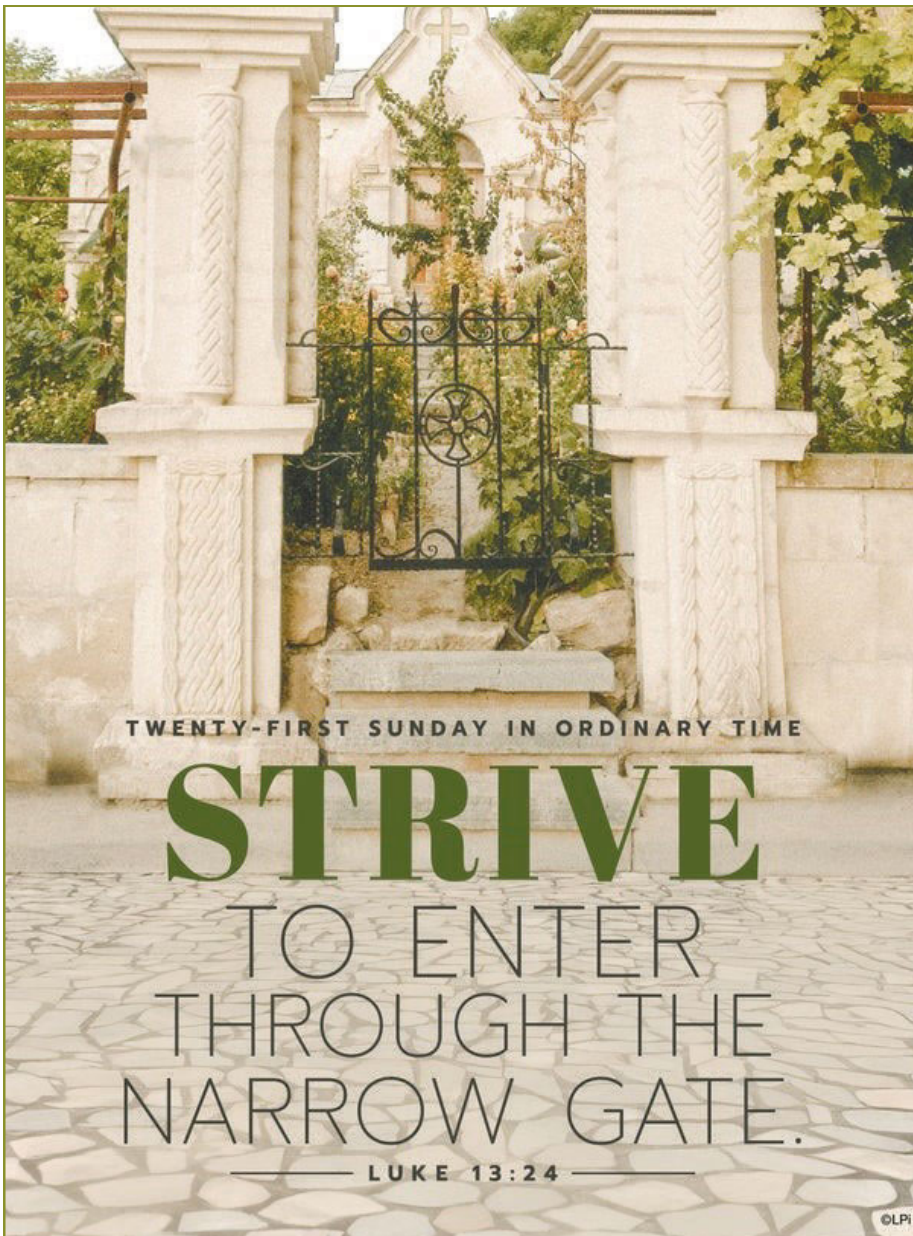


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**Mass Schedule**

**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)

**August 24, 2025 • 21st Sunday In Ordinary Time**

### **BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER**

Dear God, as we start this new school year, we ask for Your guidance and protection. Please be with us as we learn and grow. Help us to be kind and respectful to our teachers and classmates. Give us the strength to face any challenges and the wisdom to make good choices. Fill us with a spirit of curiosity and a love for learning. We thank you for your love and presence in our lives. In Jesus' name, ***Amen.***

### **Celebrate Our New Parish Members With Us!**

Join us after the 5 PM Mass on

August 23rd at the Church.

We'll have some wine & cheese and other refreshments and snacks to enjoy as we take a few minutes to get acquainted with each other.

*Salute'*

### **THANK YOU!**

The Habitat for Humanity team at St. Mary's would like to extend a heartwarming thank you to all those who contributed to the house build for this year. Thanks to your generous support, we are pleased to announce that we were able to raise over \$2,000 to contribute towards the house build!

Thanks again for your support and prayers. We look forward to your generosity again next year.

### **Persons with Disabilities and the Sacraments**

As the school year begins, so does our parish religious education program! Persons with disabilities are called to the fullness of sacramental life, even in the presence of severe disorders. The sacraments are gifts from God, and the liturgy, even before being rationally understood, needs to be lived: therefore no one can refuse the sacraments to persons with disabilities. The community that is able to discover the beauty and joy of faith which these brothers are capable become richer. In fact, they are not only recipients of catechesis, but participants in evangelization. If you have a loved one with a disability, and would like to learn more about how they can receive the sacraments, please contact the parish office.

### **St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday Extra Collection August 31, 2025**

With more than 2 months left in our fiscal year, the Des Moines area parish conferences have financially helped 37 families so far.

That's over twice as many as last fiscal year!

Thank you for your support!

### **MASS REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

**Adults:** How narrow is the door to eternal life?

**Teens:** What do you need to do to receive eternal life?

**Children:** What choices do you need to make to be with Jesus in heaven someday?

### **Women's Bible Study**

#### **Wednesdays from 9:30-11 AM in the Parish Hall**

Women's Bible Study is open to all ladies of the parish. We meet Wednesday mornings 9:30 to 11am in the Parish Hall. On September 3rd, we will begin our study of the Gospel of Mark and a video series "Queen of Heaven". Our group spends time in prayer for personal, community and world needs, and in thanksgiving. We are a community of women who pray together to better ourselves, our families, community and world, and to study the bible for our personal enrichment. We welcome all who are interested in joining us. For more information contact

Suzanne Ritchie or Mary Harper

at [stmaryswomensbiblestudy@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryswomensbiblestudy@gmail.com)

### **Thank You!**

Thank you for the beautiful cards which expressed kind greetings, best wishes & prayers on the occasion of my 88th birthday. It was truly a surprise and blessing to me. I miss St. Mary's & all of you.

In the love of Jesus,  
Jean Heger

### **St. Mary of Nazareth Collection June 2025**

	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Last Year</u></b>
Tithing Envelopes	\$53,079.59	\$43,853.40
Online Giving	\$16,480.82	\$13,625.00
Automatic Deposit	<b><u>\$ 1,940.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,940.00</u></b>
Monthly Total	\$71,500.41	\$59,418.40
Year-to-Date	\$683,273.11	\$669,723.14
Plate	\$ 2,694.49	
Building Fund	\$ 1,263.00	

Registrations are currently being taken for a 2-part study from Ascension Press called **Fulfilled: Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism**, which runs from October 1 to Ash Wednesday. We will follow that with a shorter study to be determined later. The meetings are weekly on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:15 in the parish hall at St. Augustin Church. This study is written by Sonja Corbitt who has the nickname The Bible Study Evangelista! The cost for both part 1 and part 2 will be \$39.54, and scholarships are available. If you are interested in joining us this fall, please contact Diane Klopfenstein at 515-865-7037 and leave a message, or email her at [k12ao@yahoo.com](mailto:k12ao@yahoo.com). Registration deadline is September 8.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Sunday, August 24**

9:00am Russ & Dick Stebbins  
11:00am For the Parish

### **Tuesday, August 26**

8:00am Paul Holzworth

### **Wednesday, August 27**

8:00am David Fulitano

### **Thursday, August 28**

8:00am Rita Bruch

### **Friday, August 29**

8:00am LaVonne Fettkether

### **Saturday, August 30**

5:00pm Jack & Rosemary Marshall

### **Sunday, August 31**

9:00am Lois Davis  
11:00am For the Parish

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Sunday, August 24**

Rosary Before Mass 8:30am  
Men's Bible Study 2:30pm  
AA Meeting 7pm

### **Monday, August 25**

Stephen Ministry 6:30pm

### **Tuesday, August 26**

Knights of Columbus Leadership 8:45am  
Social Crafts 9:30am  
St. Vincent de Paul Committee 5:30pm

### **Thursday, August 27**

Pietra Fitness 4:15pm  
Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:00pm

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Fitness Instructor, at [joymnobles@gmail.com](mailto:joymnobles@gmail.com) or 712-304-1082 – if you have any questions.

## **SAVE-THE-DATE**

I hope everyone had a pleasant summer.  
This is your reminder that the Women's Association will start meeting again on September 8th.

**SEE-YOU-SOON**

## **PARISH STAFF**

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

Parishioner Zach Scothorn and Gary Agan, brother of Teri Henkels who passed away.  
Marge Catanzano, Anthony DeSio, Rhonda Brown, The Langan Family, Kyle Slifka, Fred Steinbach, Harvey & Donna Boeckholt, Norma Thelen, Marilyn Olsasky, Jim Easter, Donna Steele, Lori Edler-Bisbee, Danny Roberts, Shad Dooly, Larry & Sharon Fettig, Clara Johnson.



## **MISSION TRIP WITH FATHER RAY MCHENRY**

If you have been praying about going on a Mission Trip, it's not too late to join Father Ray McHenry on his annual Mission Trip to South Africa. The next trip will be January 15-27, 2026. There will be an informational meeting on Monday September 8 at 6:30 at St. Francis of Assisi in the Serra Room. You can contact Fr. Ray with any questions at: [fraydsm@gmail.com](mailto:fraydsm@gmail.com).





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