

Spirit on 7th Street

An up close and personal look at the ministries of Saint Henry's

The Spirit is Moving!

Tremendous things are happening at Saint Henry's. Within these pages of *"The Spirit on 7th Street"* you will discover some of the activities that have occurred over the last few months, and what's ahead this summer.

The Communications Ministry was started almost three ago, with the mission of promoting, celebrating, and encouraging the accomplishments of all our members. We believe that by promoting our various ministries through various media outlets, such as this newsletter, the gathering space bulletin boards, the display cases in the hallway, Facebook, and The Spirit of 7th Street table, we will raise awareness of all the good things that we do as a church body. This will not only serve to encourage us to reach for even loftier goals, but also create a greater sense of community and draw others that are

not involved in parish ministry into a life of active discipleship. "Let's Get People Engaged In Ministry" – that's our mantra.

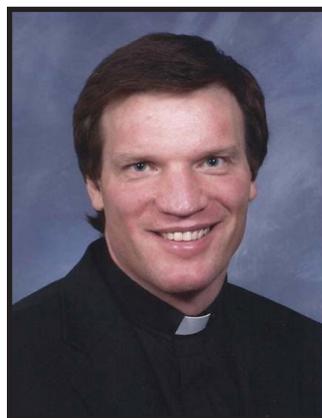
You can also find out more "happenings" at Saint Henry's by visiting our newly designed website, www.sthenrycatholic.info. The site is still in the construction phase and changes are in the works to improve the ease of using it. We would love your input and feedback on making it user friendly for all who come to visit it. You can simply hit the "contact" button on the navigation bar to send us your thoughts!

With your time, talent, desire and creativity, you are ALL evidence there is no limit to where we can take our faith at Saint Henry's.

Thank you for making a difference – the Spirit is truly moving on 7th Street!



A Spirit of Communion



Father Tony VanderLoop

One Saturday night a minister was busy writing his sermon for Sunday. His little daughter saw him working busily and asked him what he was doing. He said he was writing his sermon. She asked, "Daddy, how do you know what to write?" He answered, "God tells me what to write." Then she asked, "Why do you keep erasing?"

Sometimes it's very clear and sometimes it's challenging to know what God is saying to us. I have felt pretty much like that minister sometimes. We hear that the Holy Spirit guides us, but sometimes it can be daunting. The

theologian Father Yves Congar has written, "The Spirit is without a face and almost without a name. The Spirit is the wind who is not seen, but who makes things move. The Spirit is known by the Spirit's effects. The Spirit is the one who is given in order to produce everything that can be summarized as the community of the sons and daughters of God." Simply put, "The Spirit is the agent of the fulfillment of God's plan and work." (Congar, *I Believe in the Spirit*, Vol. 3 p. 144.)

We must continue to believe that the plan of God will be accomplished through the Holy Spirit at Saint Henry's! We must believe in the power of the Holy Spirit. In fact, Saint Paul says in his first letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor 12: 3) that no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. Think about that. Our faith in Jesus is prompted by the Holy Spirit! Saint Paul goes on to say

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that there are different kinds of spiritual gifts raised up within us by the same God. He lists as examples: wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, mighty deeds, prophecy, discernment of spirits, varieties of tongues, and interpretation of tongues, all produced by the same Spirit. Clearly Saint Paul thought of the Holy Spirit not as a small God, but a God of great power who will bless the Church.

In my time at Saint Henry's, I have been amazed at the bustle of activity that has taken place in our charitable works, our faith formation, our worship, and simply maintaining our beautiful building. May God continue to bless us as individuals with many gifts of the Spirit all shared in communion with each other.

But, perhaps that is the key – communion. The gifts of the Spirit that Saint Paul lists in his letter to the Galatians speak on a deeper level what the gift of the Holy Spirit is. He is a Spirit of love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, which people of all languages can hear and understand.

At Pentecost, Mary and the Apostles were given the gift of tongues by which people from many nations were attracted to. Perhaps the gifts Saint Paul lists are the reason why they could understand that day. Where there was division and alienation, unity and understanding were born! We can be this Church today by being not closed into ourselves, but by being open – open to the Holy Spirit.

As we begin to reflect on the upcoming year and the ways that God wants to bless Saint Henry's, let us with great humility and anticipation, pray for our own openness to the Holy Spirit, and that this gift of God resonating in our hearts would lead us to share new gifts in a great communion with each other!

A special note: the novena to the Holy Spirit, the oldest novena of the Church in honor and recognition of the disciple's experience of praying in the Temple as Jesus asked for the gift of the Holy Spirit, can be found at the following website: https://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/pentecost/seven_tx.htm. I encourage you to pray it this summer.



"All for the Glory of God"

By Dan Dupay, administrator and Andrew Menke, Lynch Development

The Church of St. Henry has been a fixture in the community for 105 years. As a parish, it strives every day to become Christ's disciples and to further the mission of the Church.

We have built a very beautiful "Dream Home," but the Church of Saint Henry is at a critical point in its history. We had been paying interest only on our mortgage, and we now had to begin an amortized principal and interest payment on January 4th, 2015. This new payment schedule added over \$107,000 in cash needs to the parish.

In the spring, we enlisted Lynch Development Associates (LDA) to conduct a feasibility study. After the study was completed, LDA advised the parish pastoral and finance councils and Father Tony that it would be very beneficial to conduct a Lenten Education Initiative that would focus on concerns of parishioners prior to starting a capital campaign. It was during this initiative that I was able to research and understand the history and vibrancy of this community of believers. The study showed us the desire for transparency and the need to address the concerns of parishioners about the operations of the parish.

Transparency is not an issue when you have nothing to hide!

There are major differences between the "All for the Glory of God" campaign and capital campaigns of the past. A key difference is that, in the previous campaigns, the money raised went only toward paying our monthly mortgage payment. Without a capital campaign during these times, we would not have been able to make this monthly payment! Your support and participation during this time was instrumental to keeping everything going at our parish!

Now, after a \$90,000 budget reduction by our staff and led by Father Tony, we are able to make our full monthly payment of principal and interest through our regular Sunday collection. For the first time, we do not need a capital campaign to make this amortized payment. This is a great stage to get to and it has been made possible by your participation

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Catholic Church of Saint Henry, established 1997.

CCW's Spring Bling a Huge Success

By Janelle Hazuka, CCW President

Saint Henry's Council of Catholic Women (CCW) is always interested in hearing about and trying new things to keep our group actively engaged in our faith community.

Last year, one of our ladies mentioned a jewelry sale event she attended at a parish in Minneapolis. During a number of CCW meetings, we discussed the idea and determined that, if we could find someone to chair the event, we'd give it a try.

In the meantime, some of our CCW members attended other jewelry sale events to get ideas to bring back for further discussion. God has His hand in many things in each of our lives, and little did we know - His hand was in the

planning stages of this event in a mighty way!

Char Thelen and Lanette Aitchison volunteered to chair the event, and with the helpful hands of many CCW ladies, our first Spring Bling became reality!

As word about the upcoming event got around, we received amazing jewelry and accessory donations from people within our faith community and the surrounding area. Many hours were spent planning, envisioning the set-up and displays of our donations, as well as sorting, cleaning and pricing the items in preparation for the sale which was held earlier in February.

Our hope was to profit \$1,000 at this event and

donate the proceeds toward the mortgage on our beautiful church. It was our joy to see the event so very well attended, and we were pleasantly surprised with the proceeds received as we closed Friday evening - we had met our initial goal and then some!

Seeing how successful the event was on Friday and Saturday, we decided to hold the sale after masses on Sunday also. Much to our surprise, after the event and once all the proceeds had been counted and the expenses paid, CCW profited \$4000 from this event, and proudly handed Dan Dupay, our Parish Administrator, a check made out to Saint Henry's Catholic Church for \$4000 to be paid toward the mortgage.

Feedback from those attending this amazing event has been very

helpful and encouraging, and we know that the Spring Bling Jewelry Sale event will happen again in Spring 2016. We sincerely thank everyone who helped make this event the amazing success it was.

Watch our parish bulletin for announcements about all CCW's events and activities. We invite all ladies within our faith community to attend CCW's events and become involved with helpful hands and creative ideas. It's always a blessing to see God's work being done within this fun and creative group.



Check us out on Facebook!

Check out our web site: <http://sthenrycatholic.info>



Lanette Aitchison (left), Janelle Hazuka (right), and Char Thelen (not pictured) presented Saint Henry's administrator, Dan Dupay (center) a check for \$4,000. The proceeds were a result from the Spring Bling held in February. All funds will be used for mortgage principle reduction for our church.

Thoughts to Live By

"My Christian faith guides my life, and while I have never been one to force it down someone's throat, I also think it's cowardly and hypocritical to shy away from what I believe."

— Mike Matheny, excerpt from The Matheny Manifesto

Faith Filled Family Nights Offer Fun and Education for All

By Jessica Soden, Faith Formation Director

It was a very fruitful and fun year in the Faith Formation program at Saint Henry's this year. The Faith Formation program as a whole had 74 volunteers to make our regular Wednesday evening programs run. It was beautiful to see so many faith filled people step forward to dedicate their time and love for Christ with the youth of this parish. They are truly a blessing for the future of our Church. God abundantly blessed the faithfulness of the families and volunteers.

A highlight from the 2014-2015 Faith Formation year was the Faith Filled Family Nights. This year we had family nights with engaging speakers for adults and fun activities for the children. The speaker topics included "Catholic Motherhood and Fatherhood," "Reconciliation," and "Parenting with Prayer." The children participated in many activities including a Beatitude scavenger hunt, Reconciliation games, Saint skit, and

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praying the Divine Mercy chaplet. Each of these nights we had over 45 adult volunteers who did not have children in the program come to help. We thank them so much for giving their time to make these nights possible.

The final event for families included a Mass and Catholic History Fair. The children in grades 2-6 made poster boards with Catholic Facts or events in Catholic History. They put great effort into learning and creating these wonderful boards. Please take some time after Mass to see a few of the boards each week in the gathering space.

We are excited to be planning family nights for next year. Watch the bulletin and Faith Formation information for next year's line-up of speakers and themes.

Another exciting addition to the Faith Formation program is the great new resources on the parish website! Check out the new website under Faith Formation for great resources for families and teachers. Continue to watch these areas for updates and program information through the year.



Vacation Bible School
August 3-6, 2015

Join us this year for Cat Chat's Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments! This is a wonderful Vacation Bible School adventure that will give the children a deeper understanding and knowledge of God's great gift of the Sacraments.

Visit <http://www.sthenrycatholic.info/Vacation-Bible-School> for more information or to register today!

Vacation Bible School Plans Underway

Planning for a great and fun Catholic Vacation Bible School is underway! Join us this year for Cat Chat's Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments! This is a wonderful VBS adventure that will give the children a deeper understanding and knowledge of God's great gift of the Sacraments. This amazing week will run August 2, 2015 (2:00-5:30pm) August 3-6 (9:00am-12:15pm). The week will end with the highest form of prayer and Sacrament, the Mass; followed by a pot luck lunch for families. Program information, registrations and teen

volunteer forms can be found on the parish website. The deadline to register is July 12th. We are also still in great need of adult station leaders, group leaders and teen volunteers to make this wonderful week possible. Please prayerfully consider this great ministry. If you are not able to help during the actual time of VBS, but would be willing to help prepare materials and stations ahead of time, we would welcome your help in this way too! Please sign-up to volunteer on the VBS registration form or contact Sue Kunkel, 763-878-2080 to volunteer!





Holy Spirit Academy is a private high school (grades 9-11) in the Catholic intellectual tradition, offering an integrated college preparatory curriculum. The school strives to help students realize their purpose, instilling in them confidence to enrich the current culture.

Some of the things that make a Holy Spirit Academy education

unique are:

- Rigorous academics—the school utilizes a mixture of Socratic methodology and lecture format explore the great tradition of the west, including history, literature, philosophy, theology, Latin, science, mathematics, and the arts.
- Affordable tuition (\$6,390 per single student for 2015-16).

•Intensely person to person, so no student is left behind.

•Faculty and staff take the oath of fidelity to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church.

•Training cultural leaders defending the Faith and the family, and to actively promote the culture of life.

Holy Spirit Academy is located in the west wing of Saint Henry's parish campus. The school is funded by the generosity of supporters—many of whom are in our

community. The actual cost of educating a student exceeds the cost of tuition. Tuition is kept low so that families can afford our school. You may help! From now until June 30th, an anonymous donor will match funds up to \$50,000. Applications for the 2015-16 academic year are now being taken, as well. Call the Holy Spirit Academy office for details at 763.220.2402 or emailing info@holyspiritacademy.org.



The GROW Initiative

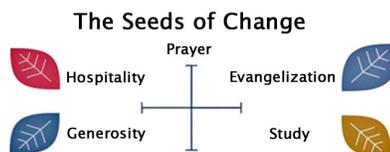


Our Church Just Keeps Getting Better All the Time!

The Goal: Improve Communications and Community-Building

Accomplishments to Date:

- * Financial statements are now published in the weekly bulletin.
- * Email blasts are sent out for Funeral announcements.
- * We publish a quarterly newsletter and mail to all households.
- * We established a ministry spotlight table called "Spirit on 7th Street", which highlights ministries in our church.
- * We installed a large bulletin board in the gathering space and display cases by the social hall all showcasing ongoing activities and ministries at Saint Henry's.
- * Our kitchen now has instructions on use of kitchen, appliances, and cabinet labels for easy use. Instructions included on how to clean up after use.
- * Parish Council & other ministry leaders help greet on weekends, so parishioners will know Saint Henry's leaders.



GROW gives our parish a solid foundation for growth based on parishioner feedback that ties all these seeds together and keeps them in balance.

5 Graduates Receive \$1,000 College Scholarships

For many years, Saint Henry's Council of Catholic Women (CCW) and Knights of Columbus (KCs) have participated in the Monticello High School scholarship program. A few years ago, the decision was made to bring the scholarship program opportunity back to our parish, specially to ensure that the scholarships were going to graduates who are active members of the Catholic Church. An added benefit was that all graduates did not attend high school in Monticello.

Members of CCW and KCs are busy throughout the year with fundraisers to support many programs within our program. One of these programs offers scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each to graduating high school seniors from our parish. During the month of April, the scholarship criteria is posted in our parish bulletin and on the youth group's website with questions asked about the graduate's involvement within our faith community and the community in which they live. The deadline for application submission is typically the end of April.

Once the scholarship applications have been received, a scholarship selection committee, consisting of parish members, meets to review the applications and make their selection, based on how the applicant answered the criteria questions. To keep the selection process anonymous, all personal information is removed from the application prior to the selection committee reviewing them. Once the selection committee has agreed on the recipients, they are told the names of the applicants. The next step

is to have the presidents of CCW and KCs review the final selection for their approval.

At the Graduation Mass, the scholarships are presented to the recipients by a representative from CCW and KCs. The final step of this process requires each recipient to prepare and submit a thank you letter to CCW and KCs, and submit proof of registration to the college or technical school they are registered to attend in the fall. Upon receipt of these documents, the scholarship check is presented to the

graduate. Names of the scholarship recipients are posted in our parish bulletin after the Graduation Mass and Breakfast.

It is our hope that our graduates will continue to serve our faith community – either at our parish or another – in a special way. CCW and KCs thank everyone who supports our fundraising events, helping us offer these scholarship gifts to the graduates from our faith community.



(From left) Janelle Hazuka, CCW president; Claire Macki, Monticello graduate, Ben Flicker, Big Lake graduate, Morgan Dahlke, Monticello graduate; and Ross Holmes, Knights of Columbus. Not pictured Myranda Anderson and Jonathan Eastlund, Monticello graduates. Both CCW and the Knights of Columbus raise funds throughout the year to offer \$1000 scholarship to graduates of Saint Henry's.

Knights of Columbus Raises Funds for Our Community

Thanks to the efforts of Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven and some of his parishioners, the Connecticut state legislature on March 29, 1882, officially chartered the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal benefit society. The Order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity.

The Knights was formed to offer financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, people with disabilities, and members and their families in need.

Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works.

The Saint Henry's Knights of Columbus Council is just one of more 14,000 councils around the globe, with over 1.8 million members, making the KC the largest Catholic Fraternal organization in the world.

Though national and international in scope, our council focuses primarily on the community of Saint Henry's. Throughout the year we are involved in many parish/community activities.

Most recently, the KC's raised funds for and awareness of those with special needs through a program commonly referred to as the "Tootsie Roll Drive." In the spring of the year, across America, KC members stand at the doors of local businesses collecting donations for this worthwhile endeavor and hand out tootsie rolls to those passing by. This year our Monticello Council of the KC partnered with Wal-Mart, Hi-Way Liquor, Running's, and Cub, and raised over \$4,500.00.

Other fund-raising activities include:

Fall Fest - Bingo, Beer Garden, and fried pickles and cheese curds;

Free Throw Contest - Conducted annually at the Monticello Middle School;

Drug Awareness Contest - Youth creating posters in support of a drug-free community;



Last month, Knights of Columbus member Donny Lill (center) offers Fr. Tony a check for \$12,646.97, representing funds contributed to Saint Henry Catholic Church. Deacon Mike Medly looks on. Funds go to support a variety of ministries throughout our community.

Hog Roast - Conducted in August of each year as a community wide event;

Monthly Breakfast - September through May in the Social Hall on the first Sunday of the month;

Special Bingo Nights - On the Sunday preceding Thanksgiving and Easter;

Pork Chop Dinner - Annually on a Saturday night in October following 5:00 Mass;

Christmas Community Dinner - Annually, and this year you can help plan our largest Holiday event;

Winter Dinner Dance - A fun filled evening in February featuring, Social Hour, Dinner, Dance, Meat Raffle and Door Prizes.

These are just a few of our regular activities. On top of all these we share great Catholic fellowship and have fun. If you think you might be interested in joining the KC, please contact any Knight or our Grand Knight Jeff Larch, 763-295-6791 or our Past Grand Knight John Cox 612-242-9247.



Glory of God

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in and support of all of those previous capital campaigns. I know that it has not been easy, but it is a real accomplishment considering that we have paid \$3,500,000 in principal to-date of building debt and street assessments combined. I believe this community should be proud of this, especially considering all of the interest in addition to the \$3.5 million.

The capital campaign we are conducting is one of true debt reduction, in which all of the money raised will go toward reduction of the principal over and above our regular monthly payment. None of it will go toward payment of interest. With this in mind, ALL FUNDS collected for the campaign will be deposited into a separate bank account. These funds will be applied to the principal

of the mortgage twice each month. I have been in contact with our bank representative on the nearest business day to the 15th and 30th of each month to make the principal payments. The payments not only pay down the debt, but save a great deal of interest for the parish. For instance, for every \$10,000 in principal paid, the parish saves \$500 EACH YEAR in interest at our current rate of 5%. When the

rates increase the savings will increase too. I have seen firsthand the need for such a large facility. New small groups and ministries are blossoming, and the meeting rooms and parish calendar are very busy with wonderful activities. I truly am excited about where the Church of Saint Henry is currently and where it is headed financially under the leadership of Father Tony. †

