December 19, 2021 | 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY MASSES

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

DAILY MASSES

Monday - Wednesday (Stream Available)	9:00 AM
Thursday @ **Solon Care Center**	9:30 AM

ADORATION

Monday	6 PM - 9:30 PM
Thursday *Holy Half Hour*	6 PM - 6:30 PM
Friday (Rosary/Adoration)	9 PM - Noon

CONFESSION

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

MASS TIMES FOR NEXT WEEK {DEC 20 - 26}

Monday - Wednesday 9am Daily Mass
Thursday 9:30am Mass @ SCC
Friday 5pm Mass @ Solon High School
10pm @ St. Mary
Saturday 9am Mass (NO 5PM MASS)
Sunday 8:30am Mass, 10:30am Mass

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**

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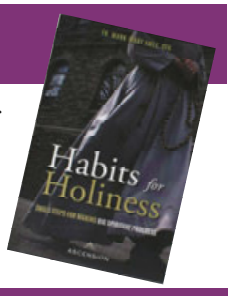
NEW Adult Book Study Beginning Soon!



Advent is almost over, Christmas will soon be here and a New Year will be among us - what better New Year's resolution than to join the next parish book study for adults! For all interested in taking part of the "Habits for Holiness" book study, please contact Jeri Bollwitt: solonstmarydre@diodav.org to be added to the group and receive updates and information regarding the book study.

From the Desk of Fr. Charles

Dear Saint Mary Parishioners,

Blessings to you this 4th Sunday of Advent!

Earlier this month, while the weather was calm, the outdoor nativity was fork lifted from its storage place to outside of the entry doors of the church. Aged by the sun, weather, wind and rain, the nativity looks more like the manager every time I walk by it. With the straw inside for baby Jesus and the animals it looks comfy. In Iowa, we all would prefer a warmer home during the winter. That is when I took a second look at the straw. Most of the straw we use is from oats. Straw used in Jerusalem would have been from wheat.

After the wheat stems are thrashed and the seeds sorted out of the wheat straw, it then could be fed to the animals, used for mattresses for humans, animal bedding, chopped and mixed with mud for bricks, or burned as a quick burning fuel source for a stove. The seeds are ground into flour. Children could easily work these tasks while parents were in the fields. These tasks would involve the entire family working together, harvesting, thrashing, sifting the chaff from the seeds or winnowed, and piling up the straw for other purposes. The cleaned wheat seed could then be ground by stones crushing the seeds into a course whole wheat flour to make simple unleavened breads.

Jesus used this kind of bread at the last supper. He gave us this bread as our daily bread. So when you walk past a nativity set, remember not just the manger, but the Bread of Life. The wheat seed died to self to multiply and give of itself for Him. He blessed it to become His body, our spiritual food.

Fr. Charles Fladung+

St. Mary Christmas Mass Schedule 2021

Christmas Eve 5:00 PM Mass
Solon High School Center for the Arts

Christmas Eve 10:00 PM Mass
St. Mary Church

Christmas Day 9AM Mass
St. Mary Church

No 5pm Mass on Saturday, December 25

Sunday December 26, The Holy Family
8:30 AM | 10:30 AM
St. Mary Church

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
December 31 | 5:00 PM Mass | St. Mary Church

Epiphany of the Lord
January 1 @ 5:00PM | January 2 @ 8:30 AM & 10:30AM | St. Mary Church

Faith FORMATION

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 | 6:30 PM - 8PM

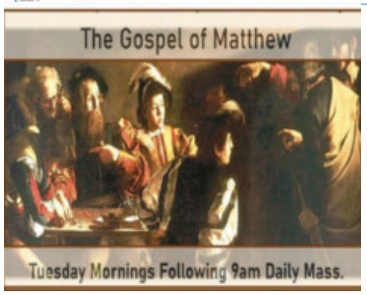
Dec 22 & 29 No Faith Formation Classes

Masking for all ages will be optional beginning January 5.

MORE HELP NEEDED WITH YOUTH GROUP MEALS!

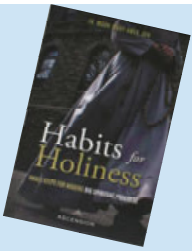
If you have a child attending the youth group - please consider signing up to prepare a meal or teaming up with another family for a night. The youth enjoys having a meal together each Wednesday night but more volunteers are needed to help with meals to be able to keep this going. Sign Up link can be found in the weekly parish bulletin email or by visiting
http://www.solonstmary.org/help-with-youth-group-meals.html

ADULT EDUCATION Classes



Parish Reads Book Club - Leaders Needed

Parish Reads Book Club is in need of leaders. We are in need of a couple of leaders to help out with the next book, *Habits for Holiness*, by Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR. Groups are welcome to meet at church or in your home. If you would be interested in joining in, or helping out, please contact Jeri Bollwitt, solonstmarydre@diodav.org, or 319-624-2228.



Temporary Schedule Changes

Please note the following temporary changes to the Mass schedule and office hours with the upcoming Christmas break:

December 27 - 31 OFFICES CLOSED
December 27 - December 30 Building maintenance projects taking place - no public access to building to allow for completion of projects: No Daily Mass, Adoration or Confessions
December 30 *Parish Hall* ***will*** *be opened for KC Blood Drive from 3pm - 6pm*
December 31 *NO* Rosary/Adoration
December 31 *5pm Mass (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)*
January 1 & 2 Normal Weekend Mass Schedule (Epiphany)
January 3 - 7 Offices back open, Fr. Charles gone for Retreat, Word and Communion Services offered Mon-Wed at 9am and Thursdays at 9:30am at the Solon Care Center
January 7 Rosary and Adoration at 9am - Noon
January 8 & 9 Normal Weekend Mass Schedule
January 10 - 14 Sanctuary closed for replacing Carpet - Daily Mass will be held in the parish hall Mon-Wed at 9am. Thursday Mass will be at the Solon Care Center. *No Rosary or Adoration on Friday, January 14.*

JANUARY 15 NORMAL SCHEDULE RESUMES

Help Needed January 9

The carpet in the sanctuary is scheduled to be replaced on January 10. **Volunteers will be needed to help move items out of the church following the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, January 9.** If you are able to help with the task - please notify the office by calling or emailing: 319-624-2228 | solonstmary@diodav.org or watch for the sign up in the gathering space and add your name. Many hand make light work and given the size and weight of items needing moved out of the sanctuary—many, many hands would be greatly appreciated!! **Christmas decorations will also be taken down during this time - please stay after Mass to help if you can!** ***Additional help may be needed the afternoon of January 14 or morning of January 15 with cleaning the sanctuary from the dust kicked up from removing the old carpet. Please watch for an email if additional help is needed.*

Open Our Hearts to Christ
Annual Diocesan Appeal

St. Mary Parish Goal $73,064 | $55,354 pledged as of 12/8/2021
126 Families from St. Mary have responded

Extra envelopes for ADA giving are available in the gathering space or you can go online to donate by creating a profile:
https://davenportdiocese.org/annual-diocesan-appeal

Weekly Offering

Help Support St. Mary via We Share Online!

Dec 6 - Dec 12, 2021

Offertory (Online Giving)	$	1,968.31
Weekly Offering	$	5,276.65
Building Fund	$	235.00
Campaign for Human Develop	$	100.00
Retired Religious	$	175.00
Christmas	$	250.00

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
December 22 Money Counters:
**Diane, Donna, Pat*

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

Knights of Columbus
NEXT BLOOD DRIVE
Thursday, December 30 | 3pm - 6pm | St. Mary Parish Hall
"Thank you for helping us help others!"

Judson Jay Donovan
Son of
Clinton and Georgi Donovan
Brother to
Grady and Chandler
Baptized
November 28, 2021

Congratulations to our Newly Baptized!

baptism

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Please see the practice schedule for the upcoming Christmas Masses. If you have any questions please contact our music ministry team: chuck@solonstmary.org , alicia@solonstmary.org, cary@solonstmary.org

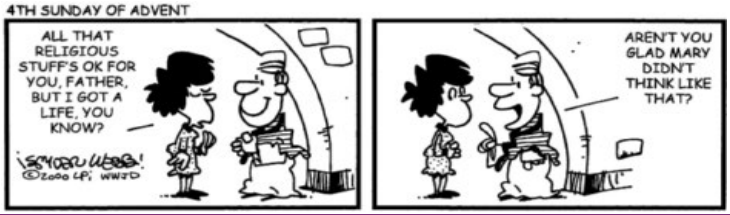
Christmas Mass
Music Schedule

Youth Choir
Christmas Eve 5pm
Dec. 22nd @ 2pm
Dec. 23rd @ 2pm
Dec. 24th @ 3:30pm

Orchestra
Christmas Eve 5pm
Dec. 22nd @ 3pm
Dec. 23rd @ 1pm
Dec. 24th @ 3:30pm

Children's Choir
Christmas Eve 5pm
Dec. 11/12 - After Mass
Dec 18/19 - After Mass

Adult Choir
Christmas Eve 10pm
Dec. 14th @ 7:30pm
Dec. 23rd @ 7:30pm
Dec. 24th @ 9pm



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.
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 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) 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
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
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 or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722.

The bulletin submission deadline will be Monday at noon prior to the next weekend's publication. Submit articles to solonstmary@diodav.org

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Mass Intentions

Mon.	20	9:00 am	Lawrence Rudy
Tues	21	9:00 am	Suzanne Svoboda
Wed.	22	9:00 am	Paul Stahle
Thurs.	23	**9:30 am**	**John & Phyllis Connelly & Mike Bartlett@ Care Center**
Fri.	24	5:00 pm	Delores Nalley
Fri.	24	10:00 pm	Kathy Tichy, Howard Clark
Sat.	25	9:00 am	Rita Erusha
Sun.	26	8:30 am	Bob Davis, Howard Clark
Sun.	26	10:30 am	Ellen Stout

Parish Calendar

Monday, Dec 20
9:00 am Mass
5:00 pm - 6:45 pm Confessions
6:00 pm - 9:30 pm Adoration

Tuesday, Dec 21
9:00 am Mass
9:30 am Gospel of Matthew Adult Bible Study - Meet in Library

Wednesday, Dec 22
9:00 am Mass
No Faith Formaiton

Thursday, Dec 23
9:30 am Mass at Solon Care Center
(NO Holy Half Hour)
6:30 pm Women's Study Group - Meet in Parish Hall

Friday, Dec 24 - Christmas Eve
No Rosary and Adoration
5:00 pm Mass at Solon High School Center for the Arts
10:00 pm Mass at St. Mary

Saturday, Dec 25 - Christmas Day
9:00 am Mass
No 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, Dec 26 - The Holy Family
8:30 am Mass
10:30 am Mass
Pick up Food Drive bags following Mass and return filled with non-perishable the weekend of Jan 1 & 2
6:30 pm Women's Study Group - Meet in Library

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 25, 9:00 a.m. Mass
Watch for Sign Ups in Gathering Space and volunteer to serve

Sunday, December 26, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Altar Server	O. Bock, E. Bock
Lector	B. Bock (1), N. Stallman (2)
Eucharistic Minister	T. Broghammer, M. Mahoney
Greeters	D. Klouda, D. Siddell
Ushers	P. Nalley, T. Wegmann, G. Vassiliades
Sacristan	M. Sovers
Musician/Cantor	Ca. Brock / N. Wander

Sunday, December 26, 10:30 a.m. Mass

Altar Server	H. Frees, I. Frees
Lector	C. Cross (1), M. Christensen (2)
Eucharistic Minister	M. Montgomery, C. Bruck
Greeters	T. Ferry, C. Martin
Ushers	D. Erenberger, K. Miller, P. Schmidt
Sacristan	T. Brown
Musician/Cantor	Ch. Brock / A. Brock

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