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Parish Mission Statement
To create and maintain a Christ-centered Catholic community where
our personal call to holiness, service and spiritual growth leads to
continued authentic witness as Christian Disciples.

All Staff email addresses end with @solonstmary.org		
Parish Directors	Kathy Hirl	624-2112
	James Luedtka	624-1306
Secretary:	Donna Matthes (Donna@..)	624-2228
Rel. Ed. Director:	Julie Agne (Julie@..)	624-2228
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**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**
December 18, 2016
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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 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 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
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
at (800)262-2178. If the abuse involves clergy or church
personnel, also notify Victim Assistance Coordinator,
Alicia Owens, anytime at (563)349-5002; by email at
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Bettendorf, IA 52722.

	December 24 5:00 pm	December 24 10:30 am	December 25 10:30 am
MINISTRY	NAME	NAME	NAME
CANTOR	Children/ Awaken/Oceans	Choral Ensemble	Small Group
MUSICIAN	Brock/Olsem	Brock/M. Hennes	C Brock
Eucharistic Ministers	TBA	TBA	TBA
GREETER	TBA	TBA	TBA
LECTOR	TBA	TBA	TBA
SERVER	TBA	TBA	TBA
Ushers	TBA	TBA	TBA
GIFT BEARERS			
HC @ Home		Theresa Z Gwen	
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Mass Intentions For December			
Mon	19	8:00 am	Eugene Bertling
Tues.	20	12:10 pm	Lawrence Rudy
Wed	21	8:00 am	David Cilek
Thurs.	22	9:30 CC	Eileen & Jack Beranek
Fri.	23	7:00 am	Word Service & Adoration
Sat.	24	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Don Sheedy
Sat.	24	10:00 pm	Christmas Eve
Sun	25	9:00 am	Christmas Day

As you make plans to attend Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, make sure those plans also include an invitation to family or friends to join with us for these beautiful celebrations.

If you will be traveling for Christmas to be with family and friends, please do so in safety. We look forward to your safe return for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God on January 1st. Fr. Tim

SOLOM CARE CENTER GIFT TAGS
Thank you everyone for taking a tag from the giving tree. The gifts are greatly appreciated and have made Christmas special for many.

Collection for December 10 & 11	
Offertory \$	304.62
Weekly	\$ 5,821.00
Total	\$ 6,125.62
Monthly Direct & ACH \$730.00 (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 all three classes.

2017 Dates are listed below:
Classes are from 6:30-8:00
Please register the Friday before the first session

Winter Class: January 10, 24 & February 14
Spring Class: April 11, 25 & May 9
Summer Class: July 11, 25 and August 8
Fall Class: October 10, 24 & November 14

Year-end Giving Reminder with the end of the calendar year fast approaching, our thoughts turn to income taxes. In order to make sure that you receive proper credit for this calendar year, please make sure that any year-end gifts are received by Thursday, December 31. Thanks for your continued generous support of our parish community!



The Annual Diocesan Appeal continues. This is your opportunity to assist the Diocese in its ministry work. You can assist our parish with your pledge as well. If you have received a letter in the mail please send your pledge directly to the Diocese. When our goal of \$66,302, 100% of the overage amount is returned to the parish.

So far \$62,656 has been pledged with **\$3,646** to go
Please send in your pledge. We are almost there.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday Adoration 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Tuesday 12:10 Mass: Potluck to follow

Friday: 7:00 am Word Service and Adoration until 12:00

RCIA Tuesday night at 6:30

Ensemble Tuesday, Dec 20 at 6 pm

Choir Practice Tuesday, Dec 20 at 7 pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal Tuesday, Dec 20 at 8 pm

Youth Wednesday, Dec 21 at 6 pm

5-8 Grade Wednesday, Dec 21 at 6:30 pm

Youth Group Christmas Party Wed., Dec 21 at 6:30 pm

Ensemble/Choir Practice Thursday, Dec 22 at 2:00 pm

Ensemble Friday, Dec 23 at 12:00


Youth Choir Friday, Dec 23 at 2:00 pm

Marriage on Tap: Cancelled.

K-4 Family Gathering Cancelled.

Free Lunch Program:
Help Needed Cooking Turkeys

We are looking for volunteers to cook a turkey and cut up the meat for a casserole prior to our Friday, Jan. 6th Free Lunch Program meal in Iowa City. Turkeys can be picked up at the church. Prepare when it's convenient for you, then return the diced meat in a ziploc to the church freezer. We can also use helpers the day of the meal. Contact Patty Benzing if you're interested in helping with either (patty@solonstmary.org or [319-541-4253](tel:319-541-4253)).



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

L.I.F.T. will not meet the 3rd or 4th Thursday in December due to Christmas. Merry Christmas!

Aggie

Welcoming the Stranger at Christmas

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 when we welcome any, we welcome Him- even if we don’t recognize His presence in them.

□ Be gracious. Smile at People. If you’re sitting on the end of a pew or a row of chairs, please-don’t make others crawl over you to get to the middle seats.

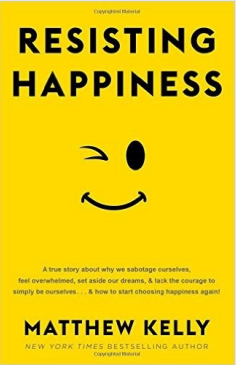
□ Introduce yourself by saying, “Hi my name is-____. I don’t think we’ve met.” If the people are from out of town, ask where they are from.



□ 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 them a few friendly faces they can expect to find upon returning.

Watch your **Free Book at Christmas**
(Matthew Kelly’s newest book: Resisting Happiness)

RESISTING HAPPINESS



AND be ready to start the New Year with a book buddy!

Find a friend, neighbor, spouse, child, co-worker to read this book with and hold each other accountable to: stop procrastinating, stop being your own worst enemy, stop ignoring your dreams, find the courage to be yourself and to discover what will give your life meaning and purpose.... to stop resisting true happiness.