

January 2, 2022 | EPIPHANY



SUNDAY MASSES

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

DAILY MASSES

Monday - Wednesday 9:00 AM
(Stream Available)
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

Live streams of Daily Mass may be viewed on our website and Facebook pages:

solonstmary.org
www.facebook.com/stmarysolonia

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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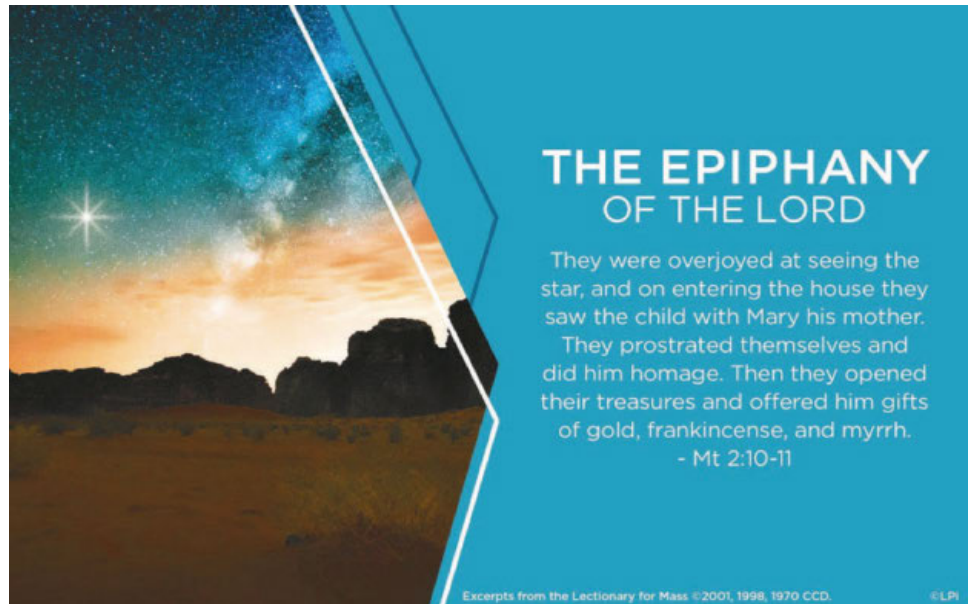
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GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 2, 2022 | *The Epiphany of the Lord*

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved. ©LPI

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From the Desk of Fr. Charles



Dear Saint Mary Parishioners,

Blessings to you on the New Year 2022!

With Christmas on Saturday, we immediately went into the Holy Family Solemnity of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. With your family gatherings and travel, I hope all of you enjoyed celebrating together.

This weekend is the Epiphany of the Lord. Epiphany means to honor the appearance or manifestation of the Lord Jesus. The chalk used to mark your doors for blessings this year will look like this:

20 + C + M + B + 22

I have that message on the top of my office door if you need to see an example. The letters are for the names of the three kings, however, they are not mentioned in the scripture. **C**aspar, **M**elchior, and **B**althasar. Either legend or history they add to the story of the birth of Christ.

Happy New Year 2022!

Fr. Charles Fladung+



Temporary Schedule Changes

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 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!!

****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.****

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

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

The Gospel of Matthew



Tuesday Mornings Following 9am Daily Mass.

New Class Beginning January 5!

THE SEARCH

FINDING THE MEANING OF LIFE

Wednesday Evenings 6:30pm-8pm

Sundays 6:30 pm, Mondays 10 am or Thursdays 6:30 pm

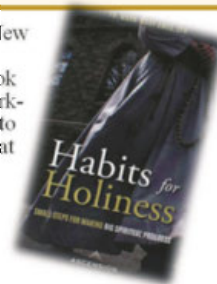
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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Next Book: "The Friendship Project"

Contact Jeri for more info: solonstmarydre@diodav.org



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.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



Open Our Hearts to Christ



Annual 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 19 - Dec 22, 2021

Help Support St. Mary via We Share Online!	Offertory (Online Giving)	\$ 990.00
	Weekly Offering	\$ 9207.41
	Building Fund	\$ 205.00
	Retired Religious	\$ 5.00
	Christmas	\$ 600.00

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

January 5 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.

CEW

Christian Experience Weekend

A Christian Experience Weekend, or CEW, offers a chance to retreat from everyday life and take a look at who you are and where you are going. Throughout the weekend you will be given the time and the tools to rediscover yourself, your faith and your God. The weekend includes time alone and time with others on the same journey. As a member of Christ's community, you deserve the benefits this weekend can give you.

IOWA CITY DEANERY CEW

Women's Retreat: February 25 - 27, 2022

Men's Retreat: March 4 - 6, 2022

**St. Mary's of Holy Family Parish
Riverside, IA**

The Iowa City Catholic Deanery will host an overnight weekend retreat, open to all denominations, on Feb 25 – 27, 2022 for women and March 4 - 6, 2022 for men at St. Mary's of Holy Family Parish - Riverside, 51 St. Mary's Street Riverside, Iowa 52327

The Iowa City Deanery CEW begins Friday 7:00 p.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. Sunday. It is open to all women and men over the age of 18.

The cost of the weekend is \$50.
There will be a reduced rate of \$40 if registration postmarked by February 1st.

Please remember, cost will never prevent anyone from experiencing the weekend. (Scholarships are available for those who request assistance)

Please see this week's bulletin email for attached brochure and registration form.

CEDAR RAPIDS CEW

Women's Retreat: March 25 - 27, 2022

Men's Retreat: April 1-3, 2022

**LaSalle Middle School
Cedar Rapids, IA**

The Cedar Rapids CEW weekend begins Friday night at 7:30 pm and ends about 5:00 pm Sunday. In order to maximize the CEW community experience, all participants spend the entire time together, in one building, sleeping on cots or air mattresses and using their own bedding.

Meals are included in the registration fee.

24hr | \$35

Parish contact: George Erwin 319-530-6218

More information and registration: <https://crcew.org/>

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.	3	9:00 am	Word & Communion Service
Tues	4	9:00 am	Word & Communion Service
Wed.	5	9:00 am	Word & Communion Service
Thurs.	6	9:30 am	Word & Communion Service
Fri.	7	5:00 pm	Rosary & Adoration
Sat.	8	5:00 pm	Bob Handley Members of the Kral Family
Sun.	9	8:30 am	Howard Clark
Sun.	9	10:30 am	Tom McTaggart

Parish Calendar

Monday, Jan 3

9:00am Word & Communion Service
No Confessions
6:00pm - 9:30pm Adoration

Tuesday, Jan 4

9:00am Word & Communion Service
9:30 am Gospel of Matthew Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, Jan 5

9:00am Word & Communion Service
6:00pm - 8:30pm Faith Formation

Thursday, Jan 6

9:30am Word & Communion Service
6:00pm Holy Half Hour - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, Jan 7

9:00am Rosary and Adoration

Saturday, Jan 8

5:00 pm Mass
Stay to pray The Rosary following Mass

Sunday, Jan 9

8:30 am Mass
10:30 am Mass
Un-decorate the church following Mass and move items out of church for carpet replacement—please stay and help if you are able!
Smith Baptism - Congratulations!
7:00pm Liturgy Potluck

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 8, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Altar Server	K. Hoepfer, S. Michels
Lector	J. Kaefring (1), M. Laing (2)
Eucharistic Minister	J. Burnhardt, K. Klosterman
Greeters	K. Felton, <i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Ushers	D. Burnhardt, A. Kaefring, G. Stinocher
Sacristan	B. Wieland
Musician/Cantor	G. Lenz / L. Kaefring

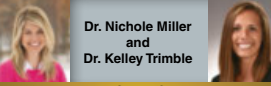
Sunday, January 9, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Altar Server	J. Vassiliades, E. Hamm (sub requested)
Lector	J. Gleason (1), K. Hayes (2)
Eucharistic Minister	C. Gleason, N. Upmeyer
Greeters	L. Brecht, D. Erenberger
Ushers	G. Vassiliades, P. Nalley, M. Erenberger
Sacristan	K. Light-McGroary
Musician/Cantor	Ch. Brock / Choir

Sunday, January 9, 10:30 a.m. Mass

Altar Server	C. Lyons, B. Heesch
Lector	M. Christensen (1), C. Cross (2)
Eucharistic Minister	R. Myers, T. Mitchell
Greeters	D. Myers, S Sprague
Ushers	T. Brown, K. Stahle, D. Naughton
Sacristan	T. Mitchell
Musician/Cantor	Ch. Brock / A. Brock

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