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**Parish Council & Commissions & Organizations**

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 5:00PM  
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**WELCOME TO ST MARYS!** If you would like to embrace our parish family please give Fr Jim or Donna a call at the office @ 624-2228

**Homebound:** If you would like Communion brought to your home, please contact the office @ 624-2228 between 8am and 1pm.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Every Friday from after the 7am Mass until noon.

**Sickness:** Please notify the pastor 624-2228 when someone is ill or has been hospitalized. Sacrament of Anointing is available.

**Marriage:** A minimum of 6 months is necessary for marriage preparation. Please contact the pastor.

**Baptism:** Classes for Baptism are offered in January, April, and September. Please call 624-2228 to register.

**Expecting a New Arrival???** Please call the church office at 624-2228 when your baby arrives, so we can arrange meals to be delivered when it is convenient for your family.

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**Mass Intentions (February 2011)**

Mon	07	10:30am	Clarence Zenisek Funeral
Tue	08	12:10pm	Paul Kaefring
Wed	09	8:00am	Gene Kessler
Thu	10	9:30am cc	Vera Kaefring
Fri	11	7:00am	Poor Souls
Sat	12	5:00pm	Sam Stahle
Sun.	13	8:30am	Lora Lanoue
		10:30am	For the Parish



**Baptism Classes:** If you recently had a child or are expecting, please call the parish office (624-2228) and register for our spring baptism classes: first timers class in on Tuesday, April 12th from 6:30-8pm in the parish hall and the class for second timers is on Tuesday, April 19th, from 6:30-8pm in the parish hall. These classes won't be offered again until September. When you register, please let the office know if you will need childcare.

**Young adult women,** in their 20's and 30's, are warmly invited to join other women and for a time of prayer and fellowship at St. Mary Monastery. Prayer will include quiet adoration, communal prayer, conclude with time to socialize together. This is a time for young women to be strengthened in prayer and benefit from the spiritual goodness of the Benedictine traditions. Prayer group will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm. St. Mary Monastery is located at 2200 88th Avenue West, Rock Island, IL. Please call Sr. Bobbi at 309-912-2218 or Paula at 859-229-3116 for more information.

**The Social Justice Commission and Choices Medical Clinic** would like to thank you for your generous donations of diapers, blankets, clothes, etc. We hope that we can receive your continued support for those mothers and their babies. God Bless.

**Solon High School Blood Drive** will be held Tuesday, Feb 8 from 9:30am—2:00pm in the high school gym. For an appointment, sign-up in the school office. Sponsored by SAAD.

**Boy Scouts** Philmont pancake breakfast will be Feb 13 from 7am-12pm in the parish hall. Help our scouts get to Philmont Scout Ranch for two weeks. FREE WILL DONATION.

**Yearly Contribution Statements** can be picked up in the gathering space. Feel free to call the office with any questions.

**Riverside Pancake Breakfast** at St. Mary Church will be Sunday, February 13 from 7am to 12:30pm

**HEREAFTER—** The preacher told me the other day I should be thinking about the Hereafter. I told him, "I do, all the time. No matter where I am – in the parlor, upstairs, in the kitchen, or in the basement. I'm always asking myself, 'Now, what I am here after?'"

Collection for January 29 & 30	
Offerory \$	332.85
Weekly \$	4,106.00
Total \$	4,438.85

**Our Lady of Fatima Statue** will be visiting the home Adam and Erica Bruck this week



**Visitation for Clarence Zenisek** will be from 1pm to 4pm at Brosh Funeral Home in Solon. The Vigil will begin at 4pm and the funeral Mass will be on Monday morning at 10:30am here at St. Marys.

**Parish Council** will meet this Monday night Feb 7 at 6:30

**MASS on Tuesday** is at 12:10pm. Because of the ice and snow, let's forego the potluck luncheons for the rest of the month. We can begin again during Lent.

**THANKS FOR THE KIOSK!** A special "thank-you" to Don Zimmerman for designing and building the new information center in the gathering space. It will provide a central place for all sorts of parish communication and information.

**Knight of Columbus** will be holding their euchre tournament at the home of Jim Agne on Feb. 12th. Arrival and sign in time is from 6pm to 7pm with play starting promptly at 7pm. Bring your drinks and snacks. Anyone wishing to join in are welcome.

**CATHOLIC MESSENGER SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE CONTINUES....** Bishop Amos writes: "In addition to the print edition, The Catholic Messenger website ([www.catholicmessenger.org](http://www.catholicmessenger.org)) brings us breaking news in the diocese and expanded coverage 24/7, while also serving as an archive of local Church history. I suggest that you bookmark the site for easy reference. With its long tradition of connecting our local Church, The Catholic Messenger remains a vital part of the ministry of our diocese, yet it requires your support. **The cost of \$27 for a year's subscription is truly a worthy investment. I ask that you subscribe and read it faithfully.**" Please use the special envelope in your January parish packet

**PARISH PLANNING CONTINUES** The Parish Council and Finance Council have processed all of the information parishioners offered into a detailed report. The report will be used by parish commissions as well as the Diocesan Planning Committee. In late February representatives from parishes, along with their pastors, will begin to work on how to better collaborate with nearby parishes. As you know, according to our best estimates, there will be 40 priests serving 80 parishes in 10 years, as compared to the present 60 priests. Thanks to Mike McLaughlin and Patty Erusha as they begin to serve as our parish representatives to the diocesan planning process. Please keep us all in your prayers as the process continues. If you would like a copy of our parish report, there are copies in the gathering space. You can also download a copy from our parish website:

[www.southslope.net/~stmarys](http://www.southslope.net/~stmarys).



**DATE NIGHT FEBRUARY 12TH:** Couples with young children—treat yourselves to a night out, while volunteers at St. Mary's watch your children free of charge! Childcare will be provided in the church hall from 4:30-7:30pm on Saturday, February 12th. Join us back at the church for an opportunity to meet other couples with dessert and social hour from 7:30-8:30pm. Call or email Heather Boddicker by Feb. 6th with questions or to RSVP: 248-3534 HBod81@hotmail.com

**9-11th Grade:** This Wednesday, February 9 meet in the church at 6:30 for class. Fr. Marty Goetz, the diocesan's vocation director, will talk about discerning one's path in life. All are called to a life of love and self-giving, but on what path? How do we seek and become who God has created us to be? How do you hear the voice of God in your life? **We will be serving a light supper in the Gathering Space from 6:00-6:20. Parents - please join us**

**10-12th Grade:** What are you doing for Lent? Join us for five-week study on Sunday mornings at 9:30: **Freedom to Love.** You will learn what the *Theology of the Body* is and how it can change your life. How to live a life of freedom. What real love looks like. The difference between love and lust. That God has a plan for your future....and much more! Sign-up by March 2, cost is \$10 for materials, beginning March 13

**6-7-8th Graders:** What are you doing Sunday, March 20? Meet nearly 500 other young Catholics at the 2011 Diocesan Jr Hi Youth Rally at Regina HS. Fun workshops that will help you live your faith, great music by the band "1 of 12", Mass with Bishop Amos, keynote presentations by Oddwalk -- two funny musicians sharing their faith with young people. Turn in \$20 & registration form by March 2

**4-5th Grade GIRLS:** Mark your calendars now - for our 5th bi-annual "It's Great to be a Girl!" Program taking place at St. Marys on **Saturday, April 2 from 9:30-1:30.** It is an upbeat and positive day celebrating girls as being uniquely created by God and helping them understand that the changes which will soon take place are part of God's wonderful design of women

**10-12th Grade:** Mission Trip: July 10-15 with the Franciscans of the Poor in Cincinnati, Ohio. \$50 deposits are due March 2nd.