

## This Week in Our Parishes

### Sunday, August 9

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People (JOE)  
 8:00 a.m. Mass For the People (BRE)  
 10:00 a.m. Mass +John & Anna Steffes (MAR)  
 10:00 a.m. Mass +Janice Fahey & Tammy Fahey Schultz (JOHN)

### Monday, August 10

8:00 a.m. NO Mass (MAR)  
 8:30 a.m. Mass +Terry Bisson (BRE)

### Tuesday, August 11

8:30 a.m. Mass+ J & A & Joe Dacey (BRE)  
 8:30 a.m. NO Mass (JOE)  
 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (MAR)  
 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Holy Hour/Benediction (MAR)

### Wednesday, August 12

8:00 a.m. NO Mass (MAR)  
 8:30 a.m. Mass +Poor Souls (JOHN)

### Thursday, August 13

8:00 a.m. Mass Special Intention (CK) (MIC)  
 8:30 a.m. Mass +Tom & Irene O'Neil (BRE)  
 8:30 a.m. NO Mass (JOE)

### Friday, August 14

8:00 a.m. Mass +Madonna Dorweiler (MAR)  
 8:30 a.m. NO Mass (JOE)  
 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Confession (MIC)  
 5:00 p.m. Mass +Roy & Catherine Berger (BRE)

### Saturday, August 15

8:30 a.m. Mass In Honor of the Assumption (MAR)  
 4:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Confession (MIC)  
 5:00 p.m. Mass +Ken Shaw (MIC)  
 5:00 p.m. Mass +Leo & Mary Scheffler (JOE)

### Sunday, August 16

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People (BRE)  
 8:00 a.m. Mass For the People (JOE)  
 10:00 a.m. Mass +Perry Bartels (JOHN)  
 10:00 a.m. Mass +Audrey Sickmann (MAR)

### CODE

St. Brendan, Green Isle – (BRE)

St. John, Assumption – (JOHN)

St. Joseph, Henderson – (JOE)

St. Mary, Arlington – (MAR)

St. Michael, Gaylord – (MIC)

### FORMED

Please check out the FORMED website at [formed.org](http://formed.org) for free access to thousands of Catholic movies, programs, audios, and books instantly. The code for the website is **TKY88G**.

### Confession Times

Friday, August 14 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (MIC)

Saturday, August 15 4:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. (MIC)

### Liturgical Ministers for August 15 & 16 for St. Joe and St. John

	Lector
5:00 p.m. St. Joe	Pauline Arnst
8:00 a.m. St. Joe	Rita Halquist
10:00 a.m. St. John	Abbi Vroman

### St. Mary's CCW - August 15, 2020 – 15 Decades

St Mary's CCW will be joining with other parishes in deanery 1 to gather at our own parishes to participate in a special prayer service on August 15<sup>th</sup> to intercede to Mary, on her feast day of her Assumption, to protect us during the pandemic and to help bring peace to our unsettled nation. Our prayer service will start with Mass said by Father Aaron at 8:30 am followed by 15 decades of the rosary, Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious. We are inviting everyone from our Area Faith Community to participate in the prayer service. If you cannot attend in person, we encourage you to say the 15 decades privately in your own home, hoping to send these powerful prayers to Mary on her special Feast day.

### Bulletin

Please have your bulletin items to Terri or Bonnie at your Parish Office by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

### Mass Intentions needed at All Churches

Our Area Faith Community could use Mass intentions. If you would like to have a Mass said for the repose of the soul of a loved one, please fill out a Mass Intention envelope and return it in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office.

### Remember in Prayer

Parker Doebbeling (grandson of Francis/Wendy Bigaouette)

Chad H.  
 Natalie (Kopp) Eiden  
 Russ Kopp  
 Caroline Reckdahl  
 Megan Wiltgen

Claudia Wetzel

## Programs & Resources

### Pre-Baptism Program

Best done during pregnancy. Required before baptism. Contact the pastor for materials and information.

### Pre-Marriage Program

A six-month preparation period and attendance at a marriage preparation class is required. Contact the pastor.

### Catholic Charities Counseling

Call 1-(866)-670-5163 for resources and assistance.

### Diocese of New Ulm Sexual Misconduct in Church Ministry, Victims and Survivors Hotline

Call (507) 233-5313 for assistance.

Our Area Faith Community extends their sympathy to:

Carol Pook on the loss of her mother Gertrude Fuhrmeister

The family of Tom Homme

The family of Berniece Strobel

“May God Grant them Eternal Rest



Congratulations to  
 Marty & Therese Jahr  
 Who were United in Marriage  
 At St. Raphael, Springfield, MN

## Weekly Collection/Budget Totals

	Current Collection		Current YTD	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
St. Brendan	\$ 275	\$ 736	\$3,760	\$3,680
St. John	\$ 632	\$ 953	\$ 3,710	\$4,765
St. Joseph	\$ 601	\$1,106	\$3,708	\$5,530
St. Mary	\$ 2,095	\$2,062	\$15,510	\$10,310
St. Michael	\$ 1,390	\$ 1,431	\$ 5,965	\$ 7,155

### Church of St. Mary – Arlington

Church Office: Terri Olson, Administrative Support  
 Parish Office: (507) 964-5413  
 Fax/Kitchen/Education Office: (507) 964-5425  
 Address: 504 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, P.O. Box 392, Arlington MN 55307  
 E-mail: [stmararl@frontiernet.net](mailto:stmararl@frontiernet.net)  
 Office Hours: Monday -8:30a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Friday Closed

### Church of St. Michael – Gaylord

Church Office: Terri Olson, Administrative Support  
 Parish Office: (507) 237-2851  
 Fax: (507) 237-2383  
 Address: 411 Court Avenue, P.O. Box 357, Gaylord MN 55334  
 E-mail: [stmichaelchurchof@yahoo.com](mailto:stmichaelchurchof@yahoo.com)  
 Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am-12pm

### Church of St. Brendan – Green Isle

Church Office: Bonnie Weber, Administrative Support  
 Parish Office: (507) 964-5111  
 Fax: (507) 964-5209  
 Emergencies: (507) 964-5413  
 Address: 211 McGrann Avenue, P.O. Box 85, Green Isle MN 55338  
 E-mail: [stbrendan@frontiernet.net](mailto:stbrendan@frontiernet.net)  
 Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

### Church of St. Joseph-Henderson

Church Office: Bonnie Weber, Administrative Support  
 Address: 213 S. Sixth Street, Henderson, MN 56044  
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 427, Henderson, MN 56044  
 Parish Office: (507) 248-3550  
 Bonnie's Cell: (763) 772-8386  
 E-mail: [stjos@frontiernet.net](mailto:stjos@frontiernet.net)  
 Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 a.m.

### Church of St. John-Assumption (Faxon Township)

Church Office: Bonnie Weber, Administrative Support  
 Address: 26523 200<sup>th</sup> Street, Belle Plaine, MN 56011

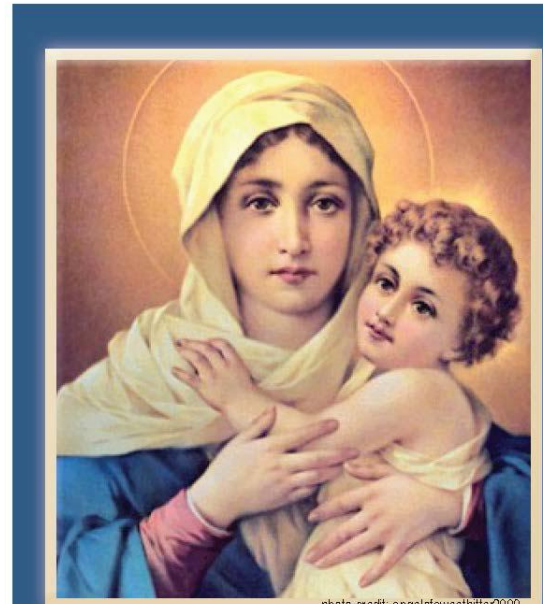
### Church of St. Thomas (Oratory) (Jessenland)

Address: 31624 Scenic Byway Road, Henderson, MN 56044

## Announcements

**St. Joseph:** St. Joseph is hosting the Blood Mobile on Friday, August 21. Call 248-9622, if you can help serve or donate bars. Thank you.

**St. Mary's:** St. Mary's Cemetery Board is looking for new members to assist in decision making for the cemetery. Board meetings are typically once or twice a year with most communications being handled by phone or email. Please contact Father Aaron or Dan Schrupp if interested in more details. The cemetery board will also have a meeting Monday, August 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's cemetery. If bad weather, it will be held in the church.



*Mary, Mother of the Church,  
Pray for Us*

### Prayer for a new bishop

Almighty God,  
Who by the Holy Spirit moves the  
hearts of Your people,  
Direct the counsels of those who are  
appointed to choose a bishop for  
the Diocese of New Ulm, that we  
may be given a pastor who in  
faithfulness and wisdom shall lead  
Your people in the way of holiness.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church,  
pray for us.

# Catholic Parishes of Eastern Sibley County

St. Brendan – St. John's Assumption – St. Joseph - St. Mary - St. Michael



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Sunday, August 9, 2020

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### **From Fr. Aaron:**

This week we are introducing our new bulletin format, which we will now be using for all five parishes. This will make communicating information easier and will help all of us to start thinking and working together as an AFC. Msgr. Lozinski's message in last week's bulletin was very helpful in this regard, reminding us of what we are supposed to be about as Catholic parishes based on the recent instruction of Pope Francis.

You will find a letter from Bishop LeVoir as an insert in this bulletin. Bishop LeVoir's request for an early retirement was accepted by the Holy Father effective Thursday, August 6. Normally, a bishop submits his resignation to the Holy Father when he turns 75. Bishop LeVoir will turn 75 in February. The Bishop requested early retirement for health reasons, as he explains in the letter. Bishop LeVoir has been a good shepherd to our diocese for almost twelve years, leading us through very challenging times. May God give him now some much-needed and well-deserved rest. Let us also begin to pray for our next bishop. We do not know when he will be appointed or who he will be, but God does. He can use our prayers already. In the meantime, one of the priests of the diocese will soon be appointed as the diocesan administrator until the next bishop is appointed.

Next Saturday, August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption. This is normally a holy day of obligation; however, it is not obligatory this year because it falls on Saturday and because we are in a pandemic during which there is no obligation to attend Mass. However, it is still an important feast day that honors a great privilege given to Our Lady—to be assumed body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life. This is a reminder to us that we, too, will one day be reunited to our bodies at the resurrection of the body at the end of time when Christ comes again in glory. The body is a part of who we are as human beings. We are the composite of body and soul, not a soul trapped in a body. This is why we honor the body and why the Church strongly prefers that the body always be present for the Funeral Mass. There are many beautiful rituals with which we honor the body when it is present, such as placing the pall (which recalls the baptismal garment) and using incense. We do not do these things when the body is not present. Viewing the body also helps make real the fact that our loved ones have died and helps us to better grieve their death, to pay our respects by touching or even embracing the body, and to offer our prayers for their souls. Mary is already in heaven with her body. She shows us what will one day be the case for us as well.

In honor of the Assumption, there will be a Mass at 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary's in Arlington. This will be followed by the praying of fifteen decades of the Rosary for the end of the pandemic, for peace in our troubled times, and for our new bishop.

Remember, that while the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days has been dispensed at this time, there is no dispensation from the Third Commandment to honor and keep holy the Lord's Day. Even those who have chosen not to attend Mass at this time out of concern for their health or the health of family members must still find a way to prayerfully honor the Lord's Day. Sunday should not just become another day to fulfill those tasks we didn't get around to during the week or to take part in more activities. It is still necessary to take time for prayer, for reflection on the Scriptures, and for worshipping God who is the source of all that we have and are.

Happy Sunday!  
In Christ,  
Fr. Aaron Johanneck