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21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." - Lk 13:24

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Rev. Greg Leach, Pastor
276-4042 (office)

Deacon Tom Bradley
491-7789

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Weekdays: Tuesday 8:00 am

Wednesday 6:45 am

Thursday 6:45 am

Friday 8:00 am

Holy Days of Obligation:
varies

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm or by request

Marriages:

At least six months notice, call 276-4042

Baptisms:

By appointment only, call 276-4042

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it."

EARLIER BULLETIN DEADLINE

Articles must be submitted by noon on August 28th to be included in the September 8th bulletin.

Auction & Raffle Tickets On Sale Now!!

Get in on the fun of the St. Mary's annual auction by purchasing admission and raffle tickets starting this weekend following Masses. The 2019 auction will be **Saturday, September 28** and will be the best one yet. The St. Mary's annual auction is a great way to support your church while having fun with old friends and meeting new ones, enjoying fantastic food, winning great prizes, and bidding on fantastic auction items. Starting this weekend, ticket sales begin.



- **\$1 Raffle Tickets** - Enter a chance to win a \$300 gift card for Casey's, Amazon, or a video game system of your choice. (Need not be present at the auction to win)
- **50/50 Raffle Tickets** - \$50 buys you a chance to win 50% of the total pot. (Need not be present at the auction to win)
- **Admission tickets** - \$15/person or \$25/couple. You can also purchase ahead to reserve your table. Tickets are also available by calling the parish office at 515-276-4042.

Free Childcare is available again this year. Contact Brody McCarthy at 515-251-7568.

Interested in making a donation? Contact Mary Eikenberry at 515-238-5225 or the parish office.

Liturgical Ministers Welcome

Master of Ceremonies or MC, assist in preparation for Mass and Liturgical celebrations, mentor and assist Altar Servers in training, and collaborate with the Pastor and Deacon on Special liturgies. We would like to speak to anyone interested in learning more. Contact Deacon Tom at deacontom@stmarysdsdm.org.

St. Ignatius of Loyola

You're invited to participate in The New Spiritual Exercises, based on Ignatius of Loyola's nine-month-long retreat in everyday life. The morning group will meet Mondays from 9:15 to 10:45am upstairs in the Mansion. An evening group is also being offered, with day and time to be determined by the participants. Both groups will gather every other week, September through May, beginning the week of September 9th. For more information or to register, please contact Deb Richards at 276-7589.

YOUTH NEWS



<http://stmaryofnazarethlifeteen.weebly.com>

Twitter: @StMary_YouthMin

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Facebook: St Mary's Youth Group - Lifeteen

Faith Formation and Youth Group Registration

If you need to register your child for K – 8 Faith Formation or SMART Youth Group, please contact Bridget in the Faith Formation office at bridgetb@stmarysdsdm.org or call 515-276-7589.

Children's Liturgy

9am Mass – beginning October 6th

Children's Liturgy is for 3, 4, and 5 year old children who are comfortable being away from their parents for a short period of time. Your child must be age 3 by September 1st in order to attend. During our class time, we sing songs, share activities, and read the gospel for the week in story form. If you are interested in registering your children, please contact Bridget in the Faith Formation Office at bridgetb@stmarysdsdm.org or 515-276-7589. There is no charge for Children's Liturgy but you do need to register so we have enough supplies.

Service Hours/Silver Cord

If you would like to receive email announcements on volunteer opportunities, please sign up with Bridget in the Faith Formation office at bridgetb@stmarysdsdm.org or call 515-276-7589.

Financial Peace

Register now! Space is limited!
Classes start Tuesday, October 8. 6:30-8:30pm
Sacred Heart in West Des Moines
www.sacredheartwdm.org/financial-peace

Widowed, Divorced, or Separated?

The loss of a loved one through separation, divorce, or death is one of life's most traumatic experiences. Many who have suffered this loss feel uncertain about their futures. **Beginning Experience®** is a program for those suffering the loss of a love relationship who are ready to come to terms with that loss and begin to move forward with their lives. The program is presented by a team of people who are willing to share their own experiences to help others.

To learn more about Beginning Experience, please come to one of our Open Houses on August 30 or Sept. 6 from 7:00-8:30pm at St. Augustin's Catholic Church, 42nd and Grand. The weekend program is held at St. Thomas More Center on September 20-22. Contact Father Bob Schoemann at 515-418-1938, Daryl Stahl at 515-480-6617, or Dana Reed at 515-975-3745.

KNOWING & GROWING
OUR FAITH



Title: Reconciliation, How Often Should I Confess?

The Catechism tells us that we are obliged to confess serious sins at least once a year. One reason for this is that we are also required to receive the Eucharist at least once a year – and we cannot receive if we are in the state of mortal sin. Reconciliation, then, assures us access to the Source and Summit of our faith – the Eucharist.

So that is it, then – confess once a year and done, right? Not if you understand what the sacrament of Reconciliation truly is!

Three weeks ago, we read that Reconciliation is not a quick fix. Rather, this sacrament is long term therapy. By partaking, I put myself in position for God to heal me – to pour out his mercy, peace, and love on me. Clearly, frequent confession is desirable. The actual frequency, of course, is up to the individual. It is said St. John Paul II confessed weekly. Experiencing Reconciliation at least once a month seems to be a good goal.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday, August 25

Ananias 1:00-2:30pm
 Men's Bible Study 2:30pm

Monday, August 26

Stephen Ministers 6:30pm

Tuesday, August 27

Sewing 9:30am

Wednesday, August 28

Jon Leonetti 7:00pm
 "Getting Back to Weird Catholicism"

PASTORAL CARE

If you or a family member is in a care facility, homebound, or hospitalized and wish a visit or are in need of a meal, please contact Deacon Tom at 515-491-7789.

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Welcome!! Please fill out a registration form found in the white baskets as you enter the church or by downloading the form from our website. Once you have completed the form, return by mail or drop in the collection basket.

Iowa Catholic Radio Care-A-Thon

Iowa Catholic Radio fall care-a-thon is August 26th to the 30th. Once again, St. Mary's will have a team on air from 4 to 5 on Thursday, August 29. Please prayerfully consider donating, and tell them it's for team St. Mary's. Please continue to pray for the mission of the station, connecting listeners to Christ and bringing souls to Jesus!

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS



Sunday, August 25

9:00am Jack Van Sloun
 11:00am For the Parish

Tuesday, August 27

8:00am Dick McDermott

Wednesday, August 28

6:45am LaVonne Fettekether

Thursday, August 29

6:45am Dave & Sandy Matt

Friday, August 30

8:00am Deb Puhl

Saturday, August 31

5:00pm Judy Fitts

Sunday, September 1

9:00am Chris & Ida Becker
 11:00am For the Parish

PARISH STAFF

- Rev. Greg Leach, *Pastor*.....Office 276-4042
 Deacon Tom Bradley.....491-7789
 Tessa Roberts, *Adult Faith Formation*.....276-4042
 Deb Richards, *Faith Formation Director*.....276-7589
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Charles Essary, father-in-law of Tom Fickbohm, who passed away; also Jack & Rosemary Marshall, Eugene DaLuga, Fran Armstrong, Jean Groff, Derek Jacobson, Cathy Palmer, Deb Tranel, Sheila McMichael, and Catherine Roth



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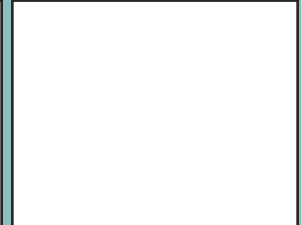
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