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4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." - Mt 1:21

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Fr. John Frost 515-276-4042
Dcn. Dan Maxcy 515-276-7589
Dcn. Greg Lievens 515-650-2738

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.stmarysdsm.org

Publishing Deadline

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

December 21, 2025 • Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas & Solemnity of Mary

December 24

NO 8am Mass

Office Open 8am to 12pm

Christmas Pageant 3:30pm

Mass Times—4pm, 6pm, 9pm



December 25—9am Mass—Offices Closed

December 26—NO 8am Mass, All Offices Closed

December 31—Office Open 8am to 12pm—5pm Mass

January 1—9am Mass—Offices Closed

Church Decorators Needed

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the church for Christmas. We will meet in the church on Monday, December 22nd at 10am.

For a Peaceful Journey

"Lord, thank you for the opportunity to travel in this season. Preserve my going out and coming in. Keep me from dangers I may not see, watch over my steps, and bring me to my destination and back home safely, for my life is in your hands. **Amen.**"

KEEP UP WITH HAPPENINGS AT STM!

There is all kind of information on our website!

You can read the bulletin each week on our website!

Simply go to www.stmarysdsm.org

Find the word BULLETIN top of page off to the right.



Growing in Faith Questions

Adults: How deep is my trust in God?

Teens: Think of something difficult going on in your life right now that makes it hard to trust God. What would happen if you gave it to God this week and stopped worrying about it?

Children: God is with you and loves you always, even when something you don't like happens. What can you do to trust God during these times?

Christmas Flower Memorial

Help us decorate the church for Christmas in memory of a loved one. Your donation will be used to purchase flowers and other decorations that will last the entire season.

Envelopes can be found in the Gathering Area. Fill out the information and drop in the collection basket.

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. Sam Porter can be reached at 515-286-2024 or Sam.Porter@polkcountyiowa.gov

End Of The Year Business

As we prepare for year-end, please be mindful that donations must be received (or postmarked if mailed) by December 31 in order to be deductible in 2025. If postmarked or received after December 31, 2025, the donation will be deductible in 2026. To comply with federal law, we cannot accept donations in 2026 for 2025.

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.

St. Mary of Nazareth Collection

October 2025

	Actual	Last Year
Tithing Envelopes	\$30,247.00	\$26,275.00
Online Giving	\$14,721.45	\$15,512.91
Automatic Deposit	<u>\$ 1,670.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,940.00</u>
Year-To-Date	\$193,539.80	\$176,246.27
Plate	\$ 2,234.00	
Building	\$ 710.00	

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@stmarysdsm.org. If you want to update your photo or information and need assistance, or just have questions about the directory, ask Dcn Greg!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 21

9am David Fulitano
11am For the Parish

Tuesday, December 23

8am Colleen Janssen

Wednesday, December 24—Christmas Eve

4pm Lavonne Fettkether
6pm JoAnn Kimmel
9pm Frank & Jean Groff

Thursday, December 25—Christmas Day

9am Jeanette Frost

Saturday, December 27

5pm Donald Reiling

Sunday, December 28

9am For the Parish
11am Betsy McMahon

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 21

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

Monday, December 22

Church Decorating 10am

Tuesday, December 23

Social Crafts 9:30am

Wednesday, December 24—Christmas Eve

NO 8am Mass
Office Hours 8am to 12pm
Christmas Pageant 3:30pm
Mass Times: 4pm, 6pm, 9pm

Thursday, December 25—Christmas Day

Parish Offices closed
Mass 9am

Friday, December 26

NO 8am Mass—Parish Offices closed

Mass Offering

**Beginning January 1, 2026 the donation to have
a Mass will be \$10.00 per Mass.**

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Student Center (on the Drake Campus) is the home of the Catholic Deaf Community. Sign language is available every Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Visitors are welcome and appreciated to continue building this community and making the Gospel accessible to our sisters and brothers in Christ. For more information, please contact Patty Origer at poriger@dmddiocese.org.

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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Finance Council: Deb Tharnish-515-360-9394

Faith Formation Council: Allie Lee-515-480-1356

Women's Association: Barb Burkard-515-249-2954

Men's Club: Jim Cunningham-515-491-1047

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Shannon Brand—815-900-8283

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Becoming Catholic: Diane Klopfenstein-515-865-7307

Women's Bible Study: Suzanne Ritchie-515-339-9782

Women's Bible Study: Mary Harper-515-494-0867

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, 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.**

Marriage is a journey!! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pazzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. Upcoming weekends are: February 13-15 in Dubuque, April 10-12 in Marshalltown, October 9-11 in Epworth.

For more information call Denise at (563)920-9419 or register at wwme.org.



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