

November 12, 2017 | 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mary

CATHOLIC CHURCH



SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

DAILY MASSES

Monday 8:00 am
Tuesday 12:10 pm
Wednesday 8:00 am
Thursday 9:30 am @CC

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Or by appointment

ADORATION

Monday 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Friday 7:00 am - Noon

Welcome to St. Mary!

If you are new to our community and not yet registered, we invite you to call or stop by the Parish Office. Forms can be found on our website: www.solonstmary.org

PASTOR: Rev. Tim Sheedy

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Deacon David Kroh

DcnDavid@solonstmary.org

Deacon Mitch Holte

DcnMitch@solonstmary.org

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 1:00 pm



Chase and Jennifer Holtz with baby Avery, receiving a meal from Cheryl Kroh. Not pictured: little Jack who was interested in his Cheetos at the time ☺.

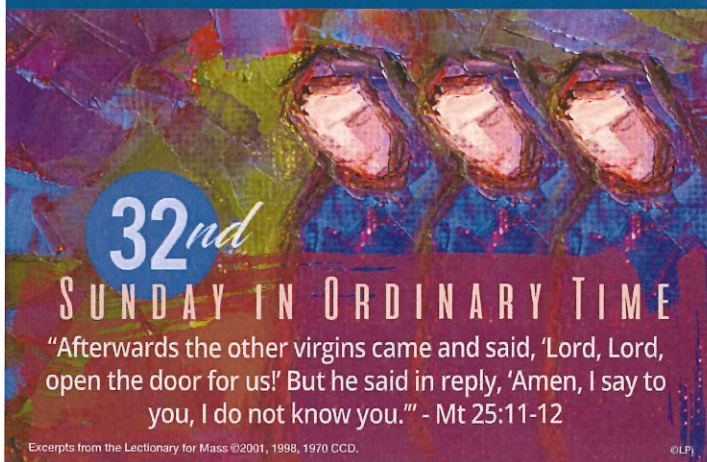
Meals for Families

Life gets busy when a new baby is welcomed into a family – so parishioners provide and deliver 4-5 meals. For families with a newborn or for those experiencing difficulties due to an illness or tragedy, a group of volunteers have offered to provide meals. Parish coordinators work with the volunteers to organize the meal deliveries, based on the needs and special diets of those receiving them. It is a great way to meet other members of our church and to let people know we care about them in their time of need.

Could you use several meals– we want to help! When your baby arrives, give the church a quick call so our meal coordinators can get in touch with you and plan your meal deliveries. Do you know a family or someone who could benefit from receiving meals? Again, please call the parish office, 624-2228.

Would you like to bring a meal to those in need? We would love to add you to our group of volunteers! You do not need to be a world class chef to help; some people pick up a rotisserie chicken and a couple side dishes to deliver to our families. Call or email Amy to let her know you would like to be added to the “Meals for Moms” Volunteer list: amy@solonstmary.org or 624-2228.

Gospel Meditation



"But the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps." The foolish versus the wise. Today's parable sets these two groups in stark contrast to one another. Two crowds of young women wait for a wedding feast. One group comes prepared for the unexpected, the other just assumes everything will go according to schedule. But it doesn't! The Bridegroom is late, and the foolish virgins are left out in the dark--literally--while the wise ones enjoy the feast inside.

The lesson here is not just about having foresight and gathering the corresponding equipment. **It's about being ready for the second coming of Christ.** Jesus himself is the "Bridegroom." Traditionally we refer to the Church as the "Bride of Christ" and we, as the people of God who constitute the Church, are even now awaiting the real feast, the culmination of time when Jesus returns. But are we standing among the wise or the foolish as we wait?

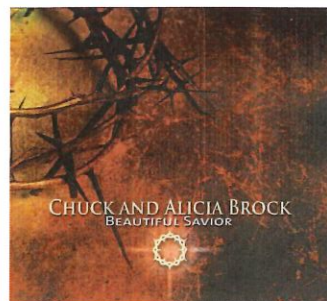
Jesus tells us today, **"Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."** Are we spiritually awake? Do we have extra oil to see us through, or are we hitting the bottom of the barrel and running on spiritual fumes so to speak? Do we think it's enough to do the bare minimum as we wait for Christ--stepping into church without really being present, or calling ourselves Christian without really taking up the challenge of the cross? In order to avoid standing outside the feast with the foolish, we will want to make sure we fill our flasks with oil or, in other words, fill our hearts with the love of God, fill our minds with his word and his teachings, and fill our souls with the virtues that unite us to his will. If we stock up on these important supplies, we can count ourselves among the wise!

Annual Diocesan Appeal

You are great parishioners! Thank you so much for responding to Bishop Zinkula and myself, in making a pledge to the ADA. **We are now at 58% of our goal of \$71,273.00. We need only \$29,798.00 to meet our goal. You will find envelopes on the table in the church gathering space.** The ADA gives us the opportunity to act together as a family of faith and support the programs and services no single individual or parish can offer by themselves. Your gift is important. **Every gift, no matter the size, is vital to the success of the Appeal. Thank you!** -Fr. Tim

New Album - Beautiful Savior

**Have you started your Christmas shopping yet?
Are you looking for a good, Christian gift?**



The new album, **Beautiful Savior, by Chuck and Alicia Brock** is now available in the office. **Cost is \$15. Proceeds will benefit the St. Mary's Music Ministry program** and their upcoming trip to sing at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Want a deeper relationship with God and better understanding of our faith? Join us for an eight week study of the greatest Love Story ever told - It is your story - come discover your part in it. Groups are meeting:

Mon. at 9:30am, Tues. at 11:00am, Wed. at 6:30pm
Contact julie@solonstmary.org to sign up.

SOLON ECUMENICAL SERVICE / SOUP SUPPER will be **Sunday, November 19** - supper at 5pm, service at 6pm. Volunteers are needed to bring soup as Fr. Tim will be gone.

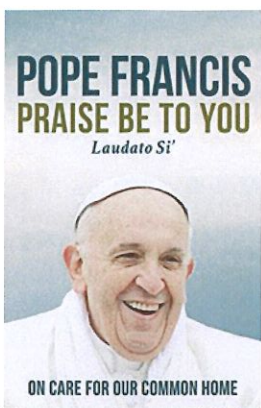
SOLON VENTURE CREW 52 CAN DRIVE Are those cans and bottles from Thanksgiving piling up? Let Solon Venture Crew 52 take care of them. Solon Venture Crew Can Drive is **Sunday, November 26** at St. Mary's Church parking lot from **12 to 4 p.m.** Venture Crew is a group of young adults age 14 to 21 that get together for meetings and go on venture filled trips.

DEDICATION OF DIOCESAN HALL: The much anticipated new Diocesan Hall at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport will be dedicated on **Sunday, November 19** at **4:00 pm.** We invite you to join Bishop Thomas Zinkula for the dedication. An open house and touring of the new hall will be offered immediately following the dedication.

BRICK FUNDRAISER: If you pre-ordered a commemorative brick from the old St Mary building, please stop by the office or contact Chuck Brock at chuck@solonstmary.org

Free Copy of Pope Francis' Laudato Si

The following excerpts are taken from Pope Francis encyclical letter: "Praise Be To You" which you can pick up for free in the gathering space. In this season of thankfulness – his letter is a perfect reminder on how we are to care for all the blessings God has entrusted to us.



"I do not want to write this Encyclical without turning to that compelling figure, whose name I took as my guide and inspiration when I was elected Bishop of Rome. Saint Francis was particularly concerned for God's creation and for the poor and outcast. He loved, and was deeply loved for his joy, his generous self-giving, his open-heartedness. He shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace." (#10) "One

expression of this attitude (of the heart) is when we stop and give thanks to God before and after meals. I ask all believers to return to this beautiful and meaningful custom. That moment of blessing, however brief, reminds us of our dependence on God for life; it strengthens our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation; it acknowledges those who by their labors provide us with these goods; and it reaffirms our solidarity with those in greatest need." (#227)

Knights of Columbus

The State of Iowa Knights of Columbus is highlighting **November as Food For Families. Council 12129 will be collecting non-perishable food items every weekend in November.** You can drop off your donation in the gathering space after all Masses. We will also have a basket on a table should you wish to make a monetary donation. **All food and monies will go to the Solon Community Food Pantry.** Their wish list includes: boxed cereals (they have plenty of Cheerios), soups, peanut butter, canned items, mac & cheese etc. Please help us by donating what you can! Thank you!

Weekly Collections

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November 4-5, 2017

Offertory \$6,771.16
World Mission Sunday \$ 45.00

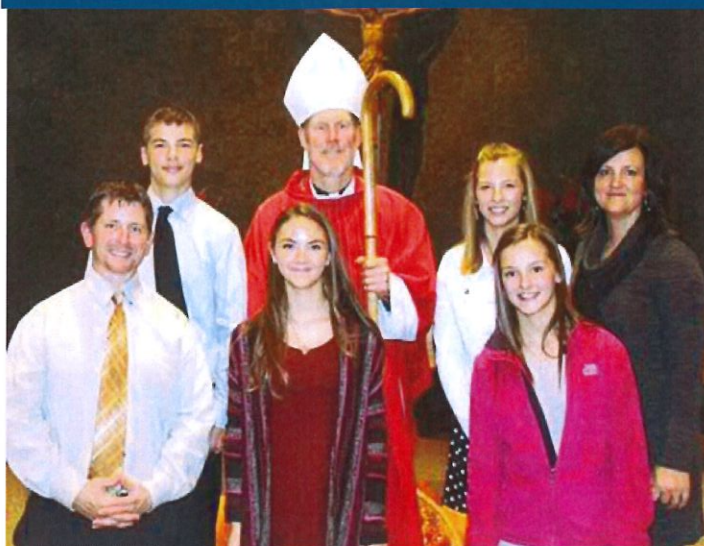
Money Counters:

11/13 - Kathy, Donna, Kay, Judy
11/20 - Nancy, Evelyn, Narge, Linda C.

Thank you for your continued
support of St. Mary!

Next week, we will collect for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify/address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. Learn more at:
www.usccb.org/cchd/collection

How Our Parish Prays



Pictured Above: The Chapman Family: Front Row (L-R) Wade, Gracie, Sydney. Back row (L-R) Cade, Bishop Zinkula, Trinity, Monica. Gracie, Cade, and Trinity were confirmed on October 29.

The Chapman Family

It took us a while to get comfortable praying together. We didn't know how to begin or if we were doing it right. We started with the dinner blessing; gradually adding prayer intentions for others. Later, we'd talk about those we prayed for and how we could help them. At night we prayed the Our Father together. Then added other traditional Catholic prayers; sometimes prayers our kids find. For Christmas, Wade made everyone a decade Rosary, which made praying it doable. Now we pray the whole Rosary. When we have nights filled with tension, we stop everything and pray the Rosary together. The Rosary brings us peace and helps us reflect on the life of Christ. By doing these things, the kids recognize what is important; they associate praying with knowing there will be a better outcome. We have religious items like crosses, Rosary bracelets /necklaces with medals, holy water and oils, etc. All of these help us think of the things of heaven and the saints who want to help us.

Sometimes we come to Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays. Being in Jesus' presence helps us decompress and gives Him space to talk to our hearts, putting life into perspective. We'll bring spiritual books or just sit and be still. 15 minutes before heading out for Mass, we read the Scripture we'll hear and discuss it briefly. It helps us know what to expect and be curious about the homily. Wade is part of the Saturday morning prayer group which reads and discusses the upcoming Sunday Gospel; so he'll share those thoughts with our family.

"As a family, you can pray the 'Our Father' around the dinner table. That's not difficult to do, it's easy. Praying the rosary together, as a family is very beautiful and it gives strength. Also praying for one another." -Pope Francis

Parish Information

Baptism: Parents must be registered members of the parish. Baptism classes are required, ideally before the child is born. Call the parish office to register for classes and to schedule a Baptism 624-2228. No Baptisms are scheduled during Lent.

Marriage: Preparations must be made at least 6 months in advance of the marriage date. No Weddings are scheduled during Lent.

Homebound Communion: Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Holy Communion to the sick and elderly of the parish. Call the parish office if you would like Communion brought to your home.

Holy Anointing: Do not hesitate to call the parish office in case of serious illness/injury.

Prayer Line: If you want to be part of the prayer line or need prayers, please call the parish office or email solonstmary@diodav.org

Meals for Moms - Expecting a new arrival?: Please call the parish office when your baby arrives, so we can arrange for meals to be delivered.

St. Mary Cemetery: Parishioners and family members seeking information about burial plots can call Mark Haight at 319-521-2544.

Parish Hall Rental / Event Scheduling: Please call JoEllen Ritchie, Hall Manager, at 319-624-2407 or email joellen@solonstmary.org to schedule your event.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 18, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Cantor / Musician	L. Kaefting / M. Hennes
Servers	M. Broghammer, R. Geistkemper, E. Suchomel
Lectors	J. Hanes-1, M. Harney-2
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Klosterman, M. & B. Miltner
Greeters	J. Geistkemper, S. Hintermeister
Ushers	J. Coady, N. Erusha, D. Harney
Sacristan	M. Milder

Sunday, November 19, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Cantor / Musician	N. Wander / S. Olsem
Servers	M. Hickman, I. Johnson, S. Wegmann
Lectors	T. Krob-1, J. Patrick-2
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Francois, G. Prentice, D. Uhl
Greeters	Z. Hickman, S. Johnson
Ushers	P. Francois, K. & G. Swenka
Sacristan	M. Sovers
HBC	Adam, Linda

Sunday, November 19, 10:30 a.m. Mass

Cantor/Musician	S. Moore /
Servers	B. Heesch, G. Hoeper, E. Schadler
Lectors	M. Christensen-1, C. Reyhons-2
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Foster, M. Klouda, R. Myers
Greeters	B. Christensen, J. Schadler
Ushers	D. Erenberger, D. Klouda, D. Myers
Sacristan	T. Brown

Mass Intentions

Mon.	13	8:00 am	Word & Communion
Tues.	14	12:10 pm	Word & Communion
Wed.	15	8:00 am	Word & Communion
Thurs.	16	9:30 am	Word & Communion
Fri.	17	7:00 am	Word & Adoration
Sat.	18	5:00 pm	Bill Matthes
Sun.	19	8:30 am	Bill Zenishek
Sun	19	10:30 am	Landon Haight

Parish Calendar

Monday, November 13

8:00 am Word & Communion
9:30 am Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible Study
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Adoration

Tuesday, November 14

11:00 am Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible Study
12:10 pm Word & Communion, potluck lunch to follow
6:30 pm Choral Practice
6:30 pm RCIA
6:30 pm Baptism Class

Wednesday, November 15

8:00 am Word & Communion
8:45 am LIFT - Senior Exercise Group
6:30 pm Youth
6:30 pm Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible Study

Thursday, November 16

9:30 am Word & Communion at CC
1:00 pm GriefShare - Managing the Holidays

Friday, November 17

7:00 am to Noon Adoration

Saturday, November 18

6:30 am Fishers of Men
4:00 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Mass
KC Food Drive Weekend

Sunday, November 19

7:00 am Fishers of Men
8:30 am Mass
10:30 am Mass
6:00 pm Financial Peace University
6:00 pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, soup supper begins at 5:00 pm - Our Lords Church

Bulletin

The bulletin submission deadline will be Monday at noon prior to the next weekend's publication. Submit articles to solonstmary@diodav.org

Upcoming Bulletin Deadline:

Bulletin Items for Nov. 25/26 due on Thurs. Nov. 16 at noon

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