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October 31, 2021

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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FORMED Website info: holymarycluster.formed.org

Newcomers: Member registration forms are available in the main entrance to church, on the website, or by contacting the parish office via phone or email.

Baptism: Contact the pastor to schedule.

Marriage Prep: Contact the pastor at least 9 months prior to the date of marriage.

Reconciliation: half hour before these weekend Masses
Saturday- St. Mary Sunday- Holy Name

Adult Inquiry into Catholic Membership: RCIA program from September to Easter. Contact pastor for more info.

Flocknote: Text HMC to 84576 or by going to <https://holymarycluster.flocknote.com/>

This Week's Mass Schedule

Monday	11/1	No Mass	
Tuesday	11/2	SM 5:30 pm	+Darlene DeSmet
Weds	11/3	HN 7:30 am	+Scott Blauwet
Thursday	11/4	SM 8:00 am	+Jack Bontje
Friday	11/5	HN 7:30 am	+Fr. Jeff Schleisman
Saturday	11/6	SM 4:00 pm	Cluster
Sunday	11/7	HN 8:30 am	+August J. Blauwet, Jr.
		SM 10:30 am	+Jim Grotjohn

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary, Larchwood
Every Tuesday 8:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Adoration Chapel

St. Mary Funeral Schedule: St. Clare Circle
Please contact Jodi Froehlich (605)610-6123 or
Stacia Poppens (712)477-2324 (if you are able to donate food).



JOIN US FOR COFFEE & ROLL
after Mass this Sunday,
October 31st at St. Mary.

All Souls Day (Nov 2, 2021)

All Souls' Day is a day specially set apart that we may remember and pray for our dear ones who have gone for their eternal reward and who are currently in a state of ongoing purification.

Ancient belief: 1) People of all religions have believed in the immortality of the soul, and have prayed for the dead.

2) The Jews, for example, believed that there was a place of temporary bondage from which the souls of the dead would receive their final release. The Jewish catechism *Talmud* states that prayers for the dead will help to bring greater rewards and blessings to them. Prayer for the souls of the departed is retained by Orthodox Jews today, who recite a prayer known as the *Mourner's Kaddish* for eleven months after the death of a loved one so that he/she may be purified.

3) Jesus and the apostles shared this belief and passed it on to the early Church. "*Remember us who have gone before you, in your prayers,*" is a petition often found inscribed on the walls of the Roman catacombs (*Lumen Gentium-50*).

4) The liturgies of the Mass in various rites dating from the early centuries of the Church include "Prayers for the Dead."

St. Mary Adoration is back!

*Adoration schedule copies are in the main entry. If you are interested in joining the adoration team please contact the parish office (712)477-2273.

St. Catherine's Soup & Pie supper sign-ups and raffle tickets are in the back of the church. Please sign up to bring food and find a time to help the night of the event. Full participation helps our event run smoothly!



5) The early Fathers of the Church encouraged this practice. Tertullian (A.D. 160-240) wrote about the anniversary Masses for the dead, advising widows to pray for their husbands. St. Augustine remarked that he used to pray for his deceased mother, remembering her request: *“When I die, bury me anywhere you like, but remember to pray for me at the altar”*

6) Theological reason: According to Rv 21:27, *“nothing unclean shall enter heaven.”* Holy Scripture (Prv 24:16) also teaches that even *“the just sin seven times a day.”* Since it would be contrary to the mercy of God to punish such souls with venial sins in Hell, they are seen as entering a place or state of purification, called *Purgatory*, which combines God’s justice with His mercy. This teaching is also contained in the doctrine of the *Communion of Saints*.

Biblical evidence: 1) II Mc 12:46 is the main Biblical text incorporating the Jewish belief in the necessity of prayer and sacrifice for the dead. The passage (II Mc 12:39-46) describes how Judas, the military commander, *“took up a collection from all his men, totaling about four pounds of silver and sent it to Jerusalem to provide for a sin offering”* (II Mc 12: 43). The narrator continues, *“If he had not believed that the dead would be raised, it would have been foolish and useless to pray for them.”*

2) St. Paul seems to have shared this traditional Jewish belief. At the death of his supporter Onesiphorus, he prayed: *“May the Lord grant him mercy on that Day”* (II Tm 1:18). **Other pertinent Bible texts:** Mt 12:32, I Cor, 3:15, Zec 13:19, Sir 7:33.

The Church’s teaching: The Church’s official teaching on Purgatory is plain and simple. There is a place or state of purification called *Purgatory*, where souls undergoing purification can be helped by the prayers of the faithful (Council of Trent). Some modern theologians suggest that the fire of Purgatory is an intense, transforming encounter with Jesus Christ and His fire of love. They also speak of Purgatory as an “instant” purification immediately after death, varying in intensity from soul to soul, depending on the state of each individual.

How do we help the “holy souls”? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC #1032) recommends prayer for the dead in conjunction with the offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. It also encourages *“almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead.”* Let us not forget to pray for our dear departed, have Masses offered for them, visit their graves, and make daily sacrifices for them.

Fr. Sunny Dominic

Confirmation Students 2021



Ministry Schedule

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 6 (Sat-4:00 pm)

Lector: Virginia Scannell

EMHC: Lisa Ageson

Servers: **Need Volunteers, Need Volunteers**

Gifts/Ushers: Shorty Blauwet, Scott Kerkvliet

November 7– Sunday 8:30 am

*Lector: **10-12 Grade Youth Mass**

EMHC: Brooke Konechne

Servers: Adam Brenneman, Alex Brenneman

Gifts: Justin & Ashley Blauwet Family

Ushers: **10-12 Grade Youth Mass**

**Communion to Homebound: Jim Vander Woude

Offertory: Brooke Konechne, Linda Herbert

November 7 (Sun-10:30 am)

Lector: Tracy Kramer

EMHC: John McCarty

Servers: Quintice Susie, Ruby Susie

Gifts/Ushers: John & Shelly McCarty

Count Offering: Doug Snyders, Shelly McCarty

Homebound Comm: **Need Volunteer**, Bill & Pat

Hassebroek- Inwood



We need volunteers to work in our childcare room at Holy Name for 1 hour on the following dates; November 3, December 1, January 5, February 2, March 9, and April 6. If your schedule allows you to help, even just once, our parents & catechists would appreciate it! Please let Beth Luze know.

St. Mary

FFF - November 3 (6:45-8 pm) will be our next night for Family Faith Formation.

CCD

- *Wednesday, Nov 3– CCD grades 6-8 from 6:45-8:00 pm. Grades 6 & 7 have class. 8th grade students will be delivering and helping sort all food pantry items. We need 1 or 2 parents to help transport students and items collected. Please contact Tracy Kramer if you can help with this.*

There are left over youth group T-shirts on a table in the school hallway. They are sorted by size. Please help yourself. We are accepting free will donations.

Holy Name

FFF: **Wednesday, November 3 (7-8pm)**

CCD: **Wednesday, November 10** – 6th-12th Graders will sign up to help with the Soup & Pie Supper

Wednesday, November 17 – 6th – 12th Grade CCD (7-8:15pm)

Wednesday, November 24 – **NO CLASSES**

If you haven't paid your religious education dues, please put it in the collection basket, drop it off at the office, or send it to CCD with your child.

St. Mary's parish office has been moved to the north side of the school building.
(located across from the adoration chapel)

If you are not able to attend Mass and would like to be visited by Father.

(To give communion, hear confession, and anointing.)

***Call Father Sunny 515-574-9888.**

Want to learn more about or join the Catholic Church?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (or RCIA) is a process which welcomes those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. If you or someone you know is thinking of becoming Catholic, wants to learn more about being Catholic, or if you want to journey with those considering the Catholic Church, please contact the parish office or Fr. Sunny.



When My Marriage Needed More Than a Date Night

Marriage is rooted in a deep connection, but it takes more than an occasional date night. Read how Ashley found that “becoming one with my husband, spiritually, increases my capacity to be happy, contented, fulfilled.”



Intentional Spending: 5 Changes I Made

Financial worries can put a strain on even the strongest marriages. Michele Faenhle shares what she learned from Sam Fatzinger, coauthor of *A Catholic Guide to Spending Less and Living More*, about setting and achieving financial goals.



6 Ways to Connect with Your Husband (Even When Life is Nuts)

We all have those weeks when life is chaotic, exhausting, and overwhelming. Ginny Kochis writes on how taking time to connect with your spouse makes all the difference—especially during crazy weeks.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A PRO-LIFE CHRISTMAS GALA ON NOVEMBER 20th! Iowans for LIFE will host a pro-life Christmas Gala, THE HOLY FAMILY, on November 20th at Hy-Vee's Ron Pearson Center in West Des Moines. The evening consists of cash bar, a delicious dinner, enticing auction items, and sensational Christmas entertainment featuring top talent including Gina Gedler and Tony Valdez. Monsignor Frank Chiodo will speak on the importance of the pro-life movement. Tables of ten/\$600; \$65/seat. Order online today: IowansforLIFE.org.



BIG SOO COUPON BOOKS ARE BACK! St. Mary's Youth Group is selling the 25th Annual Big Soo Coupon Book with over \$10,000 of instant savings on dining, entertainment, and services in the Sioux Falls metro area! Including 12 New Restaurants! The book is organized into 5 easy to find and use sections: restaurants, food trucks, entertainment, shops/services, and automotive. Coupons are valid until August 31, 2022. Cost is \$42 and can be purchased from the parish office or from Deb Blauwet (712-470-0453).

HOLY NAME

Last Weekend's Stewardship

Adult	\$1,415
Loose	\$256
Youth	\$9
Haiti	\$25
Catholic Charities	\$25
World Mission Sunday	\$100

ST. MARY

Last Weekend's Stewardship

Adult	\$2,027
Loose	\$293
Haiti	\$100
World Mission Sunday	\$308

2021 Together As One Update

Thank you to those who contributed. If you haven't made your contribution yet, there's still time to be part of a good thing !

	Goal:	Pledged:	Paid:	
Holy Name:	\$7,302	\$3818	\$3818	13 families
St. Mary:	\$12,193	\$5293	\$4428	38 families



Our Special Intention Prayer List

St. Mary:
 Mark Ripperda Clete Desmet Emily Ryan

Holy Name:
 Russell Pedersen Melissa Moser Dana Lutmer
 Judi Sieperda Special Intention

Grandparents, especially those who are widowed.

World Mission Sunday

Thank you for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting MISSIO.org.



The Knight of the month: Fr. Sunny for his support of the local KC's.

The Family of the Month: Mark & Deb Ripperda Family as they address Mark's heart issues.

We have a new website!!

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