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 This fund helps households in the Solon Community
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 food, etc. Contact your pastor at St Mary, Solon United
 Methodist or Our Lords Church if you have a special
 need , know of someone who is in need or would like to
 give a contribution



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.

2014 Classes are from 6:30-8:00
First Class
 April 8, July 8, October 14
Second Class
 May 13, August 12, November 11



St Mary Mom's Group
Friday Mornings 10:00 am

Contact Lindsey Cary at
Lindsey@solonstmary.org
 or 319-400-2484 for more information



All Staff email addresses end with @solonstmary.org

Secretary:	Donna Matthes (Donna@..)	624-2228
Rel. Ed. Director:	Julie Agne (Julie@..)	624-2228
Parish Directors	Kathy Hirl	624-2112
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Youth/Young Adult Ministry	Nick Satterlee (Nick@..)	815-988-6960
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Parish Council , Commissions & Organizations

President:	Terry Rasmussen	624-2391
Vice President:	Mark Sovers	644-1406
Recording Secretary:	Rose Alice Brokaw	644-3742
At Large Council Members	Jeanne Haight	848-8140
	Lisa Connell	624-5152
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Family Life:	Patty Benzing	466-0082
Faith Formation:	Patty Erusha	624-2537
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	Pat Zimmerman	337-8296
Parish Nurse	Nancy Upmeyer	624-2944
Knights of Columbus:	David Ritchie	319-573-1152
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	Pat Pisarik	360-1318

**THIRD SUNDAY
 OF LENT**
March 23, 2014
St. Mary Catholic Church
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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. Jim 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.

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
 vacdav@attglobal.net; or by mail at PO Box 232,
 Bettendorf, IA 52722.

Ministry Schedule			
DATE	March 29 5:00 pm	March 30 8:30 am	March 30 10:30 am
MINISTRY	NAME	NAME	NAME
CANTOR	N. Martin	S Drea	L Kaefring
MUSICIAN	L Broghammer	P Cummings	W Kaefring
Eucharistic Ministers	L Manary M Milder J Oachs	B Upmeyer N Upmeyer K Francois	M Klouda M Mahoney J Maiers
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GIFTS	M & L Bretz	P & D Nalley	J&C Geistkemper Family
Child Lit			C Rasmussen
HC @ Home		Deacon David Nancy Gwen	
SACRISTIAN	M Milder	J Shulista	S Cross
NURSERY			Sara Burden Laura Bliss
NURSERY BACK-UP			Marge Hartman

Collection for March 15 & b 16

Offertory \$ 328.68

Weekly \$ 5,304.50

Total \$ 5,633.18

Monthly Direct & ACH \$615.00

(in addition to weekly collection total)



Saint Ambrose University, continuing its mission of service to the Diocese of Davenport, announces the **Menke Parish Scholarship Program** for the 2014-2015 academic year. Each parish

will once again have a \$1000 scholarship to be awarded to a new first year or transfer student to Saint Ambrose. To qualify, the student must be a member of the parish, be nominated by his/her pastor, and meet the admissions and financial aid requirements of Saint Ambrose University. The scholarship can only be used for undergraduate work. Contact Fr Jim to receive more information.

Mass Intentions (March)

Mon 24	No Mass	
Tues 25	12:10 pm	Ernest & Wilma Kastner
Wed 26	8:00 am	Cletus Redlinger
Thurs 27	9:30 am CC	Eileen Beranek
Fri 28	7:00 am	For the Parish
Sat 29	5:00 pm	Jim Yakish
Sun 30	8:30 am	Jerry Mahoney
	10:30 am	Ray Lacina
	2:00 pm	Confirmation Parishioners



STATIONS OF THE CROSS are prayed every Wednesday of Lent at 5:45 pm. A great way for families to pray together before the children begin their faith formation classes at 6:30 pm.

St. Thomas More 2014 Lenten Parish Renewal/Retreat. Brother Robert Sylvester JD, C.S.C. (Congregation of the Holy Cross) will be at St Thomas More March 31 - April 2 .The overall theme for these days is taken from Ash Wednesday's Epistle reading: "We are ambassadors for Christ." All meetings and sessions are opened to all Catholics as well as the general public. There will be a free will basket for any donations, if anyone chooses. If you wish to know more about Br. Bob, please check out his website blog: <http://spirlaw.wordpress.com/about/>.



OPERATION RICE BOWL – Incorporates the three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving while raising our consciousness of the poor and vulnerable in our world community. The bowl includes a calendar with a wealth of resources for spending Lent in solidarity with the poor: Bring your family Rice Bowl sacrificial offering to Mass on Holy Thursday. Half will be sent to Catholic Relief Services; the other half for Kid's for Hunger during our summer Vacation Bible School.

Marriage Encounter



Let Christ transform your marriage. Make the decision this Lent to enrich your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are April 4 – 6 in Des Moines or May 16 – 18 in Cedar Falls. To register or for more information contact Roger and Marsha Luensmann at 563-927-4352. or Visit <http://www.iowa-wwme.org> .

Dealing with Depression and Mental Illness:

April 2nd at 2:00 at the Solon Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend.

Vacation Bible School

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July 14-18



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 12:10 Mass with potluck to follow.

Liturgy Commission will meet March 27 at 6:30 in the library

Helping Hands: St. Mary's Helping Hands will meet on Monday, March 24, at 5:30 p.m. in the Church Library. Everyone is welcome to attend! It is a great way to get to know fellow parishioners and provide service using your time and talents. **FRIENDLY REMINDER**—Helping Hands annual dues of \$10 are due in February/March. If you haven't done so already, please use the envelope provided in your packet. Thanks so much!



WE WELCOME BISHOP MARTIN AMOS next Sunday as we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with 23 of our young parishioners at 2:00 pm. May we keep our youth, their parents and sponsors, in prayer during these important days as they prepare for the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Spring Cemetery and Church Grounds Clean-up Date:

We can use some help on Saturday, April 5th, at 9:00 a.m., at the old church to clean-up the cemetery before Easter. Once we have finished at the cemetery, we will move to the church and freshen up the flower beds for spring. Please bring rakes, gloves, and clippers if you have them. The more help we have, the quicker the work gets done. This would be a wonderful opportunity to get the kids involved. Rain date would be Saturday, April 12th.

Parish Income/Expense Report for February 2014			
February Income:		February Expenses:	
Cash	\$1,959	Admin Salaries	\$4698
Envelopes	\$23,610	FICA/Benefits	\$803
Religious Ed	\$320	Operations	\$9,435
Other Income	\$3,554	Repairs	\$2,626
Christmas Envelopes	\$0	Religious Ed	\$9,417
Refund from Diocese	0	Ministerial Costs	\$2,827
TOTAL INCOME	\$29,443	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$29,806
Beginning Cash Available	\$116,093		
February Net Income	(\$363)	Budgeted income to Expense July-Feb.	\$24,899
March Reserve	(\$30,688)		
Ending Cash Available	\$85,042	Actual Income to Expense July-February	\$60,891
Building Fund	\$74,933	Bank Loan	\$0

PARENTS: Mark Your Calendars

Smart Discipline is coming to Solon—St. Mary

Saturday, April 5, 6:00-8:30

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SCRIPTURE MEDITATION

(Jerry Galipeau, World Library Publications)

God often works through human thirst. When the Israelites grew thirsty in the desert, they began to complain that Moses had led them out there to die. Not a little exasperated, Moses moved the complaint up the line to God, who had been directing the Exodus event from the beginning. To make the point that God can, does, and will provide, God has Moses tap water from a rock. The complaining stopped, for the time being. Thirst brought the Samaritan woman to a well at noon. She thought the only water she was going to get was when she could put in her bucket. Like the people in the desert, she found the rock of our salvation, waiting to slake her deepest thirst. The One who first asked her for a drink ended up being the source of living water, welling up to eternal life. This water was hers for the asking and she drank it in. Notice how she moves from seeing Jesus simply as a thirsty Jew, to acknowledging him as a prophet, to knowing him as the Messiah. In the end the entire village knows him as "the savior of the world."

How can Jesus relieve your thirst?

Dark Nights and Doubts

A Faith Formation conference with Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI Saturday April 5 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Parish, Hiawatha, IA. Registration and payment must be in by March 24. Forms are in the gathering space.

Opportunities to Share Your Time and Talents

Looking for ways to get involved and volunteer?

These are some of our current needs:

Cooks (Kid's Meal): 2 people to prepare, serve & clean-up a simple meal (mac-n-cheese, etc.) the evening of April 5 for kids whose parents are attending the Smart Discipline Seminar (approx. 4:30-7:00pm)

Childcare: Help watch kids whose parents are attending Smart Discipline on Saturday, April 5, 6-8:45 pm in the lower level of the hall. Both teens and adults are needed!

Setup/Serve/Clean Up: 3 people needed to setup food, serve soup and cleanup (5:15-7:30 pm on Apr 5)

Setup/Food Prep: 3 people to make meat/cheese trays, cut desserts and prep serving line (4:00-6:00pm on April 5)

Can You Help?

Contact Patty Benzing: 319-541-4253
patty@solonstmary.org