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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SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday (Public Mass) 5:00 pm
Sunday (Live Stream & Public) 8:30 am
Sunday (Public Mass) 5:00 pm
*Reservations are no longer requested to attend Mass.

DAILY MASSES
Monday - Thursday 9:00 am
(Stream & Public - No RSVP Needed)

PRIVATE PRAYER
Monday 5 pm to 6 pm
Friday (Rosary/Adoration) 9 am to 11 am

CONFESSION
Monday 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Join the St. Mary Facebook page to view live streams of daily and weekend Masses.

Knights of Columbus
Food Drives are Returning!

Please pick up a food donation bag this weekend in the gathering space and return the weekend of Oct 3 and 4 with food donations for the Solon Food Pantry.

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.”
- Mt 21:32

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DONATE TO THE FOOD DRIVE

Prayer for Priests

Lord God, most holy, we approach you in gratitude for your holy ordained priesthood. You have called these men to be set apart and to shepherd your people, as you shepherded your entire church. We pray for them in their daily work. Grant to them an increase in spiritual gifts and grace so they may be prepared for the tasks at hand. Lead them not into temptation and protect them from the grasp of the evil one. It is through the sacraments they confer that we encounter the divine in a real and profound way. May your church never lose sight of these, your special sons, and may we, the body of Christ, never fail to cherish the gift of their lives, which they have freely given to you and your holy church. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

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From the Desk of Father Charles

September 27, 2020
Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend we returned to having all three Masses open for you to attend with no reservations. As parishioners, you can decide where you wish to set. Thank you for being hospitable during this time.

The Diocese of Davenport sent a letter to all registered parishioners of St. Mary Parish on Monday, September 14th. This is the Annual Diocesan Appeal to support the ministries within the twenty-two counties of southeast Iowa. I am grateful for the support you have given in the past that supported me on my priesthood journey for eight years. Because this is so important I am pledging one month’s salary to the appeal. Of the 750 registered members of St. Mary, about one third have supported the appeal. I know we can do better this year with your cooperation. Consider what you wish to give, any amount is helpful, pray about your consideration, and make your donation. As in the past, make your donations payable to: Diocese of Davenport. Thank you.

Jesus uses a family drama to offer some hard teachings about faithfulness, and he gives us a snapshot of life in the church and the world that is just as applicable now as it was then.

"In this parable, just as in the parable of the prodigal son, Jesus dresses up some hard teachings in a story about a father and two sons. In this case, we have a father of some means, who owns a vineyard. He goes to both sons, at different times, and says, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ One says, rather insolently, it seems, ‘No,’ but then ends up going, anyway. The other says something like, ‘Right away, sir!’ but doesn’t go. Jesus then asks the deceptively simple question, which of the two actually did the will of the father? There is more to the answer than his interlocutors might want to know — more, for that matter, than we might want to know. The story, in context, is a kind of an answer to people in the immediately preceding scene who are questioning Jesus’ authority. Jesus has just “cleansed the temple,” driving out various money-changers and businessmen, people selling items for sacrifice and people exchanging the coin of the realm for the currency used in the temple. It should be pointed out that, under the operant rules of the temple, these merchants have a perfect right to be there, doing what they’re doing. They are regulated, so that they do not overcharge or take advantage. Yet, Jesus has driven them out, claiming, in a paraphrase of the prophets Isaiah and Zechariah, “‘My house shall be called a house of prayer; but you are making it a den of robbers.' When he returns the next day, the chief priests and the leaders in charge of temple operations want to know by what authority he does things like this. By way of an answer, Jesus tells them three parables, of which this tale of the two sons is the first. We all know Jesus just loves to speak in symbols and parables and stories. Questions to think about... What is this one getting at? What is this really all about? Who is this really all about? Forgiveness is both given and received. [from A Vignette From the Vineyard]

The weekend of October 4th is Respect Life Sunday, World Communion Sunday, and the memorial of St. Francis of Assisi. Please remember to tend with no reservations. As parishioners, you can decide where you wish to set. Thank you for being hospitable during this time.

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View Mass live through streaming on the St. Mary Facebook page at 8:30am, Sunday September 27

Reading 1 EZ 18:22-28
Thus says the LORD: You say, “The LORD’s way is not fair!”

Readings for Sunday, September 27

Reading 1 EZ 18:22-28
Thus says the LORD: You say, “The LORD’s way is not fair!”

Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Responsorial Psalm PS 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14.
R. (6a) Remember your mercies, O Lord.
Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths, for I am a pilgrim and a sojourner on the earth. I know my end is but a short span of dust.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.
Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.
Go and tell the sons of Jacob and the house of Israel.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.
You will lead them and carry them into a city of peoples where they can make their homes.

Reading 2 PHIL 2:1-11 OR 2:1-5
Brothers and sisters:

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, [Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and he stowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.]

Alleluia JN 10:27
R. Alleluia, alleluia.
My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel MT 21:28-32
Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:
"What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, ‘Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.’ He said in reply, ‘I will not,’ but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, ‘Yes, sir, but did not go. Which of the two did his father’s will?’ They answered, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.”

Fr. Charles Fladung +
Help Support St. Mary via We Share Online!

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Weekly Offering

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Contributions may be made by leaving in collection box during Mass, online through We Share or by sending funds by mail to St. Mary with your weekly envelope included.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary!
Visit our website to give online: solonstmary.org

When offering by form of check for multiple causes, please include separate checks for each cause to help with accounting purposes.

Discover the best kept secret in women’s health care
Join us for the 2020 Culture of Life Virtual Event
Saturday, November 7, 2020
6:30 PM CST
Broadcast live from our YouTube channel:
Culture of Life at St. Mary, Solon Iowa
For more information email COLsolonstmary@gmail.com

October: Respect Life Month

October 4 - 11: Mental Illness Awareness Week

Annual Diocesan Appeal
Please prayerfully consider your pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Our parish goal is $66,417. If you did not make a commitment this weekend, please return your pledge form to the parish this week. Your support and prayers are greatly appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP SANITIZE

With returning to three Masses on the weekend for public attendance, we are in need of more volunteers to help with disinfecting the church after public gatherings. If you are interested in helping, please contact the office 624-2228.
Thank you for your help!
### Parish Information

**Parish Council:**
Director - Sue Schmitt (624-4188 ,sueschmitt@southslope.net)
Director - Mark Prentice (markmlp@southslope.net)
President - Alan Weiskamp (624-2228)
Vice President - Adam Haluska (adam.haluska@gmail.com)
Recording Secretary - June Maiers
Council Members - Nick Jedlicka, Michael Montgomery, Carole Martin, Kelly Ann Light-McGroary (alternate)

**Finance Council:** Adam Stahle (Chair), Mygde Krob (Secretary), Duane Krob, Cheryl Krob, Mark Pattison, Ron Holubar

**Faith Formation:** For information regarding Religious Education for your school aged child, contact Jeri Bollwitt, DRE, at 319-624-2228 or solonstmarydre@diodav.org

**Youth Ministry:** Faith Formation is offered following Verification through senior year by youth group meetings lead by Adam Kaefring, Youth Minister. Please contact Adam with any question or information on how to join Youth Group.

**Holy Anointing:** Do not hesitate to call the parish office in case of serious illness/injury.

**Baptism:** Parents having a child baptized at St. Mary’s for the first time are asked to contact the parish office to register for the Baptism Preparation Program 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.

**Liturgy Commission:** If you would like to be party of Mass by offering your time to serve during liturgy, please contact June Maiers, head of the Liturgy Commission, to discuss areas of interest in serving.

**Music Ministry:** There are many ways to be involved in music ministry at St. Mary. For more information contact Chuck Brock, music director, at chuck@solonstmary.org or 624-2228.

**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. Please contact Nancy Upeyer, parish nurse, at nancypumeyer@hotmail.com or 624-2228.

**Knights of Columbus:** All adult males are invited to get involved with Knights of Columbus. This group meets regularly to pray and raise funds for various groups throughout the year. Please contact Dennis Uhl (641-691-6559) with any questions.

**Helping Hands:** To be part of a parish group that offers fellowship, coordinates special receptions throughout the year and offers plans fundraisers please contact Maryanne Harney (marianne.harney@foriowa.org) or Pat Zimmerman (624-2228) to see what Helping Hands has to offer.

**Social Action:** St. Mary’s Social Action committee offers many opportunities to offer ministry and outreach. Please contact Bonnie Mattaliano (319-325-3411) for more information.

**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

**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 the parish office with your request to use the St. Mary Parish Hall. 319-624-2228 or solonstmary@diodav.org

**To Report Child Abuse:** Contact Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel, also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722.