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

FR. DAN GUENTHER, PASTOR
frdanguenther@gmail.com ~ Cell 712-899-6870

ST. MARY’S PARISH
307 4th Street North ~ Humboldt, IA 50548
www.HUMBOLDTAREACC.ORG ~ Ph. 515-332-2856
Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Parish Secretary: Wendy Lensing – parishsecretary@stmaryhumboldt.org
Development Director: Suzanne Newton – snewton@stmaryhumboldt.org
Business Manager: Cindy Johnson – cjohnson@stmaryhumboldt.org
Faith Formation Program: Sara Carlson & Traci Holm – dre@stmaryhumboldt.org
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306 3rd Street North ~ Humboldt, IA 50548
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Principal: Sara Bormann – sbormann@stmaryhumboldt.org
School Secretary: Shelley Davis – sdriver@stmaryhumboldt.org

To reach a priest in case of an emergency, and Fr. Dan Guenther is gone, please call Fr. Thomas Hart at 515-341-7810
Sunday, December 12, 2021 – Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions for the Week

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


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**Lituragical Ministries Schedule**

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**ST. MARY’S PARISH & SCHOOL SCRIP PROGRAM**

Weekly Sales 11/29 – 12/05 $15,220.00
Weekly Profit 11/29 – 12/05 $832.11
Year-To-Date Sales Totals $269,694.00
Year-To-Date Profit $12,341.36

**SCRIP is available in the parish office. Please call ahead and we will get your order ready. Please also consider ordering E-scrip at shopwithscrip.com or downloading the RaiseRight app.**

Christmas is coming! Order your SCRIP cards for Christmas now! If you are looking for the perfect Christmas gift...Gift Cards fit everyone! The deadline for purchasing cards in time for Christmas will be December 13, 9:00 a.m. If you are in a time crunch E-Scrip can be electronically purchased at any time by following the link above.

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**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 December 10th - $3,178,389.00
Amount paid on completed work - $3,265,452.00
Total amount of outstanding pledges to be paid over the next 3 -4 years - $345,953.00
Donations are still being accepted, please visit our website (https://osvonlinegiving.com/4592) 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 21st
Bring a Guest! The coffee is “brewing”!

St. Mary’s Goal:
$24,715
Pledged or Total Collected:
$22,247.07

We are at 90% of our goal!

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Guardian Schedule for December 16th
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3 – 4 p.m. – Bernie Eckberg
4 – 5 p.m. – Dottie Rusher
5 – 6 p.m. – Don Evans
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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.

Advent Reconciliation: Note that this will be taking place on Wednesday evening, December 15th, with First Reconciliation at 6:00 p.m. for our Second Grade Students, followed by time for parish members at 6:30 p.m., followed by Faith Formation students at 7:15 p.m. Additional priests will be helping Fr. Dan. Reconciliation for St. Mary’s students will take place at another time.

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 2021. If postmarked or received January 1, 2022, or after, the donation is deductible in 2022. To comply with federal law, we cannot accept donations in 2021 for 2022 or in 2022 for 2021.

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Prayer Chain Requests can be made by calling the parish office at 332-2856 or emailing parishsecretary@stmaryhumboldt.org. If you have time to pray for those on the prayer chain you may also contact the parish office to be added to our Prayer Chain Group and you will be contacted when new prayer requests are made.

A friendly reminder…the wind is blowing quite often. We appreciate donations of cottage cheese containers, etc. for packaging leftovers after funeral dinners and such but please drop these off in the parish office rather than leaving them outside by the kitchen entrance where they sometimes are scattered by the wind. Thank you!

Our family’s gratitude for many acts of kindness for our family at Ralph’s passing. A special thank you to Fr. Dan and Fr. Hart, Lentz Funeral Home, and the St. Mary’s ladies who the served the meal catered by Kampen’s of West Bend. - The Family of Ralph Bormann

FOUND – A rosary was found in a black rosary pouch in one of the pews on Friday a.m. If you are missing a rosary it is in the parish office.

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.

Happening This Week

School Liturgy - The weekly student liturgy will be planned by grade one students with guidance from teachers. We encourage all to come and worship along with our students on Friday December 17th, at 8:45

Rosary

There will be an all-School rosary prayed at 12:35 in the church on Wednesday, Dec. 15th.
All are welcome to pray with us.

Christmas Concert - Students in grade PS, PK, and Kindergarten will present Saint Mary’s Early Childhood Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 16th @ 10:00 a.m. in the school gym.

First Reconciliation - will be held on Wednesday, December 15th, @ 6:00 p.m. in Saint Mary Church.

Other Upcoming Dates to Remember -

Early Dismissal - Dec. 22 @ 1:05
Christmas Break - Dec. 23 - classes resume on Jan. 4, 2022
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – We are looking for volunteers to once again sell SCRIP before and after Saturday Masses. We are pretty well covered on Sundays, but very short for Saturday. If you are interested please contact Wendy at 332-2856 or parishsecretary@stmaryhumboldt.org. Thank you!

Fort Dodge Office: 515-576-4156
3 N 17th St, Fort Dodge, IA 50501

Algona Office: 515-295-8840
109 W State St, Algona, IA 50511

*Professional counseling for children, families & individuals. www.cathchar.com

Volunteers are needed to be tabulators. This has been done following the Sunday Mass in the past but if volunteers would prefer we are open to having this done on Monday mornings instead. If interested in helping on either Sunday or Monday please contact Fr. Dan or Wendy. Training will be provided.

As the end of the year approaches, we begin to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us. It also provides a great opportunity to thank God for these blessings.

This is also the time of year when people consider giving charitable contributions to their favorite charities. We hope that you consider St. Mary’s Catholic Church as one of your favorites.

As you do your tax planning, we hope you will consider making good use of the income tax charitable deduction. Your year-end gift can significantly reduce your income taxes while providing meaningful support to St. Mary’s. The amount of income tax savings will depend on your tax bracket. As you know, giving is about much more than tax savings. Your charitable gifts make an important difference in what we are able to accomplish here at St Mary’s.

Thank you for your continued generosity!