

February 11, 2018 | Sixth 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

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Office Hours

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



St. Mary Cemetery Committee has been planning improvements to our beloved St. Mary Cemetery. The improvements will be completed in **4 phases**. **Phase I** will include the construction of a new archway with the old stained-glass transom window from the church entrance, the original old church cross mounted, and St. Mary prominently placed. **Phase II** includes a 6 ft statue of St. Mary with 2-4 benches being placed in the general vicinity. Also, 4 memorial corner posts, marking the former 4 foundation corner locations, will be constructed. **Phase III** includes construction of sidewalk including a stair/ramp/sidewalk plan making the cemetery accessible to handicapped persons from Cedar St. **Phase IV** includes the construction of a columbarium retaining wall along the entire south and part of the west former foundation wall for a future columbarium. Parishioners and family members will have the opportunity to help preserve the cemetery and memorialize their loved ones.

The donation and placarding plan is meant to generate enough revenue for purchase, placement of items, foundations and structures with residual income/ donations being utilized toward, lights, sidewalks, flag posts, etc. The committee will accept any donation amount toward any improvement/addition; however, only donations of \$1,000 or greater will have their name or the name of their family added to a placard.

Following Masses on February 10-11th and 17-18th

Stop by the Gathering Space to

*Talk with Cemetery Committee Members &
See Detailed Cemetery Improvement Plans.*

Gospel Meditation



We may not like it, but generosity and risk often go hand-in-hand. At least, that's what Jesus shows us in today's Gospel as a leper approaches him for healing. Until the nineteenth century, lepers were shunned to the margins of society for fear of spreading the disease. To touch a leper was to risk becoming unclean yourself. In today's Gospel, Jesus defies convention. **"Moved with pity, he reached out his hand, [and] touched him."** The leper is healed! But this is not the only risk Jesus takes.

Before Jesus heals the man, he knows full well the desperate nature of his situation. Jesus knows that this man will be overjoyed upon being healed and that he just might tell everyone he knows. **For a Messiah looking to temporarily fly under the radar, healing this particular leper might not be the best idea. Jesus heals anyway.**

It can be easy to become calculated in our giving. If I go out of my way to help this person, how will it affect my reputation? How will this charitable donation affect my budget? How could I possibly make time to volunteer regularly? **In today's Gospel, Jesus casts these concerns aside. He touches the untouchable. He reaches the unreachable.** For his efforts, he receives a betrayal of his request for silence. "The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter." Before long "it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly." Jesus is forced to remain "outside in the deserted places." It would appear, perhaps, that he is unable to accomplish his mission.

When we take a risk to be generous, things might not follow the prescribed path. We might be disappointed. We also might be surprised! Our witness to radical generosity is attractive to a world in desperate need. Indeed, when Jesus took risks for love, "People kept coming to him from everywhere."



Lenten Schedule:

Stations of the Cross:
Wednesdays
@ 5:45pm
(exception: not on Mar 7 or 28)

Parish Mission:
Sun-Tues
March 4, 5, 6
@ 7:00pm

Communal Penance:
Wednesday,
March 7
@ 6:30pm

Confessions:
Monday,
March 12&26
6:30-8:00pm

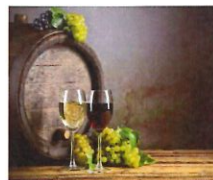
CRS Rice Bowl 2018

CRS Rice Bowl 2018 begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Catholic Relief Services, the official outreach effort of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 110 countries around the world, provides us prayer and educational resources to grow in solidarity with our brothers and sisters living in poverty around the world. CRS Rice Bowl 2017 gathered \$78,173, 75% which went to international aid and development programs. **Additionally, \$19,300 stayed in the Diocese and was distributed to 18 community hunger fighting groups. Thank you in advance for your generosity via CRS Rice Bowl 2018!**

Many Thanks

Our parish raised **\$851.58** in donations to the Johnson County Right to Life! Thank you for filling up the Baby Bottles!

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 if you are able to attend by Friday, February 16th. Questions? Contact Lindsey Carey at Lindsey@solonstmary.org.

Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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.

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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February 3-4, 2018

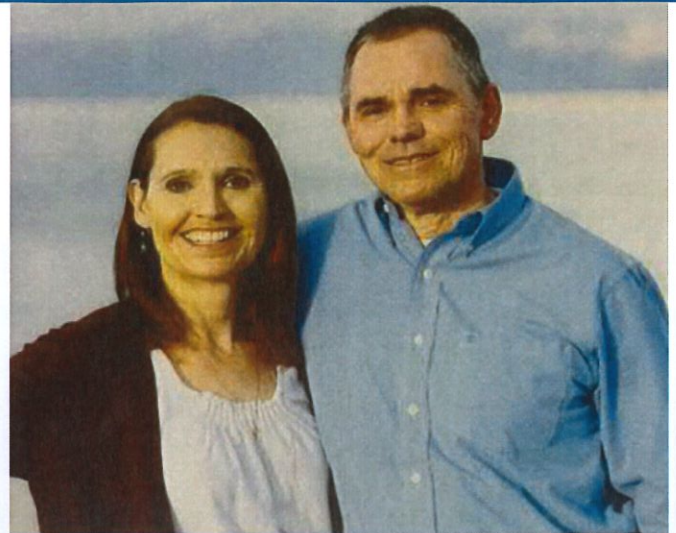
Offertory	\$7,140.96
Catholic Messenger	\$ 824.00
Churches of E. Europe	\$ 25.00
Building Fund	\$ 50.00

Money Counters:

02/12 - Bonnie W, Judy, Kevin, Mary Sue
02/20 - Donna, Kay, Rosemary, Margaret

Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary!

How Our Parish Prays



Gwen and Mark Prentice

In 2011, Gwen and Mark felt called to join the **40 Days for Life Prayer Campaigns**, taking place in the fall and Lent. Having long-held pro-life convictions, with a great love for women in a crisis pregnancy and for their unborn children, Gwen felt compelled to pray in earnest for them, after reading Abby Johnson's book **Unplanned**. It is Abby's compelling story from both sides of the abortion clinic property line: going from director of a Planned Parenthood Clinic, to one of the nation's leading voices for life and women in crisis.

The first year Gwen felt uneasy going to Emma Goldman to pray, so she prayed daily with the email reflections from 40 Days (40daysforlife.com/devotionals). For the next campaign – she made the decision to not be afraid to go and pray at the clinic. Walking to it was hard, standing there the first several minutes was uncomfortable, but soon the hope and peace came. There is no protesting with loud words and ugly signs; it is a prayerful presence of lifting up God's children who are in need. A few rude comments are made occasionally—but overwhelmingly people who drive by are encouraging. Mark soon joined in, as did their kids who were in high school at the time. Even though Gwen and Jill joined hundreds of thousands in Washington, DC for the March for Life, they wanted their children to know and pray for what is taking place 10 miles to the south of us.

Like Mark and Gwen, after reading the book **Unplanned**, many have been inspired to join in the peaceful prayer campaign that is 40 Days for Life. Just as the prayers of many helped Abby make the courageous decision to leave the abortion industry – the fruit of 40 Days is the closing of many abortion clinics and the conversions of those in them, along with the greatest fruit: lives saved and women experiencing the joys of motherhood.

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

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, February 17, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Cantor / Musician	S. Moore / M. Hennes
Servers	A. Burden, I. Jedlicka, M. Rehnke
Lectors	L. Manary-1, S. Schmitt-2
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Haluska, A. Haluska, M. Schmitt
Greeters	K. Manary, D. Zimmerman
Ushers	J. Coady, K. Felton, D. Harney
Sacristan	L. Croy

Sunday, February 18, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Cantor / Musician	SMC / C. Brock
Servers	B. McAtee, J. McAtee, R. McAtee
Lectors	R. Upmeyer-1, K. Hayes-2
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Light-McGroary, N. Upmeyer, T. Zeller
Greeters	M. Brannaman, C. Zangerle
Ushers	M. Kelchen, J. Steinbrech, K. Swenka
Sacristan	M. Sovers
HBC	Chuck, Nancy

Sunday, February 18, 10:30 a.m. Mass

Cantor/Musician	Oceans / C. Brock
Servers	P.J. Carey, B. Duckett, C. Miller
Lectors	L. Carey-1, A. Dall-2
Eucharistic Ministers	R. Myers, D. Siddell, K. Tichy
Greeters	M. Montgomery, D. Myers
Ushers	M.E. Erenberger, D. Erenberger, K. Miller
Sacristan	S. Cross

Mass Intentions

Mon.	12	8:00 am	John & Mag Kasper
Tues.	13	12:10 pm	Mariane Redlinger
Wed.	14	7:00 am	Mary Jean Fabritz
Wed.	14	6:30 pm	Neil Boldt
Thurs.	15	9:30 am	Francis Vislisl @CC
Fri.	16	7:00 am	Word & Adoration
Sat.	17	5:00 pm	For The Parish
Sun.	18	8:30 am	JoAnne Wilkinson
Sun	18	10:30 am	James Yakish

Parish Calendar

Monday, February 12

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

Tuesday, February 13

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

Ash Wednesday, February 14

7:00 am Mass
8:45 am LIFT - Senior Exercise
6:30 pm Mass



Thursday, February 15

9:30 am Mass at Solon Care Center

Friday, February 16

7:00 am - Noon Word Service & Adoration



Saturday, February 17

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

Sunday, February 18

7:00 am Fishers of Men
8:30 am Mass
10:30 am Mass
6:00 pm Financial Peace University

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