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“I am the resurrection and
the life; whoever believes in
me, even if he dies, will live.”

JOHN 11:25

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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

Publishing Deadline

8:00am on Monday for Bulletin, Email Blast and TV Monitors—email to: stmarys@stmarysdsdm.org

March 22, 2026 • Fifth Sunday of Lent

LENT THIS WEEK

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." (Romans 12:12)

COMMUNAL PENANCE: Sunday March 22nd at 2pm

FINAL OF THE SEASON: St. Mary of Nazareth Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, Friday March 27th serving from 5pm to 6:30pm

FINAL OF THE SEASON: Stations of the Cross, Friday March 27th at 5:30pm

PLANNING AHEAD

Palm Sunday: March 28/29

Holy Thursday Mass: April 2 at 7pm

Holy Thursday Adoration: 8pm to 10pm

Good Friday Service: April 3 at 7pm

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 4 at 9:30am

Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 4 at 8pm

Easter Sunday: April 5 Mass Times 9am and 11am

Parish Offices Closed on Friday, April 3rd and Monday, April 6th

Chrism Mass

St. Ambrose Cathedral * Friday, March 27th at 5pm

Come see Bishop William Joensen bless and consecrate oils that we'll use in our parish for sacraments like baptism, anointing of the sick, and confirmation.

All are welcome.

From the STM Offices

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!

Parish Business Office Hours—515-276-4042

Monday-Thursday 8am to 3pm and Friday 8am to noon

Faith Formation Office Hours—515-276-7589

Monday-Thursday 9am to 3pm or by appointment only.

"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease".

Genesis 8:22:



Growing in Faith Questions

Adults: What sin hinders me the most?

Teens: Jesus didn't just fix the problem — He wept with them first. Where in your life do you need to let Jesus into your pain instead of handling it alone?

Children: Jesus is the resurrection and the life. What does it mean to you that Jesus promises you will live with him forever?

"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@stmarydsm.org or text or call 515.650.2738 to let us know the # of adults & children attending or if you have questions. Shalom!

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

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Student Center (on the Drake Campus) is the home of the Catholic Deaf Community. Sign language is available every Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Visitors are welcome and appreciated to continue building this community and making the Gospel accessible to our sisters and brothers in Christ. For more information, please contact Patty Origer at poriger@dmdiocese.org.

Victim Assistance Advocate

The Diocese's victim Assistance Advocate, Sam Porter, is a staff member at Polk County Victim Services. He helps people who are, or were, minors when they were victims of abuse by the clergy through a complaint process. He also helps them seek support and counseling services. Porter can be reached at 515-286-2024 or Sam.Porter@polkcountyiowa.gov.

Easter Decorating

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the church for Easter on Saturday, April 4th Around 10:30am – just after the Easter Egg Hunt.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 22

9am Dora Gass
11am For the Parish

Tuesday, March 24

8am Pat Engelmann

Wednesday, March 25

8am Dick & Teresa Heger

Thursday, March 26

8am David Holeman

Friday, March 27

8am Sean Kelly

Saturday, March 28

5pm Lura Gilman & Gary Agan

Sunday, March 29

9am For the Parish
11am Greg Fitzgerald

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 22

Rosary Before Mass 8:30am
Children’s Liturgy of the Word @ 9am Mass
Communal Penance 2pm
Men’s Bible Study 3:00pm
AA Meeting 5:30pm

Monday, March 23

Stephen Ministry 6:30pm

Tuesday, March 24

Knights of Columbus Leadership Team 8:45am
Social Crafts 9:30am
SVdP Committee 5pm
Catholicism Series 6pm

Wednesday, March 25

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

Thursday, March 26

Pietra Fitness 4:15pm
Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting 6pm
Becoming Catholic Church Tour 6pm
Nazareth Nights Small Groups 7pm

Friday, March 27

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

MARRIED COUPLES: A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Springtime. It’s a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance & new beginnings. If you’d like to make your marriage even more special than it already is - call now. Contact Denise & Greg – 563-920-9419 next date: April 10-12 in Marshalltown, IA

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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
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
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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.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Scholarships

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Ave Maria #302 will award two \$1000.00 education scholarships for use in 2026. Scholarship application forms contain the criteria and requirements for submission and can be downloaded from: www.iowacatholicdaughters.org/ct-ave-maria-302-des-moines.

The deadline for submission is April 15, 2026.

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