

# St. MARY OF NAZARETH

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## Epiphany OF THE LORD



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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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)

**January 4, 2026 • The Epiphany**

### THANK YOU!

What a great start to the day (December 13th) with the Johnston Police for "Coffee with the Cops" and "Breakfast with Santa" we commandeered another successful "Winter Weather Wear Drive." Many thanks to Grand Knight Howard, Deacon Greg, Rob Fahnländer, Glen Oglia, Koach Klopfenstein, Bob Van Dyke, Craig Nelson, Fredd Haas, and Mark Sexton. They have all helped in the past so knew how to sort, pack up and hit the snowy trail in no time flat! Once again, this year we distributed to Johnston Community Partnership, Central Iowa Shelter & Services, JOPPA, St. Vincent DePaul, St. Joseph Shelter, Woodlawn Education Center, & Stowe Elementary School. The Faith Formation students directed by Jill Alonzo had written notes to be sent with items given to Stowe and Woodlawn Education Center this year—nice touch! The Women's Association also provided MANY hats, scarves and mittens for the successful event.

Given today's wintery weather, we are reminded quickly how important this project is to provide winter wear to those that we all see without it. Thanks to all that have given to the drive and again to all who helped in the distribution—fun to get together with all our brothers for such a noble cause. 😊 Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to all of you and your families!

Vivat Jesus!

--Dave Butterwick

Chair, Winter Weather Wear Drive '25

Join us for a guided exploration of the Catholic world.

*Catholicism: A Journey to the Heart of the Faith*

Tuesday nights in the Fireplace Room

Video presentation and discussion

6 to 7:30 starting January 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Nazareth Nights—January 8 at 7pm –Youth Room

Nazareth Nights is a welcoming community of young adults walking through life's transitions together, whether single or married, working or studying, new in faith or seasoned. Our mission is to build authentic friendships, deepen our relationship with Jesus, and keep Him at the heart of everything we do. Come as you are. Meet good people. Grow in faith.

**Normally** we meet on the evening before the first Friday of every month (Thursday), we gather for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (aka holy hour), spending quiet time with the Lord in prayer and reflection. After holy hour, we head to the parish hall, share snacks and drinks, and enjoy fun conversation. Feel free to come for all or part of the evening. **February meeting will be February 5th!**

### *Growing in Faith Questions*

**Adults:** How has the birth of Christ changed your life?

**Teens:** The Magi followed a star, not knowing exactly where it would lead, but trusting it would guide them to something greater. What "stars" or signs has God placed in your life to guide you closer to Him?

What might you need to leave behind in order to follow where God is leading you?

**Children:** Baby Jesus was born on Christmas! What is one thing you can do for him as a birthday present?

### **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 your own. Bring a friend, too!

**Questions?** Contact Dcn Greg at 515.650-2738.

### **Women's Association— Christmas Party**

**Monday, January 5th @ 6:30pm**

Ladies, please RSVP for the party by December 30th  
email RSVP to [stmwomensassociationdsm@gmail.com](mailto:stmwomensassociationdsm@gmail.com)

Or Barbara Burkard @ 515-249-2954

### **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](mailto:Vocations@dmdiocese.org) or p.515-237-5034

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Sunday, January 4**

9am Frank & Jean Groff  
11am For the Parish

### **Tuesday, January 6**

8am Jeanne Jennings

### **Wednesday, January 7**

8am Dan McCune

### **Thursday, January 8**

8am Betsy McMahon

### **Friday, January 9**

8am Della Kenkel

### **Saturday, January 10**

5pm David Holeman

### **Sunday, January 11**

9am Uhlin Gass  
11am For the Parish

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Sunday, January 4**

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

### **Monday, January 5**

Women's Association 6:30pm

### **Tuesday, January 6**

Social Crafts 9:30am  
SVdP Committee 5:30pm

### **Wednesday, January 7**

Women's Bible Study 9:30am OFF-SITE  
Choir Practice 5pm  
Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Events  
*Specific program calendars on website*

### **Thursday, January 8**

Pietra Fitness 4:15pm  
Parish Council 7pm  
Nazareth Nights 7pm

Join us for Lay Ministry Training Night Wednesday,  
January 7, 2025 in the Church: **we need you!**

Altar Server Training - 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Usher & Greeter Training - 6:30pm to 7:00pm and  
7:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Youth Cantor Training - 6:30pm to 7:00pm and  
7:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Reader Training - 6:30pm to 7:00pm and  
7:30pm to 8:00pm

Eucharistic Minister Training - 6:30pm to 7:00pm and  
7:30pm to 8:00pm

Looking forward to seeing you!

## **PARISH STAFF**

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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

**Knights of Columbus:** Howard Eikenberry-515-238-8744

**Nazareth Nights Young Adult Catholic Group**

Shannon Brand—815-900-8283

**Vocations Committee:** Peggy Heinen-515-254-9292

**Growing Our Faith:** Jennifer Kruse-515-402-8098

**Stephen Ministry:** Ann McGonegle-515-313-6671

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**Pastoral Council:** Chris Burger-515-276-4042

**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**

Parishioner Mary Jane Waite who passed away.

Henry Burkard, Marilyn Olsasky, Jim Easter,

Donna Steele, Danny Roberts, Shad Dooly,

Larry & Sharon Fettig, Clara Johnson.

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

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Tithing Envelopes	\$29,174.00	\$31,832.00
Online Giving	\$14,121.45	\$14,433.81
Automatic Deposit	<u>\$ 1,520.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,860.00</u>
Monthly Total	\$44,815.45	\$48,125.81
Year-to-Date	\$238,355.25	\$224,372.08
Plate	\$ 2,339.97	
Building Fund	\$ 1,027.00	



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