

St. Mary's of Oskaloosa

Annunciation Newsletter

March - May 2022

2022 Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday - March 2

7 AM Mass SMO

12:15 PM Mass SMP

6 PM Word Service SMO

(Soup Supper to Follow @ PC)

6 PM Mass SMP

Stations

SMO 5:30 PM

March 4, March 18, April 1

SMP 5:30 PM

March 11, March 25, April 8

Mass

SMO 5:30 PM

March 11, March 25, April 8

SMP 5:30 PM

March 4, March 18, April 1

Holy Thursday - April 14

SMP 7 PM

Good Friday - April 15

SMO 3 PM / SMP 7 PM

Saturday Vigil - April 16

SMO 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday - April 17

SMO 8 AM / SMP 10:30 AM

Perhaps by now you have heard a new buzzword on the street, or at least in church, that being “Synod.” Throughout the history of the Church, Synods have been convened to explore a variety of topics from Sacred Scriptures to Family Life. Back in October, Pope Francis convened a different type of Synod, a Synod whose topic is “Synodality.” The main work of any Synod is an active listening that seeks to learn from the experiences and insights of the faithful. By calling forth a Synod focused on “Synodality,” Pope Francis’s desire is that the Church will learn from her own members as well as those outside of the Catholic Church how we might better reach people and bring them to experience more fully the truth of Christ and His Gospel. The teachings of Christ remain the same; they are unchanging truths. Perhaps, though, through the Synod process, the Church can learn how to better communicate these truths and bring all into a more personal relationship with Christ and His Church.

Throughout the Diocese of Davenport, we are being asked to answer these important questions. “What about the Catholic Church fills my heart?” and “What about the Catholic Church breaks my heart?” If you did not have an opportunity to attend the Parish Listening Session on February 23, you may submit your answers to these questions by visiting the Diocesan Synod page (see link below.)

In order to hear from not only our own parishioners but from those who have left the practice of their faith or those who attend other churches, our Diocese is encouraging us to take up the work of the “58,000 Cups of Coffee” initiative. The 2021 November Mass counts showed that just over 19,000 Catholics across the Diocese attend Mass regularly. Each Catholic in the pew is being asked to have conversations with at least two people they know and ask the questions listed above. Then, from their conversations, they should report what they heard on the Diocese’s Synod webpage at www.davenportdiocese.org/synod-2023. During these one-on-one listening sessions, it is important that we listen attentively and compassionately to what the other has to say without judgment, trying to defend the Catholic view, or trying to fix a problem.

It is my prayer that, as we begin the work of the Synod in our parish, the Holy Spirit will show us where we need to grow, what we can do better as a Church, and how we can best serve the needs of our own parishioners while not losing sight of our need to reach those who are not in our pews. Please join me in praying that the Synod will help us to gain new insights so that we can better fulfill our mission to go make and strengthen disciples on fire for Christ and His Church.

—Father Troy

Announcements

Church & Family Life Commission

Upcoming Events:

March 2 — Ash Wednesday Soup Supper after 6 PM Communion Service

March 6 — Donuts/coffee after 8 AM Mass

April 3 — Breakfast after 8 AM Mass

April 24 — Reception for parishioners joining the church at Easter and those new to St. Mary's

May 1 — Donuts after 8 AM Mass

Would you like to be a part of this commission? We are responsible for several events throughout the year, such as the parish picnic, Ash Wednesday Soup Supper, donuts/coffee the first weekend of the month, & welcoming new parishioners. We meet once a month and would love to have you join us. Please email jerilynbares@gmail.com if you would like to be a part of this commission or if you have any questions.

Marion Columbiettes #4108

The Marion Columbiettes #4108 of Oskaloosa received their charter from the national organization on July 21, 2021. Since then the ladies have been extremely busy. Some of the activities completed include: yard sale for NCYC trip, hosting rosary in the park in October, attending Mass as a group as well as participating as eucharistic ministers, musicians, readers, ushers, and money counters, providing

breakfast casseroles for RCIA inquiry classes, helping the Knights with their golf outing and Toostie Roll drive, sponsoring the Sweet Sunday Social (fundraiser for Faith Formation program), donating to the Frozen Knight project, hosting a Paint and Sip event, and had a Christmas party! Many other activities are planned for the future. How can you become a member of this energetic, devoted group of ladies? Read the next paragraph to learn more.

The Columbiettes are a unified body of Catholic women who work side-by-side with the Knights of Columbus Councils with which they are affiliated. Columbiettes are part of a vibrant service organization of Catholic women, age 18 and over. The benefits of membership are many including spiritual, moral, charitable, educational, and social. We pray for each other and play together building lasting friendships and crucial support systems in our lives. To become a Columbiette you must be a woman of at least 18 years of age in full communion with the Catholic Church. You need not be married to, nor related to a Knight of Columbus to be eligible to join. ***If you are interested in becoming a member of the Oskaloosa Columbiettes or need more information, please contact Julie Yachera, membership chair (jcyachera@gmail.com) or Mary Jane Sullivan, President (mjs4756cat@gmail.com).***



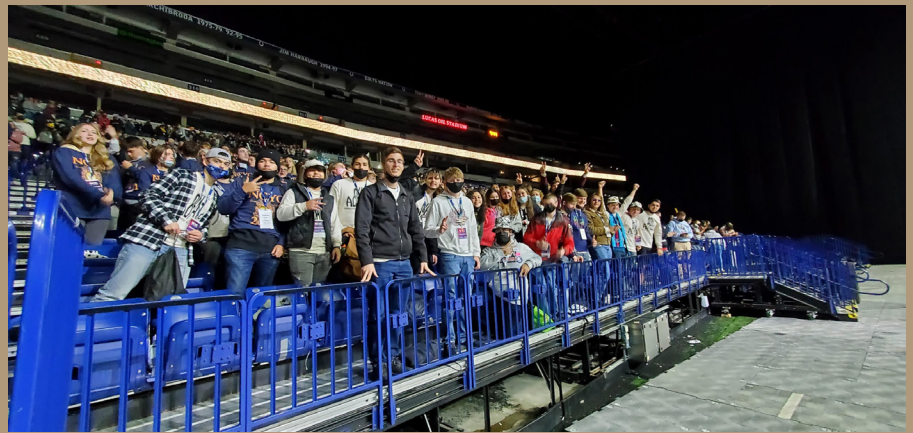
Youth Ministry



We at St. Mary's want to thank all of those who have generously donated their time and money to help the youth of our parish encounter Jesus and His Church in a more profound way! Thank you for all you do for St. Mary's and know of our prayers for you!

— Thomas Leah, Director of Religious Education

The bi-annual trip taken by St. Mary's youth to Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN, for the National Catholic Youth Conference was definitely an impactful experience! The three-day conference really helped the 18 students and the 6 volunteers experience the Church in a greater way. During the nine-hour bus ride back, several students and volunteers shared some of the graces they received at NCYC. The group is looking forward to its next trip in 2024!



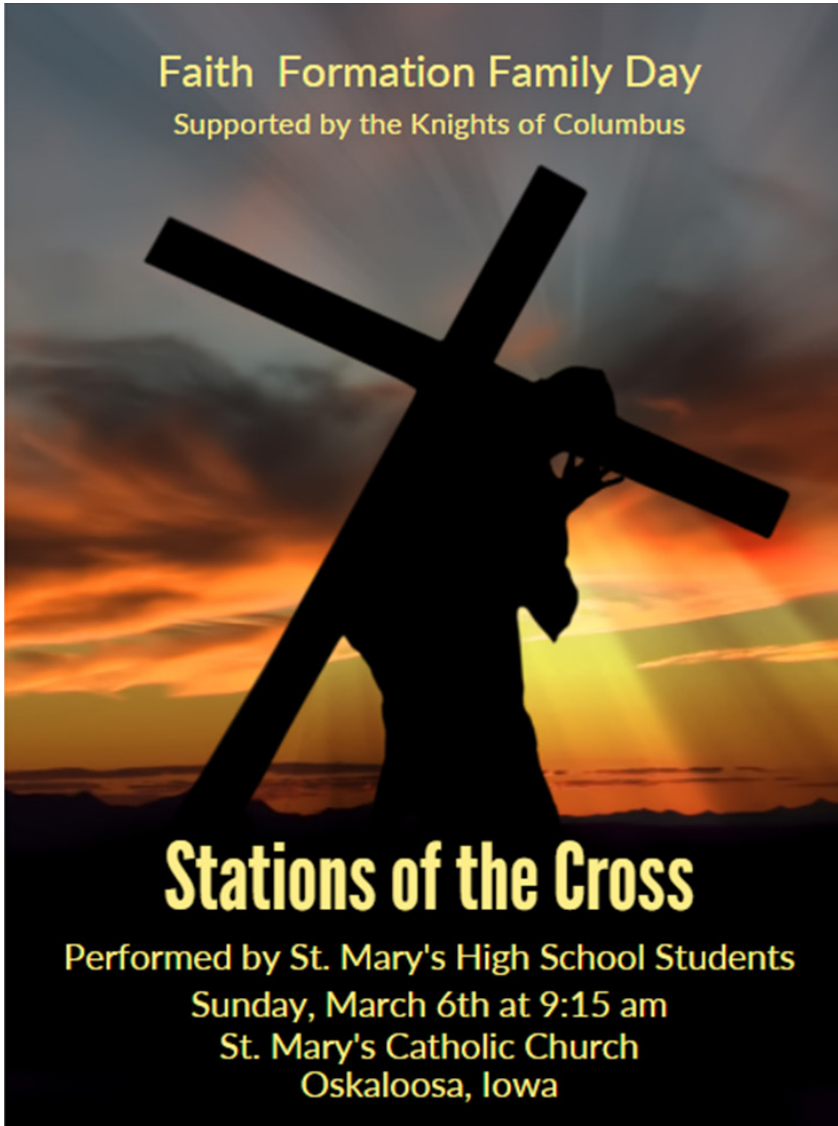
This year St. Mary's had 14 students and 4 chaperones attend the annual deanery ski trip at Seven Oaks Recreation Ski Slopes in Boone, Iowa. The group was lucky to experience one of the warmer days of the winter while still having plenty of snow to ski and snowboard on. Several of the students wanted to try something new this year, so they attempted snowboarding for the first time (and were relatively successful by the end of the 4-hour period!).

Do you have a question about the Mass schedule, upcoming events, links to forms, or anything at all related to St. Mary's? **CHECK OUT THE CHURCH WEBSITE!** It is an invaluable resource with the latest information about all of the goings-on in our parish.



SCAN ME

Faith Formation Family Day
Supported by the Knights of Columbus



Stations of the Cross

Performed by St. Mary's High School Students
Sunday, March 6th at 9:15 am
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Oskaloosa, Iowa

Patriotic Poker Sunday

St. Mary's Parish Center

March 6th 2022

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Sunday March 6th the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree will be hosting a poker tournament. \$20.00 donation to play in this tournament.

1st – 2nd and 3rd place will receive prizes.

The Columbiettes will be selling sandwiches and beverages as a fundraiser for their group.



In Memoriam

Gary Mauer
November 21, 2021

Larry Mitrisin
January 14, 2022

Baptisms

Makayla Irene Beuthien
Daughter of Melissa and Jeffrey Beuthien
February 19, 2022



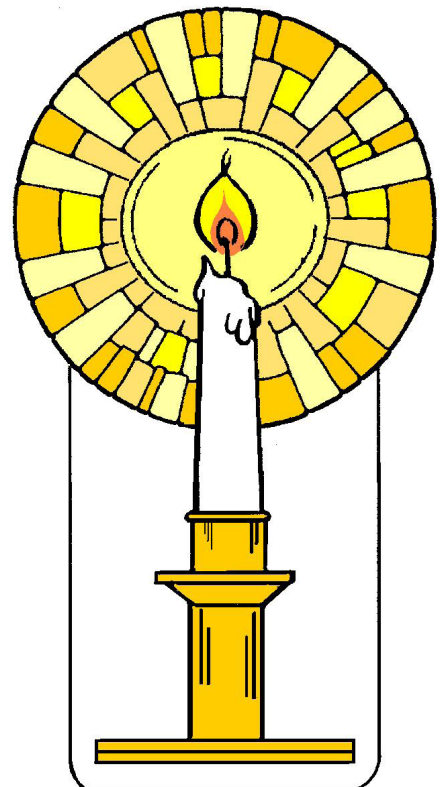
March Birthdays & Anniversaries

March Birthdays

- 3/1 - Cindy Abrahamson, Melvin Dykstra, Evelyn Goodwin,
Steven Wanders
- 3/3 - Michelle Blom, Lance Patton, Maik Yang
- 3/4 - Alex Yang
- 3/5 - Aubree Kool, Alice Miller, Sullivan Tighe
- 3/6 - James Smith, Tiffany Snakenberg
- 3/7 - Donna Hasso
- 3/8 - Todd Collier, James Spry
- 3/9 - Ashley Nimtz
- 3/10 - Mari Job, Alan Siebens, Lana Wanders, Kent Watson
- 3/12 - Araceli Arellano, Nolan Miller
- 3/14 - Patty Nimtz
- 3/15 - Abbie Brown, John Hammes, Bruce Smith,
Thomas Van Renterghem
- 3/16 - Wendy Bares, Alan Gonzalez
- 3/17 - Shirley Comier, Frank Gorski, Molly Sterner
- 3/18 - Melissa Bower, Nick Smith, Luke Yang
- 3/19 - Jim Charmichael
- 3/20 - Christina Andersen, Benjamin Wanters
- 3/22 - Oscar Gaitan, Angel Ivan Moreno Lopez,
Bernice Patterson, Ted Smith
- 3/23 - Paul Knockel, Jean Knockel
- 3/24 - Colbie Maples, Colton Maples
- 3/25 - Helene Mitrisin, Judy Wharton
- 3/26 - Valerie Aubry, Lorraine Becze, Christopher Potot,
Rob Scott
- 3/27 - Melissa Beuthien
- 3/28 - MacKenzie Groet, Amara Mart
- 3/29 - Salvador Gonzalez, Melissa Harwood, Ellie Henry,
Patricia Thompson, Khydin Yang
- 3/30 - Susan Hasso, Brian Moore, Tina Schaffner
- 3/31 - Jacksen McClure, Amy Walker

March Anniversaries

- 3/4 - Bob & Patty Waters, 1989
Lowell & Harriet Lenarz, 1960
- 3/8 - Brian & Amanda Lemke, 2008
- 3/10 - Filiberto & Araceli Arellano, 2002
Al & Elaine Salanitro, 1988
- 3/12 - Bart & Julie Yachera, 2012
- 3/15 - Chris & Heidi Potot, 2003
- 3/17 - Clayton & Laura Norberg, 2012
- 3/19 - Madonna & Tom Bowie, 1983
- 3/23 - Jerry & Lindy Brandt, 1991
- 3/31 - Mike & Molly Sterner, 1989



April Birthdays & Anniversaries

April Anniversaries

- 4/8 - Dennis & Mary Parks, 2000
4/10 - Mark & Heidi Scholes, 2002
4/11 - Lee & Colleen Dennis, 1981
4/14 - Nic & Jenni Lynch, 2007
4/20 - Bob & Patti Mitrisin, 2007
4/23 - Grace & Preston Sereg, 2016
4/24 - Marion & Marjorie Striegel, 1993
4/27 - Doug & Pamela Nimtz, 1991

April Birthdays

- 4/2 - Mary Rielly
4/3 - Erin Flaherty, Meaghan Flaherty, Claire Kelderman,
Lorilee Montancis, Doug Nimtz, Nicholas Waters
4/4 - Isidra Chavez, Sheila Denburger, Susan Kollasch,
Greg McCaulley, Grace Norberg, Carol Polkowske,
Noemi Rodriguez
4/5 - José Chavez, Jr., Joseph Durian, Robert Fuller,
Rocio Lopez
4/7 - Jackson Miller
4/8 - Colleen Dennis, Grace Sereg
4/9 - Grayson Bares, Darla Hill
4/10 - Stephen Goodwin, Trevor Willett
4/11 - Haley Jenkins, Brooke Richardson, Zer Yang
4/12 - Adam Webb, Kayla Williams
4/13 - Ardith Armstrong, Matt Besco, Paul Falck,
Tanner Lanphier, Curtis Paulsen
4/14 - Kevin Tacke, Patricia Waters
4/15 - Mary Anderson, James Durian, April Gorski,
Nancy Spry, Perry Thostenson
4/16 - Tom Donohue
4/17 - Valerie Durian, Robert Oberhauser,
Claire Carmichael
4/18 - Stella Bares
4/19 - Jenna Appleget, Melina Arellano, Russell Hammes,
Nickolas Schaffner
4/20 - Connor Miller, Morgan Schulz, John Spiegel
4/21 - Larry Berens
4/22 - Kate Collier, A.J. Kool, Aidan Krejci,
Denaly Moreno-Martinez
4/23 - Bernard Dawson, Kathy Sedrel
4/24 - Luke Siebens
4/25 - Annette Wanders
4/26 - Traiton Akers, David Bower, Marshal Dreesen,
Melia Lopez
4/27 - Clara Jenkins, Nathan Kelderman, Jessica Willett
4/29 - Alison Arellano
4/30 - Jeff Beuthien, Neal Hadden, Marion Striegel



May Birthdays & Anniversaries

May Birthdays

- 5/2 - Linda Snakenberg
5/3 - Judith DeSelm, Kathy Donohue,
Nicholas Thomes
5/4 - Ken La Bounty, Janine Moore, Carol Schiller,
Curt Spry
5/5 - J'Ceilia Ireland, Joan Vande Weerdhof
5/6 - Regan Holub, Ron Mitrisin
5/8 - Alan Adams, David Groet, Macy Moore,
Caroline Orduña
5/9 - Shea Besco, Larry Ingamells, James Nockels,
Charlie Smith
5/10 - Sandra Davis
5/12 - Justin DeRonde, Alexander Manternach,
IkaIka Opheim
5/13 - Marianne Cline, Shawna Gilchrist
5/14 - Alicia Arkema, Makenna Schaffner,
Maria Silvers, Christine Williams
5/15 - Janet Durian, Azucena Lopez,
Carolyn Oberhauser
5/16 - Alan Carmichael, Antonio Diaz, Harriet Lenarz,
Matthew Rosvold
5/17 - Luke Abrahamson, Ricky Montancis,
Maggie Montancis, Linette Ramirez
5/18 - Carolyn Dale, Andrew Sterner, Mai Yang
5/19 - Easton Denburger, Dennis Gourley,
Lowell Lenarz, Maryn Scott, Dylan Willett
5/20 - Sara DeRonde, Joann Schefers, Andrew Scholes
5/22 - Melanie Hirl, Melvin Schefers
5/23 - John Steinbach
5/24 - Francisco Ramirez, Scott Schiller, Mary Vogt
5/25 - Jaden DeRonde, Gracie DeRonde,
Doug Greenlee, Edward Mitrisin
5/26 - Jessica Smith, Alison Wickham
5/27 - Duane White
5/28 - Aaron DeJoode, Alexandra Knockel,
Devan Welch
5/30 - Rebecca Dreesen, Mark Mitrisin,
Michelle Purdum
5/31 - Jenni Lynch

May Anniversaries

- 5/1 - Charlotte & Randy Katko, 1999
5/2 - Jim & Teresa Carmichael, 1992
5/4 - Chris & Alicia Arkema, 2013
5/5 - Edward & Melanie Hirl, 1990
5/6 - Jodi & Stacey Chipman, 1995
5/7 - Lucas & Teresa Akers, 2005
5/10 - Mark & Yvonne Mauer, 1986
Jim & Marjie Rinehart, 1980
5/11 - Matthew & Jill Blanco, 2002
5/15 - John & Maggie Henry, 1999
5/16 - Tom & Kathy Schultz, 1987
Kevin & Charlene DenHartog, 1981
5/19 - Joy & Doug Greenlee, 1972
5/20 - Ryan & Kim Tighe, 2000
Michael & Jane Busch, 1995
5/21 - Dan & Shawna Gilchrist, 1994
5/23 - James & Jenny Feudner, 1998
5/25 - Andrew and Patricia Frost, 1985
5/27 - Jason & Kate Thomes, 2000
Wayne & Sharon Hammes, 1990
Tony & Debbie Diaz, 1989
5/28 - Art & Marianne Cline, 2005