



### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday (Live Stream Available) 8:30 PM  
Sunday 10:30 AM

### DAILY MASSES

Monday - Wednesday 9:00 AM  
(Live Stream Available)  
Thursday - 9:00 AM @ St. Mary

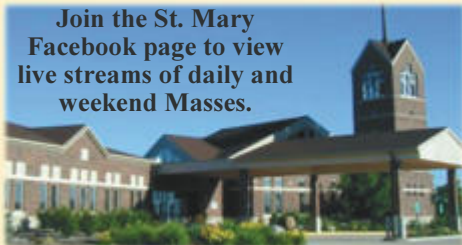
### ADORATION

Monday 6 pm - 9:30pm  
Friday (Rosary/Adoration) 9 am - Noon

### CONFESSION

Monday 5:00 pm to 6:45 pm  
By Appointment 319-624-2228

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weekend Masses.



### Welcome to St. Mary!

If you are new to our community and not yet registered, we invite you to call or stop by the Parish Office. Forms can be found on our website:  
[www.solonstmary.org](http://www.solonstmary.org)

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### GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDER- STANDING OF SCRIPTURE

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy. ©LPi



### 2021 St. Mary Welcome Back Celebration - Outdoor Mass



The 2021 St. Mary Welcome Back Celebration kicked off with an outdoor Mass at 10:30AM on Sunday, September 12. Thank you to all who worked so hard to put this celebration together and to everyone who joined to celebrate Mass together, enjoy lunch, activities and fellowship. Truly a blessed day!

## From the Desk of Fr. Charles



This week I am reflecting upon the Masses we had for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on our homeland. So many of you shared your heartfelt thanks for the remembrance. Our diocesan liturgist, Deacon Frank Agnoli sent us the useful format to plan the weekend. Combined with our Welcome Back committee and the outdoor Mass at 10:30 AM all the pieces fell into place. The overseeing committee for the Welcome Back celebration deserves our thanks for their efforts. I think it would be wonderful to carry forward and plan to do this again in 2022. What do you think? As we go through the winter season, it may also be nice to celebrate again indoors with something similar. The nametags were especially helpful to me learning more names. As a youthful parish we have been growing in numbers, so learning your names and faces is important to me. During my major seminary formation, our rector Jerry Kincanas challenged us to learn every name of the student body, cooks, janitors and grounds people. I have tried to do the same at every parish I am assigned. This may take embarrassing me with wrong connections, but I do learn from my mistakes.

I will be hosting a pet blessing on Saturday, October 2, 2021 outdoors from 9-10 AM. We have a wedding later in the day, so please plan on that morning for the Blessing of Pets honoring Saint Francis of Assisi that day.

Fondly,  
Fr. Charles Fladung+

## MINISTRY TRAINING for USHERS - Sept 26

**Attention all ushers and anyone who would like to be an usher!!**

Usher training will be offered on Sunday, September 26, after the 8:30 Mass. Please meet in the back of church after the congregations has departed. We invite anyone who would like to be trained to be an usher to attend. We also strongly encourage all current ushers to attend the training as some of the tasks have changed. If you are unable to attend this training, please contact the church office. We will have additional training at a later date if necessary. Thank you!!

## Investment Opportunity Update

St. Mary is looking for a person or small group to form an LLC which would invest and build a solar array at the church to provide electrical power for the building. The LLC would sell the power to the church through a **Power Purchase Agreement**. The LLC would receive federal and state tax credit and be able to depreciate the asset as needed. Note the tax credits can only be applied against **Passive Income**. The church would in the future buy back the solar arrays as stated in the Power Purchase Agreement. We estimate the minimum investment to be \$25,000. It would be advisable for you to contact your CPA or tax adviser on this investment. If interested contact Bob Huber at [bob@solonstmary.org](mailto:bob@solonstmary.org) or 319-331-4532.

## MILITARY BOARD UPDATES REQUESTED!

We are updating our military board. Please e-mail information to Kathy Hirl at [khirl@southslope.net](mailto:khirl@southslope.net) pertaining to your family member whether they live in Solon or not. Need rank, address and how they are related to you e.g. son, daughter, brother, sister, etc. This includes active and reserve and National Guard military. Please include an updated photo to the office.

*Rexton Clifford  
Son of  
Chad & Andrée Schmidt  
Brother to  
Sirsi  
Baptized September 5, 2021*

*Congratulations  
to our Newly  
Baptized!*

Baptism



**Grade K- 12th Meeting every Wednesday:**

**K-4th Grade | 6:30PM - 7:30 PM**

**(Optional Story Time | 7:30PM - 8PM)**

**5th - 9th Grades & Youth Group | 6:30PM - 8PM**

**\*Adult Faith Formation Begins Sept 8\* | 6:30 PM - 8PM**

**Masks are strongly encouraged for all in attendance. If you are experiencing any symptoms of illness, please stay home.**

### Faith Formation News:

- There will not be class on September 22 due to Homecoming week.
- **Help Needed with Youth Group Meals!** Visit [solonstmary.org](http://solonstmary.org) for more information or contact Marie Mahoney if interested or if you have questions: [mmahoney1690@gmail.com](mailto:mmahoney1690@gmail.com)

### Proposed Expansion for K - 4th Grade Faith Formation Additional Catechist Volunteers Needed!

Currently we have 250+ people here Wednesday nights, 6:30-8 PM. This is *phenomenal*, but brings the challenge of classroom space. Rather than limit class sizes, the proposed plan is to add

the option of an **additional** Faith Formation class for

**K-4th graders only.**

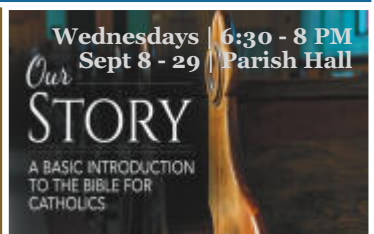
The proposed expansion plan is to add Wednesdays, 5-6PM, class time for K-4th. This would give students, kindergarten through 4th grade, the choice of attending the 5-6PM or 6:30-7:30PM time slot.

Expanding the program is dependent on being able to staff the classrooms. If you or someone you know is interested in being a catechist, please contact Jeri Bollwitt, DRE:

624-2228 | [solonstmarydre@diodav.org](mailto:solonstmarydre@diodav.org)



**ADULT EDUCATION  
Classes**



# 2021 WELCOME BACK CELEBRATION

**A Day to Worship Together, Celebrate, Reconnect and Enjoy Fellowship!**



To view more photos from the celebration, see the link from the bulletin email or visit [solonstmary.org](http://solonstmary.org)!

## Weekly Offering

Help Support  
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Aug 30 - Sept 5, 2021

Offertory	\$ 6,257.81
Building Fund	\$ 225.00
Faith Formation	\$ 700.00
Mary's Meals	\$ 422.02
Catholic University	\$ 15.00

*Contributions may be made by leaving in collection box during Mass, online or by sending funds by mail to St. Mary with your weekly envelope included. Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary! Visit our website to give online: [solonstmary.org](http://solonstmary.org) Sept 22 Money Counters \*Cheryl, Donna, Joyce*



**When offering by form of check for multiple causes, please include separate checks for each cause to help with accounting purposes.**

## BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Solon Schools are in need of extra supplies for students. If you are able to help, please bring donated items to the church by **Monday, September 20** and leave in the bins on the table in the gathering space:

**Lakeview Elementary:** Colored pencils, Crayons, Dry erase markers, Pencil boxes (for supplies), Markers, 1 inch binders  
**Intermediate School:** Headphones/earbuds, dry erase markers  
**Middle School:** Notebooks, backpacks, pencils  
**High School:** Pencils, Markers, 3x5 note cards

## Parish Information

### Parish Council:

Director - Sue Schmitt (624-4188 ,sueschmitt@southslope.net)

Director - Mark Prentice (markmlp@southslope.net)

President - June Maiers

Vice President - Alan Weiskamp (624-2228)

Recording Secretary - Carole Martin

Council Members - Michael Montgomery, Jennifer Erwin, Carrie Benjamin, Austin Dall (alternate)

Finance Council: Adam Stahle (Chair), Cheryl Krob (Secretary), Byson Croy, Mark Pattison, Ron Holubar

Faith Formation: For information regarding Religious Education for your school aged child, contact Jeri Bollwitt, DRE, at 319-624-2228 or solonstmarydre@diodav.org

Youth Ministry: Faith Formation is offered following Confirmation through senior year by youth group meetings. Please contact Jeri Bollwitt, DRE, at 319-624-2228 with any question or information on how to join Youth Group.

Holy Anointing: Do not hesitate to call the parish office in case of serious illness/injury.

Baptism: Parents having a child baptized at St. Mary's for the first time are asked to contact the parish office to register for the Baptism Preparation Program and to schedule a Baptism 624-2228. No Baptisms are scheduled during Lent.

Marriage: Preparations must be made at least 6 months in advance of the marriage date. No Weddings are scheduled during Lent.

Culture of Life: Promotes Natural Family Planning (NFP) education through grants, scholarships and reproductive health resources. For more information go to <http://www.solonstmary.org/culture-of-life.html> or email [colsolonstmary@gmail.com](mailto:colsolonstmary@gmail.com).

Liturgy Commission: If you would like to be party of Mass by offering your time to serve during liturgy, please contact June Maiers, head of the Liturgy Commission, to discuss areas of interest in serving.

Music Ministry: There are many ways to be involved in music ministry at St. Mary. For more information contact Chuck Brock, music director, at [chuck@solonstmary.org](mailto:chuck@solonstmary.org) or 624-2228.

Knights of Columbus: All adult males are invited to get involved with Knights of Columbus. This group meets regularly to pray and raise funds for various groups throughout the year. Please contact Dennis Uhl (641-691-6559 )with any questions.

Helping Hands: To be part of a parish group that offers fellowship, coordinates special receptions throughout the year and offers plans fundraisers please contact Maryanne Harney ([marianne.harney@foriowa.org](mailto:marianne.harney@foriowa.org)) to see what Helping Hands has to offer.

Social Action: St. Mary's Social Action committee offers many opportunities to offer ministry and outreach. Please contact Bonnie Mattaliano (319-325-3411) for more information.

Prayer Line: If you want to be part of the prayer line or need prayers, please call the parish office or email [solonstmary@diodav.org](mailto:solonstmary@diodav.org)

Meals for Moms - Expecting a new arrival?: Please call the parish office when your baby arrives, so we can arrange for meals to be delivered.

St. Mary Cemetery: Parishioners and family members seeking information about burial plots can call Mark Haight at 319-521-2544.

Parish Hall Rental / Event Scheduling: Please call the parish office with your request to use the St. Mary Parish Hall. 319-624-2228 or [solonstmary@diodav.org](mailto:solonstmary@diodav.org)

To Report Child Abuse: Contact Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel, also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator 563-349-5002; [vac@diodav.org](mailto:vac@diodav.org) or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722.

## Mass Intentions

Mon.	20	9:00 am	Rita Erusha
Tues	21	9:00 am	Kenneth Greiner
Wed.	22	9:00 am	Bob Handley
Thurs.	23	9:30 am	Delores Nalley Phyllis & John Connelly
Fri.	24	9:00 am	Rosary/Adoration (No Mass)
Sat.	25	5:00 pm	Sue Boldt
Sun.	26	8:30 am	Rita Erusha
Sun.	26	10:30 am	Donna Worrell Phyllis & John Connelly

## Parish Calendar

### Monday, Sept 20

9 am Mass  
5 pm - 6:45 pm Confessions  
6 pm - 9:30 pm Adoration

### Tuesday, Sept 21

NO 9 am Mass  
9:30 am Gospel of Matthew Adult Bible Study - Meet in Library

### Wednesday, Sept 22

9 am Mass  
*NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES THIS WEEK*

### Thursday, Sept 23

9:00 am Mass at St. Mary *No Mass at Care Center until further notice*

### Friday, Sept 24

9 am - Rosary with Adoration to follow until Noon

### Saturday, Sept 25 -Pick up KC Food Drive Bags for 10/2 & 10/3

5:00 pm Mass

### Sunday, Sept 26 - Pick Up KC Food Drive Bags for 10/2 & 10/3

8:30 am Mass

9:30am 1st Communion Family Meeting - Parish Hall

*This is for the students AND parents to attend. Be sure to bring your books to the Sunday class if you already have them. Those needing their books can pick them up at the meeting.*

9:30 am Usher Ministry Training following 8:30 am Mass  
10:30 am Mass

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, September 25, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Altar Server	M. DeValk
Lector	J. Kaefring (1), L. Connell (2)
Eucharistic Minister	A. Haluska, K. Haluska
Greeters	J. Barta, M. Bretz
Ushers	D. Barta, S. Lensing, G. Stinocher
Sacristan	K. Light-McGroary
Musician/Cantor	B. Plummer / J. Bollwitt

### Sunday, September 26, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Altar Server	K. Ridout, A. Steele
Lector	T. Krob (1), B. Wieland (2)
Eucharistic Minister	v. Schnor, J. Haight
Greeters	M. Haight, J. Fetzer
Ushers	R. Greazel, P. Schmidt, B. Koffron
Sacristan	S. Schnor
Musician/Cantor	C. Brock / A. Brock

### Sunday, September 26, 10:30 a.m. Mass

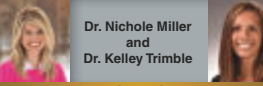
Altar Server	Z. Wieskamp, S. Ferin
Lector	A. Dall (1), M. Montgomery (2)
Eucharistic Minister	C. Bruck, T. Mitchell
Greeters	S. Leone, D. Klouda
Ushers	D. Erenberger, D. Naughton, K. Stahle
Sacristan	C. Martin
Musician/Cantor	C. Brock / S. Olsem

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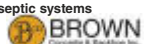
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