January 9, 2022 | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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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THE BAPTISM OF THE LOR I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

Help "Un- Decorate" the Church - THIS SUNDAY!

Volunteers are needed to help take down the Church Christmas decorations following the 10:30am Mass this Sunday, January 9.

If you are able to help with the task - please meet in the sanctuary following the 10:30am Mass THIS Sunday.

Thank you!!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE January 9, 2022 | The Baptism of the Lord

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ." — Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

Temporary Schedule Changes

January 11 - 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*.

Winter has arrived in true form just as we rang in the New Year! As a reminder weather related cancelations of St. Mary events, including Mass, will be shared by email, solonstmary.org, our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/stmarysolonia) and through the local news outlets: KCRG, KGAN and KWWL.

If Solon Community School District has a delayed start or school is cancelled, daily Mass will be canceled. If on a Friday, there will not be Rosary/Adoration in the morning. If school is canceled or let out early on a Wednesday, all Faith Formation activities on Wednesday evening will cancel. For weekend Mass, if the weather is unfavorable but Mass is not canceled, please use your best judgement and remember 8:30am Mass may be viewed by live stream on our website and Facebook page.



Grade K- 12th Meeting every Wednesday:

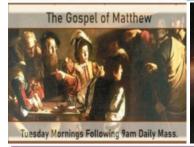
K-4th Grade | 6:30PM - 7:30 PM (Optional Story Time | 7:30PM - 8PM) 5th - 9th Grades & Youth Group | 6:30PM - 8PM Adult Faith Formation | 6:30 PM - 8PM

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



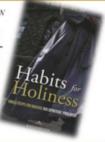






Parish Reads Book Club NEW Adult Book Study Beginning Soon!

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 Boll-witt: solonstmarydre@diodav.org to be added to the group and receive updates and information regarding the book study.







Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus Steinbrech-Randall Council will be holding an exemplification on **Sunday, January 23rd**, 12 (Noon) at St. Mary's Church in Solon with a small reception afterwards in the gathering space.

An exemplification is for those men 18 and over who would like to join the Knights of Columbus.

If you are interested in joining our council, I would like to invite you and your family to attend our exemplification. Please RSVP to Kevin Hayes, iknewu2@aol.com or text me at 319-430-0670. Please include your name and how many will be attending our exemplification.

If you are already a member of the Knights of Columbus and are new to our Parish, please consider joining us and you can transfer your membership into our council.

Open Our Hearts to Christ



St. Mary Parish Goal \$73,064 | 57,994 pledged as of 12/22/2021 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 23, 2021 - Jan 2, 2022

Help Support St. Mary via We Share Online!

Offertory (Online Giving) \$ 1,825.00

Weekly Offering \$ 33,423.26

Building Fund \$ 570.00

Works of Charity \$ 40.00

Christmas \$ 9,195.00

Cathedral \$ 201.00

Churches of East Europe \$ 5.00



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 12 Money Counters:

*Kevin, Donna, Pat

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

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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

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/

In Remembrance

Lois Graft | 1937 - 2021



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~

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

<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.

<u>Holy Anointing</u>: 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

 $\frac{\text{http://www.solonstmary.org/culture-of-life.html}}{\text{colsolonstmary@gmail.com}}.$ or email $\frac{\text{colsolonstmary@gmail.com}}{\text{colsolonstmary.org}}.$

<u>Liturgy Commission</u>: 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.

<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.

 $\underline{\text{Prayer Line}}\colon$ 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.

<u>Parish Hall Rental / Event Scheduling</u>: 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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The bulletin is provided to St. Mary free of charge thanks to the businesses that advertise. Please consider those who advertise first when shopping for goods and services.

Mass Intentions

Mon.	10	11:30 am	Lois Graft Funeral
Tues	11	9:00 am	Margaret Holte
Wed.	12	9:00 am	Rita Erusha
Thurs.	13	9:30 am	Mike Bartlett @ Care Center
Fri.	14	5:00 pm	Rosary & Adoration
Sat.	15	5:00 pm	Rita Erusha
Sun.	16	8:30 am	Leonard Steele
			Howard Clark
Sun.	16	10:30 am	Sue Boldt

Parish Calendar

Monday, Jan 10

No 9am Mass

11:30am Funeral Mass for Lois Graft

No Confessions No Adoration

Tuesday, Jan 11

9:00am Mass-Parish Hall

9:30 am Gospel of Matthew Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, Jan 12

9:00am Mass-Parish Hall

6:30pm - 7:30pm K-4th Grades Faith Formation

7:30pm - 8pm Altar Server Training for 4th graders

6:30pm - 8pm 5th—12th Grades Faith Formation

6:30pm - 8pm Adult Faith Formation

**New Adult Study "The Search", Meet in Parish Library

Thursday, Jan 13

9:30am Mass at Solon Care Center

NO Holy Half Hour - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, Jan 14

NO Rosary and Adoration

Volunteers needed to move items back into Sanctuary-please what email for time to meet and help. Thank you!

Saturday, Jan 15

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, Jan 16

8:30 am Mass

10:30 am Mass

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 15, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Altar Server L. Swann, L. Swann

Lector L. Hugeback (1), S. Schmitt (2)
Eucharistic Minister L. Croy, M. Schmitt

Eucharistic Minister
Greeters

L. Croy, M. Schmitt
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Greeters D. Zimmerman, L. Havlicek
Ushers G. Stinocher, R. Hugeback, R. Gaddis

Sacristan B. Wieland

Musician/Cantor S. Olsem / L. Hugeback

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

Altar Server G. Jedlicka, I. Jedlicka

LectorA. Jedlicka (1), N. Stallman (2)Eucharistic MinisterJ. Gleason, D. Siddell (sub requested)

Greeters J. Wegmann, J. Fetzer

Ushers T. Wegmann, M. & D. Erenberger

Sacristan S. Schnor

Musician/Cantor B. Plummer / R. Upmeyer

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

Altar Server M. Hahn, R. Hahn

LectorR. Myers (1), C. Reyhons (2)Eucharistic MinisterC. Bruck, G. PrenticeGreetersK. Miller, M. MontgomeryUshersB. Miller, M. Pattison, D. Myers

Sacristan T. Mitchell

Musician/Cantor B. Plummer / K. Uhlenkamp





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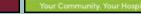
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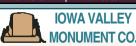
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