

# Spirit on 7th Street

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

## Join Alan Ames for an Evening of Prayer and Healing

Alan Ames, an internationally known Evangelist, Visionary and Mystic, who has been given the Gift of Healing, will visit the Church of Saint Henry on Sunday, March 8, 2015. Rosary and evening prayer will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by his Talk, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,



*Alan Ames has offered healing and prayers across the world.*

Healing Service, and Reconciliation.

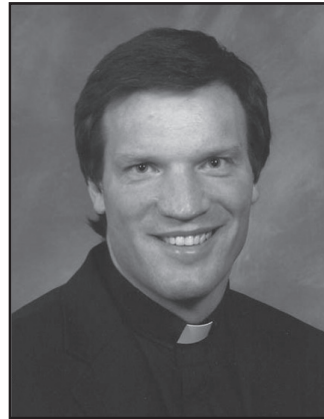
Alan will be praying over all who are present, give words of prophesy for healing, and then he will pray over each individual who attends the Healing Service.

Many miraculous cures have occurred during these services, reporting physical, emotional and spiritual cures. Alan has the endorsements of bishops and priests throughout the world. "Alan's message is sincere, sound, and he speaks and writes in fidelity to the teaching of the Church. He has permission to speak in this Archdiocese from Bishop Cozzens and Winona diocese from Bishop Quinn to share his message of Hope and Healing." It is a privilege and a great blessing to have him return to Minnesota.

Carver Alan Ames was born in England

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## Taking Risks with God's Gifts



*Father Tony VanderLoop*

The Parable of the Talents in Matthew's gospel (25: 14-30) tells us that our preparation for the Lord's return must not be passive. Rather, we must use the gifts and talents that God has given us and even take risks in order to build up the kingdom around us. But this requires effort and trust. The servant with one talent buries it in the ground and says, "You are a hard man." He is saying that "Your demands intimidate me," because the master expected a return from his investment. So the servant essentially said, "Rather than do anything that requires effort and

has no guarantee of success, I am going to be comfortable." In response to the master's hopes and expectations he said, "This is too difficult," and used this as an excuse for his laziness and unwillingness to use the gift that was given to him.

We are tempted to say the same thing. We say, "This life of faith is too hard." "Life is hard when I try to raise a family – or when I teach religion class – or set a good example at work – or when I do anything for the Church." For all the effort we make, there are no guarantees. We do not know if our family will turn out the way we dreamed it would. We do not know if our students will behave and learn something. Will anyone come? If I place my trust in the Lord, will my suffering end? Will our efforts be rewarded?

Consider the master. The master has an enormous amount of

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## Alan Ames

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and today lives in Australia. Alan Ames' life has changed from a violent, alcoholic man to a man of complete devotion to God. He was transformed from a virtual unbeliever to a powerful apostle of Christ. The Lord has raised him up with a special mission for these times, a mission primarily based on the Eucharist, Confession, and the Rosary. Alan moves under a powerful anointing, exhibiting the gifts of the Holy Spirit, especially the Gift of Healing.

Through his talks and writings he touches the lives of many by calling them to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church. His message is a simple, clear call to conversion of life and of the need for a return to the fullness of the Catholic

Faith. Alan has traveled extensively in Australia, Africa, England, Germany, Ireland, New Zealand, the Philippines, USA, and other countries, giving witness to his conversion from a man of sin to one who is very close to God and the Roman Catholic Church. (For more information go to [www.alanames.org](http://www.alanames.org))

Come and listen to Alan's amazing story of God's love. In our commitment to evangelizing the faith and inviting all Christians to draw closer to God's grace in unique and powerful ways, we have invited many Catholic and non-Catholic churches to share in the healing power of the Holy Spirit. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us on this special evening. †

## Thoughts to Live By

*It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal."*

— Pope John Paul II

## God's Gifts

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trust in his servants. In those days a talent was actually a large amount of money. It was the amount a poor person might earn in 15 years. The master entrusted his servants with his great wealth and gave no specific instructions on how he wanted the money to be invested.

God has created us in much the same way. God created us by love and entrusted us with an abundance of gifts and talents to serve and to love others. But God also gave us freedom to do otherwise. So God created us with no guarantee that his love would be returned. God risked loving us!

If we open our hearts to use our gifts and talents and take the risk of showing love and service to others, then God can show his faithfulness to us as if we had gained five more talents or two more talents. As Saint Francis once said, "Do what you can. Then do what is possible. And then you will find yourself doing the impossible." To do otherwise and refuse to extend ourselves and remain comfortable is to refuse to trust. It is to say that we are in charge. But God is the owner of the gifts that

we have been given! In the Book of Proverbs, we hear of qualities of a good wife who makes the most of what she has to build up the kingdom, including extending her hands to the poor and needy.

One person who risked everything for justice was Rosa Parks. At the time of her death she was honored for her courage. Some fifty years ago, she refused to give her seat on a bus to a white person simply because she was black. She did not know if her action would lead to any changes. She did not know what would happen to her. But she invested her faith – a treasure that God gave her – in hope of a better world. All of us, regardless of our race, live in a world that is better because of what she did.

God is faithful to us as he was to her. To invest in the treasures that he has given us is to become close to him, to place our trust in him, and to do as he asks. Then he will be able to say to us, "Come, share in your master's joy."

Blessings,  
Father Tony



# GROW Update: Faith, Ministry, and Spirituality

## Building Maintenance Committee Formed

As part of our GROW initiative here at Saint Henry's, a new Building Maintenance Committee has been formed.

Committee members include Mike Van Beek, Mike Benedetto, Tim Pauly, Gene Garmen, Janelle Hazuka, Jim and Dorothy Schillewaert, Bernie Schmidt, Mike Helfert, and Dan Dupay.

This new committee has three primary responsibilities.

- 1) To receive parishioner feedback about our facility.
- 2) To advise Father, and the Parish Council on matters pertaining to our property.
- 3) To perform quarterly inspections of our facility, record our findings, and communicate them to the appropriated staff, volunteer ministries, or the Parish Council for

guidance.

We have held two meetings so far, and completed one inspection of the facility. Our plan is to meet every other month, and continue doing quarterly inspections of our property on a regular basis. With each new inspection, the goal will be to track any progress made towards the previous inspection's "to do" list, while looking for new situations that will need attention. Tracking our progress in this way will keep our needs organized, prioritized, and well communicated to the staff and parish. This will help us make the best possible use of our limited resources.

Our first inspection (indoors) yielded 79 items that needed attention. These tasks have been divided into

four separate lists:

- 30 items Lamont Embre, our maintenance technician, will be addressing;
- 25 items our volunteer ministry groups can look into;
- 15 things that will require professional service;
- 9 things our Parish Council will review and advise on.



Our next meeting will be March 10th at 6:30 p.m. We have also planned a spring cleaning day for Saturday, April 11th.

If you have any concerns with regard to our Church property, please feel free to reach out to one of our committee members.



## Upcoming Events

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| Feb. 28         | CCW Spring Bling  |
| Mar. 1          | KC's Breakfast  |
| Mar. 8          | Special Guest Alan Ames and Lenten Reconciliation Service |
| Mar. 11         | Faith Filled Family Night                                 |
| Mar. 14         | Middle School Retreat                                     |
| Mar. 29-Apr. 5  | Great River Family Promise                                |
| Apr. 5          | Easter  |
| Apr. 12         | KC's Breakfast  |
| Apr. 18         | First Communion Retreat                                   |
| Apr. 29         | Faith Formation Family Mass                               |
| May 2-3         | First Communion   |
| May 3           | KC's Breakfast  |
| May 31-June 7   | Great River Family Promise                                |
| July 13-17      | Middle School Day Camp                                    |
| Aug. 29-30      | Saint Henry's Fall Festival                               |
| Aug. 30-Sept. 6 | Great River Family Promise                                |



# Faith Filled Family Nights Offer Fun and Education for All

By Jessica Soden, Faith Formation Director

The Faith Filled Family Nights at Saint Henry's have been very successful and exciting events! As a Faith Formation team we have been praying about ways to reach the whole family - spreading the faith to the children, as well as the parents.

To foster this goal, we have implemented Faith Filled Family Nights. These evenings include engaging speakers for parents, and fun activities for the children, led by the teens in the program. We begin the evening together in prayer and then separate for the different activities/speaker.

This past month we had Father Nathan LaLiberte speak on the Gift of Reconciliation. This talk touched the hearts of many and helped educate all on the Sacrament of Confession.

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Some of the comments from parents included:

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*"I walked away with a better feeling of reconciliation. I knew it was good for me too, but did not like the 'uncomfortable' feeling. Father Nathan helped put it in a different light... feeling the love of God during this time and that the priest is a vessel for me to open up to Jesus."*

*"I loved how he spoke about receiving graces once absolved of your sins and how by receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation we are more able to accept these graces."*

During this time the children have been playing games, making crafts, and many other great ways to learn on the topic presented during the evening.

We had an amazing team of adult chaperone leaders from the parish step forward to make these nights possible! In order to have the activities with the children and allow their

parents to attend these great talks we need 40 volunteers to be with the children. It was fantastic to see so many willing adults joyfully participate with the children's activities and nursery.

There are two more upcoming events for the whole family!

On March 11th Mary Ann Kuharski, from

Prolife Across America, will be speaking on "Parenting with Prayer," while the students learn about the importance of prayer life.

April 29th we will have a Family Teaching Mass and Catholic History Fair at 6:00 p.m. to celebrate the great gift of our Faith Formation program. All are invited to attend!



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## First Weekend of the Month Food Share Ministry

The Mission Outreach Committee of Saint Henry's invites all members to bring a non-perishable food item to Mass on the first weekend of every month throughout the year. Food donations will be delivered to the Monticello Food Shelf to help families in need.

The first weekend of February was the kick off for the event and 120 pounds were received!

Donations will be symbolically processed in a small basket to the Altar during the offertory. This is an easy way for all of us to practice Corporal Works of Mercy by helping those struggling to make ends meet.

Place your food donations in the food cart in the Gathering Space before Mass. Please bring canned or boxed food items only. Thank you for your support!

*"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."*



# Saint Henry's Cemetery

## Columbarium Receives Memorial, Improved Aesthetics

In the fall of 2014, Boy Scout Troop 270 helped one of its member scouts, Clarke Andrews, complete an Eagle Scout project to improve the aesthetics around the columbarium at Saint Henry's Cemetery. A columbarium is a structure that is used to house the cremated remains of individuals.

The Eagle Scout award is the highest rank in Boy Scouts. Few achieve it, but here in Monticello we have a fantastic team of adult leaders, led by Kevin and Sue Stone, who encourage and guide the boys throughout their years in scouting. As a result, Monticello Troop 270 generates a high percentage of Eagle Scouts.

For this project, Clarke designed the patio area, contacted vendors to select and order materials, and put together a team of volunteers to install the project. 25 - 35 helpers worked together to complete the project on October 18. All were scouts, parents, or family members of scouts.

Once people and businesses learned the project was for Saint Henry's, much of the project materials and consulting expertise were discounted or donated. A family friend offered advice on landscaping methods. Schluender Construction donated materials and provided free



*Saint Henry's cemetery received improvements last fall by Troop 270 boy scouts and their family members.*

delivery to the site. Eull's Manufacturing Co, Inc. from St. Michael provided heavily discounted materials and free delivery. Also, General Rental discounted equipment rentals.

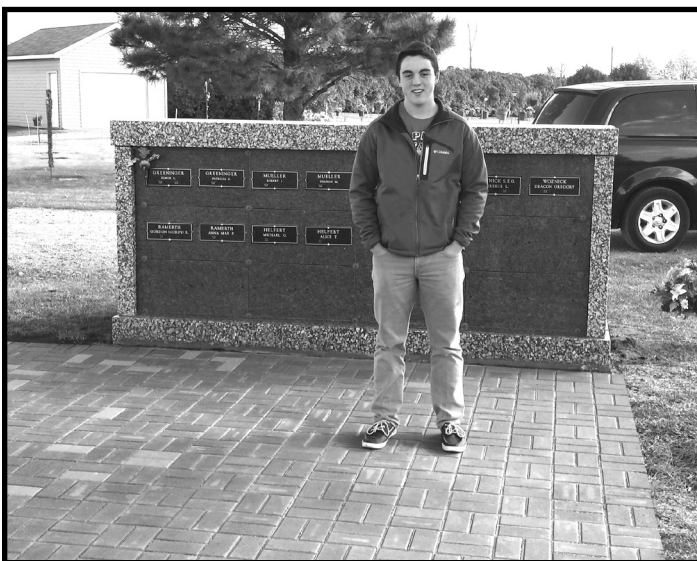
Part of the Boy Scout curriculum is that you must earn the required number and type of merit badges, which consist of learning and applying knowledge in various areas of life. In addition, when working toward Eagle rank you must fulfill certain leadership roles within the scout troop and within your community, and complete many hours of community service. Troop 270 does a lot of community service, including an annual food drive for the Monticello Help Center, preparing and serving the annual chicken

dinner at Riverfest, park clean-up, and various landscaping projects around town, churches, and also at Lake Maria State Park. Each Eagle candidate must also plan, organize and carry out an approved community service project from start to finish.

Saint Henry's now has a beautiful columbarium area that will serve our church and community for many years to come.

Clarke, a junior at Monticello High School and member of Saint Henry's, is well on his way to achieving his Eagle rank and hopes to complete everything within the coming months.

Thank you to Troop 270 and all the volunteers and suppliers that made this community effort a reality.



*Clarke Andrews and Boy Scout Troop 270 help out Saint Henry's with his Eagle Scout Project. Here is standing next to the new columbarium memorial.*



# More Information on Saint Henry's Cemetary

Saint Henry's Catholic Cemetery is the youngest of the four cemeteries in Monticello. The first portion of the current cemetery was purchased in 1918 and comprised 3.12 acres of land sold to Saint Henry's for \$468.00 by Victor and Viola Kingsbury.

In 1962, Saint Henry's acquired another 1.15 acres adjoining the original portion from Catharine Frassel for less than \$100. The last portion of the cemetery, approximately 2.89 acres, was purchased in November 1971 from Fred and Grace Tozer.

Today, Saint Henry's Cemetery encompasses 7.16 acres of land.

In 2003, the Cemetery board completed a master plan design for fully developing the cemetery property. This master plan includes

such items as roads, columbarium niches, a small mausoleum, gardens and meditation areas. The expansion of the cemetery will take place over a number of years as needed. We currently have enough land to support burials for over 300 years.

Saint Henry's was named by our parishioners in honor of Father William Henry Blum, our first mission priest, circa 1863.

## Directions to Cemetery

From Saint Henry's take 7th Street East to State Highway 25 and go south (towards Buffalo) over Interstate 94 to Chelsea Blvd. Turn west (right) onto Chelsea and follow for approximately 3/4 miles to 90th street NE. Turn left on 90th street and cemetery is on your immediate right.

## Saint Henry's Cemetary Infant Internment Memorial

Saint Henry's Cemetery Committee has designated a special place in the cemetery for burial of fetal remains, infants and small children.

The monument stone for this project was donated by a non-parishioner Dan Steinhagen from Waconia. Dan obtained the marble stones from the international airport and has donated them throughout the area for use as infant memorial stones.

Another organization, Elizabeth Ministries, a Spirit-drive, non-profit non-denominational organization, supports the positive

development of pregnant, parenting and disconnected female youth at-risk of becoming pregnant. They allowed us to use the "Reflection Poem" on the monument.

Tilling and leveling the land was donated by the Holthaus family and the garden area was designed by Schillewaert Landscaping. This project is an example of a parish coming together to provide a resting place free of charge to all in need – whether members of Saint Henry's or not.



*In the arms of Jesus your baby will stay until you're united in heaven someday held close to Him your child will be loved for all eternity.*

# Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities

By Ross Holmes, Knights of Columbus member

During the weekend of April 24 - 26, you will find many of our Brother Knights accepting donations from members of our local community to support the Knights of Columbus "Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities." You may have heard this referred to as the "Tootsie Roll Drive," since many Councils across the country give out that candy bar when accepting donations. Look for us at the doors of many local retail outlets, as well as the entrance to the Church of Saint Henry during Mass times on that weekend.

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic Fraternal Service Organizations, with over

1.9 million members living in more than fifteen countries. The organization is based on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Each of these principles stand as the 1st - 4th degree levels of the organization.

Our First Degree focuses on Charity and it's here where we look at supporting organizations and activities like Special Olympics, The Global Wheelchair Project, and The Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities among others.

Through The Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities, funds are distributed across the country in support of groups working to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities. With the funds raised through our efforts, several local activities receive financial support. So remember, your financial donation helps us help others.



*Knights of Columbus members Brothers Arch Theisen and Bill Kelly ready to accept donations.*

# Life Preservers Mission, Events

By Jenny Goodwin

Life Preservers is a respect life group that is based in Monticello, and re-established in the spring of 2014. Through Life Preservers, we want to reach people at Saint Henry's in Monticello, and across the nation, about the importance of human life that was given to us by God our Creator.

**Mission Statement:**  
"Life Preservers is a prayerful, peaceful pro-life presence in the community and growing attesting to the sacredness of all life, from conception to natural death. We exist to affirm the beauty of life, to encourage prayer, to inform others of pro-life issues and to extend loving expressions of care to those faced with any and all of life's dilemmas."

## Upcoming Events:

### 40 Days for Life Lenten Campaign

Feb. 18 - March 29, 2015

The location is Robbinsdale Family Clinic on Saturday March 21 from 6 am to 10 pm.

The campaign of the 40 Days for Life Twin Cities will draw attention to the evils of abortion through the use of a three-point program

of Prayer and Fasting, Peaceful Vigil, and Community Outreach.

Sidewalk Counseling Training Seminar

Monday March 2, 7:00 pm-9:00pm.

The location is at Holy Family Church, 5900 W. Lake St., St. Louis Park, MN 55416

Sidewalk Counseling is peacefully reaching out to women entering abortion facilities with love and truth. Join our sidewalk counseling team! Or be a prayer partner so the sidewalk counselor isn't alone. Training, materials and on-going support are provided by Pro-Life Action Ministries.

For more info, contact Ann Redding at (651) 797-6365 or [ann.redding@plam.org](mailto:ann.redding@plam.org).



# *Visionary, Mystic With the Gift of Healing*

Alan Ames

## Healing Service & Reconciliation

Sunday, March 8, 2015

Rosary & Prayer 5:30 pm

Alan's Talk 6:10

Followed by Healing Service & Reconciliation

Catholic Church of Saint Henry

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Come and listen to Alan's amazing story of God's love. From a violent man, Alan's heart was transformed to a humble, loving servant of God. Alan lives a deeply mystical prayer life, and has been graced with the gift of healing. Alan travels throughout the world to evangelize and heal those in need. We are blessed to have him at Saint Henry's! Please invite your family, friends and neighbors!



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Also Appearing at:

Saturday, March 7th  
Saint Augustine Catholic Church  
Austin, MN  
(507) 437-4537

Mass 4:30 pm, Alan's talk, Healing Service

Monday, March 9th  
Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church  
New Brighton, MN  
(651) 633-8333

Rosary 6:00 pm, Mass 6:30, Alan's talk to follow

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