

February 4, 2018 | Fifth 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](http://www.solonstmary.org)

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#### Office Hours

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



February 14<sup>th</sup> -  
March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

40 Days for Life is a pro-life campaign, encouraging a positive, prayerful presence outside abortion facilities to show God's love and mercy to those who visit and work at the abortion centers. This approach avoids shouting, confrontation with patients and employees, and the use of graphic abortion images. This is the approach that we have been led to embrace through our own prayer, fasting and spiritual discernment. In campaigns in more than 700 cities on six continents, this effort has produced positive, measurable results. It seeks God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion. **Iowa City 40 Days for Life Campaign 8am-9pm daily from February 14 to March 25:**

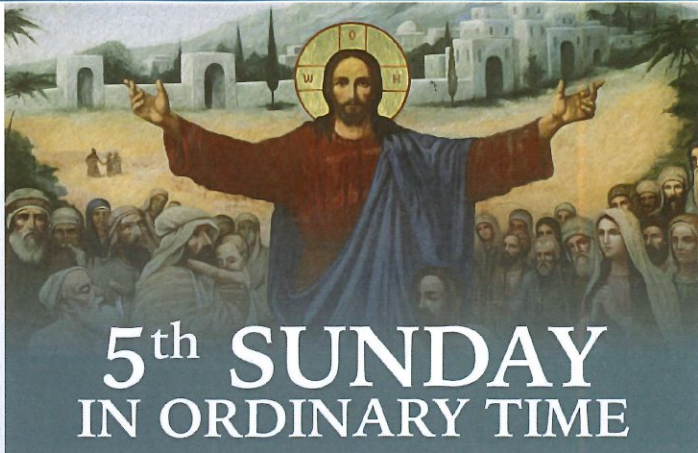
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*Following Masses on February 10-11th,  
Stop by the Welcome Station to  
Meet parishioners who pray,  
Weekly in Iowa City,  
During 40 Days  
For Life...*

***Consider Joining Them in Prayer!***



## Gospel Meditation



For most of us, the dynamic between prayer and action is imperfect. Breakfast needs to be made and the kids dressed. Work demands our energy and additional responsibilities fill our evenings and weekends. Then there's the football game or a new TV series to stream. After all, don't we need to relax?

We're all busy. But just imagine Jesus' situation in today's Gospel. He heals Peter's mother-in-law, drives out demons, and cures diseases late into the night. With very little sleep, he arises before dawn to capture some peace and quiet, only to find "those who were with him pursued him." **How often do we feel pursued by the harried commitments, even when we try to seek rest? Perhaps we can learn something from the response of Jesus.**

Jesus models two key things: the essential nature of prayer and the essential call of vocation. "He went off to a deserted place, where he prayed." Despite inevitable exhaustion, Jesus prioritizes time with the Father. We might not have easy access to deserts and mountaintops, **but today's Gospel challenges us to take intentional time set apart for God.** We can designate a "prayer chair" in a corner of our home or leave a little earlier to pick our children up from school so we can snatch time in a nearby chapel. We can pray the rosary on our commute or take the dog for a long walk in silence.

However, when the Apostles arrive, Jesus doesn't linger overlong in the deserted place or make an excuse for why he can't return with his friends. Jesus is true to his calling. He continues on in his state of life, serving the people nearest to him. Like Jesus, we are invited to set intentional time for communion with God so that we can be refreshed and empowered for our communion with others.

## Altar Server Training



4th-12th Graders - Join us on **Feb. 11 after the 10:30 am Mass** for Altar Server Training. Servers will walk through the entire Mass, practicing what they will be doing from the time they sign in, put on the robe, light the candles, wait in the back for the opening song . . . until the closing procession and they put out the candles and hang up their robes.

## Catholic Messenger

*The Catholic Messenger* provides news and is also a forum for readers to express their thoughts about faith-related issues. It serves as an archive of church history and milestones, accomplishments, and personal stories of faith and inspiration.

**Cost of The Catholic Messenger is \$29 per year for 50 issues—print or E-edition.** Checks can be placed in the collection basket along with your weekly contribution. Your subscriptions help offset the cost to St. Mary which is \$9,450.00 for 2018.

## Marriage on Tap



DATE NIGHT:

Saturday, Feb. 17th 6-8:30 pm

**ALL** married and engaged couples are invited to attend. Childcare will be provided.

**Matt Selby from the Dubuque Diocese will present Theology of the Body: Discovering God's Design for Sexuality.** Pope St. John Paul II gave a beautiful gift to the Church in his Theology of the Body, explaining God's design for human sexuality, which you will discover in this talk.

Dinner will be provided. Please register online at [www.solonstmary.org](http://www.solonstmary.org) if you are able to attend by Friday, February 16th. Questions? Contact Lindsey Carey at [Lindsey@solonstmary.org](mailto:Lindsey@solonstmary.org).

## Intro to Natural Family Planning (NFP)

The alternative to contraception is Natural Family Planning, in which you can freely give your whole self to each other and use the female's cycle to try to achieve a pregnancy or avoid a pregnancy. **Join us to learn more about NFP. In this class you will hear witness testimony from a couple in our parish and you will learn basic information about NFP. This is for all couples who are engaged, married or struggling with infertility.**

Feb 11<sup>th</sup>

June 10<sup>th</sup>

Sept 9<sup>th</sup>

Dec 9<sup>th</sup>

All classes are from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on a Sunday. Please RSVP to Lindsey Carey at [lindsey@solonstmary.org](mailto:lindsey@solonstmary.org).



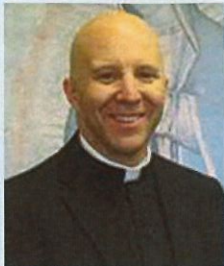
Sign-up Online Now!!

## The Father's Heart Encounter

MEN'S MORNING CONFERENCE

Saturday—February 10

7:00-Noon



Fr. Shenan Boquet

*A morning to  
hit pause  
and reset*



Capt. Guy Gruters

### Knight of Columbus Scholarship

**Scholarship**—St. Mary's Knight Council 12129 will accept scholarship applications for Altar Servers. **Application deadline is April 1, 2018.** Guidelines and application packet can be found on the table in the gathering space. **Questions - contact Dennis Uhl: [duhl.stover@gmail.com](mailto:duhl.stover@gmail.com)**

### Lenten Parish Mission

Coming March 4, 5 & 6

**LENTEN PARISH MISSION**

7pm night with Fr. Mike Joly

**True Happiness: Fact or Fiction?**



Totally blind since age six, Fr. Mike nonetheless strives to use his talents and time to celebrate God's goodness in his own life. He welcomes opportunities to share what motivates his life and how to approach obstacles. Finding meaning, purpose, and direction in his own vocation, Fr. Mike works to communicate how universally available this is in everyone's life.

### Weekly Collections

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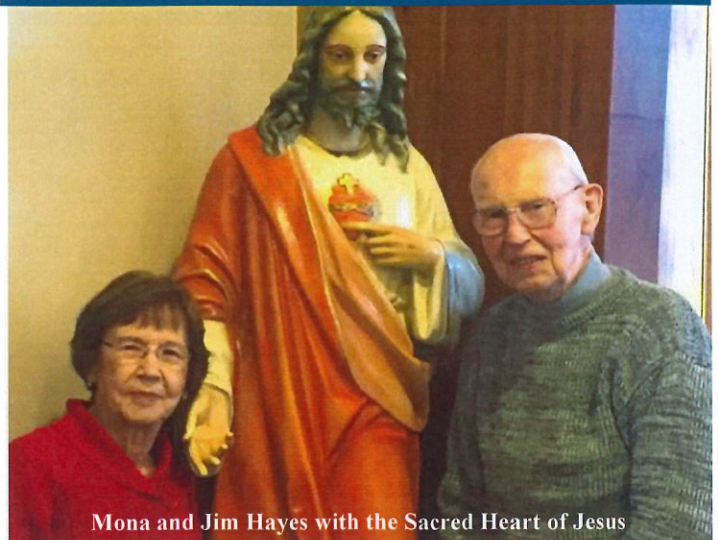
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02/12 - Bonnie W, Judy, Kevin,  
Mary Sue

**Thank you for your continued  
support of St. Mary!**

### How Our Parish Prays



Mona and Jim Hayes with the Sacred Heart of Jesus

On Fridays, Jim and Mona spend an hour together in Eucharistic Adoration, listening to Jesus in the silence and thanking him for their blessings. They hope being there makes amends for those who left him alone on the cross. Raised in Catholic homes, they celebrated Mass each Sunday. Looking back, they can see how faith brought their families through many high and low moments.

Mona starts her day with a cup of coffee and inspiration from – *The Word Among Us*, *Guideposts*, and *Jesus Calling*. Praying throughout her day is as natural as breathing, saying: "Speak Lord, your servant is listening, help me put the needs of others first." At an early age she learned to talk in trust to God, for her needs and those of others. The Rosary is her regular "go-to" prayer along with seeking Mary's intercessory help.

As newlyweds, they prayed a Novena to Mary, for Jim's employment which came towards the end of their nine day prayer. Jim likes turning to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in prayer; in the image we see Jesus' merciful heart and loving arms reaching out to us. He turned to God with complete trust before his heart procedures, writing:

O JESUS dear Savior, my Heavenly Friend,  
The things that I ask for seem never to end-  
I've pleaded for help many times in the past,  
But this situation is surely the last -  
I'm sure YOU get tired of the constant demands,  
But your mercy and love, is the one thing that stands.  
I know you could cure me, but can't ask for that,  
I've had both a great life and the nine lives of a cat.  
If you could just help me to handle the pain,  
The fear, the depression and also the strain.  
It's not just for me that I'm begging today,  
But for all those involved for whom I pray.  
I'm sure that you'll do whatever you can,  
And whatever it is I'll accept as your plan.  
You've blessed me with favors in all my requests,  
So thanks "in advance" without doubt, you're the BEST!



## Parish Information

**Baptism:** Parents having a child baptized at St. Mary's for the first time are asked to attend all 3 sessions of our Baptism Class. 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](mailto:solonstmary@diodav.org)

**Mom's Book Club/Play Group:** Meets every other Wed. Contact Lindsey if interested at [Lindsey@solonstmary.org](mailto: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](mailto:joellen@solonstmary.org) to schedule your event.

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, February 10, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Cantor / Musician	J.E. Ritchie / P. Cummings
Servers	M. DeValk, J. Schmidt, E. Suchomel
Lectors	D. Suchomel-1, A. Kaefring-2
Eucharistic Ministers	S. Ahern, S. Holte, M. Petersen
Greeters	J. Barta, R. Kasperek
Ushers	D. Barta, N. Erusha, G. Stinocher
Sacristan	J. Anderson

### Sunday, February 11, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Cantor / Musician	Small Group / C. Brock
Servers	O. Bonnema, M. Hickman, I. Jedlicka
Lectors	A. Jedlicka-1, A. Bonnema-2
Eucharistic Ministers	T. Bonnema, M. Mahoney, G. Prentice
Greeters	R. Erenberger, Z. Hickman
Ushers	N. Jedlicka, B. Koffron, A. Mahoney
Sacristan	M. Sovers
HBC	Gwen, Linda

### Sunday, February 11, 10:30 a.m. Mass

Cantor/Musician	A. Holubar / S. Olsem
Servers	S., T., and C. Chapman
Lectors	A. Steigerwald-1, R. Myers-2
Eucharistic Ministers	W. Chapman, M. Klouda, T. Mitchell
Greeters	D. Klouda, M. Pattison
Ushers	Trent Brown, B. Miller, D. Naughton
Sacristan	Tim Brown

## Mass Intentions

Mon.	05	8:00 am	Carl & Ruth Agne
Tues.	06	12:10 pm	Don Stukerjurgan
Wed.	07	8:00 am	Bob Steinbrech
Thurs.	08	9:30 am	Eileen Beranek @CC
Fri.	09	7:00 am	Word & Adoration
Sat.	10	5:00 pm	Leroy Kasper
Sun.	11	8:30 am	Gene Erenberger
Sun	11	10:30 am	Leo Beuter

## Parish Calendar

### Monday, February 5

8:00 am Mass  
 8:45 am LIFT - Senior Exercise Group  
 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm Adoration

### Tuesday, February 6

11:00 am Discover the Riches of the Mass Bible Study  
 12:10 pm Mass - potluck lunch to follow  
 6:30 pm RCIA  
 6:30 pm Baptism Class

### Wednesday, February 7

8:00 am Mass  
 8:45 am LIFT - Senior Exercise Group  
 5:00 pm Finance Council  
 6:30 pm Youth

### Thursday, February 8

9:30 am Mass at Solon Care Center  
 1:00 pm LIFT - Cards/Games

### Friday, February 9

7:00 am - Noon Word Service & Adoration

### Saturday, February 10

7:00 am - Noon Men's Conference  
 4:00 pm Confessions  
 5:00 pm Mass

### Sunday, February 11

7:00 am Fishers of Men  
 8:30 am Mass  
 9:30 am or 11:30 am K-4 Family Gathering  
 10:30 am Mass  
 6:00 pm Financial Peace University  
 6:30 pm Natural Family Planning (NFP) Class



### Palms

Collections of old palms will be taken on the weekend of Feb 10/11. Please, place them in the baskets in the gathering space as they will be burnt for ashes to use on Ash Wednesday.

## Bulletin

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

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