

St. MARY OF NAZARETH

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 9am and 11am

Weekdays: 8am Tuesday-Friday

Holy Days of Obligation: varies

Confession: Saturday 3:30pm-4:30pm

Marriage/Baptism

Contact Parish Office 515-276-4042

Pastoral Care If you or a family member is in a care facility, homebound, or hospitalized and wish a visit, please contact Fr. John at 515-276-4042 or Deacon Dan at 515-276-7589.

New to the Parish?

Welcome!! Please fill out a registration form found in the Welcome Center or by downloading the form from our website.

Online Giving & Website

www.stmarysdsdm.org

Publishing Deadline

8:00am on Monday for Bulletin, Email Blast and TV Monitors—email to: stmarys@stmarysdsdm.org

November 23, 2025 • Christ the King Sunday

St. Nicholas Festival and Marketplace-December 6

Festival celebrating St. Nicholas Day

10-11:30am in the Parish Hall

Crafts, treats, story time and games for kids

Marketplace and Sweet Shoppe

10am-Noon & after all 3 weekend Masses

Come shop for unique handcrafted gifts and sweet and savory Christmas treats

New this year is our special St. Nick's Cocoa Mix, a rich and tasty treat homemade from an old family recipe Hot Cocoa Bar with all the trimmings for a cup of Holiday Cheer, available during the Festival

Cash is preferred, but checks will be accepted

Questions? Contact Suzanne at 515/339-9782

2026 Catholic Calendars

2026 Catholic calendars will be available in the Gathering Area the weekend of November 22/23

Lost & Found

Check out the Lost & Found table in the Gathering Area to see if any of those treasures belong to you. This table will be up until Sunday, November 23rd. Items left over will be properly recycled or disposed of.

Service Project Opportunity!

St Mary of Nazareth Parish provides the evening meal for guests staying at the Catholic Charities Emergency Family Shelter on the fourth Thursday of every month. The December 25th meal is open for a family or group looking for a nice service project! **If you are interested in helping provide the December 25th meal or would like more information, please contact Julie Gibbons at 515-681-7162.**

Planning ahead.....

Immaculate Conception-Monday, December 8

Mass Times: 8am and 6pm

Advent Communal Penance-Sunday, December 14

2pm

December 24

Christmas Pageant 3:30pm

Mass Times—4pm, 6pm, 9pm

December 25-9am Mass

December 31—5pm Mass

January 1—9am Mass



MASS REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Adults: What does the cross mean to me?

Teens: What does Jesus' sacrifice on the cross invite me to be or do? How does the cross shape the way I make choices, treat others, or face suffering?

Children: Jesus died on the cross for you. Why did he do this? What does it do for you?

FINAL WEEKEND!!

The St. Mary's Knights of Columbus will be selling religious Christmas cards after all the Masses until November 23rd! Proceeds to benefit seminarians for the diocese of Des Moines.

Let's Help Everyone Stay Warm!!

For the 17th year, The **Knights of Columbus** are collecting coats, hats, boots and any other winter weather items for men, women and children. We are also collecting **NEW** socks for all ages!

The **Women's Association** will be collecting hats, mittens and scarfs at the same time that the Knights are collecting coats.

You can donate items until Friday, December 12h.

Thank you for your donations!

Fall Clean Up. We Need You!

The annual fall Clean-Up of the St. Mary's campus will be held on **Tuesday, December 2nd.**

We will meet in the Parish Hall at 8:30.

Bring gloves, a rake or any tool useful in leaf removal.

LARGE PYX....we are missing a large Pyx that is used to take communion to the Music Loft. If you have it, please return it to the sacristy or parish office.

Early Bulletin Publish Dates

Need to be in the Parish Office by 8am on the date listed above. Email bulletin announcements to stmarys@stmarysdsdm.org

November 23 Bulletin – due to office by November 12

November 30 Bulletin – due to office by November 18

December 7 Bulletin – due to office December 1

December 14 Bulletin – due to office December 3

December 21 Bulletin – due to office December 8

December 28 Bulletin – due to office by December 15

January 4 Bulletin – due to office by December 22

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 23

9am Polly Schuh
11am For the Parish

Tuesday, November 25

8am Lois Davis

Wednesday, November 26

8am Colleen Janssen

Thanksgiving Day, November 27

9am Wallace Wheeler

Saturday, November 29

5pm Daniel Paszkiewicz

Sunday, November 30

9am For the Parish
11am Tien and Peter Tran

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 23

Rosary Before Mass 8:30am
Children's Liturgy of the Word @ 9am Mass
Men's Bible Study 2:30pm
AA Meeting 7pm

Tuesday, November 25

Social Crafts 9:30am
Alpha 6pm

Thanksgiving Day, November 27

9am Mass

Friday, November 28

NO 8am Mass & Parish Offices Closed

Victim Assistance Advocate

The Diocese's victim Assistance Advocate, Sam Porter, is a staff member at Polk County Victim Services. He helps people who are, or were, minors when they were victims of abuse by the clergy through a complaint process. He also helps them seek support and counseling services. Porter can be reached at 515-286-2024 or Sam.Porter@polkcountyia.gov

WINNER WINNER, CHICKEN DINNER! Be a part of our parish picture directory by December 31st and you could win a \$50 gift card to Charlotte's Kitchen! It's free to use and only viewable by directory members and staff. Join the over 170 families already enjoying this parish feature. Current members are entered in the drawing, too. Sign-up information is on our parish website, in the entrances to the church or by contacting Deacon Greg at 515.650.2738 or deacongreg@stmarydsm.org. If you want to update your photo or information and need assistance, or just have questions about the directory, ask Dcn Greg!

PARISH STAFF

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Women's Association: Barb Burkard-515-249-2954
Men's Club: Jim Cunningham-515-491-1047
Knights of Columbus: Howard Eikenberry-515-238-8744
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Becoming Catholic: Diane Klopfenstein-515-865-7307
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Men's Bible Study: Howard Eikenberry-515-238-8744
Habitat for Humanity: Glen Oglia-515-326-1528
Piecemakers-stmaryspiecemakers@gmail.com
Music/Choir: Mary Dunn Hayward-515-681-7261

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Henry Burkard, Rhonda Brown, Norma Thelen, Marilyn Olsasky, Jim Easter, Donna Steele, Lori Edler-Bisbee, Danny Roberts, Shad Dooly, Larry & Sharon Fettig, Clara Johnson.

Please call the office if you wish to have your name or someone else's on the prayer list. We do need a person's permission to print their name.

Catholics in Recovery

There's a resource and support for Catholics struggling with addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Catholics in Recovery helps individuals and families find freedom from these challenges through the 12-Step program and the Catholic faith. They meet every Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 4 at St. Francis of Assisi in West Des Moines. Questions? Contact Taylor B. at taylorbennett123@gmail.com



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