December 26, 2021 | THE HOLY FAMILY

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Sunday (Stream Available) Sunday

DAILY MASSES

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

5:00 PM

8:30 PM

10:30 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

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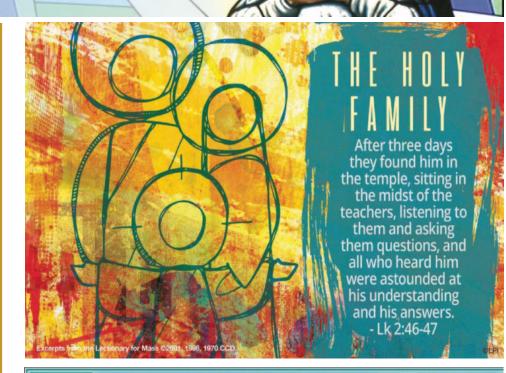
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Saturday 9am Mass (NO 5PM MASS)

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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GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too. ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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 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

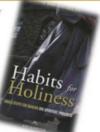


Next Book: "The Friendship Project"

Contact Jeri for more info: solonstcarydre@diodav.org our

Parish Reads Book Club NEW Adult Book Study Beginning Soon!

Christmas will soon be here and before you know it, a New Year will be upon us. What better way to start the New Year off than by joining the upcoming Parish Reads Book Club that will dive into "Habits for Holiness" by Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR. The book club is in need of leaders to help lead the discussions. Groups are welcome to meet at church or in homes. For those interested in joining, or helping out by being a leader, please contact Jeri Bollwitt: solonstmarydre@diodav.org to be added to the group and receive updates and information regarding the book study.



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First Reconciliation | First Communion

The following will be making their First Reconciliation, January 8th. Please add them to your prayers as they journey toward this Sacrament as well as First Communion on May 1st at the 10:30AM Mass.

Gabriel Bonnema Luke Clark Hank Clippert Maverick Hansen Harper Hemann Ella Herold Bowen Hove Sophia Jedlicka Cohen Keese Aubrey Kelley Liam Kimball Emily Klostermann Cody Kraxner Graeme Laing Grayson Maxwell Colton Meade Max Norman Josie Oestreich Robert O'Neil Brynley Plotz Anna Reed Mya Schmelzer Ryker Schmidt Abe Singbeil Levi Swancutt Elsie Tomash Gavin Wesner Blake Wiersema Jack Zearley



Knights of Columbus NEXT BLOOD DRIVE



Thursday, December 30 | 3pm - 6pm | St. Mary Parish Hall "Thank you for helping us help others!"

Open Our Hearts to Christ

nual Diocesan Appeal

St. Mary Parish Goal \$73,064 | 56,984 pledged as of 12/15/2021 129 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

	Dec 13 - Dec 19, 2021				
Help Support	Offertory (Online Giving)	\$	2,855.00		
St. Mary via	Weekly Offering	\$	6,0123.75		
	Building Fund	\$	395.00		
We Share	Campaign for Human Develop.	\$	50.00		
Online!	Retired Religious	\$	935.00		
	Christmas	\$	80.00		
	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 <u>December 29 Money Counters:</u> *Joanie, Linda, Kevin, Diane, Pat				
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When offering by form of check for multiple causes, please include separate checks for each cause to help with accounting purposes.



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 (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 A doration 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!! **A dditional 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.



Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul, and all the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ~Amen~

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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)

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

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

<u>Youth Ministry</u>: 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.

<u>Baptism</u>: 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.

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

<u>Culture of Life</u>: Promotes Natural Family Planning (NFP) education through grants, scholarships and reproductive health resources. For more information go to

<u>http://www.solonstmary.org/culture-of-life.html</u> or email <u>colsolonstmary@gmail.com</u>.

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.

<u>Music Ministry</u>: 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. <u>Knights of Columbus</u>: 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. <u>Helping Hands</u>: 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.

<u>Social Action</u>: St. Mary's Social Action committee offers many opportunities to offer ministry and outreach. Please contact Bonnie Mattaliano (319-325-3411) for more information. <u>Prayer Line</u>: If you want to be part of the prayer line or need prayers, please call the parish office or email solonstmary@diodav.org

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

<u>St. Mary Cemetery</u>: 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

<u>To Report Child Abuse:</u> 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.

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Mass Intentions

Mon.	27	NO MASS	
Tues	28	NO MASS	
Wed.	29	NO MASS	
Thurs.	30	NO MASS	
Fri.	31	5:00 pm	Rita Erusha
Sat.	1	5:00 pm	Edward Steinbrech,
			Members of the Kral Family
Sun.	2	8:30 am	Jim Cirese, Lawrence Rudy
			Delores Nalley, Howard Clark
Sun.	2	10:30 am	Don Adam

Parish Calendar

The Church will be closed this week to allow for maintenance projects to be completed

Monday, Dec 27 No Mass Church & Offices Closed No Confessions or Adoration

Tuesday, Dec 28 No Mass Church & Offices Closed No Gospel of Matthew Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, Dec 29 No Mass Church & Offices Closed No Faith Formation

Thursday, Dec 30 No Mass at Solon Care Center, NO Holy Half Hour Offices Closed 3:00 pm—6:00 pm KC Blood Drive—Parish Hall (Appointment Required)

Friday, Dec 31 - New Year's Eve, Mary, Mother of God No Rosary and Adoration, Offices Closed 5:00 pm Mass

Saturday, Jan 1 - New Year's Day, Epiphany 8:00 am St. Monica's Tears 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, Jan 2 - Epiphany 8:30 am Mass 10:30 am Mass

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 1, 5:00 p.m. Mass Altar Server E. Shadler, M. DeValk Lector T. Bonnema (1), N. Steinbrech (2) Eucharistic Minister Greeters

- J. Thompson, D. Thompson
- J. Shadler, M. Bretz
- S. Lensing, J. Luedtka, B. Wieland
- D. Thompson
- B. Plummer / L. Hugeback

Sunday, January 2, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Altar Server Lector Eucharistic Minister Greeters Ushers Sacristan Musician/Cantor

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Lector

Greeters Ushers

Sacristan

Sacristan Musician/Cantor

> R. McAtee, W. McAtee T. Krob (1), R. Holubar (2) J. Wilkinson, V. Schnor D. Klouda, B. Koffron C. Gleason, S. Schnor, R. Greazel J. Gleason

B. Plummer / N. Wander

Sunday, January 2, 10:30 a.m. Mass Altar Server

D. O'Neill(sub requested), Z. Wieskamp D. Bruene (1), A. Wieskamp (2) Eucharistic Minister T. Brown, N. Jedlicka S. O'Neill, A. Oestreich J. Bruene, M. Roskopf, K. Oestreich C. Martin Musician/Cantor Ch. Brock / Small Group



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