

# St. Mary's Church of Iowa City

# December 10, 2006

	SCRIPTURE		MASSES	CALENDAR
Sunday December 10	Bar 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6	8:00	+Dottie E. Krause +Elwood Burlingame +Tom and Bob Finnegan	5 PM Advent Vespers
		9:30	Special Int.– Driscoll family +John Swenka	5:45-6:30 PM Children's Pageant Rehearsal
		11:00	+Bernice Kron	
<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>				
Monday December 11	Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26	12:10	+Charlotte K. Fisk Thompson +Dick Zahradnek	5 PM Property Management 7 PM Christian Formation Commission 7:30 PM Widowed/Separated/Divorced in parish hall
<b>Advent Weekday</b>				
Tuesday December 12	Zec 2 :14-17 Lk 1:26-28	12:10	+Jake and Phyllis Roskup +Father Ed Botkin	7-8:30 PM "Centering Prayer" session in the parish hall
<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>				
Wednesday December 13	Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30	12:10	+Harold Musser +Dwayne Schneider +Don Kauffman	6-6:40 Children's Choir Rehearsal 6-7 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM High School Vocal Concert at St. Mary's
<b>St. Lucy</b>				
Thursday December 14	Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15	12:10	Special Intention– Dave and Deb Hanson +Arthur Alt	5-6 PM Youth Casserole Making 5:15 PM Catholic Ministries Commission
<b>St. John of the Cross</b>				
Friday December 15	Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19	12:10	+Florence Roberts +Shirley Rocca	11:30 AM Free Lunch at Wesley Center 12:05 PM Angelus for Life 12:50 PM Prayer at Emma Goldman Clinic 5:30 PM Legion of Mary
<b>Advent Weekday</b>				
Saturday December 16	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13	5:10	Parishioners	8 AM-12 PM Cookie-baking for homebound 10 AM Advent Communal Penance
<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>				
Sunday December 17	Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18	8:00	+Caroline Simon +Ralph Neppel +Lavina Miller	Pantry Sunday 2 PM Vietnamese Mass
		9:30	+Louise Miller McMullen +Shirley Rocca	2 PM Communal Penance at St. Patrick's 5 PM Advent Vespers
		11:00	+Deceased members of the Altar and Rosary Society	5:45-6:30 PM Children's Pageant Rehearsal
<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>				

**FAITH FOCUS QUESTION**

How can I prepare for Jesus' coming at Christmas?

**Advent Evening Vespers**

Please join us each Sunday evening in Advent at 5 PM in the church as we lift up our hearts and minds to God in preparation for the coming of the Lord.

**REMINDER TO LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

It's not too late to sign-up to receive your liturgical minister schedule by email! If you are interested, please call the parish office (337-4314) or email us at [icstmary@icstmary.org](mailto:icstmary@icstmary.org).

**HOMELESS OVERFLOW PROJECT  
FIRST WEEK**

St. Mary's completed our first week of the Homeless Overflow Project last Sunday. It went very well. On the busiest night, we were hosts to nineteen guests. So many people volunteered that we were not able to use them all this first week. However, we will be hosts again the weeks of January 28 and March 11, so if you volunteered but didn't get called this week you will be hearing from us then.

**Ride to Recovery Fund for Ken Klein**

This is a fund set up to help cover expenses not paid for by insurance for Ken Klein's recovery. Donations can be dropped off at any Hills Bank location or mailed to: Hills Bank and Trust, Ride to Recovery Fund, PO Box 160, Hills, Iowa 52235. Checks can be made payable to "Ride to Recovery Fund". Keep updated on Ken Klein's recovery at [www.caringbridge.com](http://www.caringbridge.com). Click on the "visitors" link and then enter "kenklein" to access his journal.

**FREE LUNCH**

St. Mary's will be providing and serving Free Lunch on Friday, December 15th, at the Wesley Center. Please contribute casseroles, salads, and desserts. Food donations may be brought to the parish hall on Thursday evening between 7-8:30 PM. Volunteers are also needed to serve our guests!

**A Shopping List for Pantry Sunday  
(December 17th, 2006)**

- Canned fruits, vegetables, meats, and fish
- Peanut butter
- Cooking oil
- Potato, rice, and pasta products
- Juice
- Baby formula, wipes and diapers
- Paper products: toilet paper, tissues, towels
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Shampoo, soap, deodorant
- Feminine hygiene products

**Year End Gifts to St. Mary's Parish**

As the year 2006 comes to an end, so does the opportunity to take advantage of charitable deductions for the calendar year. Donating cash, stocks or other securities to St. Mary's Parish may help reduce your capital gains tax or provide a tax deduction. All charitable gifts for 2006 should be received by December 31st, 2006. According to the IRS, any gifts received on January 1st, 2007 or later cannot be "back dated" to count for 2006. All gifts must be recorded in the calendar year received. For more information, call the office at 337-4314.

An allegation of sexual abuse has been made against Msgr. Carl Meinberg, who was pastor here at St. Mary's from 1940-1967. If you, or someone you know, was sexually abused by Msgr. Meinberg, or anyone else, please contact Father Ken at the parish office (337-4314) or Alicia Owens at the Diocese of Davenport (563-349-5002).

**REGINA HAPPENINGS**

**St. Nicholas Market and Breakfast with Santa**

Sunday, December 10th  
8 AM to 2 PM  
Regina Cafeteria

Cost: \$5 per person (breakfast) 8 AM to 1 PM  
Pancakes, eggs, and sausage

\$5 pictures with Santa by J. Michel Photography  
9:30 AM to 1 PM

There will also be 30 vendors to help you with any last minute Christmas shopping!

## **HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE...**

**CEW Renewal:** CEW Renewal will be December 10th, at 4 PM, at St. Thomas More Church. Families are welcome. We will pray, share, and enjoy one another. Please join us.

**CEW 2007:** Brochures for the spring CEW are in the entrance of the church. Consider giving a Christian Experience Weekend as a Christmas gift.

**St. Bridget's Bridge Club** will meet at noon on Monday, December 11th, at the Elk's Club. Bridge players of all ages and skill levels are welcome!

**There will be a Soup Supper**, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of the Cluster Parishes of Riverside, Richmond, and Wellman, on Friday, December 15th, during the Mid-Prairie vs. Regina Girls/Boys Basketball games at Mid-Prairie. They will be serving from 5-8 PM. The cost is \$5 per person.

**The Free Lunch Program will once again serve a special holiday meal** at noon on Christmas Day. We would appreciate donations of baked hams and turkeys. Also, 20 people are needed to help in the kitchen in 1-1/2 hour shifts from 9:30 AM to 2 PM. Having 2-3 people provide some holiday music would be nice, too! If you would like to help, please contact Mary Palmberg (palmberg@avalon.net or 337-7917) by December 15th. Monetary donations will also be accepted.

**Faith Formation Workshop:** Please read the bulletin insert this week about the Faith Formation Workshop to be held on Sunday, January 7th, from 4:30-6:45 PM, at Regina. The theme is tying Scripture and Tradition together. It will be given by a dynamic speaker, Sr. Tina Geiger, RSM, from Renew International. There is no cost. Registration by December 20th is needed.

### **14th Annual Iowa Institute for Social Action January 14th-15th, 2007**

#### **Our Lady's Immaculate Heart in Ankeny**

This is a social action conference sponsored by The Iowa Catholic Conference and all of the dioceses in Iowa. St. Mary's Peace and Justice Commission is offering to reimburse part of the expenses for up to six parishioners to attend. More information on the conference and registration materials are available at [www.iowasocialaction.org](http://www.iowasocialaction.org). Contact Kathy Maxwell from our Peace and Justice Commission about reimbursement: [squirt5@mchsi.com](mailto:squirt5@mchsi.com).

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**THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY**

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**EDUCATION****Regina Catholic Education Center:**

Ray Pechous – High School Principal, 338-5436  
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**LAST WEEK'S FINANCES**

December 3rd, 2006

Envelopes	\$	27,945.00
Offertory (loose cash)	\$	1,026.00
Total	\$	28,971.00
Amount needed each week:	\$	16,800.00
Amount received last week:	\$	28,971.00
<b>OVER</b> budget:	\$	12,171.00
Amount needed year to date:	\$	386,400.00
Amount received to date:	\$	405,976.00
<b>OVER</b> budget:	\$	+19,576.00
Number of envelopes used last week: 408 (out of 1700)		
Average per envelope: \$68.49 (One gift of \$10,000!)		
Stewardship of Treasure Goal: 5% GIVEN IN		
GRATITUDE		

**Choose Life Prayer** – We pray for all those who struggle with disabilities or the weakness of old age, that the people of God will reach out to them in love.

**Vocation View**– John the Baptist made ready the way of the Lord. Who will make ready the way today?

(Luke 3:1-6)