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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: resumes March 11th 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	21	No Mass	
Tue	22	12:10pm	Lloyd & Ethel Meehan
Wed	23	8:00am	George & Vera Federspiel
Thu	24	9:30am cc	Geraldine Reistroffer
Fri	25	7:00am	Poor Souls
Sat	26	5:00pm	Marlene Lisenbee
Sun.	27	8:30am	For the Parish
		10:30am	Leonard & Dorothy Poduska

[Rachel's Vineyard Retreats](#) are both Catholic and Interfaith based. It is a weekend opportunity to release emotions in a safe non-judgmental, supportive environment. Our goal is that participants journey through their grief and experience the Love of Christ, acceptance, peace and healing through powerful exercises that explore areas of pain both physically and emotionally. Retreats are for men and women and are confidential. The retreat dates are Feb 25-27 American Martyrs Retreat House, Cedar Falls, Ia. Cost is \$200 per person. For more information and registration contact Kris Gaspari at 515-306-7838 or email her at rvofia@me.com

[Thank you Judy Gleason](#) for faithfully scheduling our liturgical ministers by hand for so many years. It takes many hours to make out the monthly schedule, trying to honor everyone's wishes. We really appreciate her dedication!

Got Palms??? Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 9th. We will offer two Masses at 5:00pm and 6:30pm. We need dried palms from last year to bur into ashes. There will be a receptacle in the church to deposit them.

Catholic Messenger Subscription Drive Continues: The cost of our official diocesan newspaper is only \$27 per year. Please put your check in a separate envelope marked "Catholic Messenger" and place it in the Sunday collection basket.

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

Veteran's Memorial Breakfast : The Solon American Legion will be having the all you can eat breakfast on Feb. 20th from 7am to 11am.

Collection for February 12 & 13	
Offertory \$	333.01
Weekly \$	4,183.00
Total \$	4,516.01

Our Lady of Fatima Statue will be visiting the home of Bill and Mary Christensen this week



The Liturgy Committee will meet on Monday Feb 21st at 7pm.

The Tabernacle: The Catechism reminds us that the tabernacle was first intended for the reservation of the Eucharist in a worthy place so that it could be brought to the sick and those who are absent, outside of Mass. As faith in the real presence of Christ in his Eucharist deepened, the Church became conscious of the meaning of silent adoration of the Lord present under the Eucharistic species. It is for this reason that the tabernacle should be located in an especially worthy place in the church and should be constructed in such a way that it emphasizes and manifests the truth of the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. (CCC1379).

Eucharistic Adoration is the act of worshiping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist. Since the Last Supper, when Jesus broke the bread and distributed the wine, saying "This is my Body" and "this is my Blood", Catholics have believed that the bread and wine are no longer merely baked wheat and fermented grape juice, but the actual living presence of the Second Person of the Trinity. Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament, in prayer and devotion, is exactly the same as spending time before the living God. Adoration occurs whenever someone kneels in front of the tabernacle that contains the Blessed Sacrament, genuflects toward the tabernacle, bows their head before receiving the Blessed Sacrament at Mass, or, in a more focused way, when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins when the priest or deacon removes the sacred host from the tabernacle and places it on the altar for adoration. The purpose of adoration is to highlight the **real** presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist. When a consecrated host is placed in the monstrance, it is said to be a Solemn exposition. Prayer during Adoration may include the reading of Scripture, hymns, prayers, and time for silent adoration.

Adoration Resumes on March 11, after the 7am Mass until NOON, when we celebrate **Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**. In order to resume this devotion there needs to be at least **two** people present for prayer each hour of the morning. Please sign up in the gathering space for a time of adoration. We can only begin the devotion again if we have regularly enough people to spend time in prayer.

10-12th Grade: Do you want to know why you were created, the purpose of love and sexuality, and the meaning of life? Join us for a five-week study, **Freedom to Love**, beginning **in March** (new date) at 9:30. You can go to Mass before or after our meetings. You will learn about the plan God has for your future to give and receive *true love* and to live a life of *true freedom*. Call Julie to sign-up. Materials cost \$10.

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. Mary 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. Only 12-13 spots available, over half are filled. \$50 deposits are due March 2nd.

9th Grade: Confirmation Sponsor **Retreat is Sunday, February 27**. All 9th graders attend 8:30 Mass with their sponsor or other adult and the retreat that follows until 12:30 in the parish hall.

9-12th Grade Ladies: Can you help with the Mother/Daughter Program on April 2? We need your help with hospitality & leading the friendship session for 4 & 5th grade girls. Call Julie if you would like to help.

9-12th Grade: If you've been to a Steubenville conference, are going back this summer, and ready to take that next step in going deeper in your faith— consider applying for **Franciscan LEAD**, a one week leadership camp taking place the week leading up to the Conference. Call Julie for an application packet.

Ministry Schedule			
DATE	Feb 26 5:00pm	Feb 27 8:30AM	Feb 27 10:30AM
MINISTRY	NAME	NAME	NAME
CANTOR	N Wander	Choir Mass	S Moore
MUSICIAN	M Hennes	W Kaefring	P Cummings
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LECTOR	M Harney K Hirl	J Shulista L Stebral	D Benzing A Barenz
SERVER	L Randall	A Shulista	K Gourley
SERVER	C Ritchie	B Shulista	E Cross
SERVER	A Walsh	B McAtee	M Johnston
USHER	D Weiderholz	A Lanoue	D Maughton
USHERS	B Jedlicka	J Meyer	S O'Neill
USHER	D Jedlicka	R Miller	S Ransom
GIFTS	D & I Jedlicka	J & L Stebral Family	T& Rasmussen Family
CHILD LIT		B Platz	