

St. Mary's Church of Iowa City

January 7, 2007

	SCRIPTURE	MASSES	CALENDAR
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	
The Epiphany of the Lord			
Monday January 8	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22	12:10 +Wayne Kempf +Irene Anglin	5 PM Property Management Commission 7:30 PM Widowed/Separated/Divorced
The Baptism of the Lord			
Tuesday January 9	Heb 1:1-6; 22:5-12 Mk 1:14-20; 1:21-28	12:10 Special Int.– Driscoll family +Lyle Donohoe	
Weekday			
Wednesday January 10	Heb 2:14-18 Mk 1:29-39	12:10 Special Intention (anonymous) +John Schnoebelen	6-6:40 PM Children's Choir Practice 6-7 PM Adult Choir Practice
Weekday			
Thursday January 11	Heb 3:7-14 Mk 1:40-45	12:10 +Richard Kron +Leo and Greg Krotz	7 PM Parish Council meeting
Weeday			
Friday January 12	Heb 4:1-5, 11 Mk 2:1-12	12:10 +Cyril Osweiler +Ruth Welsh	12:05 PM Angelus for Life 12:50 PM Prayer at Emma Goldman Clinic 5:30 PM Legion of Mary
Weekday			
Saturday January 13	Is 62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11	5:10 Parishioners	10 AM Boy Scout Workshop (parish hall) 10-11:30 AM Sacrament of Penance 5:10 PM Baptisms
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Sunday January 14	Is 62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11	8:00 +Lavina Miller +Kym Bushman 9:30 +Louise Miller McMullen +Emmett McCabe 11:00 +Jai Ryu	Baptism Sunday 1 PM Youth Ski Trip 4-5 PM CEW gathering (parish hall) 5 PM Chili Supper with Iowa Women's Basketball Team (parish hall)
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time			

FAITH FOCUS QUESTION

In what ways do I live as a child of God?

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul Ann Kresky, sister of George Mullally. *May she be welcomed into everlasting life!*

Christmas Flower Memorial

We are grateful for the gift of additional Christmas flowers given in memory of:

Mr. and Mrs. John Scheetz

**National Vocation Awareness Week
January 8th-12th, 2007**

The observance of *National Vocation Awareness Week* began in 1976 when the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) designated the 28th Sunday of the year as the beginning of NVAW. In 1997 this celebration was moved to coincide with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord celebrates the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Jesus is consecrated as the servant of God through baptism. How appropriate that this feast is the beginning of National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW). As we renew our baptismal vows, we strengthen our covenant with God. We ask for the Spirit to guide us as we respond to God's call to service

Inserted in your bulletin this week is a prayer for vocations. Pray this week to help foster a culture of vocations. This prayer will also be said at 12:05 PM at St. Mary's on January 8th-12th.

Sacrament of Baptism

Next weekend, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism at all of the Masses. You will probably recognize many of the families as they will be celebrating with the community with whom they regularly worship. It reminds us of our baptismal call to support each other on our journey of faith.

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.)

Why Catholic?

The *Why Catholic?* brochure and sign-up form will be in the bulletin next weekend. This is an opportunity for everyone to participate in this program during Lent. You are invited to sign-up even if you did not participate in the fall. Look for the brochure next weekend.

Initiation Sessions for Young People

Soon we will be offering sessions for anyone who is eight years of age and older who has not yet received the sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist. If you have a child or children in either of these categories or know of someone who does, please contact the office (337-4314) for more information.

REMINDER TO LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

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.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Year-end contribution statements for 2006 for tax purposes will be available after January 15th, 2007. Please note that checks received after January 1st, 2007 can not be "back dated" to count for 2006.

HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE...

Winter Musical Benefit for the Crisis Center

Sunday, January 7th at 2 PM

Trinity Episcopal Church

Tickets are \$20 per person. Local celebrity musicians include: Ross Wilburn, Maggie Grosvenor-Mowery, Carol Horton, Ruth Hurlburt, Rich Paterson, and Tempered Brass.

St. Bridget's Bridge Club will be meeting on January 8th, at 12 PM at the Elk's Club. Bridge players of all ages and experience are welcome!

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 Our Lady's Immaculate Heart in Ankeny

It is not too late to sign-up for this social action conference on January 14th-15th. Our Peace and Justice Commission is offering to reimburse part of the cost for up to six parishioners. More information and registration materials are available at iowasocialaction.org. Contact Kathy Maxwell about expenses: squirt5@mchsi.com. Please include "Peace and Justice Commission" in the subject line.

Vocation Discernment Day Saturday, February 24th

Diocese of Davenport Pastoral Center

This day-long event for single men and women, college age and older, will give participants some practical ways to discern God's call in their lives with the main focus on vocations to priesthood and religious life. Please register by February 19th with Fr. Bob Gruss at 563-324-1912, ext. 254 or email him at gruss@davenportdiocese.org.

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LAST WEEK'S FINANCES

December 31st, 2006

Envelopes	\$	17,168.00
Offertory (loose cash)	\$	1,195.00
Total	\$	18,363.00
Amount needed each week:	\$	16,800.00
Amount received last week:	\$	18,363.00
OVER budget:	\$	1,563.00
Amount needed year to date:	\$	453,600.00
Amount received to date:	\$	471,917.00
OVER budget:	\$	+36,680.00
Number of envelopes used last week: 317 (out of 1700)		
Average per envelope: \$54.15		
Stewardship of Treasure Goal: 5% GIVEN IN GRATITUDE		

Thoughts on Stewardship

On this feast, when we hear how the Magi brought gifts to our Savior, how can we not think about the gifts we give to our Savior? Everything we share with our Church, community, and with each other is a gift.

Choose Life Prayer – We pray that like the Magi, we may seek to reveal the child, the unborn child, as a glorious example of God's creativity and love.

Vocation View – Celebrate our common vocation of Baptism. Pray for those who are discerning a call to live their baptismal commitment as brothers, sisters, priests, or deacons.