

St. Mary's Catholic Church



WELCOME! WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP WITH US.

Whether you are a parishioner, friend, or visitor, your presence enlivens our celebration and community. Please consider sharing in what we have to offer. Our parish aims to assist all who wish to know God more deeply. We serve the community through outreach, education, social activities, sacramental preparation, and comfort to those who mourn and are sick. *Please call us at 515-332-2856.*

A herald's voice in the desert; 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.' **MATTHEW 3:3**

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00 pm | Sunday 9:00 am

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. Mary's!

Please contact the Parish Office to register or download the registration form found on the parish website: www.humboldtareacc.org. Submit the completed form to the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment for Baptism class and to schedule your child's baptism.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least 9 months prior to your desired wedding date to check Church availability and complete the Marriage Intake Form (also found on the parish website under SACRAMENTS tab).

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

One half hour before weekend Mass times or anytime by request.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the parish office in the event of illness or hospitalization.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please call or e-mail the Parish Office by 2pm on Wednesdays.

Sunday, December 15, 2024 – Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, Dec. 16th	No Mass		
Tuesday, Dec. 17th	7:00 a.m. St. Mary's Mass	<i>Rich Kohlhaas</i>	
Wednesday, Dec. 18th	8:00 a.m. St. Mary's Mass	<i>Denny Stalzer</i>	
Thursday, Dec. 19th	8:00 a.m. St. Mary's Mass	<i>Fred Fredrickson</i>	
Thursday, Dec. 19th	2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Adoration		
Friday, Dec. 20th	8:00 a.m. St. Mary's Mass	<i>Tom Tierney</i>	
Saturday, Dec. 21st	5:00 p.m. St. Mary's Mass	<i>Gerald & Joann Schall</i>	
Sunday, Dec. 22nd	9:00 a.m. St. Mary's Mass	<i>The Parish Family</i>	



***The Rosary is prayed approximately 20 – 25 minutes before each St. Mary's Weekend Mass*

Readings for next Sun., December 22nd: Micah 5:1 - 4a (12C) Hebrews 10:5 - 10 Luke 1:39 - 45

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

(if unable to serve, please find a replacement)

	St. Mary's Sat. 5:00 p.m. December 14th Fr. Ross Caniglia	St. Mary's Sun. 9:00 a.m. December 15th Fr. Ross Caniglia	St. Mary's Sat. 5:00 p.m. December 21st Msg. Kevin McCoy	St. Mary's Sun. 9:00 a.m. December 22nd Msgr. Kevin McCoy
Eucharistic Ministers	George Bruder Dean Clasen Jim Milam	Kelly Bentz Samantha Eastman Wendy Lensing	Deacon Don Evans Julie Dodds Mel Smith	Deacon Don Evans Brian Jergens Valerie Jergens
Lector	Brody Paterson	Karen Berte	Jan Olson	Dave Lensing
Greeters	TBD	Kathie Nelson	TBD	TBD
Servers	Lilly Paterson VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	Henry Kramer Samuel Kramer Hank Vitzthum	Jerzie Dodd Peyton Olson VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Wade Carlson Adalyn Laubenthal Jasper Zeman
Ushers	Steve Ehrhardt John Ford Paul Lynch Jim La Velle	Elliott Carlson Tom Carlson Dave Hanna John Bentz	Steve Ehrhardt John Ford Paul Lynch Jim La Velle	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Gift Bearers	Blanchard Family	Children's Liturgy of the Word	TBD	Children's Liturgy of the Word
Scrip	Patty Godfrey	Mary Seiler	Melissa Girres	Mary Seiler
Rosary	Lisa Frideres	Samantha Eastman	Samantha Eastman	Ashley Paul
CLOW		Christy Vitzthum		Traci Holm
Tabulators- MONDAY		Rhonda George Mel Smith		TBD
Music	Katherine Tierney David & Zoe Wirtz	Wade Carlson Scott & Katherine Wiemers	Cathy McCullough Cassie & Caelynn Hartmann	Kari Evans Andrea Laubenthal



December 2nd - 8th Collections	St. Mary's	ST. MARY'S PARISH & SCHOOL SCRIP PROGRAM	
Weekly Envelopes	\$5,539.00	Weekly Sales 12/2- 12/8	\$19,175.00
Online Giving	\$6,410.00	Weekly Profit 12/2 - 12/8	\$937.31
Loose Plate	\$358.00	Year-To-Date Sales Totals	\$285,046.00
Parish Needs	\$55.00	Year-To-Date Profit	\$12,155.58
Immaculate Conception	\$573.00	<p>SCRIP is available in the parish office. Please call ahead and we will get your order ready. Please also consider ordering E-scrip at raiserright.com or downloading the RaiseRight app.</p> <p>Christmas is coming! Order your SCRIP cards for Christmas now! If you are looking for the perfect Christmas gift... Gift Cards fit everyone! If you are in a time crunch E-Scrip can be electronically purchased at any time by following the link above.</p>	
Christmas Flowers	\$575.00		
Christmas	\$1000.00		
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$1750.00		



BULLETIN SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:

Please patronize all of our bulletin sponsors. Their sponsorship makes our bulletin possible!

Blacktop Service Co. - Humboldt Insurance Group, LTD Abens-Marty-Curran Agency - Dodd Construction

Ignite the Faith Campaign Update

Contributions received as of Dec. 13th-\$3,530,882.00
Total amount of outstanding pledges to be paid over the next year - \$18,665.00

Please visit our website:

(<https://www.osvhub.com/humboldtareacc/giving/funds>) or contact the parish office for more information on how you can support our project.

Brew & Brotherhood Scripture Study

6:00 a.m. every other Tuesday
in St. John's Conference Room –



St. Mary's Parish Center
Next Gathering:

Tuesday, December 17th

Bring a Guest! *The coffee is "brewing"!*



Together as One (TAO) supports Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities empowers and strengthens all individuals and families, through charity, advocacy and mental health services that are inspired by Christ's love and compassion.

Goal: \$16,030

Collected: \$13,260

Calendars for 2025 are available at the entrances. Please take one of these beautiful calendars. The calendars are generously donated each year by Mason-Lindhart Funeral Home. Thank you!

St. Mary's Eucharistic Adoration

Weekly on Thursdays.

Understood simply, Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. During Eucharistic Adoration, we "watch and wait", we remain "silent" in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist.

Stop in for a few minutes or stay for an extended time.

"Come to Jesus, just as you are."

Guardian Schedule for December 19th

Eucharistic Adoration:

2 – 3 p.m. – Julie Dodds

3 – 4 p.m. – Bernie Eckberg

4 – 5 p.m. – Dottie Rusher

5 – 6 p.m. – Anne West



Thursday adoration hours are 2-6 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered from 5-6 pm

Liturgy of the Hours (Vespers) will be at 5:40 pm

(To see prayers: Download "Ibreviary TS Plus" from the App Store or use "Christian Prayer" books at St Mary's)

Reposition will be at 6 pm

Decorating for Christmas will take place next Sunday, December 22nd, immediately following 9 a.m. Mass. Start a family tradition and lend a hand. Many hands make light work and Silver Cord hours are available for high school students.



The Women of the Spirit will meet at noon in the Parish Center on **Monday, December 16th**

Christmas Mass Times:

Christmas Eve - 4:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

Christmas Day - 9:00 a.m.

All are welcome at any of our Masses!



The mission of Saint Mary School is to provide a Catholic Education in a Christ-centered environment which enables students to attain religious and academic excellence

This Week:

Tuesday, Dec. 17th - Bowling Party for Grade 5 and classroom winners of newspaper sales contest.

Wednesday, Dec. 18th (*Please note date change*) - 6:30 p.m. St. Mary School Christmas Program at Humboldt High School auditorium. (Dress rehearsal at 9:45 a.m.)

Thursday, Dec. 19th - Reindeer Games

Friday, Dec. 20th - **No student Mass - Parish Mass at 8:00 a.m.** followed by a student Nativity Story Prayer Service, awards for Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest and a Christmas brunch.

Christmas Break - Students will dismiss 2 hours early, at 1:10 on Friday, December 20th with classes resuming on Monday, January 6th

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Church Sound system Fund Raiser

St Mary's Parish is working on updating and upgrading the church sound system. A committee has gone through the process reviewing several proposals. A proposal from Iowa Sound was determined to be the best fit for our needs. Proposals ranged from \$15,000 to \$50,000. Iowa Sound's proposal was in the \$25,000 range. The parish is looking to cover the cost of this with donations. The sound system will enhance the Mass, music, and choirs and allow easy adjustment to the system. We have already received some donations. Please consider donating to the Sound System Fund. The improvements will enhance your Holy Mass experience. If you wish to donate please mark on your check that it is for the "Sound System Fund". Checks can be put in the weekend collection, dropped off at the parish office or sent in the mail. Thank you for considering donating to this improvement project.

IMPORTANT

As we prepare for year end, please be mindful that donations must be received (or postmarked if mailed) by December 31 in order to be deductible in 2024. If postmarked or received January 1, 2025, or after, the donation is deductible in 2025. To comply with federal law, we cannot accept donations in 2024 for 2025 or in 2025 for 2024



Christmas Day Dinner & Fellowship

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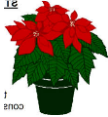
serving from 11:30 - 1:00
Faith United Methodist Church - Morehouse Hall

RSVPs appreciated - call FUMC Office 515-332-2083 M-TH afternoons
Contact Lisa Rasmussen with questions. 515-890-1098

Serving ham, cheesy potatoes, dinner rolls, assorted salads and sweet treats.
All are welcome to join in BINGO and fellowship after dinner from 1-3 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Christmas memorial flowers \$25. A donation of \$25 per plant is greatly appreciated to help offset the costs of all Christmas Flowers and decorations.

Please order flowers through the parish office to make best use of St. Mary's greenhouse order. Donations are graciously accepted through the Epiphany.

12 MONTHS OF GIVING

FOR THE **FOOD PANTRY**



Help support the Food Pantry!
Please help stock the food pantry with the December donation!

Items: Granola Bars, Fruit Snacks, Pop Tarts
Sponsoring Business: Blacktop Servies
Drop Off Location: Carbon Boutique - 630 Sumner Ave

To reach a Priest in an emergency after business hours:

For Fort Dodge Trinity Regional Hospital or local emergency call:

- The HT Parish Office at 515-955-6077
- Then Press 3 for the "Priest On Call"

For Humboldt Hospital or local emergency call:

- The SM Parish Office at 515-332-2856
- Then Press 3 for the "Priest On Call"

If there is no answer please leave a message with your phone number and the nature of the emergency.

Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation

MLTF Goal: \$107,743

Want to avoid paying State of Iowa taxes this year and empower your charitable giving?

Donate to MLTF and help St. Mary School instead!

By donating to MLTF, 75% of that donation will come back to you as a State of Iowa tax credit. For example, your state of Iowa taxes* (please check with your tax advisor) are \$300. If you donate \$400 to MLTF, you will receive a State of Iowa tax credit certificate in January of 2025 for \$300. **AND** you will have made a **\$400 impact** at St. Mary School for **\$100!**

*Please check with your tax advisor to find out what size of donation helps you cover your Iowa taxes.

Why do we need MLTF tuition assistance if we have ESA's?

Our billable tuition at St. Mary School (\$8,180) is higher than an ESA (\$7,826). Please donate to MLTF to fill that gap.



Qualified Charitable Donation from Your IRA?

Here's How it Works



You must be 70 1/2 or older to make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your IRA to a charity like St. Mary. That is also the age when you must begin taking distributions.



You can make a QCD of up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA to St. Mary and it will be excluded from your taxable income.



Contact your IRA custodian and ask them to make a QCD gift to St. Mary. Then, tell us how you want to support St. Mary Parish or School with your gift.



Your gift must be completed by Dec. 31st to earn the tax benefit in that year.

BENEFITS TO YOU



Your gift can be used to satisfy all or part of the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) you must take from your IRA.



Your gift will offset your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions.



Your gift will be used as you choose to support our mission of a stronger St. Mary Parish and Catholic Grade School.

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