



St. Mary's Catholic Church

WELCOME

The Holy Spirit draws us each Sunday to this holy place. We gather together as the body of Christ to celebrate the Eucharist.

We pray that we may be made worthy of the call we received in baptism to witness to God's saving power in what we say and what we do. As we hear from the author of Hebrews today, we have been consecrated in the Lord, and in fact have been made the Lord's brothers and sisters. Let us raise our voices in song and prayer as sisters and brothers of our Savior.

*27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 3, 2021 Hamburg, Iowa*

Pastoral Musings: Three Rings in Marriage

It is said that there are three rings in marriage. **The first**, engagement Ring, **the second**, Marriage Ring and **the third**, the SuffeRing. It might sound very pessimistic but this points out towards the reality of pain, struggles, persistence and sacrifices involved to make a great marriage. In the Gospel, the pharisees tried to confront Jesus on the question of Marriage and Divorce. Jesus reiterates the fundamental purpose of marriage is indissoluble union between the husband and wife. This covenantal partnership ordered from the very beginning of the creation need to remain sacrosanct. Sacred and sublime in spite of the setbacks and excruciating struggles that challenges the very fabric of marriage relationship.

Jesus reiterates that what God has put together no one shall put asunder. Break up of relationships are against the grain.

Recently I met a holy man in town by name Fred. He told me that when he was focusing his life only on work and family and neglecting the core of sacred marriage partnership, he was lost and burned out. His marriage ended up in divorce creating untold suffering in the family and across. He used to go to church as a church goer and not as a fervent disciple of the Lord. He fell apart.

It took lot of tears prayers and that helped him to regain his original calling as the Disciple of Jesus Christ. His passion for discipleship grew and he eventually became a pastor and happily served the church for many decades. Pope Francis noted, "If you want a bad marriage, keep yourself first, if you want a good marriage, put the other first and if you want a great marriage, keep God first in your life." In sorrow and suffering go straight to the heart of God and you will be strengthened, enlightened and instructed" says, John of the Cross coming out of this prison cells.

"Marriage commitment and lifelong partnership is the solid foundation our parish family. Pope Francis in his Exhortation, Amoris Laetitia noted the following.

"The ideal of marriage, marked by a commitment to exclusivity and stability, is swept aside whenever it proves **inconvenient or tiresome**. The fear of loneliness and the desire for stability and fidelity exist side by side with a growing fear of entrapment in a relationship that could hamper the achievement of one's personal goals."

"No one can think that the weakening of the family as that natural society founded on marriage will prove beneficial to society as a whole. The contrary is true: it poses a threat to the mature growth of individuals, the cultivation of community values and the moral progress of cities and countries."

I am indeed proud of our parish family which has solid marriages manifesting deep love, sacrifice and unfailing faith with great joy.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Tom



Grateful

for the

Blessings

of God!

A day in his fields!



**In a winters chill or a
summers heat...
A farmer works so the
world can eat.
Thank You Farmers!**

Mission Appeal - St. Mary's will be having a Mission Appeal **Oct 16th & 17th** for a African Mission. Fr. John Owusu who is a currently working as Chaplin in our Diocese will share his experience in his Diocese in Africa. Finally be generous to pray for the mission and be generous to support them through your donation for the Catholic Global mission.

WELCOME TO RCIA FORMATION

Dear Friends,

We are commencing the RCIA program to welcome and invite people who are showing a desire to become disciples of Christ by joining our Catholic Parish Family and Church. Mark 3:14 says, " He chose twelve to be with him and to send them out to preach". Please pray for this intention and if you know anyone showing some level of interest to go deeper in their journey of life in faith, walk in the Spirit and rest in God, please let Cheryl know.



Join the Diocese of Des Moines as we celebrate the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage! Bishop Joensen will be celebrating three anniversary Masses this fall to pray with, bless and honor couples celebrating milestone anniversaries. Certificates of blessing and reserved seating is available for couples celebrating 1, 10, 25 and 50+ years of marriage. A light reception will follow the Mass.

Times and Locations:

- Saturday, October 30th, 4 PM at St. Ambrose Cathedral, Des Moines, IA
- Sunday, November 7th, 11:30 AM at St. Anne Catholic Church, Logan, IA
- **Sunday November 13th, 5 PM at St. Mary Catholic Church, Red Oak, IA**

To register call Cathy Gearhart at 515-237-5004 or email her at cgearhart@dmdiocese.org

St. Mary's service at the Ambassador last week. Once again they are monitoring the number of people that can attend. This week, Rick and Teresa Jamison and Kate Roberts preformed the service. Thanks to them for bringing services to the residents!! Below are a few pictures:



Rick shared the lead with Teresa

The gourds were donated by **Dave and Kim Dowling**, and appreciated by the residents who were in attendance.

Fr. Tom did anointing of the sick for the elderly at the nursing home invoking Jesus healing.

Kate provided the beautiful music.



Coming Soon.....

October 4—Prayer walk in the City Park @ 6p.m.

October 10—Religious Ed Classes Pre K-8

October 17—Religious Ed Classes Pre K-8

Fr. John Presiding at mass in Fr. Tom's absence

October 24—Religious Ed Classes—Pre K-8



The **ICC** have organized 'Prayer walks' which will take place on the **1st and 3rd Monday of each month @ 6 p.m. in the city park.** Please join us as we pray for those in need.

The methodist church is serving biscuits and gray on the **1st Wednesday and 3rd Saturday of each month from 8 a.m, to 10 a.m.** They do not request any monies, this is a free service to the community.



Readings for the week of 10—3—21

Sunday Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

ST. MARYS HAPPENINGS

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

CHRIS HINES
JOSH SIMMONS
JACOB ANDERSON
DERRICK HUBARD
STEVEN ANDERSON
COLBY MCGINLEY



9-30-Randy Duncan

10-3-Saige Mitchell

10-5-Jed Whitehead

10-7-Paul Hutt

10-8-Bryson Duncan

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED!

Please consider giving a hour a week substituting for some of our teachers when they have to be away. If you would be able to add your name to this list, please contact Monica! Thank You for prayerfully considering this.

Your Contributions

Sept 26, 2021

Tithes-\$1385.00

plate-\$85.00

Children's coll. for Sept

-\$29.00

Thank You!!



Andersen Greg

Grady Secht
Reese Kemp
LeRoy Herscheid
Mary Lou Miller
Dottie Dankof
Isacc Durr
Todd Quick
Verona Mitchell
Joel Loggins
Kenneth Russell
Bill Long
Henry Johnsen
Lawrence DuBois
Pat Sheldon
Joe Kirk
Tim Konecny
Esther McCowan
Shawn Collins
Drake Travis
Martha Gude
Bill & Gloria Green
Larry Dalton
Zayne Osborn
Cathy Mason
Anna Weber
Alan Briggs
Dee Ann Crews
Robert Haughton
Maurie Maher
Janet Rummel
Jennifer McAllister
Dave Zavadiil
Jerry Miller

2021	October 2 Saturday @ 4 pm 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time	October 10 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time 8:30	October 17 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time 8:30	October 24 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time 8:30	October 31 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time 8:30
Lector	Dsve Dowling	Teresa Jamison	Kathleen Lorimor	Carolyn Maher	Linda Dewhirst
Mass Setup	Rosie	Joe	Rosie	Joe	Rosie
Cantor	Cora/Cora/Amelia	Beth/Anna	Kate/Margaret	Beth	Kim/Sons
Accompanist	Kate	Guitars	Donna	Donna	Kate
Server	Alyssa Dowling	Amelia Moody	Garett Phillips	Keeley Mount Mia Foster	Isaac Hutt
Usher and Greeter	Jim & Cheryl Owen	Joe & Robbi Travis	Rich & Linda Dewhirst	Cheryl & Jim Owen	Dave & Kim Dowling
Coffee & donuts	N/A	N/A	Shane & Connie Smith	Joe & Robbi Travis	Jeff & Lisa Phillips
RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES	N/A	Pre k - 8	Pre k - 8	Pre k - 8	Pre k - 8
PASTOR		PASTORAL ASSISTANT		BOOKKEEPER	
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Inspiration for October 2

**Weak men in high positions surround themselves with little men, in order
that they may seem great by comparison**

From the book—The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

