



# St. Mary's Parish

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**January 21, 2018**  
**Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Liturgical Assignments	
<b>Saturday, Jan 27</b>	<b>5:10 PM</b>
Lector	Marilyn Robnett
Body	Cleone Cap & Jerry Durian
Blood	Bob Sinnott & Sharon Steinbach
Servers	Stephanie Beary & Ella Zaputil
Gift Bearers	Family of Bobby & Dennis Belzer
<b>Sunday, Jan 28</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
Lector	Marsha Eastlick
Body	Dennis Amoss & Patty Yarkosky
Blood	Jack Baker & Lisa Dunn
Servers	Allison & Austin Major
Gift Bearers	Open
<b>Sunday, Jan 28</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
Lector	John Scieszinski
Body	Terry Reed & Rick Simpson
Blood	Ann O'Brien & Carol Reed
Servers	Paige Kidney & Payton Popson
Gift Bearers	Family of Greg Morehead

Mass Intentions			
Jan 23	Tue	5:10 PM	Elsie Faye Sereg
Jan 24	Wed	9:00 AM	Harold Kosman
Jan 25	Thu	5:10 PM	David Flattery
Jan 26	Fri	9:00 AM	Gary Stuchel
Jan 27	Sat	5:10 PM	Bobby & Dennis Belzer
Jan 28	Sun	8:00 AM	Parishioners
Jan 28	Sun	10:30 AM	Greg Morehead
The Holy Family Lamp is burning for the Living Mbrs. of the Proske/Regenold Families			
The Sanctuary Lamp is burning for those struggling with addiction			

## Monroe County Churches

### St. Mary's Albia

Tuesday, Thursday 5:10 PM  
Wednesday, Friday 9:00 AM  
Saturday 5:10 PM  
Sunday, 8 AM & 10:30 AM

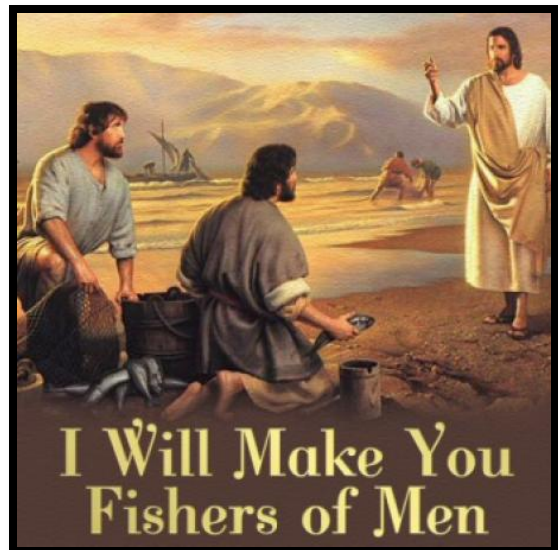
### January Rotation

St. Pat's Georgetown - Sunday 8:30 AM  
St. Pat's Melrose - Sunday 10:30 AM  
St. Peter's Lovilia - Saturday 5:30 PM

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**We must not wait to be perfect before responding to the Lord who calls us, but rather open our hearts to His voice.**

~Pope Francis





## Pastor's Corner

At 2:00 this afternoon, the second grade CCD students are celebrating their First Reconciliation. We congratulate them for this next step in their spiritual formation.

Please hold them in your prayers.

Each year on January 22, we remember the United States Supreme Court decision allowing abortion on demand in our country. Since 1973, all people who believe in and defend the belief that human life begins at conception have stood together in protest against this decision. Each year, thousands of people from across our country travel to Washington, DC, to rally in defense of human life. Each year, state legislatures attempt to enact laws that restrict abortions. Video tapes have been produced which show fetal development. People have staged protests in front of abortion sites year after year. These efforts have not been without effect as more and more people have come to oppose abortions. I hope that all of us will join our voices in defense of human life in all of its ages and stages. My prayers are with you each day. ~Fr. Mike.

<b>Stewardship A Way of Life</b>	
January 14	
Sunday Envelopes	\$1935.00
Children's Envelopes	\$2.00
Offertory	\$377.16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2314.16</b>
Catholic Messenger	<b>\$127.00</b>

<b>Calendar</b>	
Monday, January 22	
Noon	Respect Life Rosary
6:30 PM	Evangelization Meeting (rescheduled from 1/15)
Tuesday, January 23	
9:30 AM	Rosary @ Oakwood
5:10 PM	Mass
Wednesday, January 24	
9:00 AM	Mass
5:30 PM	CCD Gr. 1-5 Gr. 2 Circle of Grace
7:00 PM	CCD Gr. 6-12
Thursday, January 25	
9:15 AM	Rosary @ MCC
10:00 AM	Bible Study
5:10 PM	Mass
6:30 PM	Catholic/Lutheran Dialogue @ St. Mary's
Friday, January 26	
9:00 AM	Mass Coffee/Donuts/Fellowship
7:00 PM	Winter Jam @ Wells Fargo, Des Moines
Saturday, January 27	
<i>Catholic Messenger Sub Drive</i>	
8:30 AM	Marriage Prep
4:00 PM	Confessions
4:45 PM	Rosary
5:10 PM	Mass
Sunday, January 28	
<i>Catholic Messenger Sub Drive</i>	
8:00 AM	Mass
8:00 AM	RCIA
Time TBA	Marriage Prep
10:30 AM	Mass

<b>PRAYER REQUESTS</b>		
Ella Teno	Joe & Ann Hayes	Janice Krause
Dave Maddison	Fr. Joe Miller	Nicholas Pearson
Kevin Douglas	Barb Buntin	Mary Zanoni
Steve Maddy	Bruce Guy	Mary Parenza
Carl Zotz	Rosalie Kung	Catherine McMullen
Cathy Schuller	Stefanie (Clark)Johnson	Sandy Gray
Katy Laurin	Kathy Caviness	Mike Beard
Matt Chance	Terrence Pope	Susan Leshen
Larry Bettis	Rita Gergeley	Cathy Summers
Jordan Beckman	Jason Wright	Rob Singley
Carol McGee	Sue Archibald	Tina Lobberecht
Lynne Hire	Tom Crall	Al Garreau
Tony Proske	Joan Beary	Christina Gallagher
Patty McGee	Bill Crawford	Emma Raymond
Tammy Collins	Jack Scieszinski	Margaret Mordan
Joe Sinnott	Mary Beaumont	Karen Tuttle
Bob Quinn	Sonny Williams	Zach Sohn*
Libby Smith	Jerry Walton	Connie Sinnott*

**Military Prayer List**

Jason Hughes	Andy Merrick	Murray Stoffa
Cody McCarty	David Austin Riley	Tracy Warren
Pat McDonald	Aaron Smith	Cale Yarkosky
Matthew Hollinrake	Tyler Pasut	Connor Scully
Cole Kurimski		

*\* New addition to list*

Contact Marge Pasut, 932-2602, or the Religious Ed. Office, 932-5589 or [scrallalbia@iowatelecom.net](mailto:scrallalbia@iowatelecom.net) to start an intention.

All prayer requests will be honored.

## Lord's Laughter

A barber asked a boy, "How would you like your hair cut, buddy?" "Just like Daddy's!" the boy replied. "And don't forget the round hole on the top where his head comes through."



I saw a poster today that asked, "Have you seen my cat?" So I called the phone number and said that I haven't. I like to help where I can.

## **FAITH FORMATION**

### **CCD Schedule**

#### **Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

Regular CCD Gr. 1-12.

Circle of Grace Gr. 2

#### **Wednesday, January 31**

Regular CCD Gr. 1-12. With Blessing of Throats

### **CCD Traffic Monitors & Snack Preparers Needed**

Wednesdays 1<sup>st</sup> Session Contact Rel. Ed. to volunteer, 932.5589.

#### **Grade 2 Parent Alert**

First Reconciliation: Grade 2 students & parents

Sunday, January 22 @ 2 PM

Please continue to go over their prayers & study sheets in the parent packet.

### **1st Communion Extravaganza- Save The Date**

Feb. 3 9:30 AM-1:00 PM- Gr. 2 Students & Parents

### **Spiritual Enrichment Opportunity**

Seeking adults & families with high school age students to represent St. Mary's at a Faith Forum at St. Ann's Parish in Long Grove Feb. 17-18. This is a chance to discuss challenges we all face today and ways we can more fully live as disciples of Christ. Interested? Call the Religious Ed office at 932.5589 for more information. Deadline Feb. 4.

### **Catholic Relief Services Prayer Stations On Display**

CRS has loaned us the "One on the Journey" *A Solidarity Prayer Walk*. The stations are on display in the social hall through this Sunday, 1/21. Please take an opportunity before or after each of the Masses this weekend to enjoy this special prayer.

### **Winter Jam Tour Spectacular**

Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> 7 PM Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines.

For more information visit: [www.iowaeventscenter.com](http://www.iowaeventscenter.com)

## **PARISH LIFE**

### **Lector & Eucharistic Minister Training**

Monday, 1/29. Lectors @ 6 PM. Eucharistic Ministers @ 6:45pm. Call to register with Sharon, 932.5589. If you have interest in either ministry we welcome you.

### **Monroe County Food Summit Soup Tasting**

Sunday, January 28 11 AM-1 PM FLC/Trinity Methodist Church  
Free Will Offering

### **Upcoming Weddings**

If you are planning a wedding at St. Mary's in the coming year or two please make sure you touch base with Fr. Mike or Sharon before the Marriage Prep Weekend Jan. 27 & 28.

### **Evangelization Committee Meeting**

Moved to Mon., Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30 PM

### **Day of Adoration**

As a way of preparing spiritually for the season of Lent, our St. Mary's Parish will have a Day of Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday, February 7. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 9:00 Mass. We will have a sign-up sheet for people to volunteer to be in church during the hours of the day. In the evening, the CCD classes will have an opportunity to experience Adoration in 15-minute segments. Then at 8:00 we will close with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The sign-up sheet will be on the table in the vestibule.

### **Bloodmobile @ Trinity Methodist Tues., January 30<sup>th</sup> 3-7 PM**

### **New Year's Resolution-Join the 31 Club**

Sign-ups for the "2018" 31 Club will begin January 13/14. There are no rules, no fees, no meetings! Members pray one day each month for the support of our priests, brothers, and sisters and that God will bless us with new vocations to serve our Church. You pick the day of the month from 1 to 31-one year commitment. The sick or homebound are especially encouraged to join. Call Sharon 932.5589. Materials for prayer are available.

### **Lenten Lunch Proposals**

If you have a cause you would like to propose for the upcoming Lenten Lunch proceeds please check with Sharon or Fr. Mike or see outline posted on the bulletin. The deadline for proposals is January 30<sup>th</sup>. The proposals will appear in the Feb 3/4 bulletin and will be voted on the weekend of Feb 10/11. The 1<sup>st</sup> Lunch is Tue, Feb 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Catholic Messenger Subscription Drive**

The Catholic Messenger Drive is at the end of this month. There is an envelope in your packet for this purpose. St. Mary's is required by the Diocese to pay the total amount of \$3600. Please help pay for this bill by continuing your subscription OR as a new subscriber @ \$29.

## **SOCIAL ACTION**

### **Holy Hour with Rosary For Life**

On Monday, January 22, the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, Roe v. Wade, allowing abortion on demand in our country, we will have a Prayer Service for Life. It will begin at noon with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We will continue with prayer and reflection, ending with Benediction. If you are able, please join us. It will last about 45 minutes. ~Fr. Mike.  
***No country can survive that kills its own children. ~Mother Teresa***

### **Children's Works of Charity**

Our January cause is the Monroe County NEST program.

### **Sanctity of Human Life Crib**

Parishioners are invited to donate a baby item for the Crib. Ideas: diapers, wipes, sleepers, blankets, anything works. All items will be given to the NEST Program which serves children & families in Monroe Co. Crib will be in place beginning Jan. 15.