

February 18, 2018 | First Sunday of Lent

# 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)

#### PASTOR: Rev. Tim Sheedy

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#### Office Hours

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

### Iowa City Free Lunch Program



Our parish prepares and serves the meal at the **Free Lunch Program**, located at 1105 Gilbert Ct in Iowa City, on the 1st Friday of odd numbered months. 2018 dates are: March 2, May 4, July 6, Sept 7, and Nov 2. Volunteers can help:

- assist the day of the meal with food prep, serving the meal, or cleaning up
- prepare food ahead of time (salads or other misc. requests)
- eat and interact with guests

If interested, let the parish office know and you will be included in emails sent out 1-2 weeks prior to each meal. The emails include an online sign-up form. Shifts are typically 9:30am-noon (food prep) OR 11:45am-1:30pm serving and cleanup. Volunteer when you're available--anywhere from 1-6x/year. Meals are served cafeteria style and guests go through the line with their plates. Our volunteers dish up all the food and then do dishes and cleanup afterwards.

Volunteers who help regularly (*you might recognize names of your fellow parishioners--call one of them and carpool down to check it out*):

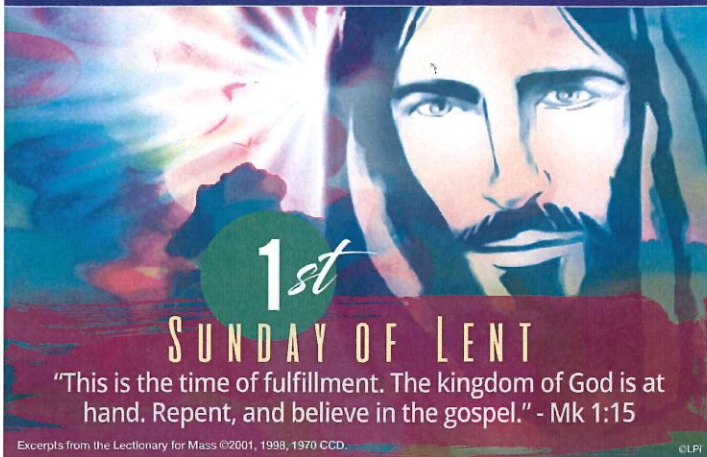
Cheryl Krob, Judy Shulista, Linda Manary, Theresa Mitchell, Chris Bohnenkamp, Ann Kunkel, Ann and Dan Dall, Kevin Hayes, Lisa Borman, Cindy Deike, Janet Luedtka, Kathy Tichy, Margaret and Jim Hennes, Doug and Joan Thompson, Joyce Barta, Kathy Tichy, Dcn Mitch, Mary Sue Manor, Steve and Dee Zmolek, Marie Mahoney, Brenda Platz, Terry Rassmussen, Sandy Willey, and men from the Knights of Columbus. LEARN MORE AT: [icflp.org](http://icflp.org)

*Following Masses on February 24 & 25, stop by the Welcome Station to meet parishioners who volunteer at the free lunch and add your name to the list.*





## Gospel Meditation



Why do we always go to the desert? We see this example in Scripture time and time again. The Israelites wandered in the desert. King David and prophets were driven into the wilderness. And now Jesus is in the same place. **Lent after Lent, we too are invited into a barren, desolate place. Why do we always go to the desert?**

Throughout Scripture, the desert is a place of testing. It's also a place of hiding and withdrawal. In the Old Testament, David fled into the wilderness to hide from Saul, Elijah from Jezebel, and Jonah from God! In other words, the desert is a place of "retreat." In Christian circles, we use the word to describe a spiritual weekend away. But its meaning comes from warfare, as we well know. To retreat means to draw back, to separate oneself from the fighting. Of course, a military retreat brings its own kind of "battle" - the internal assessment of why the fighting went so poorly.

As we enter into this Lenten season, we are invited to retreat into the desert with Jesus. Attending a day or weekend of reflection is a wonderful spiritual practice. This "desert spirituality," however, can fill all forty days. We can fulfill our Lenten resolutions with a purpose - writing daily notes to family and friends can inspire new gratitude, every time we pass up that specific food item can be cause for intercession for deeper sufferings and privations of others.

The Gospel tells us that "the Spirit drove him out into the desert." In other words, God wants us to be here. What feels uncomfortable is actually part of our spiritual journey. To be stretched, to be challenged, to confront our own areas of weakness - these things are essential in our walk with God. This Lent, will you go to the desert?

## 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:

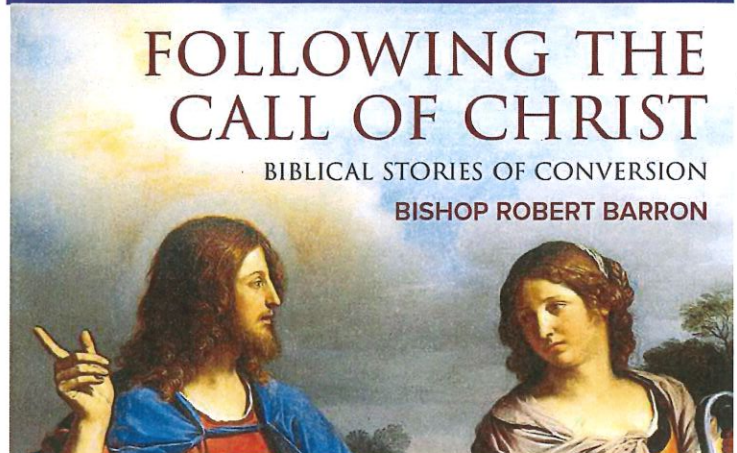
Wednesday, March 7  
@ 6:30pm

### Confessions:

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



## 6 Week Lenten Study by Bishop Barron



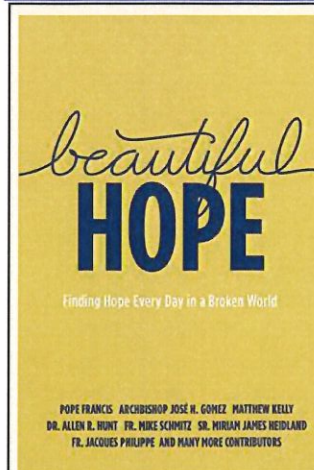
Watch video and then discuss the stories of six ordinary people met by Jesus, who were called to a better life. From these six encounters with the loving, merciful presence of God—we learn how to turn our lives around, let go and allow God to be Lord of our lives.

**No Cost—Come When You Can:**

**Mondays at 7pm** followed by Adoration, Begins Feb 19

**Tuesdays at 11am**, followed by Mass, Begins Feb 20

## Grab Your Free Book



### Free Book in Gathering Space

Today many are worried about the future and what it holds. If we are to become people who can shine the light of faith into the darkness of our world, things must change. We need an infusion of hope so we can see more clearly and live boldly as children of God. The many contributors to this book will help you find hope every day in a broken world.



## 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.

## Parish Lenten Mission

### St. Mary Parish Lenten Mission

Given by Fr. Mike Joly

Sunday, Monday & Tuesday

March 4, 5 & 6  
7:00 PM

## Many Thanks

Words can't express our deep appreciation of food, cards, flowers and donations to Camp Courageous and words of sympathy after the recent loss of our sister, Barb Miller. A special thanks to Fr. David Beckman, Brosh Funeral Home, Systems Unlimited, Johnson Co. Hospice, the ladies of St. Mary's Parish, and those that extended their sorrow at this time. - The Family of Barb Miller

## 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil

Feb. 14 - Mar. 25, our community will join hundreds of cities around the world to pray for peace in the womb, and for God's mercy on mothers and fathers who need His love and healing. Sign-up to pray at the daily vigil- [www.40daysforlife.com/iowacity](http://www.40daysforlife.com/iowacity) / call Gary 319-330-0961

## Weekly Collections

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### February 10-11, 2018

Offertory	\$5,492.09
Catholic Messenger	\$ 609.00
Churches of E. Europe	\$ 56.00
Diocesan Cathedral	\$ 299.00
Building Fund	\$ 115.00

### Money Counters:

02/20 - Donna, Kay, Rosemary, Margaret  
02/26 - Nancy, Cheryl, Narge, Linda C.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary!

## How Our Parish Prays



Adam, Emma, Molly, Owen, Brian, Caleb & Hannah Bock

As Christianity becomes increasingly counter cultural, Brian and Molly realize that if their children are going to know Christ and center their lives on him, they have to be increasingly intentional. Brian wants Sunday to be for faith and family. They never miss Mass; no matter what state or whether traveling for vacation or sports, going is non-negotiable. And they like their kids seeing the celebration of the Mass is universal. When in town, they try to keep Sundays free from electronics and restricted use of bedrooms, so they can "be" together.

Molly receives the daily email reflections from BlessedShe.net and also from DynamicCatholic.com; the later contains an image and inspirational quote. Every couple of weeks she prints one for the fridge, currently it's a quote from Mother Theresa. They joked, "our water dispenser is slow, so it gives our kids time to read and think about it." Three years ago during Lent, Molly began praying the Rosary for her family and others on her work commute. It was a peaceful way to begin her day: bringing clarity, things went more smoothly and patiently. She has continued it, year-round ever since. She has shelves full of Catholic books, finding the more you read spiritual and inspirational books, you don't even want to pick up other books.

During Advent and Lent, the family has taken on a tradition that was in Molly's mother's home while growing up: praying 1,000 Hail Marys. Since 2016, a tally sheet goes up on the fridge during those seasons of the church to keep count as they are prayed. While they pray regularly before meals and have religious images throughout their house, they are also an active part of their parish family. Even with five kids, they prioritize in their family's time, the opportunities to participate in retreats, conferences, study groups and communal prayer such as Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays, parish reconciliation services and Stations of the Cross during Lent. Sometimes life gets busy, they get a little off track, but they keep coming back and reorienting their family around Christ.



## 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 24, 5:00 p.m. Mass

Cantor / Musician	Small Group / C. Brock
Servers	M. DeValk, J. Schmidt, L. Swann
Lectors	J. Kaefring-1, K. Light-McGroary-2
Eucharistic Ministers	A. Kaefring, K. Klosterman, J. Thompson
Greeters	M. Bretz, J. Krob
Ushers	R. Gaddis, J. Hayes, S. Lensing
Sacristan	D. Thompson

### Sunday, February 25, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Cantor / Musician	A. Holubar / M. Hennes
Servers	E. Bock, A. Bock, C. Bock
Lectors	J. Meyer-1, B. Bock-2
Eucharistic Ministers	T. Bonnema, J. Haight, G. Prentice
Greeters	M. Bock, L. Brecht
Ushers	R. Greazel, F. Klima, G. Vassiliades
Sacristan	J. Shulista
HBC	Theresa Z., Gwen

### Sunday, February 25, 10:30 a.m. Mass

Cantor/Musician	Awaken / C. Brock
Servers	D. Bruck, G. Havlicek, C. Lyons
Lectors	J. Maiers-1, D. Bruene-2
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Bruck, D. Bruck, T. Mitchell
Greeters	D. Benzing, P. Benzing
Ushers	J. Bruene, D. Erenberger, K. Stahle
Sacristan	J. Maiers

## Mass Intentions

Mon.	19	8:00 am	Delores Steinbrech
Tues.	20	12:10 pm	Bill Zenishek
Wed.	21	8:00 am	Grace Greazel
Thurs.	22	9:30 am	Eileen Beranek @CC
Fri.	23	7:00 am	Word & Adoration
Sat.	24	5:00 pm	Max Miltner
Sun.	25	8:30 am	Norbert & Geraldine Schwartz
Sun	25	10:30 am	For the Parish

## Parish Calendar

### Monday, February 19

8:00 am Mass  
8:45 am LIFT - Senior Exercise Group  
6:00 pm to 10:00 pm Adoration  
6:30 pm Parish Council  
7:00 pm Following the Call of Christ Study

### Tuesday, February 20

11:00 am Following the Call of Christ Study  
12:10 pm Mass - potluck lunch to follow  
6:30 pm RCIA

### Wednesday, February 21

8:00 am Mass  
8:45 am LIFT - Senior Exercise  
5:45 pm Stations of the Cross  
6:30 pm Youth



### Thursday, February 22

9:30 am Mass at Solon Care Center  
1:00 pm LIFT - Crafts

### Friday, February 23

7:00 am - Noon Word Service & Adoration



### Saturday, February 24

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

### Sunday, February 25

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

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