

St. Mary's Catholic Church

WELCOME

We gather together today to listen to God's word and to share in the Eucharist. In today's first reading we hear the story of two of Moses's friends, Eldad and Medad, who missed the gathering when the LORD bestowed the spirit of prophesy on all the elders. Yet the spirit of the Lord came to rest on them as well. Let us keep in mind all those who are not with us today, for whatever reason, and pray that the Holy Spirit may bear fruit in them as well as all of us.

*26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sept. 26, 2021 Hamburg, Iowa*

Pastoral Musings: Passing on the Baton

The first reading from the book of Numbers this weekend begins with the awesome scene of the Lord coming down in the pillar of clouds and speaking to Moses.

“ Taking some of the Spirit that was on Moses, he bestowed it on 70 elders and as the spirit came to rest on them they prophesied” (Num 11:26). That means they spoke with courage, conviction and foresight to denounce evil and announce good-news. When I look at the devotion and the joy filled face of elders full of faith and vibrancy, I feel grateful to be part of our pilgrimage to the lord and hope in future of our church.

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We can only give what we have and so the God given grace and real faith stories needs to be brought out shared with our younger generation.
It's just like passing the baton after a heroic race.

I was very delighted to see the rebirth of the Faith Formation program in both St. Mary's that began with enthusiasm and family spirit. I enjoyed the Pancake break fast hosted by the Faith formation teens for the entire parish at Hamburg. I was delighted to see the enthusiasm of the kids and teachers and faith formation coordinators to share the joy of faith to ignite the hearts of children with the spirit of music led by children followed by socials and ping pong play with kids at Shenandoah. I thank the donors for their generosity.

I am excited about the possibility of Mass and picnic in both parishes in the month of October.

There will be a special Mass and picnic in Hamburg at 4:00pm on October 2nd and I got Fr. David Polich from DesMonies to cover the 4:30 Mass at Shenandoah. The trustees, Vaguhn Livingston and Susan Dinville are organizing with others on doing an out door Mass and Picnic on October 9th. More details are awaited.

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Please pray for all the priests in our diocese that we can refocus exclusively on the Lord to recharge our spiritual batteries to serve the people of God filled with spirit and enthusiasm to grow the parishes.

The poison Ivy attack has been a nightmare for last 10 days and please pray for me that I am completely healed and recover my full health and immunity. I learned the expensive lesson “Leaves of three, let it be”.

I think I have done a good deal of penance to cover multitude of sins now. As the doctor said, “Don’t scratch, it will get worse” when you feel the itch in your body but put a band and develop will power to be proactive and not reactive.

This spiritual stamina and portion of the Spirit bestowed in my inner soul during this attack will go a long way. Let us recharge our spiritual self and pass on the baton to empower the whole body of Christ in our parish families.

As the city of Shenandoah celebrates the 150 Anniversary, let us salute the past heroes with deep gratitude and pray for its great future.

Peace and blessings!

Fr. Tom

Upcoming event at St. Benedicts

Learn How to Live a Wonderful Life, *October 23 – 24*, retreat at *Saint Benedict Center*, Schuyler, with *Lee Elliott, MS*, the Executive Director of the Wonderful Life Project, LLC, and *Father Todd Philipsen*. Gain skills to improve your personal, family and business relationships! Research in the field of positive psychology helps us to use our strengths in the best possible way; to have effective conflict and get rid of past hurts; to increase happiness, trust and resilience; and to reduce stress. In addition, it provides a path to find purpose and meaning in life. This work fits extraordinarily well with the teachings of Jesus. Join us—learn how to live a wonderful life. – Social distancing and wearing a mask is recommended. Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to Sunday after lunch. Register now at www.StBenedictCenter.com or call (402) 352-8819.



We invite you to support and pray for our diocesan seminarians.

As men of communion, Christ is the sustaining force for these men along with the people to whom they minister. Our support as a community will help with tuition, room and board, healthcare and other annual needs related to inviting men to consider priesthood.




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 Catholic Gearhart at 515-237-5004 or email her at cgearhart@dmdiocese.org



*You are invited to join everyone at St. Mary's
to a Mass in the Park presided by Father Tom,
Celebrate the success of our Popcorn Day event,
Welcome back our children to Religious Education,
and greet fellow parishioners, both old and new!!!*

St. Mary's-Hamburg
FAITH*FAMILY*FUN

Mass & Picnic in the Park

Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021

Confessions @ 3:00 (in the church)

Mass @ 4:00 (in the park)

Potluck Picnic @ 5:00

(In case of rain, all events will move to the church)

**WHAT TO BRING: You & Your family !!!
One potluck dish to share and Lawn chairs**

CHURCH WILL PROVIDE DRINKS AND TABLEWARE

When you arise in the morning,
think of what a precious privilege it is
to be alive – to breathe, to think, to
enjoy, to love.

MARCUS AURELIUS

Coming Soon.....

Sept. 26—Ambassador service with St. Marys hosting 1:30 pm

Sept. 26—St. Mary's Religious Ed classes following mass

Sept. 29—Bible Study group meets—10am & 7pm.

October 2—Mass at 4 p.m. with potluck picnic following.

Depending on weather— either in Park or in Hall

October 2—NO RE. ED. CLASSES



Readings for the week of 9—26—21

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Next 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

ST. MARYS HAPPENINGS

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

CHRIS HINES
JOSH SIMMONS
JACOB ANDERSON
DERRICK HUBARD
STEVEN ANDERSON



9-30-Randy Duncan

10-3-Saige Mitchell

10-5-Jed Whitehead

10-7-Paul Hutt

10-8-Bryson Duncan

Your Contributions Sept 19, 2021

Tithes-\$650.00

plate-\$81.00

Youth -\$140.00

Thank You!!



Greg Andersen
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 Zavadil

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.

2021	Sept. 26 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time 8:30	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
Lector	Joe Travis	Dsve Dowling	Teresa Jamison	Kathleen Lorimor	Carolyn Maher
Mass Setup	Joe	Rosie	Joe	Rosie	Joe
Cantor	Beth	Cora/Cora/ Amelia	Beth/Anna	Kate/ Margaret	Beth
Accompanist	Nancy	Kate	Guitars	Donna	Donna
Server	Seth Ettelman	Alyssa Dowling	Amelia Moody	Garett Phillips	Keeley Mount Mia foster
Usher and Greeter	Kathy Moody Angie Sheldon	Jim & Cheryl Owen	Joe & Robbi Travis	Rich & Linda Dewhirst	Isaac Hutt
Coffee & donuts	Helen Martin Ruth Folkes Biscuits & Gravy	N/A	N/A	Shane & Connie Smith	Joe & Robbi Travis
RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES	Pre k - 8		Pre k - 8	Pre k - 8	Pre k - 8
PASTOR		PASTORAL ASSISTANT		BOOKKEEPER	
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Inspiration for September 27

To love what is below the human is defraudation; to one what i human fo the sake of the human is mediocrity; to love the human for th sake of the Divine is enriching; to love the Divine for its own sake in sanctity

From the book—The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

