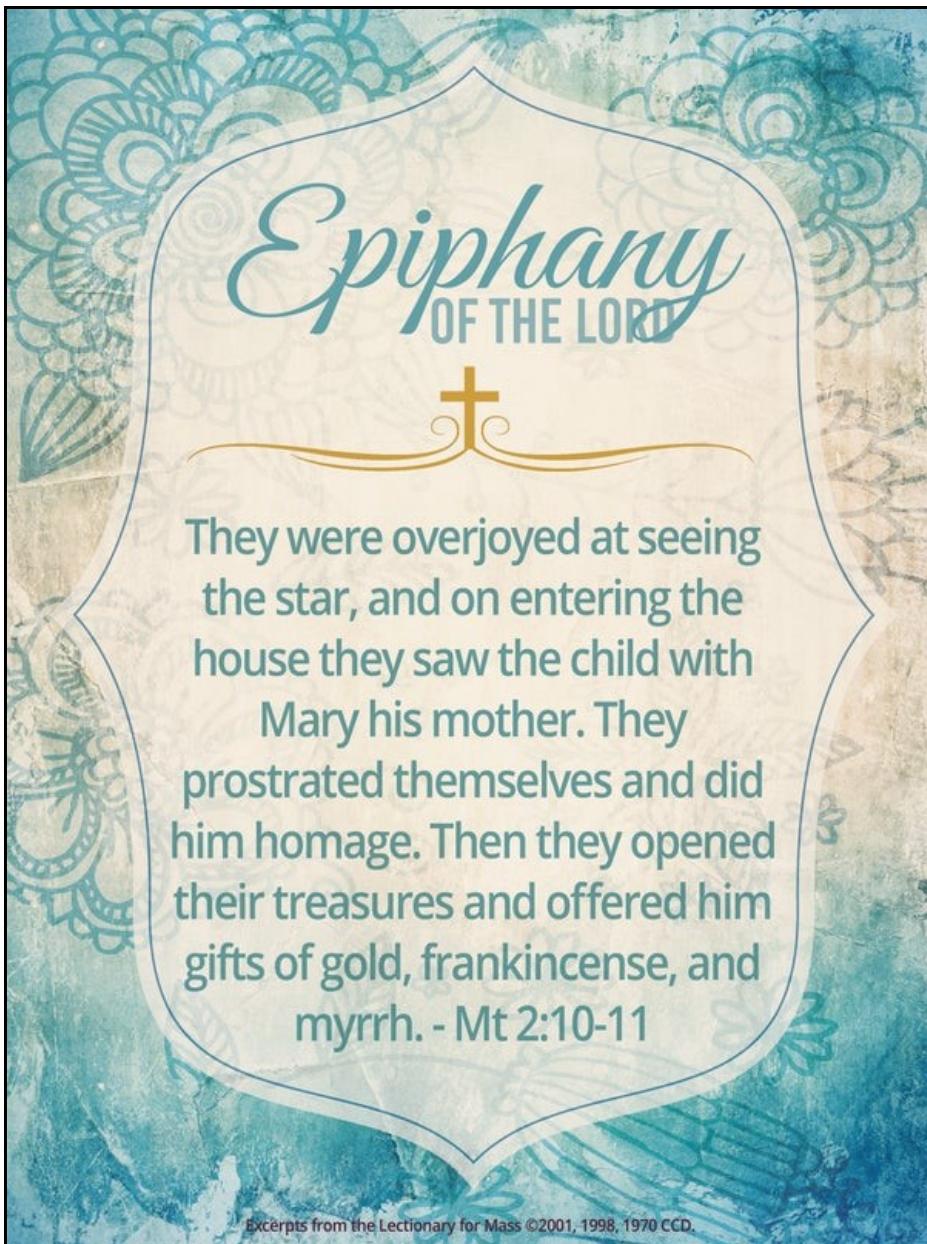


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Mass Schedule

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

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 Fahnlander, Glen Oglia, Koach Klopfenstein, Bob Van Dyke, Craig Nelson, Freddie 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 27th.

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

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 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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Bookkeeper, Rhonda Brown: 515-276-4042

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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

St. Vincent de Paul: Joyce Schmitz-515-518-0335

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

| | Actual | Last Year |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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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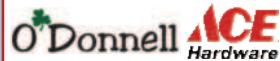
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