

St. MARY OF NAZARETH

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SAINT PATRICK'S DAY



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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

March 15, 2026 • *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

LENT THIS WEEK

"Let us not grow tired of doing good in active charity towards our neighbors. ...Let us practice almsgiving by giving joyfully" - Pope Francis

Stations of the Cross, Friday March 20th at 5:30pm

No Fish Fry – spring break

Communal Penance, Sunday March 22nd at 2pm

Thank You!!


A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our 12th St. Mary's Mobile Hunger Fight a success! Together, we packaged 64,800 meals, pushing our total to **over 3/4 of a million meals** provided to Des Moines area food pantries. If you're interested in helping more, **Meals from the Heartland** has packaging shifts available Tuesday through Saturday throughout the year.

MftH Mobile Packing Event is on the calendar for March 7, 2027

Tithing Envelopes

If you give to the church in an alternative way (online, charitable grants, QCDs) and find yourself recycling your church offering envelopes every month, please let the parish office know. Upon your request, we will stop sending the weekly envelopes to you. As always, thank you for your continuing generosity to St. Mary of Nazareth!

Lay Ministry Scheduling Assignments

Beginning in April, we will be implementing new software called Ministry Scheduler Pro or MSP for short. This is a great new tool for volunteers to schedule themselves. MSP is similar to Sign-Up Genius that you have used for special Mass sign ups (Holy Days and Holidays) and we also used this for the March sign-ups.

You will be able to schedule yourself to volunteer for Masses in April and May. This will include the Triduum and Easter Sunday. We will be rolling this out soon! If you see an email from us that looks different, please open it. If you get stuck, please call us. You will be able to sign up for Masses in April and May based on your schedule. Several parishes in the Des Moines area use this tool and love it. Stayed tuned!!

Growing in Faith Questions

Adults: Where am I spiritually blind?

Teens: Where in your life do you want answers before you're willing to trust God? What would it look like to trust Him first, even if you don't understand yet?

Children: Jesus heals. What is something you need Jesus to heal in your life?

"Next year in Jerusalem!" Have you ever been curious about the Passover meal mentioned in the Bible? Join us on Holy Wednesday night, April 1st, as our guest, Marilyn Jerome, will help us understand this actual Jewish ritual with a "teaching Passover Seder or Haggadah" beginning at 5:30 pm with appetizers, the teaching session at 5:45 and ending promptly at 7 pm. Additional food to enjoy there or take home if you need to leave will be available at 7. You'll get instructions on how to conduct the ritual at home, the traditional location of this meal for thousands of years. This unique event, while peculiar to Jewish history, carries a message for the conscience and heart of all people that we keep the world free from bondage and oppression. To help us properly plan the best experience, an RSVP is appreciated, but not required. Contact Dcn Greg at deacongreg@stmarysdsm.org or text or call 515.650.2738 to let us know the # of adults & children attending or if you have questions. Shalom!

Help keep church records current!!

If you have a NEW email address, got rid of your landline or moved and have a new address, please let the office know. Contact Bridget at 515-276-4042 or email at stmarys@stmarysdsm.org.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SUNDAY, MARCH 22 AT 2PM

Italy Pilgrimage Invitation to Iowa Knights of Columbus, Spouses and Widows of Former Knights: *Note that there is still room to come along November 2-12, 2026, to some of the most sacred and beautiful sites in all of Europe!* We'll visit great places like Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi, Rome and so much more! This pilgrimage is for Knights of Columbus from around the State of Iowa, spouses and widows of former members, and is being organized by Fr. Dan Guenther, the State of Iowa Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus. Cost for the trip is \$4,599 with departure from either Des Moines or Omaha, while seats are available. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, 276 Country Club Drive, Lake Park, Iowa 51347 or call 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 15

9am Donald Maitre
11am For the Parish

Tuesday, March 17

8am Patrick Boyle

Wednesday, March 18

8am Russ, Dick and Rita Stebbins

Thursday, March 19

8am Lavonne Fekkether

Friday, March 20

8am Loren and Paul Wagner

Saturday, March 21

5pm Evelyn Wagner

Sunday, March 22

9am Dora Gass
11am For the Parish

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 15

Rosary Before Mass 8:30am
Becoming Catholic 12pm
AA Meeting 7pm

Tuesday, March 17

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

Wednesday, March 18

Faith Formation Events
Specific program calendars on website

Thursday, March 19

Pietra Fitness 4:15pm
Growing Our Faith 6:30pm

Friday, March 20

Stations of the Cross 5:30pm

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This weekend is Catholic Relief Service collection weekend. There are envelopes in the Gathering Area if you would like to contribute to very important ministry. Just return it next weekend. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies provides relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and abroad. Thank you for your support!

Holy Trinity Spring Garage Sale 2026

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

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Women’s Association: Barb Burkard-515-249-2954
Men’s Club: Jim Cunningham-515-491-1047
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Shannon Brand—815-900-8283

Vocations Committee: Peggy Heinen-515-254-9292
Growing Our Faith: Jennifer Kruse-515-402-8098
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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

Donna Britt, Jim Stiles, Madonna Gerdes, Fred Steinbach, Henry Burkard, Marilyn Olsasky, Jim Easter, Donna Steele, 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.

No Fish Fry on Friday, March 20th

Final of the season will be Friday, March 27



MARRIED COUPLES: A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Springtime. It’s a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you’d like to make your marriage even more special than it already is sign up now at wwme.org or call Greg & Denise at 563-920-9419 or sign up at wwme.org. **Upcoming dates:** April 10-12 in Marshalltown and October 9-11 in Epworth.

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