

March 18, 2018 | Fifth 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

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"Let us run to accompany him as he hastens toward his passion, and imitate those who met him then, not by covering his path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before him by being humble and by trying to live as he would wish. St. Andrew of Crete, Early Church Doctor, 650-740AD



By Marcellino D'Ambrosio

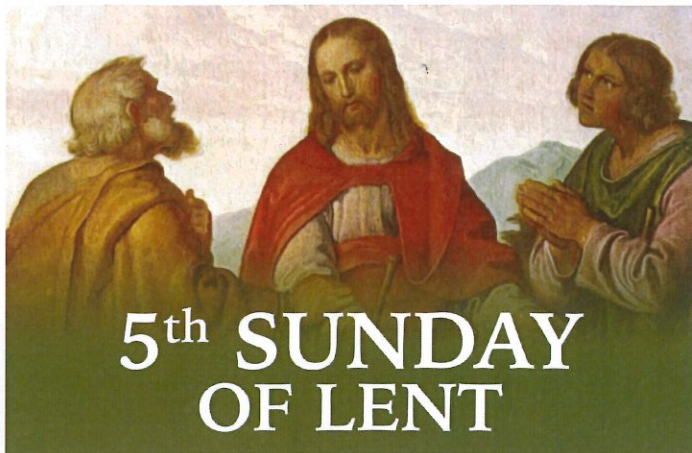
The same crowd that was cheering during the parade into Jerusalem was jeering a few days later on Calvary. They'd been wowed by his sermons and miracles. But as soon as the tide began to turn, so did they. Their cries of "Hosanna" turned to shouts of a very different kind: "Crucify him!"

Of course, he was not surprised in the least. He had no illusions of grandeur or ambition for worldly glory. In fact, He had willingly emptied Himself of heavenly glory in pursuit of His true passion – His Fathers will and our salvation. Jesus "set his face like flint." He barreled through barriers that usually stop us dead in our tracks—fear of ridicule, fear of suffering, abandonment by our closest companions.

On the beginning of his final day, Jesus gave us the verbal caption of his last and greatest sermon: "This is my body, given for you; this is my blood, which is poured out for you." A gift so powerful that it melts hearts, opens the barred gates of paradise, and makes all things new.

March 24 & 25: Meet in Hall for Palm Sunday Procession

Gospel Meditation

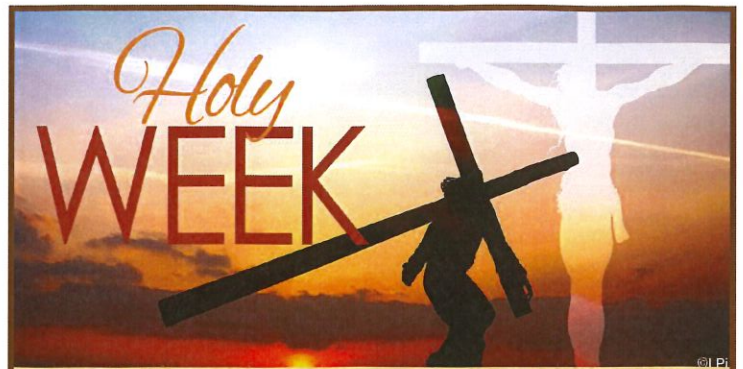


"Now there were some Greeks among those who had come to worship at the feast. They came to Philip and asked him, 'Sir, we would like to see Jesus.'" It has begun. News of Jesus has spread beyond native-born, Aramaic-speaking Jews. We don't know if the Greeks mentioned here heard of Jesus from fellow travelers or if news of this intriguing rabbi had reached all the way to their home. **What we do know is that this interaction spurred an interesting comment from Jesus: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."** In other words, it has begun. The time has come for the message to move beyond the geographic bounds of Israel.

But what does this message require? **The Gospel is clear: "he said this indicating the kind of death he would die."** A grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies to its life as only a seed. A caterpillar takes on the appearance of temporary death in order to transform into a butterfly. **In the Gospels, sacrifice and death are a way of becoming something more than you were before.**

This Lent, new life can come from our sacrifices. When we enter into the season with Jesus, our difficulties can transform our perspective. **"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."**

As we abstain from meat and fast from eating between meals, we can grow in compassion for the hungry. We can give alms of our time, sacrificially spending time with the lonely, the sick, and the marginalized. **Our little Lenten "deaths" - death to unnecessary preferences, death to selfish living, death to ignorance of other's pain - can bring new life to the world long after the season is over. This is the invitation this Sunday and every Lenten season, to begin anew from death to life.**



Holy Thursday: March 29, 7:00pm Mass, Adoration until 10pm

Good Friday: March 30, 2:45pm Stations of the Cross, 3:00pm Service

Holy Saturday: March 31, 8:30pm Mass

Easter Sunday: April 1, 8:30am & 10:30am Masses

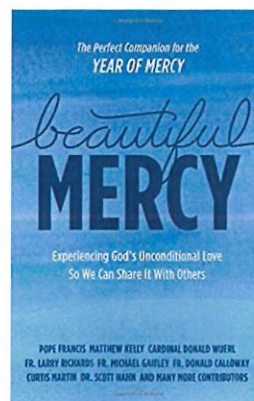


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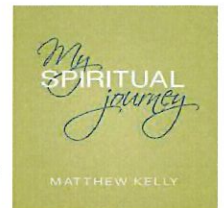
Monday, March 19
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Sacred Heart Cathedral
Davenport

Free Spiritual Life Resources



Giving and receiving mercy is central to living the life God calls us to. The book, Beautiful Mercy inspires readers to realize extraordinary acts of love are possible for us all. We all need mercy at different times in our lives, and we all have an obligation to give mercy to others at different times. No matter who you are or what you have been through, there is no better time than now to rediscover the incredible power of God's mercy.

In this CD, Matthew Kelly talks about his spiritual journey, beginning as a teen with little interest in the faith. Kelly leads us on a journey through his early spiritual development, inspiring and encouraging us all to take the next step in our spiritual lives.



Baptism Classes



Parents having a child baptized at St. Mary's for the first time are asked to attend all 3 sessions of our Baptism Classes.

Spring : April 10, April 24, & May 8
Classes are from 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Please register the Friday before the first session.

Area Reconciliation Schedule



When is the last time Jesus set you free in this great sacrament of mercy?

Saturday, March 24	St. Mary, Iowa City	10:00 am
Sunday, March 25	St. Patrick	2:00 pm
Monday, March 26	St. Mary, Solon	6:30 pm
Monday, March 26	St. Thomas More	7:00 pm
Tuesday, March 27	St. Wenceslaus	7:00 pm

Steubenville Conference



Marriage on Tap



Saturday, April 14th 6-8:30 pm

Marriage on Tap is a monthly date night. **ALL** married couples are invited to attend (newly married, those with children any age and empty nesters) and lap babies are welcome. Childcare will be provided.

Our children are growing up in a digital world. Technology is part of their lives. 73% of children are exposed to pornography before age 18. This informational meeting will provide guidance for parents to equip themselves for ongoing conversations about pornography with their children. This month, Dcn. Phil & Julie Paladino will present *Internet Images: Protecting Your Children from Pornography*.

Dinner will be potluck. Please, note what you will share when you RSVP (entrée, side dish or dessert). Feel free to bring your own beverages if you prefer something other than water or lemonade. Please register online at www.solonstmary.org by Friday, April 13th. Questions? Email: Lindsey@solonstmary.org.

Weekly Collections

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Catholic Messenger:

Cost of The Catholic Messenger is \$29 per year for 50 issues—print or E-edition. Your subscriptions help offset the cost to St. Mary which is \$9,450.00 for 2018. As of 03/9/18, \$3,256.00 in subscriptions have been bought.

Money Counters:

03/19 - Joan, Bonnie M., Kevin, Linda C.
03/26 - Cheryl, Linda M., Margaret, Kathy

Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary!

How Our Parish Prays



After previous dating relationships, Adam and Stephanie clearly knew what they did and not want. In their first week of dating – they had two serious conversations. The first on love: everything going forth would be built on Christ's love, selfless and sacrificial, verses the world's version of self-serving infatuation. The second surrounded Adam's ongoing vocational discernment between the priesthood and matrimony; how was God calling him to lay down his life in service to others? They began praying together – giving it all to God. It felt awkward and vulnerable praying aloud impromptu prayers together, as they gave God thanks and asked for his guidance. It brought an intimacy and fulfillment which overcame the desire for physical intimacy.

The first prayer Stephanie, who grew up Methodist, learned from Adam was to their Guardian Angel. Even now, this begins their shared evening prayer. It is followed by intercessions for family members, impromptu prayers for whatever is on their hearts, formal prayers and they close by asking St. Philomena's intercession. She is their family's patron saint. At a time when struggling with a miscarriage and not conceiving, they made a random visit to her Shrine while on vacation in Wisconsin. Silently and separately, they each asked her for clarity in God's plan for their family and possibly adopting. That day they began a nine day novena to her, which just happened to end on her feast day which became the day they conceived Henry.

They pray the Rosary together on their work commute and attend at least one weekday Mass together on their lunch hour. They like to have Catholic podcasts playing at home, currently: *"Abiding Together"* by Sr. Miram James and *"Catholic Stuff You Should Know."* Recently they read and found quite challenging, but helpful, the book *"Forever, A Catholic Devotional for Your Marriage."* Prayer and the Eucharist became common ground while dating and it is still the strong foundation sustaining their marriage today.

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

Cantor / Musician	Small Group / C. Brock
Servers	A. Burden, M. DeValk, L. Swann
Lectors	J. Kaefting-1, D. Ritchie-2
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Klosterman, D. & J. Thompson
Greeters	J. Krob, R. Miller
Ushers	J. Coady, J. Luedtka, G. Stinocher
Sacristan	M. Milder

Sunday, March 25, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Cantor / Musician	N. Wander / M. Hennes
Servers	O. Bonnema, J. & W. Steinbrech
Lectors	T. Bonnema-1, A. Bonnema-2
Eucharistic Ministers	D. & L. Uhl, T. Zeller
Greeters	J. Koss, J. Meyer
Ushers	R. Greazel, B. Koffron,
	G. Vassiliades
Sacristan	J. Shulista
HBC	Theresa Z., Gwen

Sunday, March 25, 10:30 a.m. Mass

Cantor/Musician	SMC / C. Brock
Servers	J. Benzing, L. Roskopf, J. Roskopf
Lectors	C. Cross-1, R. Myers-2
Eucharistic Ministers	D. Bruck, A. Dall, D. Siddell
Greeters	S. Leone, S. Sprague
Ushers	D. Erenberger, M. Montgomery
	M. Roskopf
Sacristan	S. Cross

Mass Intentions

Mon.	19	8:00 am	Jean Sheedy
Tues.	20	12:10 pm	Word & Communion
Wed.	21	8:00 am	Bill Matthes
Thurs.	22	9:30 am	Dick Divoky @CC
Fri.	23	7:00 am	Word & Adoration
Sat.	24	5:00 pm	Richard Breza
Sun.	25	8:30 am	Carl Agne
Sun	25	10:30 am	For The Parish

Parish Calendar

Monday, March 19

8:00 am Mass
8:45 am LIFT - Senior Exercise Group
5:30 pm Helping Hands
6:00 pm to 10:00 pm Adoration
6:30 pm Parish Council
7:00 pm Following the Call of Christ Study

Tuesday, March 20

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

Wednesday, March 21

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



Thursday, March 22

9:30 am Mass
1:00 pm LIFT - Crafts

Friday, March 23

7:00 am - Noon Word Service & Adoration

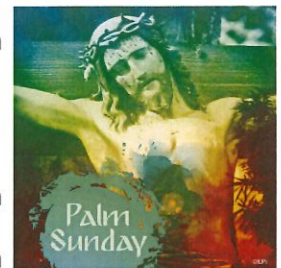


Saturday, March 24

6:30 am Fishers of Men
4:00 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Mass - Meet in Hall for Palm Sunday Procession

Sunday, March 25 - Palm Sunday

7:00 am Fishers of Men
8:30 am Mass - Meet in Hall for Palm Sunday Procession
10:30 am Mass - Meet in Hall for Palm Sunday Procession



Bulletin

Upcoming submission deadlines:

Thursday, March 22 for the April 1 Bulletin

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