



ADULT CHOIR UPDATE

We are excited about the new members who have started singing with the choir. Now is a great time to come and give it a try. Practice Thursday evenings, 5:30 p.m. in the church. Everyone welcome!!!

2019 CHILDREN'S CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

St. Mary's School and St. Mary's School of Faith students have received their 2019 contribution envelopes. Please prayerfully consider speaking with your children about the importance of giving back (tithing) to the church. Any amount, big or small, helps St. Mary's to continue to fund various ministries and programs.

KC FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

The Storm Lake Knights of Columbus will be holding its annual Free Throw Championship for all boys and girls ages 9-14 (as of January 1) at St. Mary's gym. The date is set for Sunday, January 13 with the doors opening at 1:30 p.m. for warm up and registration (bring an adult) the competition to begin at 2 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Will Swanson @ 507-269-6042.

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE

If you have changed your address, phone number or email, please contact the parish office by emailing us at parish@stormlakecatholic.com or you can call us at 712-732-3110.

CONFIRMATION 2019



The date for Confirmation at St. Mary's in 2019 has been set by the Bishop's office. Mark your calendars for 7 p.m, October 19, 2019. Reminder to **all** Confirmation II students, your completed paper work, including **all** reflection papers, are **due before 5 p.m. on May 17, 2019**. Be sure you are checking your deadlines found in your blue Confirmation Handbook.

SPECIAL THANKS

Once again the best team of volunteers have taken time to put up and take down the environment of the beautiful Christmas Season. It could not have happen without everyone involved doing the needed work: Keith and Betty Kirby, Roger and Caron Iehl, Jerry and Sandy Hurd, Marv and Fran Schettler, Rich and Becky Dirx, Mary Sprick, Marilyn Snyder, Ted Smith, Ellen Smith, Mark Lussman, Tom Seivers, Deb Williams, Gary Pickhinke, Dave and Barb Hansen, and Rog Pomrenke. Thank you all for your time and dedication as you each are a great blessing and make it all happen.—Kathy

SPAGHETTI DINNER



The Knights of Columbus cordially invites you to enjoy a bountiful plate of spaghetti served with "St. Mary's Secret Sauce," breadstick, and a side salad on Sunday, January 20 from 4-7 p.m. at the parish center. Desserts made by the St. Mary's Guild will be available at additional cost as well. Proceeds from this event will benefit St. Mary's Dance Team. Tickets are \$7 at the door.

NEWS ON THE RUN

Send your news requests to: parish@stormlakecatholic.com and/or sign up to be included in our news service at the same address. Thanks!

A NIGHT TO SALUTE—SEND US MILITARY PHOTOS!

We announced on Veterans Day that the theme of the March 23, 2019 St. Mary's Ball and Charity Auction will be A Night to Salute and honor our veterans and active duty military as we raise funds for a choice in education at our Catholic school. Our chair couples are Seth and Etta Smith and Dr. Seth and Deanna Harrer. To help us honor those who have served our country please email photos of your loved ones who have served in the past or are presently serving. Provide their name, years served and military branch to dprosser@stormlakecatholic.com.

INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION & WE'RE AFFORDABLE!

Is it time to consider the family atmosphere at St. Mary's School? With our high standardized testing scores, challenging curriculum, positive testimonials from parents and alumni, St. Mary's is a viable option for your preK-12 student! And YES, we are affordable! Contact Mrs. Diane Jones for preK-5 or Mr. Ryan Berg for 6-12 questions or a tour at 732-4166. We are a school with faith at it's base as well as preparing students for the college experience. **Why not #experiencethedifference and experience #thepantherway ?**

REMINDER ON WINTER WEATHER WOES

For the safety of everyone (parishioners and clergy) during the winter months, there will be:

- no morning Mass if there is a delayed start or closure of the Storm Lake Public Schools due to weather. -- The reason Storm Lake is the point of reference is because that is whence the clergy has to drive.
- no evening religious education, adoration, confessions, Mass, or other parish program if school is released early or closed for the day due to weather.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

We will be providing your 2018 contribution statements before the end of the month. If you have provided your email address to us, you should receive your statement via email. All other statements will be printed, placed in envelopes, and will be found at the main entrance of the church in boxes marked in alphabetical order, as done in previous years. If your preference for receiving your statements has changed, please contact the parish office at 732-3110 to update your information. Thank you for your generosity.

NEED HELP WITH MINISTRY SCHEDULER PRO?

Check out this guide with pointers on how to use the desktop version and the mobile app! If you haven't downloaded the app, please do - it's so easy to sign up and so easy to request a sub 24/7. www.ministryschedulerpro.com/WebTerminalGuide.pdf

MEANINGFUL GIFT—SMs ANNUAL APPEAL !

Please consider a financial gift to this important campaign that helps support and operate our preK-12 Catholic School and offer a choice in education! Support the St. Mary's Annual Appeal with our financial gift. You can mail in your gift, drop an envelope in the weekly collection, or contribute on-line at www.saintmarysgives.com. Invest in our small class sizes open to students of all faith backgrounds (20% are not Catholic), our higher than state average test scores and our Christ-centered environment. Learn more about our school at our website www.stormlakecatholic.com and click on the school tab. Help us meet our \$60,000 annual goal with your gift to our blue appeal mailers.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK SHADOW DAY

Ever wondered what it would be like to be a student at St. Mary's School? Catholic Schools Week is fast approaching, and we will be holding a student shadow day on January 31 of that week for interested children and teens to see what the St. Mary's family is truly all about. Contact St. Mary's School (712-732-1856) for more information and to secure a spot.

HOMECOMING/HALL OF FAME

Be sure to join us Friday, Jan 25 for the homecoming games and Hall of Fame inductions. Coronation will be Thursday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. in the gym. All are welcome! Bring a friend and show them St. Mary's!

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Jan.14

7 a.m. †Fidelis Hibbs

Tuesday, Jan.15

7 a.m. †William & †Ann Forrette

8 a.m. **Mass in Early-** †Peter & †Christine Drey

7 p.m. **SP Mass-** Eva De la Mora Martinez

Wednesday, Jan.16

7 a.m. †Cheri Smith

10:30 a.m. **Otsego-** †Tom Schuler

2:30 p.m. **School Mass-** †Leo Sextro

Thursday, Jan.17

7 a.m. †Ray Rath

8 a.m. **Mass in Schaller-** †Art & †Arlene Grundmeier

Friday, Jan.18

7 a.m. † Deceased Rath Family Members

12 p.m. **SP Mass-** Janet Morales

Saturday, Jan.19

4:30 p.m. **Mass in Early-** †Kyle Drey

5:30 p.m. †Charles Bryant

7 p.m. **SP Mass-** †Luella Lenhart-Hoft

Sunday, Jan.20

8 a.m. **Mass in Schaller-** †Gladys Kestel

8 a.m. †Lee & †Maxine Launderville

10 a.m. †Paul & Jean Cavanaugh

12 p.m. **SP Mass-** †Jose Arreola



Stewardship for Jan.5/6

"Do not let your hand be open to receive, but clenched when it is time to give." - Sirach 4:31

Average Amount needed	\$	18,850.00
Parish Collection-(*ACH included)	\$	13,722.93
ACH-	\$	3,144.00
Dollar Collection: (Sta. Lucia)	\$	1,051.49

Remember St. Mary's in your will!

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK



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Liturgical Ministries Schedule

The most current schedule can be found at <http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/stormlakestmary>. If you would like your own copy **there will be paper copies available in all of the church entrances** and one on the bulletin board.