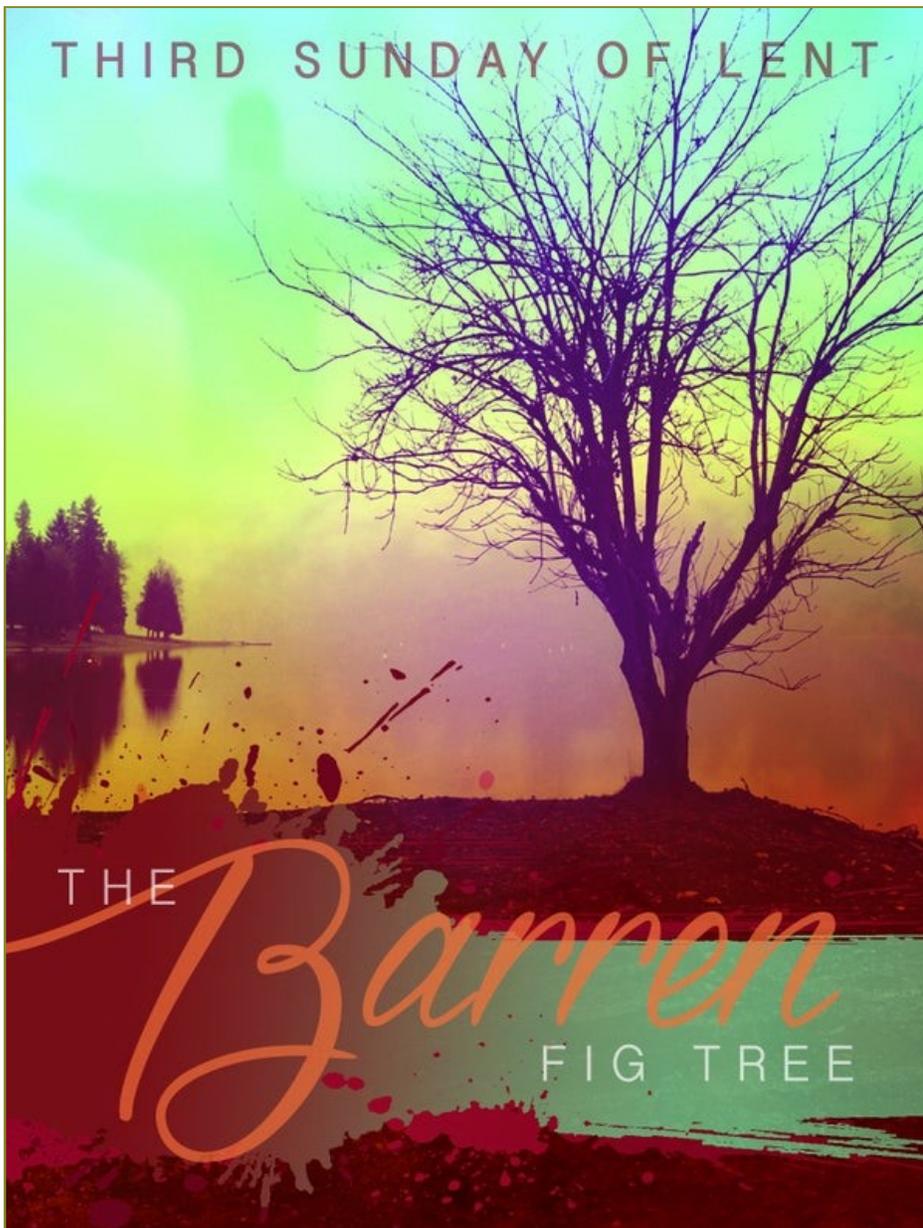


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Mass Schedule

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

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LENT THIS WEEK

"To the heights! Pier Giorgio Frassati's inspiring motto. These words call us to elevate every aspect of our lives in devotion to Christ."

St. Mary of Nazareth Knights of Columbus Fish Fry,
Friday March 13th serving from 5pm to 6:30pm

Stations of the Cross, Friday March 13th at 5:30pm

Thank You for a Wonderful Bingo Event!

A heartfelt thank you to all of our parishioners who joined us for Bingo in the Hall. Your presence, laughter, and fellowship made the event truly special. Events like this remind us how blessed we are to share such a caring and joyful parish family. We are grateful for your continued support and look forward to gathering again soon!

We also extend our sincere thanks to the local businesses who donated gift cards to support Bingo in the Hall this past weekend. Their generosity helped make the evening extra special and fun for everyone who attended. We are truly grateful for their support of our community.

Please consider supporting these businesses who so graciously support us:

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ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL—A.D.A.

THANK YOU to everyone who gave a gift this past weekend to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Our parish goal is 100% participation. Each and every person's gift brings us closer to that goal. When we reach our parish monetary goal, any additional gifts stay right here for our own use. If you have not made a gift, please join us in supporting the vital

programs and services throughout the Diocese that no single individual or parish can offer.

Simply fill out a contribution card and drop it in the offering basket or mail. Contribution cards and envelopes are located in the gathering area. Gifts can also be made online dmidiocese.org/giving.

Growing in Faith Questions

Adults: Am I aware of my spiritual thirst? How so?

Teens: Jesus knew everything about the woman — her mistakes, her past, her loneliness — and still chose her. Do you believe God sees the real you and still wants a relationship with you? Why or why not?

Children: Jesus knows everything about each of us, the good, the bad and the ugly. Are there things you wish he didn't know? What can you do about those things?

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Next week (March 15th) is Catholic Relief Services collection. The envelopes are in the Gathering Area. Funds from this collection provided food to the hungry, support displaced refugees and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please take an envelope on your way out and return it next weekend. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

You are welcome to dispose your blessed palms in the basket in the Gathering Area

Holy Trinity Spring Garage Sale 2026

March 19 and March 20 – 9am to 5pm
March 21 – 9am to noon—March 21 – Bag Sale

Be the Light! During Iowa Catholic Radio's "You Are the Light of the World Spring Fundraiser" March 10–13, tune in for special programming featuring stories from men and women who shine the light of Jesus Christ in our community! When you make a qualifying gift and designate our parish, you also help us compete to receive a lunch for our priest and staff, provided by Chick-fil-A. To give or learn more, visit IowaCatholicRadio.com.

HELP OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY! STM has joined with other churches to help keep the Free Food Pantry west of STM along Meredith (51st & Meredith) supplied with **non-perishable items**. You can drop off your donations in our **new food donation box** located in the gathering area and the Besperat family will deliver it to the pantry for you. You are also welcome to donate your items directly to the Free Food Pantry. Please do not donate expired food items and keep in mind current weather conditions when donating food. Together with our monthly monetary donations to the various food pantries operated by DMARC, Mary's Meals, our 5th Sunday donations to St. Vincent de Paul, and our annual participation with Meals From The Heartland, we have many ways to help those in need.

If you have a large donation please take it directly to the Free Food Pantry located to the west of us at 51st & Meredith – which is across the street from the Miso Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 8

9am David Fulitano
11am For the Parish

Tuesday, March 10

8am Ken & Eric Meyerhoff

Wednesday, March 11

8am Deceased Members of the DeSio Family

Thursday, March 12

8am Eugene Daluga

Friday, March 13

8am Patricia Thompson

Saturday, March 14

5pm Carolyn Buster

Sunday, March 15

9am Donald Maitre
11am For the Parish

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 8

Rosary Before Mass 8:30am
Children’s Liturgy of the Word @ 9am Mass
Meals from the Heartland 12pm
AA Meeting 7pm

Monday, March 9

Stephen Ministry 6:30pm

Tuesday, March 10

Social Crafts 9:30am
Catholicism Series 6:30pm

Wednesday, March 11

Women’s Bible Study 9:30am
Choir Practice 5pm
Focus Couple Meeting 7pm
Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Events
Specific program calendars on website

Thursday, March 12

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

Friday, March 13

Fish Fry 5pm
Stations of the Cross 5:30pm

Easter Flower Memorial

Help us decorate the church for Easter in memory of a loved one. Your donation will be used to purchase silk 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. **Thank You!**



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Jim Stiles, Madonna Gerdes, Fred Steinbach,
Henry Burkard, Marilyn Olsasky, Jim Easter,
Donna Steele, Danny Roberts, Shad Dooly,

Early Bulletin Deadline

Items for the March bulletins and the April 5 bulletin will be due to the office by Monday, March 9 at 8am. Please email to stmarys@stmarydsm.org.

Save the Date

Christ Our Life Catholic Conference
to be held Sept 26 & Sept 27 at Casey’s Center.
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