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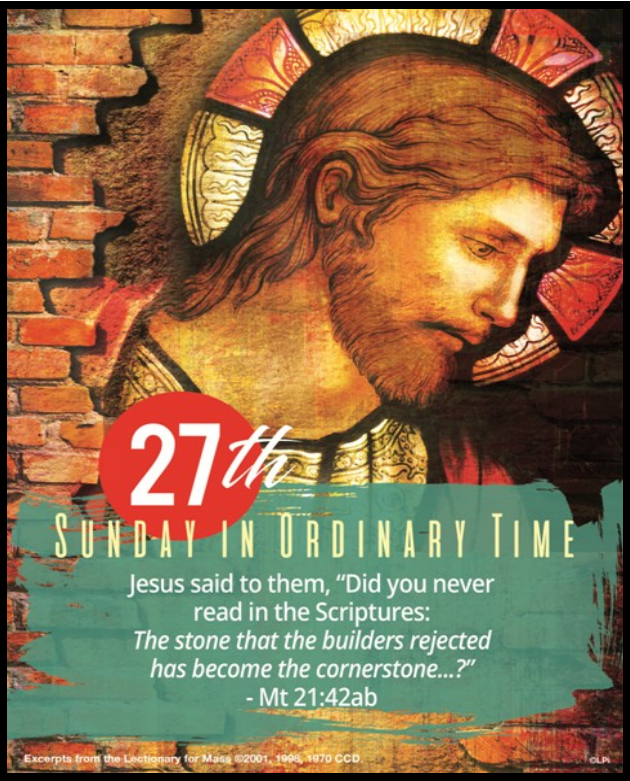
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27th
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Jesus said to them, "Did you never
read in the Scriptures:
*The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone...?"*
- Mt 21:42ab

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 8, 2017

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00PM
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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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HARVEST FESTIVAL UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who donated goods and services to the live auction, Bidding Barn, and Country Store and those who purchased items from these fun events. Thank you to those who participated in the Jack-o-Lantern Contest, played games, donated food for the dinner, and purchased raffle and dinner tickets. This event would not have been possible without volunteers who donated their time so we are thankful for them as well. The Harvest Festival was successful thanks to everyone involved in the process - from the planners to the donors to the shoppers!

Raffle Ticket Winners:

Prize 1 - Hawkeye Men’s Basketball Season Tickets - James & Mona Hayes

Prize 2 - \$500.00 - Shirley Flansburg

Prize 3 - Iowa Hog and Processing - Rob Sprague

NEW BULLETIN The weekend of October 21/22 will be the launch of St. Mary’s New Bulletin. The parish is partnering with LPI for printing services which will allow the bulletins to be in color and have more space.

We would like to thank the local businesses/parishioners who have already agreed to advertise in the new bulletin. The new bulletin will be provided to St. Mary free of charge thanks to these businesses that advertise. Please consider those who advertise in the bulletin first when shopping for goods and services!

The new bulletin submission deadline will be Monday at noon prior to the next weekend’s publication. For example, bulletin items for the October 21/22 weekend must be submitted by noon October 16. We are excited to provide the parish with an updated bulletin!

MILITARY BULLETIN BOARD

We are updating the Military Board which is located in the gathering space. If you have a family member in the service or National Guard, could you please send the following info to Kathy Hirl @khirl@southslope.net: Name, rank, branch of service, address (if able to do) and job they do.



We Need You! Do you enjoy being around little ones? The parish nursery, serving young families, could use your help every couple of months: Little Lamb Nursery Sundays during the 10:30 Mass, childcare is provided for 0-4 year olds. Contact Megan at: laingmeg@gmail.com



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. Classes are from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00pm. Please register the Friday before the first session. Fall Session: October 10, 24, & November 14.

Cub Scout Catholic Religious Emblem Program Catholic Cub Scouts are invited to participate in this program to earn the Light of Christ (1st and 2nd grade) and Parvuli Dei (3rd thru 5th grade) Religious Emblems. After completing the activity book at home, attend the workshop at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church on Saturday, December 16th, 2017. The workshop registration deadline is Friday, November 3. A Recognition Ceremony for all Scouts completing the program will be held on Sunday, February 4th at a special 2:00 pm with Bishop Zinkula at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport. Register by contacting coordinator Steve Zirtzman at 319-325-9958. Cost of program is \$10.00 (medal cost not included).

Catholic Evangelization Outreach (CEO) will be held at St. Ludmilla Catholic Church of Cedar Rapids on Monday, October 16 from 6:30-8:00pm. Greg Stokesberry will share his story on how he found his purpose in life. A soup supper will be served and free childcare will be provided. There is no charge and all are welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	09	8:00 am	Mr. & Mrs. Jack Beranek
Tues.	10	12:10 pm	Mary Jean Fabritz
Wed.	11	8:00 am	Grace Greazel
Thurs.	12	9:30 am	CC Evelyn Blum
Fri.	13	7:00 am	Word & Adoration
Sat.	14	5:00 pm	For the Parish
Sun.	15	8:30 am	The Light & McGroary Families
Sun	15	10:30 am	Ryan Zimmerman

LITURGICAL/MINISTRY CALENDAR

Saturday, October 14, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Cantor	Kaefring
Musician	C. Brock
Servers	M. DeValk, S. Melloy, L. Swann
Lectors	L. Manary 1, N. Steinbrech 2
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Klosterman, D. & J. Thompson
Greeters	K. Manary, D. Zimmerman
Ushers	J. Coady, K. Felton, G. Stinocher
Sacristan	J. Anderson

Sunday, October 15, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Cantor	B. Upmeyer
Musician	M. Hennes
Servers	B. McAtee, J. McAtee, R. McAtee
Lectors	J. Meyer 1, A. Jedlicka 2
Eucharistic Ministers	M. Mahoney, R. Upmeyer, T. Zeller
Greeters	K. Swenka, C. Zangerle
Ushers	N. Jedlicka, J. Steinbrech, G. Swenka
Sacristan	S. Schnor
HBC	Nick, Theresa M.

Sunday, October 15, 10:30 a.m. Mass

Cantor	Stefani
Musician	
Servers	B. Heesch, C. Miller, E. Suchomel
Lectors	R. Myers 1, D. Suchomel 2
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Foster, D. Siddell, K. Tichy
Greeters	B. Miller, D. Myers
Ushers	D. Erenberger, K. Miller, A. Wieskamp
Sacristan	S. Cross

Weekly Collection - Sept/Oct 30/1

Offertory	\$5,425.87
Building Fund	\$ 75.00
Money Counters 10/09 - Bank is open!	Linda C., Joan Evelyn, Kevin
Money Counters 10/16 -	Kathy, Kay Donna, Bonnie W.

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, October 9

8:00 am	Mass
8:45 am	LIFT - Senior Exercise Group
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Adoration
6:30 pm	Cemetery Meeting - rescheduled from 10/06/17.
8:00 pm	Pray the Rosary

Tuesday, October 10

11:45 am	Pray the Rosary
12:10 pm	Mass, Potluck lunch to follow
6:30 pm	Choral Practice
6:30 pm	RCIA
6:30 pm	Baptism Class

Wednesday, October 11

The drive to the church will be closed due to city construction. Please, park in the Solon Rec. Parking Lot or utilize the back gravel service entrance to park in the church parking lot.

8:00 am	Mass
8:45 am	LIFT - Senior Exercise Group
9:00 am	Mom’s Book Club
6:00 pm	9th Confirmation Retreat led by 10-12 Grade
6:30 pm	Youth
6:30 pm	Music Ministry Open House

Thursday, October 12

9:30 am	Mass at CC
1:00 pm	LIFT - Cards/Games

Friday, October 13

7:00 am to Noon Adoration - Rosary Prayer will be said on the hour at 8, 9, 10, and 11 am in honor of Fatima Centennial.

Saturday, October 14

6:30 am	Fishers of Men
4:00 pm	Confessions
5:00 pm	Mass
Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe	

Sunday, October 15

7:00 am	Fishers of Men
8:30 am	Mass
9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Flu Shot Clinic
9:30 am	Oceans Rehearsal
10:30 am	Mass
6:00 pm	Financial Peace University

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, October 29

2:00 pm	Confirmation Mass with Reception to follow.
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Youth Choir Schedule:

Awaken (5-8 grade)

Oct. 22nd at 10:30am Mass ***Rehearse at 9:30am***

Harmony As God Intended

God created the beautiful glory of the heavens and the earth, animals, plants and human beings. All things were placed in proper order and he blessed it all with the gift of free will. He placed within the human heart the desire to know him, the author of all that is. It is with this gift of free will that all can find their paths to freely love God, their very selves, one another, and the world he has entrusted to our care. After all was finished and properly in place, God looked at all that he had made and found it very good. What more was there to do that God had not done?

We are given the freedom to choose which “friends” we ask to accompany us on our life’s journey. The Letter to the Philippians this weekend encourages us to walk with the friends of virtue: truth, honor, justice, purity, graciousness and love. If we choose these companions, the God of peace will be with us. By extension, we can add to this list found in Philippians the standard virtues of prudence and fortitude. The hope is that the state of God’s world at its beginning would be restored in our present. A life of harmony and peacefulness is within our grasp.

While all of this may at first glance appear impossible or even a bit naïve, a look back at the Gospels and Jesus’ message of love gives us ample reason to believe otherwise. The beautiful call of the beatitudes, the blueprint of life, is nothing more than the constant choice for virtue and harmony; restoring the balance God originally intended. So, what is the opposite of choosing the friends of virtue?

Often without our full awareness, we find ourselves on life’s journey walking instead with the friends of avarice. These are found in envy, greed, lust, gluttony, anger, pride and sloth. Once we begin to embrace and choose these, we are more apt to find ourselves electing violence as a means of finding solutions to conflict. Our relationships with others are unbalanced and based upon entitlement and power. Avarice destroys virtue and blinds us to who we are as a people of God.

Our Gospel this weekend is filled with detailing the results of choosing avarice over virtue. It is all too easy to fool ourselves into thinking that we deserve and are entitled to more than we have. We believe that we can violently eliminate any obstacle to achieving what we believe belongs to us or what we desire. We can find ways to get what we really need without destroying one another. It was most certainly not part of God’s original design or intention to for us to destroy one another. Yet so many events that are currently happening in our world suggest that some people would prefer to do so and see this approach as the way to achieve their goals.

We are asked to try to do our best to balance the positive with the negative and discern the best response for whatever situation is presented to us. In all that life asks of us, we cannot forget what God has done and continues to do and bring ourselves back to that original design and intent.

Rev. Mark Suslenko

The Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH RALLY For 6-7-8th Graders

Join our new Bishop Thomas at Regina on October 15, from 9:30am -5:00pm for the diocese's Junior High Youth Rally. The cost is \$30/youth. Contact Julie Agne for more information: julie@solonstmary.org

MUSIC OPEN HOUSE: This Wednesday, October 11th at 6:30pm, St. Mary’s music ministry will be hosting an open house for anyone who would like to learn more about the many different ways to be involved in music. The open house will be held in the Music Room, located at the Southeast corner of the parish hall. We will have refreshments and goodies, and choir members will be available to visit and answer any questions you may have about music ministry.

The Knights of Columbus councils in the area are hosting a Pancake Breakfast to raise money to purchase additional religious artwork and statues for the Regina Catholic Education Center. Tickets are available from a KC Member or at the door. WHEN: Sunday, October 8, 2017 WHERE: Regina Cafeteria TIME: 8:00 am - Noon All tickets are \$5.00 each or \$20.00 for a family of four or more. Please join us!