

# St. MARY OF NAZARETH

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## 4<sup>th</sup> 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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### 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](http://www.stmarysdsdm.org)

### Publishing Deadline

8:00am on Monday for Bulletin, Email Blast and TV Monitors—email to: [stmarys@stmarysdsdm.org](mailto:stmarys@stmarysdsdm.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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.stmarysds.org](http://www.stmarysds.org)

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

### 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.

### St. Mary of Nazareth Collection

#### October 2025

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
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	

## 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@polkcountyia.gov](mailto:Sam.Porter@polkcountyia.gov)

### 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](mailto:taylorbennett123@gmail.com).

**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@stmarysds.org](mailto:deacongreg@stmarysds.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 Fekkether  
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@dmdiocese.org](mailto:poriger@dmdiocese.org).

### **PARISH STAFF**

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**Piecemakers-**[stmaryspiecemakers@gmail.com](mailto: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 pazazz 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.

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