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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 14, 2014

**St. Mary Catholic Church 1749 Racine Ave NE
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PHONE: 624-2228 Fax: 624-3564

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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 Donna 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 after the 7am Mass 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 Donna, 624-2228 to register.

Expecting a New Arrival??? Please call the church office
at 624-2228 when your baby arrives, so we can arrange
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Child Abuse: To report child sexual abuse, contact the
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Bettendorf, IA 52722.

All Staff email addresses end with @solonstmary.org

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Catholic Order of Foresters	Pat Pisarik	319-360-1318

Ministry Schedule			
DATE	Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 21
	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
MINISTRY	NAME	NAME	NAME
CANTOR	L Kaefring	S Drea	Small Group
MUSICIAN	L Broghammer	M Hennes	C Brock
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GIFT BEARERS	G & L Stinocher Family	P & D Nalley	T & A Ferry
Child Lit			
HC @ Home		Gwen Adam Nick	
SACRISTIAN	J Anderson	J Shulista	J Meiers
NURSERY			Angi Anderson A Broghammer
NURSERY BACK-UP			Steph Hoepfer

Collection for December 6 & 7

Offertory \$ 423.36

Weekly \$5031.40

Total \$5,454.76

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(in addition to weekly collection total)



Baptism Classes:

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

2015 Classes are from 6:30-8:00

*January 13th & February 10th
April 14th & May 12th
July 14th & August 11th
October 13th & November 10th*

Mass Intentions December

Mon	15	8:00 am	James Yakish
Tues.	16	12:10 pm	For the Parish
Wed	17	8:00 am	Thomas Wolfe
Thurs.	18	9:30 am CC	Delores Swann
Fri.	19	7:00 am	Scripture & Adoration
Sat.	20	5:00 pm	Don Brannaman
Sun	21	8:30 am 10:30am	Margaret McLaughlin Raphael Pisarik



As we begin our third week of Advent, we must continue to call upon our God to help us prepare in prayer and action for the coming of Jesus as we celebrate his birth on Christmas Day. We are all called to be evangelizers and spokespersons of the good news that Jesus came to proclaim in the name of the Father, “The Good News.” As we light our third Advent candle we light the pink candle which represents the joy we will experience when Jesus comes again.



Children, please bring your Baby Jesus from your family Nativity set and I will bless them. Come to the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass so we can celebrate Jesus birthday. God Bless. We all need to be like little children.

Fr. Tim

THANK You to all who supported the Helping Hands Cookie Walk last weekend. Our profit was \$1,079, which was due to many parishioners donating supplies, cookies, pies, cakes, donations, volunteer time, etc. The money raised by Helping Hands provides financial support for a variety of church sponsored activities such as: Financial support for youth groups for the Steubenville conferences, LEAD conferences, and missionary trips

Two \$500 scholarships per year for college sophomores
Candles used throughout our liturgical year
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♦ Cleaning the church and gathering space.
Thanks everyone!

9-12th Grade

SIGN-UP for STEUBENVILLE

July 24-26 St. Paul

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CEW 2015: Now is the time to mark your calendars for the February 2015 CEW weekends. The women's weekend is Feb. 13-15 and the men's is Feb. 27- Mar. 1 at LaSalle Middle School. Take this opportunity to grow in your relationship with God and learn more about your faith. A CEW weekend would also be a great gift idea for a loved one! For more information, contact Tom or Deb Coppa, coppa.deb@gmail.com or 377-2757.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 12:10 Mass Potluck to follow.

Adoration Monday night is from 6 to 10pm and Friday from 7:30-noon.



COMMUNAL SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, December 17 at 6:30 pm

We will have 8 priests to celebrate the sacrament with us. This is a great way to “prepare the way of the Lord” for the season of Advent-to look forward to the celebration of Christmas!

Additional opportunities for the sacrament are:

Sunday— Dec.14—Iowa City, St Patrick: 2:00 pm

Monday—Dec. 15—Coralville, St Thomas More: 7:00 pm

Tuesday—Dec 16—Iowa City, St Wenceslaus: 7:00 pm

Wednesday—Dec.17—Solon, St Mary—6:30 pm

Parish Pastoral Council Highlight from December 1, 2014

Mike McLaughlin and Patty Erusha spoke to the Council about updated information concerning the proposed development of “Parish Clustering/ Pastor Sharing” fo the future. At this time, it appears that St Mary, Solon; St Mary, Oxford and St. Peter, Cosgrove will be involved in some type of sharing of each parish’s resources.

A Thank you goes to the Stewardship Commission for the Stewardship renewal “We are the Light of the World,” of the weekend of November 15 and 16.

A thank you also goes out to those who helped with the Solon Community Thanksgiving service. About 100 people attended the service.

Nine changes to the Parish Pastoral Council Constitution and By-Laws were approved by the Council.

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be Monday, January 12, 2015 at 6:30 pm in the church library.

Welcoming the Stranger

at Christmas Time

Christmas is coming, and no matter which Mass you attend, there will be people you’ve never seen before. See this as an opportunity to welcome them. Jesus assures us that when we welcome any, we welcome him-even if we don’t recognize his presence in the other person.

- ♦ Be gracious. Smile at people. If you’re sitting on the end of a pew or a row of chairs, don’t make others crawl over you to get to the middle seats.
- ♦ Introduce yourself by saying, “Hi my name is _____. I don’t think we’ve met before.” If the people are from out of town, ask where they are from.
- ♦ Wish the person a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year genuinely. Thank them for coming to Mass, saying something like, “I’ll hope to see you again,” and maybe even mentioning the time of the Mass you normally attend, to give the a few friendly faces they can expect to find upon returning.

Stewardship in Action

Free Lunch Program: St. Mary’s will be serving the noon meal at the Free Lunch Program in Iowa City on Friday Jan. 2nd. Great opportunity for school aged kids and others that have the day off, to join us for a rewarding community service experience. If you have 1-2 hours you can spare, anytime from 10am-2pm contact Patty.

Eucharistic Adoration: We need one more volunteer from 7-8pm for Eucharistic Adoration on Monday evenings beginning in January. If you can’t make it weekly, but would like to commit to once or twice a month we can pair you with others to fill in.

Thank You!: A big THANKS to the ladies who volunteered to cook a turkey and prepare turkey dressing sandwiches for the Free Lunch Program (Mary Bender, Margaret Hennes, Marie Mahoney and Joan Thompson)!!

*****If you can help with any of the above contact Patty Benzing @ 541-4253 or patty@solonstmary.org***



Help with Decorating the Church for Christmas

Join us on Sunday, Dec. 21st at 11:30am and help decorate the church and hall for Christmas! Get the whole family involved! Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to patty@solonstmary.org or 624-2228 so we can get a headcount for lunch.

Ladies in Fellowship Together (L.I.F.T)

We WILL be meeting on December 18 for more fun and the occasional snack. You do not have t bring anything ...just join our fellowship. If you have questions, please call Sue Boldt 644-8055.