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January 22, 2023

3rd 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	1/23	SM 8:00 am	(Fr. Jim) +Heidi (Schemmel) Miller
Tuesday	1/24	HN 7:30 am	(Fr. Jim) +Thomas L. Roach
		SM 5:30 pm	+Rosemary Moser
Weds	1/25	HN 7:30 am	+Gerald Klein & Margaret Klein
Thursday	1/26	SM 8:00 am	+Keith Viereck
Friday	1/27	HN 7:30 am	+Mildred & Lloyd Spencer
Saturday	1/28	SM 4:00 pm	+Gerald Bruggeman
Sunday	1/29	HN 8:30 am	Cluster
		SM 10:30 am	+Lori Gulk

HN MEN will be serving breakfast this Sunday after 8:30 Mass. Group 4, A.J. Montag & Damon Pedersen, Chairmen.

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

St. Mary Funeral Schedule: St. Maria Circle
Please contact Kristie Steen (605)731-9052
(if you are able to donate food).

JOIN US FOR COFFEE & ROLLS after Mass this week at St. Mary.
(St. Maria circle serving)

Saturday January 28
5:00 – 7:00 pm
Sport Center, Larchwood
Serving walking tacos
Bake sale– All those interested in donating a baked item; please bring it to the Sports Center between the hours of 2 – 4 pm on Jan. 28th
Prizes needed-Please have prizes at the church by January 23rd.

Need volunteers to help that night.

Contact Shelly McCarty with questions.

Pastor's Desk

The Light Shines Brightest in the Darkness

Life is not about denying that there is darkness, but rather about finding light in the midst of darkness. Darkness seems to be a very scary place. Whether we like to admit or not, there are things that are scary about the darkness. We cannot see where we are going, and we cannot identify the hazards that might be surrounding us. Darkness feels empty.

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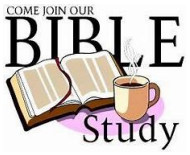
But the truth is that just because we cannot see what is in the dark place, it doesn't mean that there is nothing there. Darkness does not necessarily mean absence, and it certainly doesn't mean the absence of God. In fact, St. John of the cross would tell us that God More certainly present in the darkness of our lives, to the point that he could even call it "Holy Darkness", "Holy Night". Darkness is part of our life, that reminding us of the light we have been given on all those other days. We have to know the darkness before we can truly appreciate the light. Isn't it true that it is often on the darkest nights that we see the brightest stars? But there is also a darkness that comes with defeat, failure, isolation, and sin. It is darkness that is no friend to the light. In fact, it is darkness that tries to exclude all lights. In our scripture reading today, God's only begotten son, our savior is described as that great light in our darkness. Our Lord is the light that came to illumine the way for those who couldn't see where they were going. We were all living in darkness of sin, unable to see our way, unable to see all dangers that are all around us. The light of Christ is like a magnet which draws everyone. This light drew young fishermen to abandon their nets and become his followers. Jesus is calling us to be the light of the world, to leave sin and to Love God. It is time for us to say resolutely, "Light of Christ, light our way, light our way as we go".

Fr. Sunny Dominic

The Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton invite interested persons to learn more about the wisdom of the Benedictine path on Saturday, January 28 from 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in the Chapter Room of the Monastery. Join the sisters in reflecting on ways in which gifts of this monastic tradition can be helpful to men and women, lay and clergy, on the journey of living the Scriptures and seeking God in all life experiences. This introductory session will include discussion and prayer, interspersed between short presentations by S. Penny Bingham, S. Mary Jo Polak, S. Jeanne Ranek, Barbara Rezac, and S. Rosemarie Maly. There is no cost to participants thanks to funding by the Benedictine Service Fund. Register by noon on Friday, January 27 by emailing BenedictinePeaceCtr@YanktonBenedictines.org or by calling 605-668-6000. More information can be found at www.YanktonBenedictines.org/benedictine-path.

We will celebrate "**Sunday of the Word of God.**" Instituted by Pope Francis, this day is an opportunity to encounter the beauty of God's word as proclaimed in the Scriptures. To allow us to enter into such an encounter, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has created a Sunday Seminar series, **that will launch this Sunday, Jan. 22** and be accessible at **www.catholic.bible**.
We hope you will join us!



Bible Study at St. Mary

Gospel of Matthew

Will be held on **Thursdays** in January.

*If anyone would like to join please call Deb Blauwet (712) 470-0453.

Together for Life

Discover Your Patron Saint for 2023!

Start the year off right by choosing a patron saint to guide you and your spouse through the ups and downs Of married life.

Activity for Couples: Marital Conflict and Core Wounds

During the last few months, you have explored the root causes of Conflict in marriage by reading excerpts from *Be Devoted* by Bob Schuchts. *Use this exercise to reflect on your own conflicts to help you grow in understanding and compassion for one another.*

Six Good Habits to Start for Your Marriage in the New Year

Instead of resolutions—which are often quickly abandoned—set some goals for growth and good habits in your marriage this year.

*If you want to read the whole article go to https://togetherforlifeonline.com and click on articles.

Ministry Schedule

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28 (Sat-4:00 pm) @ SM
Lector: Joli Bruggeman
EMHC: Joli Bruggeman
Servers: Tyra Roemen, Evelyn Johnson, Natasha Mejia
Gifts/Ushers: Ryan & Jenn Roemen

January 29– Sunday 8:30 am @ HN
*Lector: Mariann Roemen
EMHC: Jim Vander Woude
Servers: Blake Luze, Alex Brenneman
Gifts/Ushers: Randy Roemen, Jay Vogel
**Communion to Homebound: Jim VW
Offertory: Dennis Haselhoff, James Montag

January 29 (Sun-10:30 am) @ SM
Lector: **7th Grade Youth Mass**
EMHC: Deb Burwitz
Servers: Brooklyn Schreurs, Trevor Smith
Gifts/Ushers: **7th Grade Youth Mass**
Count Offering: Ray & Linda Ripperda, LaVonne Reinke
Homebound Comm: Karen Viereck, *Inwood- Bill & Pat

January 22– Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Prayer for Unborn Children

O God, Our Heavenly Father, You Sent your Son into this world that He Might Bless and Consecrate all life to You. Your constant Love protected Him as the Ever Virgin Mary bore Him In Her womb for nine months. In His Mission He taught us the Greatness Of your Love and the Sanctity of Life. We pray that we may always cherish The Life that You give us. In a special Way we ask and pray that you Grace And Protect all unborn children with Your ever caring Love. We pray this In the Name of Jesus, Who is Lord, Forever and Ever. Amen

Prayer from: cfpholyangels.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Holy Name

January 25 – CCD (6th - 12th grade) 7-8:15pm
February 1 – FFF 7pm
February 8 – CCD (6th - 12th grade) 7-8:15pm
February 15 – CCD (6th - 12th grade) 7-8:15pm

St. Mary

FFF - February 1 (6:45-8 pm) *will be our next night for Family Faith Formation.*

CCD

- *Wednesday, Jan 25- (6:45– 8 pm)*
- *Sunday, Jan 29- (9:30– 10:30 am)*
  7th Grade Youth Mass
- *Wednesday, Feb 1– No class!*

Wednesday, January 25th: (ATLAS) Bread of Life food ministry in Rock Rapids, George, Little Rock and at the West Lyon School.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
P.I.D. FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 5 after Mass at St. Mary
serving waffles

90% of the funds raised go to Village Northwest in Sheldon and Hope Haven in Rock Valley to benefit P.I.D. (Persons with Intellectual Disabilities)

mary's choice

Thanks so much to all St. Marys parishioners who donated to the Christmas crib of baby supplies for Mary's Choice. Also, a special thanks to Rex & Deb David who took the donations to Sioux City this year.

PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED: If you have recently moved, changed your mailing address/phone number, added or changed an email address, or your adult children are members at another parish, please contact the parish office with current information so we may keep our records up-to-date.

SM Roof Fundraiser

Goal- $125,000

Roof Project

Date	Total raised	# families
1-15-23	$96,192.69	87

Please make checks payable to **St. Mary's** (include on the memo line - roof project). You can also use the building fund envelopes.

The 2023 collection in support of Briar Cliff University is coming up on January 28-29. Funds raised through the Briar Cliff Sunday collection help make a secondary Catholic education accessible through scholarships.

Please also remember that applications are now being accepted for Bishop's Scholarships to Briar Cliff University. Information and current recipients are highlighted in the attached marketing communications. The application deadline for 2023 Bishop's Scholarships is Monday, February 20. Interested students who attend a Diocese of Sioux City parish may apply by going to the BCU website at **https://www.briarcliff.edu/** or **click here** to go directly to the online application.

The foundational ministry of Atlas is mentoring.

Ecclesiates 4:9-10 says, "Two are better than one...if one falls down, a friend can help them up. But pity the one who falls and has no one to help them up." I think of mentoring as walking with someone to strengthen and encourage. We are in need of volunteer mentors. On Saturday, January 21 from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM we will have an introduction to mentoring with some training. To give us some idea of how many to plan for it is encouraged to contact us at the Atlas office if you plan on attending (712-472-9016).

Some of the needs for the food pantry are listed below. We not only serve Bread of Life once a month, we only provide a daily food pantry where folks in need may come and be given basics. Our needs this months include:

- Canned fruit
- Elbow macaroni
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Jello Snack Packs
- Soups

HOLY NAME

Last Weekend's Stewardship

Adult	$1,065
Loose	$159
Youth	$19

ST. MARY

Last Weekend's Stewardship

Adult	$3,240
Loose	$88
Youth	$5
Building Fund	$1,225

Our Special Intention Prayer List

St. Mary:

Bonnie Grotewold	Warren Heirigs	Vince Gacke
Benedict Bruggeman	Les Manning	Al Budniak
Sparky Blauwet	Terry Pearson	Ann Spaans
Special Intention	Rosemary Moser	Abby Mogler

People struggling with addictions

Holy Name:

Kayla Pottebaum	David Bigge	Kandi Koll
Bonnie Wilson		

Justice For All is planning a KENTUCKY BUS TOUR, focusing on our 4 major ministry partners: Grace Covenant Ministries, Annville, KY; Helping Hands, Hyden KY, Appalachia Reach Out Inez, KY; and Appalachian Mission of Hope, Berea, KY. The dates are April 12-18, 2023. Join us, learn, and see how God is using beautiful ministries to share HIS love and hope to those who live in very poor communities throughout Kentucky. We'll be exploring the rich history, culture and stories of the mountain 'hollers', coal, and horses! And God's amazing creation will also be on display! If you are interested or want more information, please contact Pat Vander Pol at JFA (patvp@jfa-nwiowa.org – 712-476-2804).

Meals on Wheels: St. Catherine's is looking for volunteers to help with meals on wheels. Please contact Jennifer Pedersen (605-358-2683) if you are available or interested in assisting with this ministry.

Knight of the Month : Shorty Blauwet for volunteering to order and deliver food, materials, and supplies for KC fundraising events. Also, for storing and caring for KC equipment and cook trailer.

Family of the Month : Ken Campbell Family as they provide for Ken's on-going health issues.