sunday, Dec. 16 4:00pm, St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye

Individual Confession Times

Every Saturday 4:00-5:00pm, St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye
 Every Wednesday 6:00-6:30pm, St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye
 Saturday, Dec. 8 10:30-11:30am, St. Michael's, Morgan
 Friday, Dec. 14 9:30-10:30am, St. Michael's, Morgan
 Monday, Dec. 17 11am-noon, St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye
 6:30-7:30pm, St. Michael's, Morgan
 Tuesday, Dec. 18 6:00-7:00pm, St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye
 Wednesday, Dec. 19 11am-noon; 6:00-7:00pm,
 St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye
 Thursday, Dec. 20 11am-noon; 7:00-8:00pm
 St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye
 Friday, Dec. 21 11:15am-noon; 6:00-7:00pm
 St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye
 Saturday, Dec. 22 11:00-noon, St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye
 Sunday, Dec. 23 1:30-2:30pm, St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve 4:00pm, St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye
 4:00pm, St. Paul's, Comfrey
 6:00pm, St. Michael's, Morgan
 8:00pm, Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth
 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

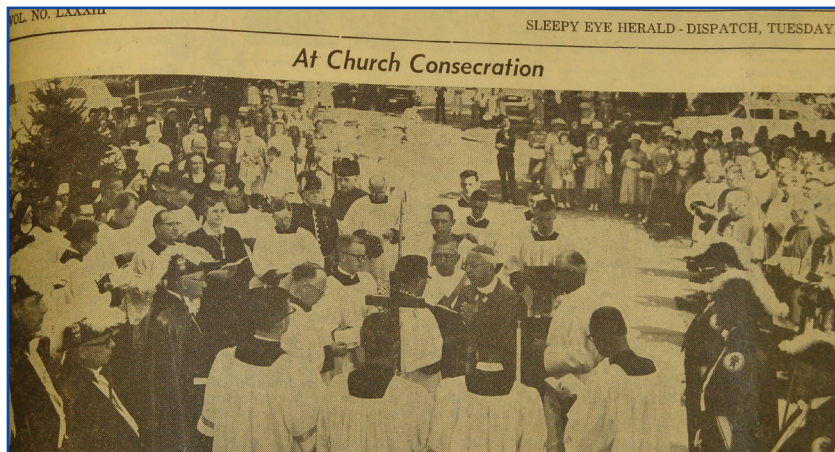
Solemnity of Mary Mass Times

Monday, Dec. 31 5:30pm, St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye
 8:00pm, Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth
 Tuesday, Jan. 1 7:30am, St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye
 8:30am, St. Michael's, Morgan
 9:45am, St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye
 10:30am, St. Paul's, Comfrey
 11:30am/Latin, St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye



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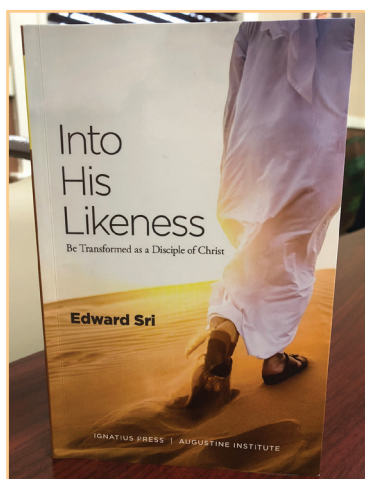
reaches the sanctuary the chanters will sing the Litany of the Saints. In its proper place there is chanted three times the name of the saint in whose honor the church is dedicated (St. Mary). Also chanted will be the names of the Saints whose relics are to be placed in the consecrated altar (Saints Lactantius and Xystus). Interior walls of the church will be blessed and the altar sprinkled with [Gregorian] water. Five crosses in the altar will be anointed. A St. Andrew's cross will be formed in sand in the area between the pews and the communion rail. [upper photo on page 3]



[In] each arm of the cross the bishop will [draw] the printed characters of the Latin and Greek alphabets. After the writing in the sand has been completed the bishop and priests will return to the chapel to secure the relics which will be carried in a metal container. After returning to the church, the relics will be blessed and placed in the sepulcher of the altar. Each of 12 crosses on the walls of the church will be anointed with chrism and blessed. Candles will be placed in each cross socket. The main doorposts of the church will also be anointed with Holy Chrism. At the conclusion of this ceremony the altar will be anointed and incensed. When the ritual of anointing and incensing has come to a close, the altar crucifix, flowers and seven candles will be placed on the altar. The Blessed Sacrament will be returned to the tabernacle and the church bells will ring in a festive manner. The Pontifical High Mass will then take place. Gregorian Water [a special form of holy water mixed not only with blessed salt, but also with blessed ashes and wine], incense and altar cloths will be blessed the day prior to the consecration by Father S. J. Adrian, pastor."

From the August 20, 1963 Herald-Dispatch:

"St. Mary's Catholic church was consecrated Thursday by Bishop Alphonse J. Schladweiler of New Ulm. In the above picture, clergy, Sisters, choir, and parishioners gather around as the bishop recites prayers in front of the church, prior to blessing the outer walls of the building. Following the blessing, the procession proceeded to the front door where the bishop struck the door with the crosier, asking that it be opened. The assembled group then followed the bishop into the church. Another impressive ritual during the consecration was the anointing of 12 crosses on the walls with Holy Chrism. In the picture at the right [lower photo on page 3]. Bishop Schladweiler climbs a ladder to anoint one of the crosses on the south wall of the church."



CCW Christmas Gift To You

Dr. Edward Sri provides an approachable but in-depth exploration of what it means to be a disciple of Christ. At the outset, he emphasizes the importance of every Christian's developing the desire to be a true disciple of Christ and gives the reader a first glimpse of what the life of a disciple looks like.

As the book progresses, he unfolds what a true encounter of love with Christ entails and explores the transforming power of God's grace. He also offers for consideration the four habits of a disciple: prayer, the breaking of bread (the Sacraments), fellowship, and the teaching of the Apostles. The book concludes with a powerful call to fulfill every Christian's mission of evangelization. *Into His Likeness* is a down-to-earth and tremendously valuable handbook for anyone wishing to pursue Christ wholeheartedly.

The Divine Mercy Area Faith Community (AFC)



I believe Pastoral Planning has been in progress in the New Ulm Diocese since the 1980's. It began with the realization that the number of priests was declining and there wouldn't be enough to fill the Pastorates of all the parishes of the Diocese. Over the years we have become much more aware of an exit of Catholics from our Diocese to large urban areas. As well, we realize that many of the Catholics remaining in our Diocese have chosen not to attend Mass regularly.

The concept of Area Faith Community (AFC) was introduced in the Third Plan for Parishes. An AFC is the primary functional and consultative organization by which pastoral care is carried out in its constituent parishes. An AFC is a group of two or more parishes located in the same geographical area. Large and small, all parishes benefit from working together in an AFC,

providing comprehensive pastoral care for their parishioners. The Fourth Plan for Parishes renews the diocesan emphasis on AFCs, seeking increased collaboration and cooperation among constituent parishes.

Each AFC has a single Pastor emphasizing the indispensable role of the ordained minister in building up and overseeing the Church. The Pastor of our AFC is Msgr. Eugene Lozinski. He is the shepherd of the AFC. In business world terms or secular terms, he may be likened to a CEO or a school system with a single superintendent. AFCs need an ultimate decision-maker to oversee the entire organization and to ensure that things get done for the benefit of the faithful. Although it must be clearly understood that a Pastor is not primarily a CEO or manager of a business but a shepherd whose main concern is always the salvation of souls and fostering discipleship of Jesus, he presides over the AFC under his care in charity and as the unifier. All else pales in comparison to that primary mission.

Our Divine Mercy AFC consists of these four parishes: Japanese Martyrs in Leavenworth (136 households), St. Paul's in Comfrey (186 households), St. Michael's in Morgan (291 households) and St. Mary's in Sleepy Eye (1146 households). At present there still exists the oratory of St. Joseph in Clements, but it is in the process of disposing of the building and contents.

At present, our AFC Pastoral Council has two representatives from each parish who meet on a regular basis working together to build up our AFC and help it to fulfill its mission. One of the tasks this Council is currently working on is to compose a mission statement which will enunciate its mission and purpose. It will guide all decisions. It will be centered on Christ who is the sole reason for our existence. As time passes it will establish committees that will help the actualizing of the Gospel in our area and among our people. Each of the four parishes have an Administrative Council.

The AFC is a structure to attain an end. The end is to help all the baptised to have a rich relationship with Jesus Christ and a desire to share that with others. The AFC will try to do whatever it takes to accomplish that goal for that is the goal of the Gospel and the message of Jesus Christ. Ultimately it is all the work of Jesus. The AFC must do all it can to foster growth in faith by allowing the Holy Spirit to change our hearts and control our egos.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

January 18, 2019
St. Mary's Church Social Room



Schedule of Events

Social Hour: 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Complimentary

Dinner: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Entertainment: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Sponsor A Table

Create a theme
& decorate your table with
7 of your friends.
(Individual registrations
will share a decorated table)
Limited Seating

Proceeds
will be donated to
sleepy eye

in motion

Coordinated by: St. Mary's CCW

All Women Invited! Sign Up by January 1, 2019
To make your reservation, please call Kristy Suess at 276-1083

MUSIC NOTES

By: Sean Connolly



Advent is almost upon us, and we are busy getting ready in preparation for the coming of the Lord at Christmas! There is too much exciting news in the parish and school music to list it all! The following are just some of the highlights:

- On the First Sunday of Advent, St. Mary's Men's Choir will be chanting Vespers in the evening. If you have never experienced the evening prayer of the Church prayed in this moving and beautiful way, please come!
- Don't forget our beautiful Christmas liturgies! As always, the 8:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve and the Midnight Mass will be preceded by about a half-hour of carols and choral music. Please come early and ready to sing!
- Our Mozart Choir for August 15, 2019, is going strong, with members from Sleepy Eye, Marshall, Mankato, and even one as far as Chanhassen! We still have room for new members, though. December rehearsals are Tuesday, December 4, and Tuesday, December 18, at 7:30 PM in the church social room. Mark your calendars for August 15, though -- Mass is not to be missed!
- St. Mary's, assisted by a couple of other area choirs, will be hosting a nationwide Sacred Music Retreat next summer, held at Schoenstatt, from August 16 - 20. This retreat focuses on the tradition of Latin choral music for the classical Roman liturgy, its spirituality, and its performance practice. Three members of St. Mary's choirs were able to attend the first retreat of this kind hosted by the Cincinnati Oratory last summer, and we are eager to bring the experience back to the Upper Midwest. Day retreatants from the local area will save on room and board, and will get to experience challenging spiritual conferences and beautiful music directed by internationally-known presenters. Contact Sean Connolly for more detailed information if you are interested.

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: Thursday, December 20, 2018

Time: 4:30pm ~ Where: St. Mary's Church

*This is a great tradition to start with you family.
Also a great way to receive some confirmation hours.
Volunteers will be treated to pizza and goodies after decorating.*



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS®**

Christmas Caroling

Saturday, December 8, 2018

*Caroling will start after
the 5:30 Mass*

Memorial Mass 2018

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

Dolores Regimbal

Agnes Wensauer

Mildred Baker

Diane Hemmeter

Leona Sellner

Lillian Riebel

Lynn Soukup

Lorraine Harkin

Rita Schmitz

James Broich

Mary Steffl

Rosemary Riederer

Leo Kral

Doris Saffert

Les Haala

Melvin Pelzel

Sylvester Schreinier

Leon Helget

Sylvester Spaeth

Theresa Reiniger

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Lois Ann Groebner

Kaleb Fischer

Vernon Kainz

Cordella Soukup

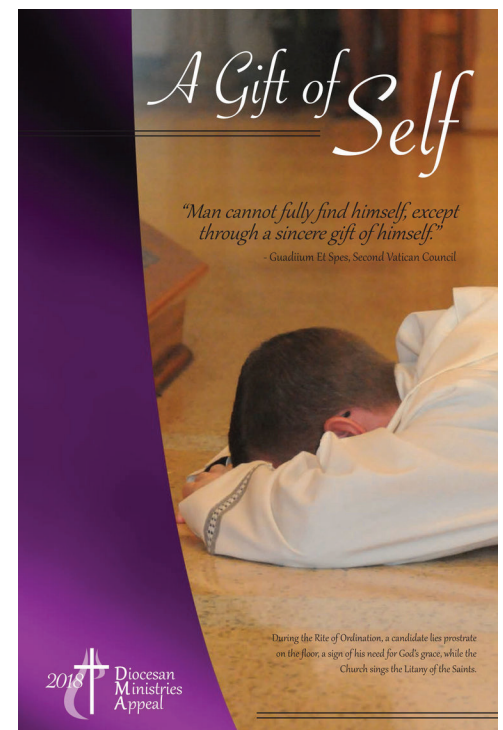


The 2018-2019 Diocesan Ministries Appeal

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 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 \$53,168.42. The funds returned to our parish will be used to install new doors on the entrance of St. Mary's School auditorium.





Born into God's Family

August 20, 2018 - November 18, 2018

Jacqueline Ruth Bruggeman, daughter of Billy & Mikayla Bruggeman
 Toby Steven Schwartz, son of Brian & Abby Schwartz
 Antonia Marie Peschges, daughter of Andy & Cari Peschges
 Delaynie Kay Karg, daughter of Jacob Karg & Elizabeth Hoffmann
 Aiden Paul Gonzales, son of Greg Gonzales & Ann Berkner
 Blake Roman Heiderscheidt, son of Sam & Alisa Heiderscheidt
 Carlos Gabriel Tovar-Garces, son of Carlos & Amabel Garces
 Olivia Michelle Lux, daughter of Adam & Kendra Lux
 Jersey Jean Sellner, daughter of Randy J. & Sheila Sellner
 Felicity Ann Connolly, daughter of Sean & Chelsea Connolly
 Harper Rae Huiras, daughter of Andy & Stephanie Huiras
 Jacob Avery Meyer, son of Matthew & Mayda Meyer



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, Oh Lord...

August 20, 2018 - November 18, 2018

Adele Goblirsch 9/13/2018	Kaleb Fischer 10/19/2018
Joan Abrahamson 9/28/2018	Vernon Kainz 10/21/2018
Lloyd Braun 10/7/2018	Cordella Soukup 10/27/2018
Lois Groebner 10/15/2018	Joan Portner 11/12/2018

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

Molly Mathiowetz & Seth Anderson 10/6/2018
 Jacob Schwartz & Cherie-Lynn Dingman 10/20/2018
 Heather Schumacher & Brett Winters 10/27/2018

Welcome To Our Parish

Cheryl Mussehl (picture not available)



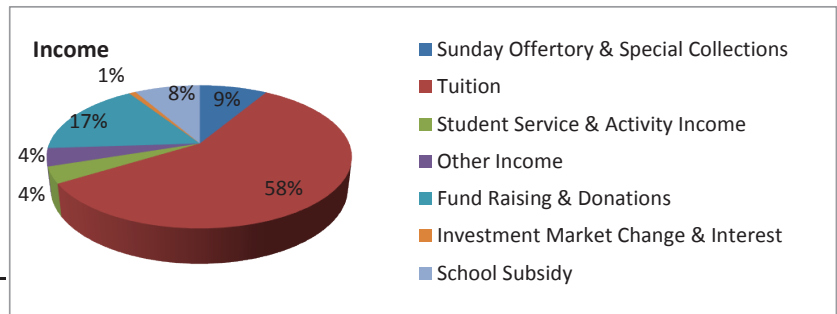
Victor & Edmee
 Martinez
 and their children,
 Lucia, Santiago
 and Josemaria

St. Mary's Catholic Church Consolidated Financial Statement

For the Three Months Ending September 30, 2018

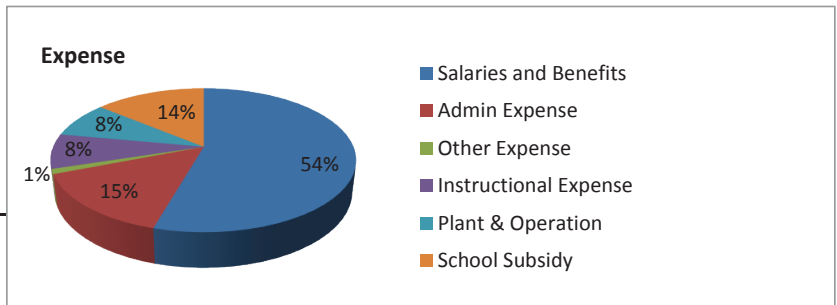
INCOME

Sunday Offertory & Special Collections	9%	\$	141,073.74
Tuition	58%	\$	949,783.52
Student Service & Activity Income	4%	\$	60,976.13
Other Income	4%	\$	66,759.84
Fund Raising & Donations	17%	\$	278,564.02
Investment Market Change & Interest	1%	\$	13,856.30
School Subsidy	8%	\$	136,761.09
Total Income		\$	1,647,774.64



EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits	54%	\$	521,756.47
Admin Expense	15%	\$	139,854.72
Other Expense	1%	\$	10,610.97
Instructional Expense	8%	\$	74,895.21
Plant & Operation	8%	\$	77,672.67
School Subsidy	14%	\$	133,761.09
Total Expense		\$	958,551.13
Net Income		\$	689,223.51
Budgeted Net Income		\$	580,307.45



This new fiscal year brings a time of change to the finances of our parish, along with the entire AFC. We are now truly one AFC with one Pastor and with that brings the sharing of certain expenses with the other parishes. Salaries, benefits, and living expenses of the priests are now being shared with the other three parishes: St. Michael's, St. Paul's and Japanese Martyrs. The former budget committee is now the finance committee and will meet quarterly throughout the year, more often during budget season. They bring a wealth of financial knowledge to the table and can provide valuable insight to help in the management of investments, etc. St. Mary's budget is going well three months into the fiscal year. Adult support is down \$25,000.00 compared to our budgeted amount. Our fundraisers are going well; they are very important providing income needed throughout the budget.

Upcoming Events...

December

- 2 1st Sunday of Advent
- 2 CUF Matching Grant Pancake Breakfast at Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth
- 2 Advent Penance Service at St. Anne's, Wabasso
- 3 Bloodmobile at St. Michael's, Morgan
- 6 St. Nicholas Day
- 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
- 8 KC & Parish Christmas Caroling
- 9 2nd Sunday of Advent
- 9 Advent Penance Service at St. Raphael's, Springfield
- 9 DNU Children's Advent Prayer Service at St. Anastasia, Hutchinson
- 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 13 CCW Church Cleaning for Christmas
- 13 Baptism Class

16 3rd Sunday of Advent

16 Advent Penance Service

at St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye

23 4th Sunday of Advent

24 Christmas Eve

25 Christmas Day (Holy Day of Obligation)

29 Alumni Basketball Tournament

30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

January

1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

6 CUF Matching Grant Pancake Breakfast at Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth

13 The Baptism of the Lord

14 KC Meeting & Las Vegas Raffle

18 CCW Ladies Night Out

at St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye

22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

26 Appreciation Dinner with Hall of Fame

27-Feb. 2 Catholic Schools Week

February

2 God's Plan for a Joy-Filled

Marriage workshop

2-3 CCW Scholarship Bake Sale

3 KC Super Sunday Brunch

3 CUF Matching Grant Pancake Breakfast at Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth

14 Baptism Class

16 Caribbean Knights Party

17 KC Pancake Breakfast

March

1 World Day of Prayer

6 Ash Wednesday

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