

# ST. MARY OF THE VISITATION CHURCH IOWA CITY, IOWA

The Feast of the Holy Family  
December 30th, 2018



## HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always get it right, but they always tried to. These three amateurs were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation--to do his Father's work--but he also returned home with his parents.

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### *Parish Staff*

Fr. Steve Witt, Pastor  
Fr. Bob Cloos, Parochial Vicar  
Dcn. Joe & Katie Welter, Marriage Preparation Coord.  
Sr. Agnes Giblin, BVM, Pastoral Associate  
Dan Teets, Director of Adult Faith Formation  
Patti McTaggart, Youth/Music Coordinator  
Karla Peiffer, Accountant  
Rachel Santos, Office Administrator  
Nathan Gibbs, Choir Director

### *Mass Schedule*

Monday—Friday 12:10 PM  
Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

### *TV Mass—Channel 18*

Each Monday at 7:30 PM

### *The Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Saturday 10-11:30 AM or by appointment.

### *The Sacrament of Baptism*

Call Sister Agnes at the office at 337-4314.

### *The Sacrament of Marriage*

Email Deacon Joe and Katie Welter:  
MarriagePrep@icstmary.org

### **St. Mary's Parish Office**

302 E. Jefferson Street  
Iowa City, Iowa 52245  
Phone: 319 337-4314  
Mon-Thurs 8:30 AM-4PM  
Fri: 8:30 AM—Noon

	<b>SCRIPTURE</b>	<b>MASSES</b>	<b>CALENDAR</b>
<b>Sunday, December 30th</b>	1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 Lk 2:41-52	<b>The Feast of the Holy Family</b> 8:30 AM +Marie Hogan 10:30 AM +Lois Morahan	<i>NO COFFEE HOUR OR BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS</i>
<b>Monday, December 31st</b>	1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18	<b>Mary, Mother of God (vigil)</b> 5:30 PM Special Intention— (Phuoc Dao and Huy Vu) +Amy Smothers +Mary Ellen Jensen	Parish office closed.  NO 12:10 PM MASS
<b>Tuesday, January 1st</b>	Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21	<b>Mary, Mother of God</b> 12:10 PM Special Intention— (Phuoc Dao and Huy Vu) Parishioners	Parish office closed.
<b>Wednesday, January 2nd</b>	1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28	<b>SS. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen</b> 12:10 PM Special Intention— (Phuoc Dao and Huy Vu) +Paul Nhuong Dao +Melanie Ngu Thi Tran +Joseph Minh Uyen Huynh	
<b>Thursday, January 3rd</b>	1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Jn 1:29-34	<b>Christmas Weekday</b> 12:10 PM Special Intention— (Phuoc Dao and Huy Vu) Special Intention— (Phuong Dao and Nga Dao) +Robert Fuhrmeister +Shirley Aldeman	
<b>Friday, January 4th</b>	1 Jn 3:7-10 Jn 1:35-42	<b>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</b> 12:10 PM Special Intention— (Phuoc Dao and Huy Vu) Special Intention (anonymous) +All Souls in Purgatory	Holy Hour for Vocations following the 12:10 PM Mass
<b>Saturday, January 5th</b>	1 Jn 3:11-21 Jn 1:43-51	<b>St. John Neumann</b> 9:00 AM +Lawrence Lynch  <b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> 5:00 PM +Bill Rockafellow	10-11:30 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation
<b>Sunday, January 6th</b>		<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> 8:30 AM +Robert Schneider, Sr. +Betty Marx +Richard Park 10:30 AM +Mary Ellen Jensen +R.F. and Gladys Deatsch	



FATHERS OF ST. JOSEPH

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Wed., Jan. 9th, from 6-6:45 AM at St. Mary's

Sat., Jan. 23rd, 7:30-8:15 AM at St. Wenc.

*This group is for men ages 18+.*

*Questions? Call Dan Teets, 337-4314.*

**Prayer Shawl Group**

Join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 1PM in the parish hall to make prayer shawls for the sick or homebound and blankets for the babies to be baptized!

**Upcoming meeting: January 8th & 22nd, 2019**



Use Your Stewardship Gifts in  
*Thankful, Accountable, Generous Ways*  
It's the Stewardship "GIFT T.A.G."

**Stewardship of Time**

Read Scripture daily.

**Stewardship of Talent**

Thank you to all the youth who helped bake, decorate, and deliver nearly 2,000 Christmas cookies to the homebound!

**Opportunities to "Welcome the Stranger"**

IC Compassion hosts a Refugee Exchange Program to help connect Iowa families with those that are new to the US. For questions about volunteering, email: [info@iccompassion.org](mailto:info@iccompassion.org)

**Stewardship of Treasure**

**December 8th and 9th, 2018**

Weekly Collection Goal:	\$	13,365.00
Actual Collection Total:	\$	22,443.00
YTD Collection:	\$	383,458.87
YTD Budget Goal:	\$	320,760.00
Under/Over Goal:	\$	+ 62,698.87

\*\*Update coming in January 2019

**The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**



Mass on  
**December 31st, 2018**  
at 5:30 PM (vigil)

Mass on January 1st, 2019  
at 12:10 PM

Liturgical ministers are needed, so please sign-up in the back of the church.

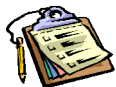
**St. Anthony's Bread Report**

In November 2018, SAB responded to 55 requests for emergency financial assistance. We helped pay a portion of rent, energy or water bills for 45 households in addition to some other special requests. Those we helped needed assistance because of employment or child care issues; extra expenses due to moving or car/home repair. One had a death in the family; another family had a birth. There were 56 children in the families including a new baby and a pregnancy.

We thank you for your prayer and action on behalf of those in need. We wish you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Have You Registered?**

If you are new to St. Mary's but have not officially registered as a parish member, contact the parish office (337-4314 or [icstmary@icstmary.org](mailto:icstmary@icstmary.org)).



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**JZMPZN**

**REST IN PEACE**

We pray for the repose of the soul of John Cahill (brother of Elyse Lewis).  
*May he be welcomed into everlasting life!*



**The Word of God on Your iPad...**

...or your phone, or tablet, or laptop!  
The US Catholic Conference of Bishops offers daily readings. Check it out: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)!





## Video Contest for Youth Grades K-12

As part of the Vision 20/20 process, all youth (individuals or groups) of the diocese of are invited to create a 30-90 second video to celebrate their Catholic faith. The winning submission will celebrate with Bishop Zinkula. Entries are due by January 15th. For contest rules, go to: [www.davenportdiocese.org/vision-2020-video-contest](http://www.davenportdiocese.org/vision-2020-video-contest)

Have you attended a Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) in the past? If so, the Iowa City Deanery would like to hear from you. We are updating records for all previous CEW candidates and team members to ensure you are receiving notifications for prayer requests, renewals, and CEW weekends. Please send your name, address, phone number, email address, and church to [cwicdeanery@gmail.com](mailto:cwicdeanery@gmail.com).

# Photos of St. Mary's youth during our annual Cookie Baking for the Homebound 2018



# SMART News and Events

## St. Mary's Active & Religious Teens



### Youth Ski Trip

Sunday, February 3rd, 2019 from 1-9 PM

Sundown Ski Resort in Dubuque

We will depart from and return to the  
Clarion Highlander Hotel parking lot in Iowa City.

\$65 skis/pass/lift

\$50 pass/lift only

\$65 snowboard/pass/lift

Permission slips are available in the December and January SMART Newsletters.  
Hard copies are also in the back of the church.



#### ST. MARY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

Marty Shafer – Chairperson

Karla Peiffer – Secretary

#### PASTORAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Carol McDonough – Family Life

Wakiza Gamez – Peace & Justice

Marty Shafer – Liturgy

Mary Rae Meyer – Christian Formation

John Hale – Property Management

Anita Hemingway – Fellowship & Communications

Bill Doucette - Evangelization & Stewardship

#### ST. MARY'S FINANCE COUNCIL

Anne Hargrave

John Maxwell

Mike Pugh (Lay Director)

Carl Shank

Bob Squires

Marilyn Wirtz (Lay Director)

#### ST. MARY'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #842

Darrin Thompson - Grand Knight, 325-5867

#### EDUCATION

##### Regina Catholic Education Center:

Glenn Plummer – High School Principal, 338-5436

Celeste Vincent – Elementary Principal, 337-5739

Carolyn Brandt—Religious Education Office, 351-7638

Alan Opheim – Regina Business Office, 337-2580

Kecia Boysen – Regina Foundation Exec. Director, 354-5866

Pam Schowalter—Regina Director of Admissions, 499-9006

##### Regina Board of Education Representatives:

Angela Villhauer, Sue Kloos, Melinda Shetler



#### Choose Life Prayer

We pray for that all may come to see  
that every life is a gift from God.



#### Vocation View

“What ought we to do?” the  
crowd asks John, and he send  
them to fulfill their calling.

Doing the ordinary  
extraordinarily well is a step  
toward welcoming Jesus.



#### Wounded by Abortion? Project Rachel Can Help.

Project Rachel understands the emotional pain  
that follows an abortion. Please call the  
helpline 563-333-4107 or 1-888-456-HOPE.  
Calls answered personally and confidentially  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9AM-3  
PM. Voice messaging is available all other  
times. Calls will be returned promptly.

**To report child abuse contact:** Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: [800-362-2178](tel:800-362-2178) and if it involves clergy or church personnel, also notify Alicia Owens, Victim Assistance Coordinator, [563-349-5002](tel:563-349-5002); [vac@diodav.org](mailto:vac@diodav.org) or PO Box 232,

**St. Mary's**  
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**Iowa City, Iowa 52245**

Contact Person: Rachel Santos  
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