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Jesus, I Trust in You!
The more you trust in Me completely, the stronger is My Mercy. The more I can forgive. My Mercy is so powerful, that it can wipe out the sins of all mankind.

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SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

April 23, 2017

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00PM
Sunday 8:30AM & 10:30AM

Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:30PM or
by appointment

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30AM - 1:00PM

WELCOME TO ST. MARYS! If you would like to embrace
our parish family please give Fr. Tim or Amy a call at the
office @624-2228.

Homebound: If you would like Communion brought to
your home, please contact the office @ 624-2228 between
8am and 1pm.

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday 7am until noon.
Monday nights from 6pm to 10pm.

Sickness: Please notify the pastor 624-2228 when
someone is ill or has been hospitalized. Sacrament of
Anointing is available.

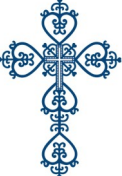
Marriage: A minimum of 6 months is necessary for
marriage preparation. Please contact the pastor.

Baptism: Parents must be registered members of the
parish. Baptism instructions are required, ideally before the
child is born. Please call 624-2228 to register.

Expecting a New Arrival??? Please call the church office
at 624-2228 when your baby arrives, so we can arrange
meals to be delivered when it is convenient for your family.

Child Abuse: To report child sexual abuse, contact the
Iowa Department of Human Services' Child Abuse hotline
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Alicia Owens, anytime at (563)349-5002; by email at
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	April 29 5:00 pm	April 30 8:30 am	April 30 10:30 am
MINISTRY	NAME	NAME	NAME
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NURSERY			
MONEY COUNTERS	Mon., April 24 - Kathy, Margaret, Kay, Kevin	Mon., May 1 - Nancy, Evelyn, Narge, Linda C.	

	Collection for April 15 & 16
	
	Offertory: \$1,347.18
	Weekly: \$6,169.00
	Easter: \$6,889.00
	Total: \$14,405.18



Baptism Classes:

Parents must be members of the parish to have their children baptized. Parents baptizing their first child **are** required to attend all three classes.

2017 Dates are listed below:

Classes are from 6:30-8:00

Please register the Friday before the first session

Spring Class: April 11, 25 & May 9

Summer Class: July 11, 25 and August 8

Fall Class: October 10, 24 & November 14

Mass Intentions For April			
Mon.	24	8:00 am	Melvin Henneberry
Tues.	25	12:10 pm	Pauline Lynch
Wed.	26	8:00 am	Bob Steinbrech
Thurs.	27	9:30 CC	Special Intention
Fri.	28	7:00 am	Word Service & Adoration
Sat.	29	5:00 pm	Grace Greazel
Sun.	30	8:30 am	Gene Erenberger
Sun	30	10:30 am	Thomas Nicknish



"The Eucharist is such a great gift. That's why going to Mass is so important. Going to Mass not just to pray, but to receive Communion, the Bread and Body of Christ. It saves us, forgives us and it makes us one with the Father. How beautiful!"

Pope Francis

Please keep families of these First Communicants in your prayers:

Sam Adair	Kelsie Marks
Porter Ball	Zoey Melloy
Carter Brock	Ellie Messenger
Keanen Carey	Isabella Nearad
Scarlett Ferin	Andrew O'Neill
Benjamin Fetzer	Kayanna Schmidt
Nathaniel Franzwa	Addison Singsank
Sophia Graves	Clara Slattery
Logan Hada	Austin Smith
Lyla Hahn	Emma Spengler
Jerzy Haluska	Parker Stahmer
Kaden Hoeper	Alina Steele
Gavin Hove	Aida Strottman
Gabrielle Jedlicka	Lauryn Swann
Maddox Kelley	Brady Wick
Rosella Light	Haiden Wolfe

Lord, give their parents the wisdom and the courage to help their children as you would:

to develop in them a Christ-like love for all people

to nurture in them a desire to give and not simply to take

to teach them to be doers of Your Holy Word.

Guide these parents in their responsibilities of leading them closer to you.

May their families continued to be sustained by you in the Eucharist.

May they be the expression of your love to their children.

May each Sunday be as today,

with your love received and shared,

to help them build your Kingdom on Earth.

Amen

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday: Adoration 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Tuesday: 12:10 pm Mass, Potluck to follow

Thursday: 9:30 am Mass at Care Center

Friday: 7:00 am Word Service and Adoration

KC Meeting, Monday, April 24 at 7:00 pm

Sisters Encouraging Sisters, Tuesday, April 25 at 11:00 am

Baptism Class, Tuesday, April 25 at 6:30 pm

Mom's Book Club, Wednesday, April 26 at 9:00 am

Youth, Wednesday, April 26 at 6:00 pm

LIFT, Thursday, April 27 at 1:00 p.m. - We will be making May crafts for the homebound!!

Grief Share, Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. All members of the community are welcome!!

Sisters Encouraging Sisters, Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 pm

Fishers of Men, Saturday, April 29 at 6:30 am

Marriage on Tap, Saturday, April 29 at 6:00 pm

Fishers of Men, Sunday, April 30 at 7:00 am

K-4 Event, Sunday, April 30 at 11:30 am, Easter Egg Hunt

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick May be received at all Masses on the weekend of April 29 & 30.



New Bishop-Elect

The Diocese of Davenport announces Bishop-elect Thomas Robert Zinkula as the successor to Bishop Martin Amos. The ordination and installation of Bishop-elect Thomas Robert Zinkula as the 9th Bishop of the Diocese of Davenport will be held on Thursday, June 22 at 2 PM at St. John Vianney Church, 4097 18th St, Bettendorf. Sacred Heart Cathedral is not available due to a major renovation and building project there.

Lord our God, you have chosen Thomas Robert Zinkula as a successor to the Apostles, to be a shepherd of your flock in the Diocese of Davenport; grant him, we pray, a spirit of counsel and fortitude, a spirit of knowledge and piety, so that, by faithfully governing the people entrusted to him, he may help build your Church as a sign of salvation for the world. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

New Parish Director

St. Mary would like to welcome their newest Parish Director, **Jeff Geistkemper**. Thank you, Jeff, for stepping into this important role for our parish. Please, congratulate Jeff when you see him!





Sisters Encouraging Sisters

Ladies from our parish — encouraging and supporting one another as we grow in holiness.

WHO AM I TO JUDGE?

Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love

When we're bombarded with messages of "Be tolerant!" and "Don't judge!" many good people feel afraid to say anything is right or wrong anymore. In this 8-part study, learn how Catholic morality is all about love. Making a judgment is not judging a person's soul. In Pope Francis' words, "relativism wounds people" and is "the spiritual poverty of our times."

7:00pm in Main Parish Hall

Join us or follow along on formed.org (parish code QXJ8P6)

Thurs, April 27th Real Freedom, Real Love

Wed, May 3rd The Lost "Art of Living"

Wed, May 10th Engaging Moral Relativism

Wed, May 17th "I Disagree" doesn't mean "I Hate You"

Wed, May 24th Exposing the Mask, What Relativism Covers Up

Wed, May 31st What is Truth? Answering Questions

11:00am on TUESDAYS in Main Parish Hall

Join us as we read, reflect and respond to the upcoming Sunday Gospel. Stay for 12:10 Mass and the Potluck Lunch that follows!



Helping Hands assists with Bingo at the Solon Nursing Care Center the 1st Thursday of each month. The chair for the month of May is Sue Julius. She will need approximately three helpers. If you would like to assist with Bingo on May 4, please contact Sue at 721-3948. Thank you!

The Catholic Messenger

Since January 1, 2017, St. Mary has received \$4,182.00 in subscriptions for the Catholic Messenger.

The cost of the *Catholic Messenger* is \$29 for a 1-year subscription (50 issues). The parish is assessed \$9,139.50 for *The Catholic Messenger*. Your subscriptions help offset this cost to St. Mary. 70 families have not renewed from last year. If you are interested in continuing to receive your newspaper, please, feel free to leave your fee in the collection basket along with your weekly contribution. Thank you!

Volunteers and Salads for Free Lunch Meal

We need coleslaw, other vegetable salads, or donated bags of shredded cabbage mix for our Free Lunch Meal on Friday, May 5th. If you're interested in helping, we will also need volunteers in the morning to prep the meal and afternoon to serve and cleanup. If you can help with either of these, please contact Patty at patty@solonstmary.org or 319-541-4253 or sign up at the follow link online: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C084CADAB2CA5FA7-may5th

Come help us
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St. Mary's Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 30 Following 10:30 Mass

St. Mary Parish Hall
For families with
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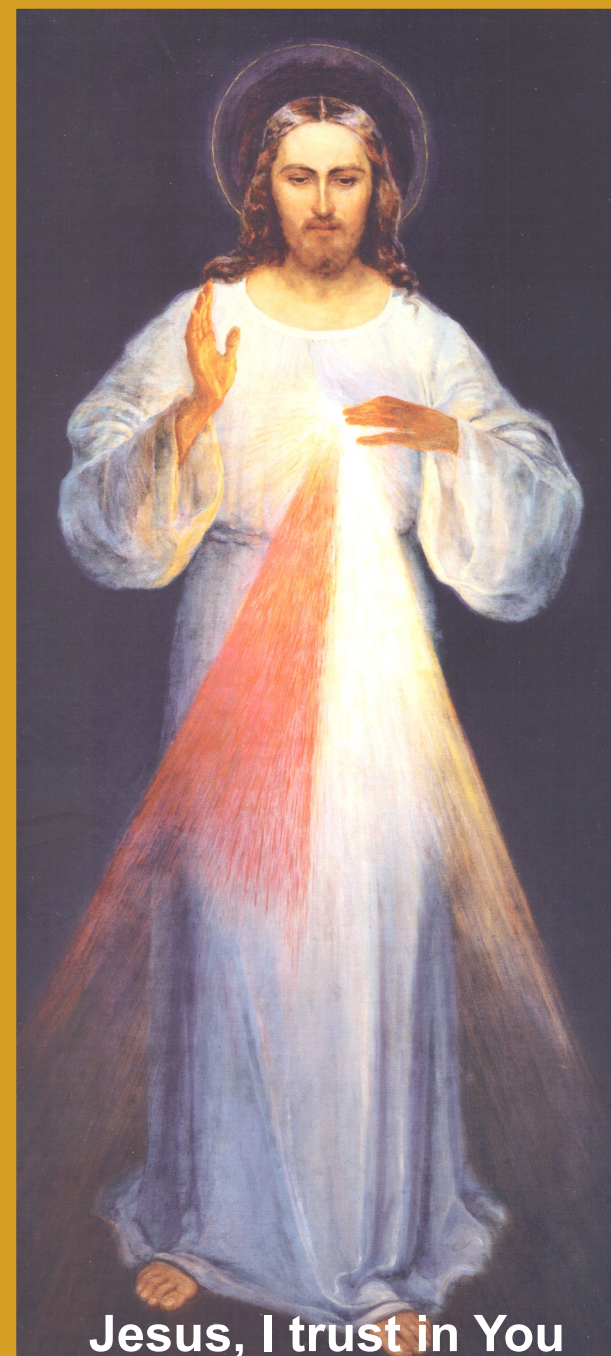
Vacation Bible School

July 17-21 (Monday-Friday)
8:30-11:30am

For those going into
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Divine Mercy: Message and Devotion



Jesus, I trust in You

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - **Ask for His Mercy.** God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - **Be Merciful** God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - **Completely Trust in Jesus.** God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.



This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of 600 pages recording revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, devotion to The Divine Mercy began to spread.

“I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy”

Our Lord to Sister Faustina (Diary Entry #687)



Sister Faustina was 1905 in Poland of a poor and religious family of peasants, the third of 10 children. She was baptized with the name Helena. From a very tender age she stood out because of her love of prayer, work, obedience, and a her sensitivity to the poor. At the age of seven she felt the first stirrings of a religious vocation. She entered the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in 1925, and took the name Sr. Maria Faustina of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

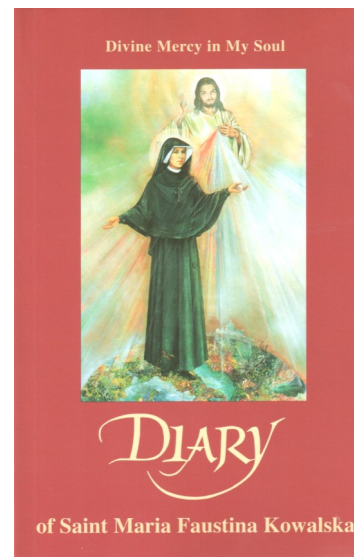
Externally nothing revealed her rich mystical interior life. Although her life was apparently insignificant and dull, she hid within herself an extraordinary union with God. The Lord Jesus chose Sr. Maria Faustina as the Apostle and "Secretary" of His Mercy, so she could tell the world about His great message, which she recorded in a diary titled *Divine Mercy in My Soul*. In the Old Covenant (Old Testament of the Bible) He said to her:

"I sent prophets wielding thunderbolts to My people. Today I am sending you with My mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart." (Diary, 1588)

Divine Mercy: The Diary & The Chaplet

The Diary of St. Faustina

The mission of St. Faustina was recorded in her *Diary* which she kept at the specific request of Jesus and her confessors. In it, she recorded faithfully all of the Lord Jesus' wishes and described the encounters between her soul and Him.



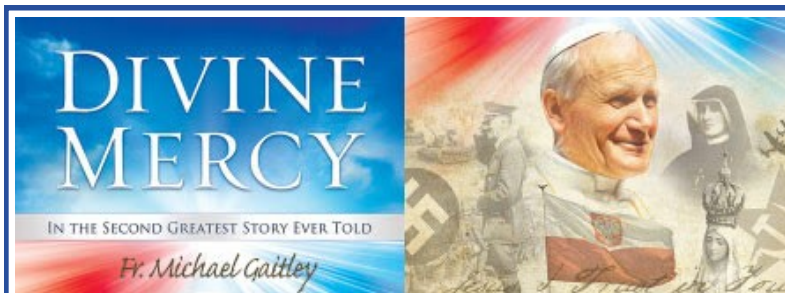
A parishioner is generously donating free copies of her diary. These are in the gathering space. 100+ given out to date.

The Lord Jesus said to Sr. Faustina: ***"Secretary of My most profound mystery, know that your task is to write down everything that I make known to you about My mercy, for the benefit of those who by reading these things will be comforted in their souls and will have the courage to approach Me."*** (Diary 1693)

The Divine Mercy Chaplet

In 1935, St. Faustina received a vision of an angel sent by God to chastise a certain city. She began to pray for mercy, but her prayers felt powerless. As she pleaded with God, she was given the words of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Jesus asked her to share this form of prayer with others: ***Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given you*** (1541). ***Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death*** (687). ***When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the Merciful Savior*** (1541). ***Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this Chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy*** (687). ***I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy*** (687). ***Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will.*** (1731)

Find Chaplet Prayer Cards in Gathering Space or Online.



On [FORMED.ORG](https://www.formed.org) PARISH CODE: **QXJ8P6**

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy through the message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. The panorama of God's work of mercy in the world unfolds as a story to be experienced.



Marriage On Tap

Grab your spouse and join us for

DATE NIGHT:

Saturday, April 29
6-8:30 pm

Marriage on Tap is a monthly date night designed to bring a healthy dose of fun, fellowship and enrichment to your marriage and to our parish family at large. ALL married couples are invited to attend (newly married, those with children any age and empty nesters) and lap babies are welcome. Childcare will be provided.

This month, Stan & Charlotte Upah from Tama will share with us different strategies for praying together and how we can overcome the awkwardness.

Dinner will be potluck so if you are able to bring something to share please note that when you RSVP (entrée, side dish or dessert). Feel free to bring your own beverages (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) if you prefer something other than water or lemonade. Please register online at www.solonstmary.org if you are able to attend by Friday, April 28th.

Questions? Contact Lindsey Carey at Lindsey@solonstmary.org.



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Saturday, May 13
9am—noon
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Solon, IA

Games 9:00–noon

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