

St. Mary's Church of Iowa City

December 31, 2006

	SCRIPTURE	MASSES	CALENDAR
Sunday December 31	Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:41-52	8:00 +Dottie E. Krause +Tony Eng 9:30 +Charlotte K. Fisk Thompson +Louise Goetz 11:00 Parishioners The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	
Monday January 1	Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21	10 AM +Rex Fleming +David Roskup Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	7:30 PM Widowed/Separated/Divorced
Tuesday January 2	1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28	12:10 +Jake and Phyllis Roskup +Mary Whitney Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen	
Wednesday January 3	1 Jn 2:29—3:6 Jn 1:29-34	12:10 +Deceased members of the Giblin family +Helen Sinclair Weekday	NO ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE NO CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE
Thursday January 4	1 Jn 3:7-10 Jn 1:35-42	12:10 +Bernice Kron +Karen Gingerich St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	7 PM Holy Hour for Vocations
Friday January 5	1 Jn 3:11-21 Jn 1:43-51	12:10 +David Driscoll +William and Barbara Quinlan St. John Neumann	12:05 PM Angelus for Life 12:50 PM Prayer at Emma Goldman Clinic 5:30 PM Legion of Mary
Saturday January 6	1 Jn 5:5-13 Mk 1:7-11 Lk 3:23, 31-34 Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12	9 AM +Mary Rocca First Saturday Mass 5:10 Parishioners Epiphany of the Lord	10-11:30 AM Sacrament of Penance
Sunday January 7	Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12	8:00 +Dorothy Cannon +Cleone Fay 9:30 +Merle and Madeline Mentz +Emmett McCabe 11:00 +Leonard Gough Epiphany of the Lord	

FAITH FOCUS QUESTION

How can I be more obedient to God's will as Jesus was in today's Gospel?

INCENSE NOTICE

Incense will be used at Mass on the Solemnity of the Epiphany (January 7th)

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul Mary Gannon, mother of Denny Gannon. *May she be welcomed into everlasting life!*

THANK YOU!

A special thanks to all who helped with our beautiful Christmas liturgies: decorators, musicians, and liturgical ministers. We appreciate the time and effort spent by so many in helping us celebrate the birth our Savior.

In Appreciation

St. Mary's staff would like to thank all those who so thoughtfully remembered us with cards, gifts, cookies, and other goodies this Christmas. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Just a Reminder...

If you need to send a payment to the *Annual Diocesan Appeal*, please send it to the office at 302 East Jefferson St., Iowa City, or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. If you have not made a pledge, it is not too late! Envelopes are located in the back of the church.

Beginning in January, St. Mary's organ will be undergoing repairs to the air chests. Therefore, the organ will be out of commission until Palm Sunday. We thank you for your patience as we continue to restore this beautiful instrument. Anyone who would like to make a financial contribution to this project may send a check payable to St. Mary's Organ Fund.

City-wide Mass Schedule for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, December 31st, 2007

St. Wenceslaus 4 PM VIGIL

Monday, January 1st, 2007

St. Patrick's and St. Thomas More 9 AM
St. Mary's and St. Wenceslaus 10 AM

Holy Hour for Vocations

St. Mary's Holy Hour for Vocations will be Thursday, January 4th at 7 PM in the church. Please join us.

First Saturday Mass

Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's at 9 AM this Saturday (January 6th) and every first Saturday of the month.

It's a Ski Trip!

St. Mary's annual ski trip to Sundown Ski Resort, for youth in grades 6-12, will be on Sunday, January 14th. The group will leave at 1 PM and arrive back at St. Mary's parking lot at 10 PM.

Cost:

\$45 skis/pass/lift

\$30 pass/lift only

\$50 snowboard/pass/lift

(Make all checks payable to St. Mary's Youth Group.)

Permission slips are in the December SMART News and located on the back porch of the parish office. Please return them to:

Patti McTaggart
St. Mary's Church
302 E. Jefferson St.
Iowa City, Iowa 52245

The deadline to turn in permission slips is FRIDAY, JANUARY 5th, 2007!

Basketball and Chili—Go Hawks!

January 14th is the day for our annual Chili Supper following the Iowa women's basketball game! Come and join the entire team and coaches for chili in the parish hall beginning around 5:00PM. (The games starts at 2:00PM.)

HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE...

KOUR-LP 92.7 FM

If you have not yet had the opportunity to hear the programming on Our Lady of Perpetual Help Radio, give it try. You'll find excellent information and discussions pertaining to the Catholic faith. Programming reaches all of Iowa City, Coralville, and North Liberty. Check it out online at www.kourlp.org.

K of C Free Throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus Council 842 will host a Free Throw Contest at the North Dodge Athletic Club on Saturday, January 13th, at 1 PM. This event is open to all boys and girls ages 10-14. All participants should bring a copy of their birth certificate. Please contact Mike Shey (339-4704) or John Sehl (512-4822) for more information.

Pancake Breakfast– The Oxford-Cosgrove Knights of Columbus will sponsor a pancake, sausage, and egg breakfast on Sunday, January 14th at St. Mary's Auditorium in Oxford. Serving is from 7:30 AM to 12 PM.

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. Contact Kathy Maxwell from our Peace and Justice Commission about reimbursement: squirt5@mchsi.com. Please include "Peace and Justice Commission" in the subject line.

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LAST WEEK'S FINANCES

December 17th, 2006

Envelopes	\$	17,979.00
Offertory (loose cash)	\$	937.00
Total	\$	18,916.00
Amount needed each week:	\$	16,800.00
Amount received last week:	\$	18,916.00
OVER budget:	\$	2,116.00
Amount needed year to date:	\$	420,000.00
Amount received to date:	\$	446,448.00
OVER budget:	\$	+26,448.00
Number of envelopes used last week: 399 (out of 1700)		
Average per envelope: \$45.06		
Stewardship of Treasure Goal: 5% GIVEN IN GRATITUDE		

Thoughts on Stewardship

Paul tells the Corinthians—and us, “Dedicate yourselves to thankfulness. How much more joyful this time of year would be if we dedicated ourselves to thankfulness!

Choose Life Prayer – We pray for all families, that they may be strengthened to welcome the gift of new life, whether planned or unplanned.

Vocation View – Pray for married couples and for parents, who strive to remain faithful to their commitments in a changing and challenging world.