



St. Mary's

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Aug. 29, 2021

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

22º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Después, Jesús llamó a la gente y les dijo: "Escúchenme todos y entiéndanme. Nada que entre de fuera puede manchar al hombre; lo que sí lo mancha es lo que sale de dentro". - Mc 7, 14-15

ST. MARY'S MISSION STATEMENT

"Our vision is to see Christ in others and to treat others as Christ, because this is what we believe." As a Catholic community, we gather and celebrate the presence of Christ in sacrifice and sacrament. "Our mission is to support our community by meeting the spiritual, faith formation and other needs of our parishioners."

Welcome! It is our hope that you feel at home and among friends here. If you are a visitor for the day, we pray God's blessings on your journey. If you are looking for a parish community, we would be delighted to welcome you into our parish family. Please join us at the beginning of each mass before the opening song to pray three "Hail Mary's" and a "Glory Be" to end abortion in our country.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Closed

Jean -Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m..

Peyton-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Please call the office or Fr. Lazarus prior to visiting the staff so we may assist you best.

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Musings From The Pastor.

It was after Jesus had fed the 5000 and before he fed 4000 more, that the Pharisees and the scribes from Jerusalem made their approach to Jesus. Having fed so many with just five loaves of bread and two fish, they would have Jesus answer questions about how some of his disciples ate it! But Jesus did not dismiss them or their concerns. Rather, he shifted the focus from hands defiled to what defiles a person, because the state of your heart is far more important than the state of your hands, and not just before you eat, but in everything you do. As a result, those who come to faith in Jesus are left in no doubt that discipleship cannot be reduced to performing certain specified external acts. We ourselves might ponder the extent to which those religious gestures, which we routinely make, are in accord with our own inner disposition. Of course, they are important, even if on their own they are never enough.

Jesus took the question of eating with defiled hands and posed a much deeper question about what really defiles the whole person. He moved the debate to what is going on in the heart, because the call to follow Jesus must involve the whole of oneself. It is the call to holiness. Jesus spoke of hypocrisy and lip service, but the real point of this gospel passage isn't that we become more aware of the hypocrisy or lip service of others. Our gaze should be set steadily on ourselves and our own inner life. Just as in Mass, we pray, 'may he make of us an eternal offering to you,' we must pray each day that we will grow in holiness.

Now the vocation of Israel was indeed to be a holy people, who were to be a light to the nations. This is our call too as his disciples. Just as he knew his first disciples through and through, he knows us too. He speaks to us, knowing the real poverty of our attempts to follow him. He speaks always from the richness of God's love and mercy for each of us. Of course, this does not mean that we can dismiss the challenge. His call for each of us is to repentance and conversion.

The call to holiness that is to be God's light to the world, is our vocation. The message of this passage isn't just about those who have failed in fully answering this call, or those who honor God only 'with their lips' (7:6). It is about you and me, and how the faith we profess can come alive in us. Just as we pray that he will give us our daily our bread, so too each day we should strive to think good and not evil, to be chaste, honest, life-giving, faithful, to be content with what we have and to be generous. What 'comes out' of each one of us is important. This is how his kingdom grows in us and among us.

The Gospel tells us that these Pharisees and scribes had come from Jerusalem. Jerusalem, and what will take place there, is always before us as we read the Gospel of Mark. The mention of Jerusalem is a reminder that Jesus will die on a cross outside the walls of that city and that it is in that dark and horrible scene, which is full of defilement, that we will see the 'Holy One of God' (1:24). Before he fed the 5000, Mark tells us that Jesus felt a deep-seated compassion for the crowds, because they were like 'sheep without a shepherd' (6:34). It is this same compassion which sent him to the cross. By the victory he won for us then, he has opened up the possibility that in his hands, once nailed to the cross, you and I might become the place where others encounter goodness, honesty, humility, justice, mercy, faith, hope and love, and where our actions might offer genuine witness to the height and the depth, the width and the breadth of his undying love.

Christ stated explicitly that he did not come to abolish the law and the prophets, but to offer a new understanding. When he was accused of healing on the Sabbath, he did not abolish the Sabbath, but offered a new understanding: the Sabbath was made for man. In today's Gospel reading, he is not abolishing the externals of ritual cleanliness, but pointing to a fuller context for understanding them, and thus understanding ourselves, and our place in the Kingdom of God.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Have a Blessed Week; Fr. Lazarus Kirigia.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Ongoing commitments to the Annual Diocesan Appeal work in quiet, unheralded ways to sustain the Catholic Church in south-west Iowa. We empower others to encounter Christ; we help parish leaders to shepherd the faithful, support local communities of faith, and help people in need as one diocesan family committed to serve and protect one another and bring each other to Christ.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2021

Parish ADA Goal	\$ 26,573.00
Amount Paid	\$ 19,117.00
Outstanding pledges (\$ 808.00)	
Balance	\$ 7,456.00

NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULES EMAILED OUT

Many people have requested that the ministry schedules be emailed out instead of printed out, so last week I emailed to every-one that I have email addresses for. If you did not get one please call the office so that I may check to see that I have the correct email. For those that do not have email, I mailed your schedules to you. There were only 2, so be sure to let me know if you didn't get one, or if I need to correct your email. Thank you. Jean

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who help with all of the Ministries. We wouldn't be the Parish we are without you. As we are heading in to another year of unknown, we continue to pray for our Parish family.



FAITH FORMATION **2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

Thank you to the Confirmation students for the help in the garden and the grounds. We will continue working to furnish produce to the food pantry. If anyone else is interested in helping, please call Alan. This is a great service project for those needing service hours. Many hands make light work.

Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stmarysfaith> if you have not done so for any updates or information that may be of interest to you.

We are looking for 7-8th grade YDISCIPLE and K-6 Family Formation leaders and helpers. Please call Alan at 712-303-2680 if you will help us!

There will be an Ice Cream Social Kickoff on September 1. Following the Ice Cream Social YDisciple, grades 7-12 leaders will having a meeting from 7-8:15 p.m.

Please see the schedules in the back of the church for both YDisciple and Faith Formation. Blessings to All! Alan Vonnahme, St. Mary's Catholic Church Director of Religious Education; stmarysrodre@gmail.com

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Take some time for you this fall by taking part in spiritual exercises compiled by St. Ignatius Loyola. The 32-week transformative journey begins in September through Emmaus House. Go to theemmaushouse.org/spiritual-exercises for more information.

JUST FAITH REGISTRATION OPEN

The Center for Social Ministry is excited to be offering the following JustFaith Ministries programming locally this fall.

Faith and Racial Equity: Exploring Power and Privilege

Faith and Racial Healing: Embracing Truth, Justice, and Restoration

JustEngagement: The Power to Change

View our full online catalog at csm.coursetorm.com. Here you can register for any classes, simulations, or other events. We believe that you will find classes for everyone, so take a look and find something new to learn.



Readings for the week of August 29, 2021

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 ; Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/ Lk 4:16-30; St. Jeanne Jugan

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37; St. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44; St. Giles

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11; Blessed John Francis Burte and Companions

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39; St. Gregory the Great

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5; St. Rose of Viterbo

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence (also referred to as intimate partner violence (IPV), dating abuse or relationship abuse) is a pattern of behaviors used by one partner to maintain power and control over another partner in an intimate relationship. Domestic violence doesn't discriminate. People of any race, age, gender, sexuality, religion, education level or economic status can be a victim — or person who harms — of domestic violence. That includes behaviors that physically harm, intimidate, manipulate or control a partner or otherwise force them to behave in ways they don't want to, including through physical violence, threats, emotional abuse or financial control.

Everyone has the capacity to change, but doing so requires meaningful commitment to all aspects of change. Unfortunately, most people with abusive behaviors are unwilling to make these changes. Many factors behind abusive behaviors are learned attitudes and feelings of entitlement, which can be difficult to unlearn. A person who harms is/was often a survivor of intimate partner violence themselves. Everyone deserves a healthy relationship free from abuse – both a survivor and a person who harms – but the choice to change unsafe behaviors has to be the decision of the individual who is perpetrating power and control onto their partner.

Some content repurposed from resources/materials provided by the National Domestic Violence Hotline

CAREERS: JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES TEAM

Catholic Charities has an array of job openings! Executive assistant, refugee case manager, therapist and more in Des Moines. In Council Bluffs: Program manager, shelter and housing coordinator, Domestic Violence coordinator and more. Several part-time openings are available as well.

Visit <https://catholiccharitiesdm.bamboohr.com/jobs/> and apply today!

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Saturday-Sept. 4

Lector: Robin Connolly
Altar Servers: Steve Gray
Min. of Communion: John Willms
Greeter/Usher: Joe & Nancy Nealon / Matt Ross & Kevin Naser
Musician/Singers: Kimberly Vonnahme / Alan Vonnahme
Sacristan: Nancy Nealon

Sunday-Sept. 5

Lector: Jim Kearney
Altar Servers: Nolan Grebin
Min. of Communion: Connie Sampers
Homebound: Richard and Connie Sampers
Greeter/Usher: Tim Schmid / Mike Portz / Bob Johnson & Joan Smith
Musician/Singers: Charla Schmid / Kerry & Elaine Carlson
Sacristan: Joan Smith
Money Counters: Jim Kearney / Steve Gray

**We are now streaming Mass from St. Mary's on Facebook.
You do NOT need to have an account to watch.**

BULLETIN INFORMATION DUE EARLY

Bulletin information for Sept. 5 and Sept. 12 is due Tuesday, August 31st. Thank you in advance.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Dan Bruning	Josh Watson
Homebound Parishioners	Patricia Menendez
Len & Fran Ross	Teresa Navarro Bueno
Easton Koelker	Teresa Williams
Maggie Abbuhl	Lydia Paulsen



If you or someone you know would like to be on the prayer list, please call the office so that we may add their name in the bulletin

RESOURCES FOR HISPANIC COMMUNITY

If you have families that have lost their employment and their source of income and they need some assistance, they can call the 211 hotline, text your zip code to 898211, or visit www.211iowa.org

IOWA LEGAL AID'S FARMWORKER POLICY

There is Free Legal Services for Eligible Individuals/Servicios Legales Gratuitos Para Personas Elegibles. Call 1-800-532-1275 if interested.

HISPANIC MINISTRY-IOWA PBS

Get health and safety news in Spanish during the COVID-19 crisis through Iowa PBS. Iowa PBS to offer Spanish language safety information amidst COVID-19 pandemic.

BAPTISM: Please call the office to schedule the Baptism. A class is required for first-time parents.

RCIA: Each Fall the parish forms a group of adults who are interested in becoming Catholic, or in leaning about the faith. Contact the Parish Office or Fr. Lazarus.

CARE OF THE SICK: Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Lazarus to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, or if you would like a visit while in the hospital or Communion brought to your home.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning a wedding at St. Mary's should contact Fr. Lazarus at least 6 months prior to the wedding to begin the preparation process.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday-August 28

- 5:00 p.m. Mass in Imogene

Sunday-August 29

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene
- 10:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Paul Lydon+
- 1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Monday-August 30-Office Closed

- 7:00 p.m. Holy Grounds-Church Hall

Tuesday- August 31

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene

Wednesday-September 1

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Ray Buman+

Thursday-September 2

- 6:00 a.m. Adoration Begins
- 5:15 p.m. Rosary
- 6:00 p.m. Mass in Imogene
- 8:00 p.m. Spanish Rosary

Friday-September 3

- 6:00 a.m. Adoration Ends
- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak

Saturday-September 4

- 5:00 p.m. Mass in Red Oak-Members of the Parish

Sunday-September 5

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene
- 10:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Ernest Mutschler+
- 1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass



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