

St. Mary's Church of Iowa City

January 14, 2007

	SCRIPTURE	MASSES	CALENDAR
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 5 PM Chili Supper with Iowa Women's Basketball Team (parish hall)
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Monday January 15	Heb 5:1-10 Mk 2:18-22	12:10 +Dwayne Schneider	7:30 PM Widowed/Separated/Divorced
Weekday			
Tuesday January 16	Heb 6:10-20 Mk 2:23-28	12:10 +Shirley Rocca +Russ and Evelyn Mishak	6:30 PM Altar and Rosary Society
Weekday			
Wednesday January 17	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Mk 3:1-6	12:10 +Donald Dvorak +Marcel Anglin	NO Children's Choir Practice 6-7 PM Adult Choir Practice
St. Anthony			
Thursday January 18	Heb 7:25—8:6 Mk 3:7-12	12:10 +Betty and Joe Chudacek	5-6 PM Youth Casserole Making 7 PM Peace and Justice Commission 7 PM Fellowship Commission
Weekday			
Friday January 19	Heb 8:6-10 Mk 3:13-19	12:10 +Tom Alberhasky +Judy Curtis	11:30 AM Free Lunch at the Wesley Center 12:05 PM Angelus for Life 12:50 PM Prayer at Emma Goldman Clinic 5:30 PM Legion of Mary
Weekday			
Saturday January 20	Neh 8:2;-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 Lk 1:1-4	5:10 +Cindy Cash +Deceased members of the Eng family	10-11:30 AM Sacrament of Penance 5:10 PM Introduction of First Communion Candidates
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Sunday January 21	Neh 8:2;-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 Lk 1:1-4	8:00 +Charlotte K. Fisk Thompson +Virginia Lamansky +John O'Neill 9:30 Parishioners 11:00 +Emmett McCabe +Jai Ryu +Aage Jensen	All Masses– Introduction of First Communion Candidates
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time			

FAITH FOCUS QUESTION

What does the story of Cana teach me about Jesus?

ATTENTION CHILDREN'S CHOIR

There will be no Children's Choir rehearsals on January 17th and 24th due to scheduling conflicts. Thank you for your understanding.

Why Catholic?

Please read the *Why Catholic?* brochure in this week's bulletin, complete the sign-up form, and put it in the collection basket next weekend. You are encouraged to be part of this great program—even if you did not participate last fall.

Introduction of Second Graders

Next weekend, our second graders will be introduced at the Mass they usually attend with their parents. They will also receive the book they will use during this time of preparation for their First Communion in May. We will be asked to pray for these children and their families as they prepare to celebrate this great event in their lives.

St. Mary's Scrip

Thanks to everyone for purchasing Scrip. If you haven't yet purchased scrip, or have questions about the process, please stop by the scrip table in the church hall after Mass. Volunteers will be glad to explain how the program works. You will find Scrip easy to use! Scrip certificates are sold after every weekend Mass throughout the year.

St. Anthony's Bread

St. Anthony's Bread received many contributions during the Christmas season. Those who contributed \$250 or more at one time will receive the required tax letter. We also send letters to those who contribute over \$200 during the year for tax purposes. If anyone else would like a letter of acknowledgement, please call Mary at 338-6134.

The people we serve appreciate your generosity. Every dollar helps someone. Thank you so much for your friendship to the poor.

FREE LUNCH

St. Mary's will be serving Free Lunch on Friday, January 19th, at the Wesley Center. Please use the sign-up sheet in the vestibule to contribute casseroles, salads, and desserts. Food may be brought to the parish hall on Thursday evening between 7-8:30 PM. Volunteers are also needed to help serve our hungry guests. Thank you!

Heartfelt thanks to all who have made a commitment to stewardship in our parish. Thanks to your generosity, many good things are happening. Financially, we are currently \$47,119 over budget which means we have not yet had to take money from parish savings to meet our operating expenses. Each year, we budget around \$60,000 out of parish savings to meet the budget. But the great thing about stewardship is that it is not as much about meeting the budget as it is about being Thankful, Accountable, and Generous (TAG) with the gifts God has given to us which we share by making good use of our time, talent, and treasure.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul Arline Walljasper, mother of Jeannie Panther. *May she be welcomed into everlasting life!*

Altar & Rosary Society

The Altar & Rosary Society will meet Tuesday, January 16th, at 7 PM in the parish hall.

Baptism Class

Our next Baptism class will be held this Saturday, January 20th, at 9:30 AM in the parish hall. It is not necessary to register for this class.

Holy Hour for Life

St. Mary's will have a Holy Hour for Life on Sunday, January 21st at 6 PM to commemorate the 34th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. This is a great opportunity to pray for an end to abortion and greater respect for human life. The 12:10 Mass on Monday, January 22nd, will be a Mass of reparation for sins against life.

THANK YOU

A BIG thank you to the following ladies of the parish who helped with the laundering and ironing of the Eucharistic linens for the months of October, November, and December, 2006.

Carralee Sueppel, Amy Kron, Jane Doucette, Jean VanRybroek, Colleen Hogan, and Anna Stranieri.

God bless!

HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE...

*Celebration of the life and works of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Sunday, February 14th, 2007
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church*

The keynote speaker will be Professor Marcella David. Offerings will be accepted to benefit the Ecumenical Minority Scholarship Fund. Music will be provided by The Voices of Experience.

Natural Family Planning Course—Come and learn the why and how of natural family planning. The next series will begin Monday, January 22nd, at 6:30 PM at Mercy. It will be taught by a certified teaching couple of the Couple to Couple League. Please contact Mercy on Call for information or to register, at 358-2767.

Visions for Tomorrow Class in February—NAMI-JC will sponsor a series of classes on Sunday afternoons, February 4th to March 4th, from 1-4 PM. The class will be at Mercy Hospital. The classes are for parents, foster parents, and relative caregivers of children and adolescents with a variety of mental disorders. It will help parents by providing information, coping skills, and mutual support. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call National Alliance on Mental Illness—Johnson County at 337-5400.

Hope and Healing Ministries, of the Diocese of Davenport, is presenting two seminars: *Pastoral Care Training*, Friday, February 16th, open to anyone interested in helping sexual abuse survivors and *Beyond Abuse*, Saturday, February 17th, for survivors, their support network, and those who want to learn more. These will provide a broad overview of issues resulting from sexual abuse and spiritual insights to move beyond abuse. The seminars will be held at Sacred Heart Parish Center, Newton, Iowa. Pre-registrations will be accepted. Scholarships are available. To register, call 319-338-2497 or visit hopeandhealing@davenportdiocese.org.

**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. Register with Fr. Bob Gruss at 563-324-1912, or gruss@davenportdiocese.org.

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LAST WEEK'S FINANCES

January 7th, 2007

Envelopes	\$	20,090.00
Offertory (loose cash)	\$	1,043.00
Electronic Funds Transfer	\$	6,106.00
Total	\$	27,239.00
Amount needed each week:	\$	16,800.00
Amount received last week:	\$	27,239.00
OVER budget:	\$	10,439.00
Amount needed year to date:	\$	470,400.00
Amount received to date:	\$	517,519.00
OVER budget:	\$	+47,119.00
Number of envelopes used last week: 475 (out of 1700)		
Average per envelope: \$55.13		
Stewardship of Treasure Goal: 5% GIVEN IN GRATITUDE		

Thoughts on Stewardship

Our Baptism calls each one of us to share in the work of Jesus. Sharing our gifts is part of our baptismal call.

Choose Life Prayer – We pray that each of may use our God-given gifts and talents to bring about an end to legalized abortion.

Vocation View – What is your gift? What is your ministry? Pray for wisdom and knowledge, faith and healing power. Pray to know how God wants you to use your gifts.