

December 10, 2017 | Second Sunday of Advent

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

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Office Hours

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

Treasures OF THE CHURCH

THURSDAY, DEC. 14

7:00pm

Presentation in Church,
Followed by Exhibit in the Hall

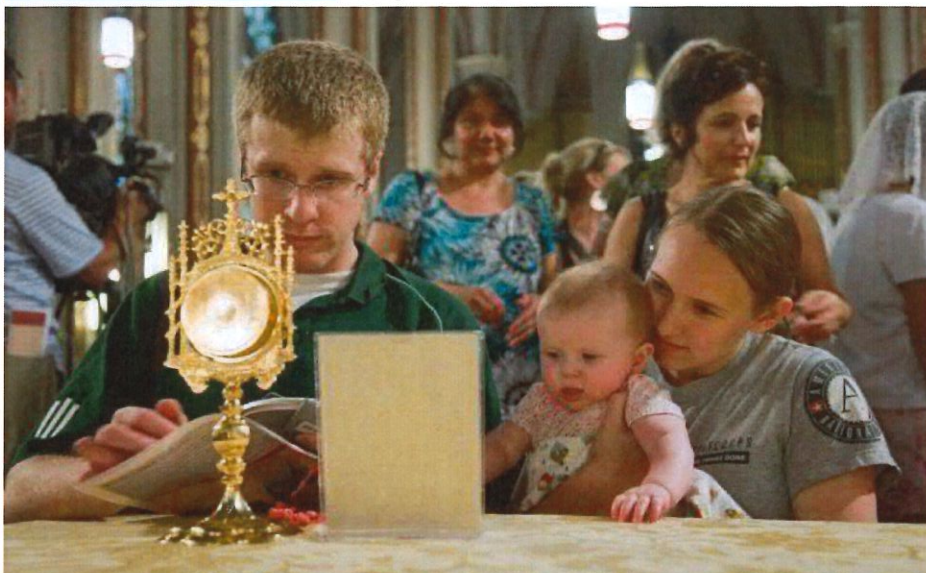


Sacred Relics Of The Saints:

Fr. Carlos Martins will bring with him over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua and St. Thomas Aquinas. There will also be one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. We will begin with a presentation in the church and then visit the relics in the hall. In the Church's history many miracles & healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry.

Do not miss this opportunity!

Bring your articles of devotion (rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.



Gospel Meditation

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SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
- Mk 1:4

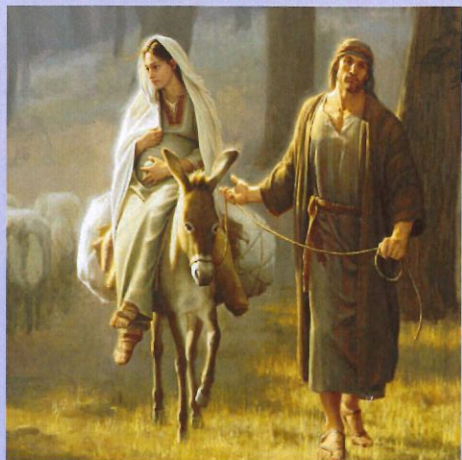
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"People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him." John the Baptist commanded quite a crowd. **What was the attraction?** Was it his unusual appearance--clothed in camel's hair? Perhaps it was his bizarre eating habits--feeding on locusts and wild honey. Or maybe people were captivated by the Baptist's remarkable humility in the face of such huge popularity--"I am not worthy."

Unlike our modern fascination with standing in the presence of superstars, the crowds who flocked to John weren't looking for a thrill. They weren't lining up for autographs. They were lining up for baptism. And they were acknowledging their sins at the same time. **John was proclaiming "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins."** And people came because they were longing to experience the freedom of that forgiveness.

John called them to conversion. **To convert means to turn, in this case to turn away from sin. And the crowds were anxious to do so in order to "prepare the way of the Lord."** For these first-century Jews, the imminent approach of the Messiah came with a call for conversion and they took this call very seriously.

Now, for us, as twenty-first century Christians, the Church, like John the Baptist, calls us to prepare and repent during this season of Advent. Will we take the call seriously? Will we examine the areas of our lives that need to change? Will we pray for God's help to overcome our habitual sin and to make choices based on generosity instead of selfishness? Now is the time to heed the message. **Now is the time to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."**



The Heart of Jesus Beats For You

His Heart beat for you on the cross

His Heart beat for you in the crib

The very same heart - will beat for you...

*...with love and mercy **in the confessional***

*...with love and hope **in the lives of the saints***

*...with love and peace **in Eucharistic Adoration***

Can you hear his heartbeat for you?

Advent is a season of silence, of being still with our Lord.

It is no wonder the world has filled it with noise -

Jesus wants to be with you in the silence of your heart—

He wants his love, mercy, peace, hope and joy to be born anew in your heart, your marriage, your family and home.

Reconciliation, Wed. Dec. 13

Every time you go to confession, it is Jesus who welcomes you with open arms. He listens to the regrets and the desires of your hearts, and forgives and strengthens you. Let nothing keep you from coming back to him with your whole heart. Come at **6:30pm for the parish communal service** with six priests.

Treasures of the Church, Thurs. Dec. 14

It is nothing short of a miracle that this exhibit is coming to Solon; being moved just two weeks ago, to the top of a four year wait list. It seems the saints want to be here with us. These friends in heaven care deeply about you and your loved ones. Don't miss out on this encounter with them. They will be here, powerfully interceding on your behalf, to the Lord. **Invite friends and family to join you at 7:00pm.**

Come Let Us Adore, Wed. Dec. 20

This time before Christmas can quickly be overrun with stress, anxieties, and frustrations of little time for family. This leaves no room for God to be welcomed into your hearts and homes, filling them with his peace and joy. **Come from 7-8:00pm**, to spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. To be led in prayerful reflection with preaching by Fr. Chris Weber; Music by Chuck & Alicia Brock.

Annual Diocesan Appeal

Thank you so much for responding to Bishop Zinkula and myself, in making a pledge to the ADA. We are now at 87% of our goal of \$71,273.00. We need only \$9,447.00 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!

Communal Penance Schedule

12-13-2017	6:30 p.m.	St. Mary - Solon
12-16-2017	10:00 a.m.	St. Mary - Iowa City
12-17-2017	2:00 p.m.	St. Patrick
12-18-2017	7:00 p.m.	St. Thomas Moore
12-19-2017	7:00 p.m.	St. Wenceslaus



Free Lunch Program

We are collecting the following **NEW** items for guests at the Free Lunch Program in Iowa City. These gifts will be distributed at their Christmas meal: **hats, WARM socks, gloves/mittens, and long underwear (this is the most requested item).** Drop off items in the box in the gathering space before 6pm Thursday, Dec. 21st.

The next meal we serve at the Free Lunch Program is **Friday, Jan. 5th.** We need volunteers to cook turkeys ahead of time and cut up the meat. Turkeys will be provided and can be cooked in your home anytime between now and the 5th. We are also looking for vegetable salad donations. Please, contact Patty Benzing if you are interested in helping with either patty@solonstmary.org or 541-4253.

Christmas Decorating

Church and hall decorating for Christmas will take place on **12/17 following the 10:30 Mass.** We will be providing pizza for all who stay to help! Start a new Christmas tradition and bring the entire family to participate! High school students will be able to use the time towards silver cord hours if desired. Please consider taking a little time to help!

Weekly Collections

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December 2-3, 2017

Offertory	\$7,015.79
Building Fund	\$ 85.00
Retired Religious	\$ 32.00
Christmas	\$ 25.00

Money Counters:

12/11 - Kathy, Kay, Donna, Kevin H.
12/18 - Joyce, Judy, Linda, Bonnie W.

Second collection for Christmas Flowers - weekends of Dec. 9-10 and Dec. 16-17.

How Our Parish Prays



Nick and Amber Jedlicka Family

Nick and Amber Jedlicka's prayer lives began small and grew over time. Taking part in RCIA before being engaged, they developed a circle of friends who shared a yearning to grow in faith. Later, married with young kids left them and their friends feeling frazzled from life and disconnected from faith. Nick and Amber, along with other couples made a concerted effort to meet monthly to share the struggles and successes of their faith and relationships. They had this couple support for over half of their 14 years of marriage. Prayer became an ever increasing priority as they realized the profound difference it was making in the strength of their marriage and family.

Prayer time now involves four children ages 3 to 11. Attending weekly Mass as a family is priority one. Family meal prayer is a constant and centers on a prayer rock. As the rock is passed around, the person can share a prayer of thanksgiving or intention; a high/low from their day or something hoped for. The tradition has become so ingrained, the kids anticipate it, rushing to the table to be the first to share. Recently, Nick and Amber weren't able to join them right away. At the table by themselves, they self-initiated the passing of the prayer rock. Sophia, the three year old has always participated, even when just learning to talk in jumbled words. Now she often comes up with the most thoughtful and original prayers. The kids will often reiterate the prayers they heard mom and dad lift up the evening before.

In the mornings, they don't leave for the bus until mom makes the sign of the cross on their forehead saying: "God be with you and shine through you." In the evenings, the older girls have their own prayer routines, while Jack and Dad kneel on opposite sides of his bed for an Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be. And then Nick kneels by his own bedside, motivated to pray in thanksgiving for their many and the many needs of others. Recently, he found himself praying as he woke up—nothing he set out to do, but it just flowed naturally from the night before.

With the season of Advent brings the Wreath with candles to light at dinner and Nativity Sets with figures to interact with as the story of Christmas is shared. The season reminds them to be intentional about slowing down and being present and engaged in what the kids are doing... especially the things that seem small and trivial. A trip to the tree farm should include the popcorn, hot chocolate, pictures, meandering. They try to do the same with their time in prayer – not rush through it, but truly be present and engaged with God our Father.

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

Mom's Book Club/Play Group: Meets every other Wed.

Contact Lindsey if interested at Lindsey@solonstmary.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, December 16, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Cantor / Musician	K. Uhlenkamp / M. Hennes
Servers	M. Rehnke, E. Suchomel, L. Swann
Lectors	N. Steinbrech-1, L. Connell-2
Eucharistic Ministers	T. Broghammer, D. & J. Thompson
Greeters	M. & M. Petersen
Ushers	N. Erusha, S. Lensing, G. Stinocher
Sacristan	J. Anderson

Sunday, December 17, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Cantor / Musician	SMC / C. Brock
Servers	E. Holubar, J. & W. Steinbrech
Lectors	R. Holubar-1, L. Hugeback-2
Eucharistic Ministers	T. Bonnema, J. Gleason, M. Mahoney
Greeters	A. Bonnema, K. Felton
Ushers	C. Gleason, A. Mahoney, P. Nalley
Sacristan	M. Sovers
HBC	Theresa M., Nancy

Sunday, December 17, 10:30 a.m. Mass

Cantor/Musician	Oceans / C. Brock
Servers	C. Chapman, L. & J. Roskopf
Lectors	M. Christensen-1, A. Dall-2
Eucharistic Ministers	W. Chapman, M. Montgomery, A. Steigerwald
Greeters	D. Klouda, D. Siddell
Ushers	N. Jedlicka, K. Miller, M. Roskopf
Sacristan	S. Cross

Mass Intentions

Mon.	11	8:00 am	James Meyer
Tues.	12	12:10 pm	James Yakish
Wed.	13	8:00 am	Bill Zenisek
Thurs.	14	9:30 am	Clifford Kramer @Care Center
Fri.	15	7:00 am	Word & Adoration
Sat.	16	5:00 pm	Leroy Kasper
Sun.	17	8:30 am	Light & McGroary Families
Sun	17	10:30 am	Mr. & Mrs. Jack Beranek

Parish Calendar

Monday, December 11

8:00 am Mass
9:30 am Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible Study
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Adoration
6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 12

11:00 am Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible Study
12:10 pm Mass, potluck lunch to follow
6:30 pm RCIA - Meet in Parish Library
7:00 pm Choral Practice

Wednesday, December 13

8:00 am Mass
8:45 am LIFT - Senior Exercise Group
6:30 pm Youth
6:30 pm Communal Penance

Thursday, December 14

9:00 am Mass at Solon Care Center
1:00 pm LIFT - January Snowman Craft
7:00 pm Treasures of the Church - Relics of the Saints

Friday, December 15

7:00 am - Noon Word Service & Adoration

Saturday, December 16

6:30 am Fishers of Men
4:00 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 17

7:00 am Fishers of Men
8:30 am Mass
10:30 am Mass

Bulletin

The bulletin submission deadline for the next few weeks will be as follows:

12-08-17 for the Dec. 17 Bulletin
12-14-17 for the Dec. 24 Bulletin
12-20-17 for the Dec. 31 Bulletin
12-29-17 for the Jan. 07 Bulletin
Submit articles to solonstmary@diodav.org

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