

April 29, 2018 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

# 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

## Mary Untier of Knots

Many families struggle with loved ones away from their Christian faith. And at times alienated from their family. These knots of discord, can seem without remedy & hopeless at times...

... lack of understanding between parents and children, disrespect, alienation among siblings, the knots of deep hurt between husband and wife, the absence of peace and joy at home. There are also the knots of anguish and despair of separated couples, the dissolution of the family, the knots of a drug addict son or daughter, those sick or separated from home or God, knots of lifestyles far from God.

Ah, the knots of our life! How they suffocate the soul, beat us down and betray the heart's joy and keep us from experiencing the peace of Jesus. Mary wants to help us undo the knots caused by despair over loved ones. She comes with promises of victory, peace, blessings and reconciliation. [www.maryundoerofknots.com](http://www.maryundoerofknots.com)

*"But we know one thing: nothing is impossible for God's mercy! **Even the most tangled knots are loosened by his grace.** And Mary is the Mother who patiently and lovingly brings us to God, so he can untangle the knots of our soul by his fatherly mercy."*

Pope Francis



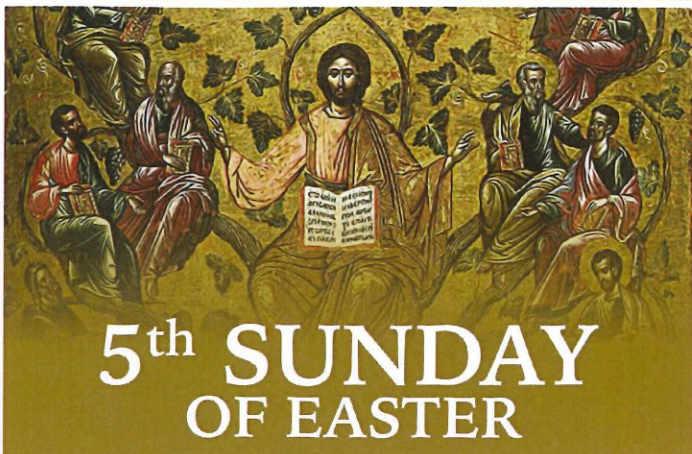
### During the Month of May—

We ask parishioners to pray for one another, asking Mary to undo the knots in our families.

1. **Write on your ribbon**, your petition of the return to family or God, those who are alienated. (**Do NOT include personal names**)
2. **Take home a ribbon**, and pray to Mary Untier of Knots, for the request on ribbon
3. **You can return it and take another one** or continue with the same one throughout May.



## Gospel Meditation

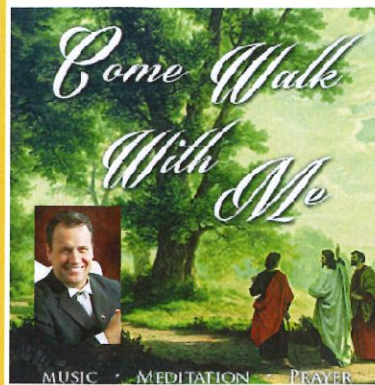


Are you ready for a trim? In today's Gospel, we hear the familiar teaching of the vine and the branches. Jesus reminds us that if we remain close to him—living in humility, following God's law, loving our neighbor—we will notice a positive change in our life and the lives of those around us. **"Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit."** The Holy Spirit is life-giving. He is fruitful. The Spirit of God won't refuse grace to a heart that is open.

As we progress through life, learning how to live and love, we grow. Our personalities flower. We discover what it is to be a blessing to others. We also experience lack, loss, and the results of our failures. We know what it is like to "wither" at times, particularly the times when we willingly separate ourselves from Jesus. **"Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me."** For most of us, this experience of being disconnected and off track generates a desire to return to what is right and good, to return to the vine.

But this Gospel is more than "Are you in or are you out?" Even when we remain in God, when we follow Jesus, we are not exempt from the challenge, the pruning.

**"Everyone that [bears fruit] he prunes."** A prudent trim is necessary in the natural world of trees and vines. Dead wood, broken shoots, and diseased branches need to be cut back in order for the plant to bear fruit. Jesus wants us to be healthy! He says as much himself: **"By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."** Take a look at your life today. Where are you bearing fruit? Where do you need to be pruned?



**Night of Prayer**  
May 12, 2018  
7:30 pm  
St. Mary, Solon

You are invited to an evening of spiritual reflection with Irish Tenor, Mark Forrest. The Come Walk With Me evening is a time for us to

reflect on our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. During the evening, the blessed sacrament will be exposed and Irish Tenor Mark Forrest will take you through an evening of music, reflection, and healing. Consider taking an hour with the Lord as he invites you to a closer walk, with him.

## Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Sunday, May 6th following the 8:30 Mass. The Easter Egg Hunt is for all children 1-10 yrs old.

Come to the lower level following Mass – this will be held snow, rain or shine!

## 4TH ANNUAL BE A HUNGER HERO FUNDRAISER

Saturday, May 12 Solon Recreation and Nature Area

- ♥ 5K Run Registration Opens 7:15, Run at 8am
- ♥ 1 Mile Fun Run Start time 9:00am
- ♥ Free Throw Contest 10:00am
- ♥ Bake Sale 8:00am-Noon
- ♥ Solon Firefighters 8:00am-Noon
- ♥ Johnson Co K-9 Unit 8:00am-Noon
- ♥ Glitz & Glam Face Painters and Jorgensen Imagery 10-Noon



### \$5 Wristband Entry for:

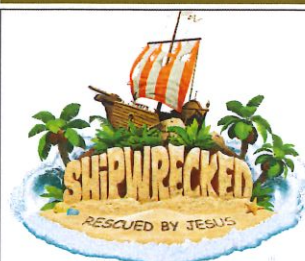
- ♥ Super Hero Training Course by Iowa Gym Nest
- ♥ Make Your Own Super Hero Cape
- ♥ Bounce House

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Search Solon, IA on [GetMeRegistered.com](http://GetMeRegistered.com)

Contact Theresa Bonnema for more information, to volunteer or donate 319-499-8930

## Vacation Bible School



**July 16-20**  
8:30-11:30 daily

Sign-up Online:  
[www.solonstmary.org](http://www.solonstmary.org)



## Helping Hands



**Volunteers needed for bingo at Solon Retirement Village!** St. Mary Helping Hands hosts bingo games the first Thursday of every month. There are several months open at this time for hosts and helpers. Bingo games begin at 2:00 and end around 3:15. If you are interested and available,

please stop by the Welcome/Help Desk in the gathering space after the masses on May 5th and 6th to learn more. This "gift" can be offered by both men and women.

The chair for the month of May is Sue Julius. She will need three helpers. If you would like to assist with Bingo on May 3, please contact Sue at 721-3948. Thank you!



## Free Lunch Program

**SALADS NEEDED FOR FREE LUNCH PROGRAM:** Our next meal at the Free Lunch Program is Friday, May 4th. We are looking for volunteers to provide salads. Donations can be left in the walk-in cooler in the St. Mary's kitchen before 8:30am Friday May 4th. Please contact Patty Benzing if you can help ([pattybenzing2@gmail.com](mailto:pattybenzing2@gmail.com) or 319-541-4253).

## Other Announcements

**BRICKS:** Bricks from the old church are available on a first come, first serve basis. Any parishioner is welcome to take from the pile behind the church for landscaping projects, etc. Any bricks remaining will be hauled off on April 30th.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is a weekend to rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day. Take time to rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married. Upcoming Weekends on Sep 7-9 Cedar Falls, Oct 19-21 Marathon, WI, Nov 2-4 Coralville. For more information visit our website at: to [iowa-wwme.org](http://iowa-wwme.org) or call 563-608- 3305 or email: [JLJwwme08@Gmail.com](mailto:JLJwwme08@Gmail.com)

## Weekly Collections

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Catholic Home Mission	\$ 65.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 25.00
Churches of E. Europe	\$ 25.00
Holy Land (Good Fri.)	\$ 25.00
Diocesan Cathedral	\$ 25.00
Building Fund	\$ 100.00

Money Counters:

04/30 - Donna, Kay, Rosemary, Margaret  
05/07 - Joan, Bonnie M., Kevin, Linda C.

## How Our Parish Prays

# Prayer to Mary Untier of Knots

*Use the prayer below, to pray with Mary for the request on the ribbon you take home. Try to pray daily.*

*Nine days makes a Novena.*

Holy Mary, full of the presence of God, during your life you accepted with great humility the holy will of the Father and the legacy of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, and evil never dared to entangle you with its confusion. Since then you have interceded for all of our difficulties as you did for the family at the wedding feast of Cana. With simplicity and patience, you have given us an example of how to untangle the knots in our complicated lives. By being our mother forever, you arrange and make clear the path that unites families to Our Lord. Holy Mary, Mother of God and ours, with your maternal heart, untie the knots that upsets this family's life. Receive into your hands...

*(mention petition on ribbon here)*

...and by your intercession untie the knots that keep them from being united to God and one another. So free of all confusion and hurt, they may return to God and one another. And keep God close in their hearts, with love for one another. Mother of God, pray for them.



Angels assist the Blessed Mother; one presents the knots to her, while another angel presents the ribbon, freed from knots, to us.



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

Cantor / Musician	SMC / C. Brock
Servers	M. Rehnke, E. Suchomel, L. Swann
Lectors	L. Connell-1, B. Mattaliano-2
Eucharistic Ministers	A. Haluska, S. Holte, A. Kaefting
Greeters	M. Petersen, M. Petersen
Ushers	J. Hayes, S. Hirl, S. Lensing
Sacristan	K. Hirl

### Sunday, May 6, 8:30 a.m. Mass

Cantor / Musician	L. Hugeback / M. Hennes
Servers	M. Hickman, J. Steinbrech, W. Steinbrech
Lectors	A. Jedlicka-1, J. Patrick-2
Eucharistic Ministers	T. Broghammer, J. Haight, M. Mahoney
Greeters	M. Brannaman, Z. Hickman
Ushers	M. Haight, N. Jedlicka, P. Nalley
Sacristan	S. Schnor
HBC	Gwen, Nancy

### Sunday, May 6, 10:30 a.m. Mass

Cantor/Musician	A. Brock / C. Brock
Servers	S., E., G. Havlicek
Lectors	R. Myers-1, L. Carey-2
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Bruck, D. Bruck, J. Maers
Greeters	L. Havlicek, M. Pattison
Ushers	Trent Brown, M. Klouda, D. Myers
Sacristan	Tim Brown

## Mass Intentions

Mon.	30	8:00 am	Tom Ipsan
Tues.	01	12:10 pm	Bob & Joyce Lawlor
Wed.	02	8:00 am	Bill Matthes
Thurs.	03	9:30 am	Dick Divoky @CC
Fri.	04	7:00 am	Word & Adoration
Sat.	05	5:00 pm	Mike & Lois Lawrence
Sun.	06	8:30 am	Loretta Miller
Sun	06	10:30 am	Quinn Houlihan

## Parish Calendar

### Monday, April 30

8:00 am Mass  
 8:45 am LIFT - Senior Exercise  
 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm Adoration  
 6:30 pm Liturgy Meeting

### Tuesday, May 1

12:10 pm Mass - potluck lunch to follow

### Wednesday, May 2

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

### Thursday, May 3

9:30 am Mass at Solon Care Center  
 1:00 pm LIFT - Needle Work  
 7:00 pm GriefShare

### Friday, May 4

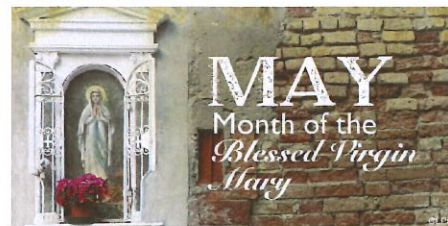
7:00 am - Noon Word Service & Adoration

### Saturday, May 5

6:30 am Fishers of Men  
 4:00 pm Confessions  
 5:00 pm Mass  
 KC Food Drive Weekend

### Sunday, May 6 - KC Donut Sunday

7:00 am Fishers of Men  
 8:30 am Mass  
 9:30 am Easter Egg Hunt  
 10:30 am Mass  
 6:30 pm Baptism Class



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