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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.stmarysdsm.org

Publishing Deadline

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

December 28, 2025 • *Holy Family Sunday*

Solemnity of Mary

December 31—Office Open 8am to 12pm—5pm Mass
January 1—9am Mass—Offices Closed

Adoration

Friday, January 2—8:30am to 9:30am
NO Adoration on January 1

Diocese of Des Moines PERMANENT DIACONATE Formation - Pre-Application Information Meetings

The pre-application information meetings are intended to provide interested men and their wives with an overview of the formation process and requirements as well as the challenges and rewards when choosing to pursue ordination in the Permanent Diaconate. There will be a short presentation and time for questions and answers. Permanent deacons and wives will be hosting these evenings and available to talk after the presentation.

Attending at least one of the pre-application meetings by the inquirer and wife (if married) is a prerequisite for requesting an application packet.

If you attended a St. Lawrence gathering over the summer, you still must attend a **pre-application meeting** to request an application to Permanent Diaconate Formation.

Final Pre-application meeting for the 2026 Formation Class:

Sunday- January 4, 2026 1:00 PM St. Anthony Parish in Des Moines (lower Church)
For more information contact Vocations@dmdiocese.org or p.515-237-5034

Weather Cancellation

Daily Mass or Word & Communion Service:

If the Johnston School District cancels classes or has a delayed start due to snow or ice, then daily Mass or Word & Communion Service will be cancelled. However, if the Johnston School District cancels or has a delayed start due to **COLD**, then daily Mass or Word and Communion **will not be cancelled.**

Weekend Mass: Father John will decide and communicate to everyone via email, text & Facebook.

For more information, please go to our website www.stmarysdsm.org, under Welcome click on Inclement Weather Policy

Growing in Faith Questions

Adults: Am I welcoming to the immigrant? How?

Teens: Think about a time you were the new person in a group. What did/would have helped you feel welcome? How can you provide that same welcome to others who are new, especially immigrants?

Children: Do you know anyone who is really different from you? How do you show them they are welcome?

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.

Please contact Rhonda at 515-276-4042 if you have any questions.

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

Just a **few days left** to be a part of our parish picture directory **by Dec 31st** for a chance to win a **\$50 gift card to Charlotte's Kitchen!**

The directory is **free** to use & only viewable by directory members and staff. Join the over 180 families 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 deaccongreg@stmarysdsm.org.

If you want to update your photo or information and need assistance, or have any questions about the directory, ask Dcn Greg!

Experience Uncorked! This parish favorite returns to keep away your winter blues. Join us Tues., Jan. 20th and Feb. 3rd at 6:30 PM in the Fireplace Room to learn about a saint, watch a short faith related video, and share some thoughts while enjoying a drink and snack. Refreshments will be on hand but you're welcome to bring our own. Bring a friend, too!

Questions? Contact Dcn Greg at 515.650-2738.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 28

9am For the Parish
11am Betsy McMahon

Tuesday, December 30

8am Patrick Boyle

Wednesday, December 31

8am Jack & Rosemary Marshall
5pm Kathleen Janssen

Thursday, January 1

8am Yvonne Schuh

Friday, January 2

8am Francis & Adeline Busch

Saturday, January 3

5pm Lura Gilman & Gary Agan

Sunday, January 4

9am Frank & Jean Groff
11am For the Parish

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 28

Rosary Before Mass 8:30a
AA Meeting 7pm

Wednesday, December 31

Office Hours 8am to 12pm
Solemnity of Mary Mass 5pm

Thursday, January 1

Parish Offices closed
Solemnity of Mary Mass 9am

Friday, January 2

Adoration 8:30am

For those traveling this winter,
we pray to the Lord.

THANK YOU

On behalf of St. Mary's Knights of Columbus, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who purchased our religious Christmas cards this year. Because of your generous support, we were able to raise over \$800 to be used to support 2 seminarians in the Des Moines diocese!

We look forward to your continuing support of this program for next year.

Traveling this winter to warm destination?

Find local Mass times at
www.masstime.org



PARISH STAFF

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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

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

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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.

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@dmadiocese.org.



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