

St. Mary's Church of Iowa City

February 11, 2007

	SCRIPTURE	MASSES	CALENDAR
Sunday February 11	Jer 17:5-8 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26	8:00 +Leo and Greg Krotz +Frank Donchez 9:30 +Shirley Rocca +Holy Souls in Purgatory 11:00 Parishioners	Scout Sunday 7 PM Confirmation Class
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Monday February 12	Gn 4:1-15, 25 Mk 8:11-13	12:10 +Deceased members of the Giblin family +Mary Rocca Weekday	5 PM Property Management at Pagliai's 7:30 PM Widowed/Separated/Divorced
Tuesday February 13	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5 Mk 8:14-21	12:10 Special Intention (anonymous) +Loyle Mueller Weekday	6 PM RCIC (hall) 7 PM Liturgy Commission (office) 7 PM Catholics Returning Home (hall) 7 PM Inquiry Session (rectory)
Wednesday February 14	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22 Mk 8:22-26	12:10 +Wayne Kempf +John O'Neill Sts. Cyril and Methodius	6-6:40 PM Children's Choir Practice 6-7 PM Adult Choir Practice
Thursday February 15	Gn 9:1-13 Mk 8:27-33	12:10 +Charlotte K. Fisk Thompson +Father Robert Brownfield Weekday	5-6 PM Youth casserole making 6:30 PM First Eucharist class (hall) 7 PM Peace and Justice Commission 7 PM Inquiry Session (rectory)
Friday February 16	Gn 11:1-9 Mk 8:34—9:1	12:10 +Irene Anglin +Richard B. Hoke Weekday	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
Saturday February 17	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38	5:10 Parishioners Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	10-11:30 AM Sacrament of Penance
Sunday February 18	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38	8:00 +Lavina Miller 9:30 Special Int.- in thanksgiving +Margaret Goetz 11:00 +Louise Miller McMullen Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	11 AM Inquiry Session (rectory)

FAITH FOCUS QUESTION

How can I help the poor, sad, or insulted this week?

THE CATHOLIC MESSENGER

February is Catholic Press Month.

The time has come to subscribe to our own diocesan newspaper, *The Catholic Messenger*. Our Bishop, Martin Amos, is asking that every household in every parish of the diocese receive this weekly publication. The cost is \$25 per year, or just \$0.48 a week.

The *Messenger* is a great way to be informed about what is happening in the church—globally, nationally, and locally. There are also articles and columns about spirituality, family life, and growing up as a teenager in the church. There's usually something for everyone in the *Messenger*. Envelopes for the *Messenger* are included in your monthly envelope packets.

We Offer Our Sympathy

We express our sympathy to David and Julie Vaughn and their children, Daniel and Victoria, at the death of their baby boy, Patrick Seamus. Jesus welcomed him into heaven on February 2nd.

The Church is in need of dedicated priests. If you know a young man who, in your opinion, would make a good priest, please contact Fr. Ken or Fr. Jeff or call Fr. Bob Gruss at 563-324-1912, ext. 254.

Many priests today (including Fr. Ken and Fr. Jeff) say that they first thought about a vocation to the priesthood after someone suggested it to them. God may be using you to extend His call to a future priest. Please give this your serious and prayerful consideration.

St. Mary's Scrip Report

January scrip sales totaled \$3,019, earning St. Mary's \$228.32. So far this fiscal year, St. Mary's has earned \$1,211.01. These funds will be paid to the church in April. Thank you for your support. Scrip certificates are sold after every weekend Mass throughout the year.

Ecumenical Pot Luck Supper

TODAY (Sunday), February 11th, 5-7 PM

First United Methodist Church

Bring a dish to share and your own place setting. Musical entertainment will be provided by The Great Bluegrass Herons. We hope to see you there!

Property Management Commission

The Property Management Commission will meet on Monday, February 12th, at 5 PM at Pagliai's Pizza.

Catholics Returning Home

Our parish is making a special effort to welcome inactive Catholics back home. If you know someone who has stopped attending or has been hurt by the Church, invite him or her to an upcoming parish session or contact the parish office to invite them. Also, think about attending the session with them.

February 12th, 7 PM *St. Wenceslaus*
 February 13th, 7 PM *St. Mary's*
 February 17th, 9:30 AM *St. Thomas More*
 February 22nd, 7 PM *St. Patrick's*

Inquiry Sessions

Inquiry Sessions for adults wanting to join the Catholic church or learn more about the Catholic faith will be held on Tuesday, February 13th, and Thursday, February 15th, from 7-8 PM and on Sunday, February 18th, from 11AM to noon in the rectory. Inquiry Sessions are for those baptized in another Christian faith, for the unbaptized, and for adult Catholics who were never confirmed. Each session is the same, so you only need to attend one session.

Youth Group Valentine's Day Party

Join the band "Leap of Faith" on Wednesday, February 14th, at 7 PM in the parish hall for a Valentine's evening of music and treats! All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome.

REMINDER

Our First Communion class for parents and children will be Thursday, February 15th, at 6:30 PM. This is a change from the original schedule.

FREE LUNCH

St. Mary's next opportunity to serve Free Lunch at the Wesley Center is Friday, February 16th. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.

REGINA HAPPENINGS

**Informational meeting for
 2007-2008 Regina 9th graders & parents
 Thursday, February 15th, at 7 PM
 Regina Cafeteria**

Come meet the faculty, explore the many academic opportunities, and get answers to your questions regarding High School. Registration materials will be distributed at the meeting and are due in the High School office by March 1st. Please call the office at 338-5436 if you are unable to attend.

REGINA HAPPENINGS (continued)

Job Opening at Regina

A long-term substitute for 6th-12th grade vocal music is needed in April. Interested individuals should send a letter of application, resume, and copy of credentials to:

Regina Jr./Sr. High School
2150 Rochester Avenue
Iowa City, Iowa 52245

HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE

FIAT Teen Youth Group

Sunday, February 11th, 6-7:30 PM

Please join us at St. Wenceslaus for an hour of prayer and Eucharistic adoration and reflection on how the Gospel applies to our lives. "We cannot underestimate the power of prayer and the difference it will make in our world." Mother Teresa

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

The Catholic Daughters of America will meet February 13th, at St. Wenceslaus at 5:30 PM. We will start with a workshop and rosary, followed by a potluck dinner and short business meeting. All Catholic women are invited and are welcome to join this national Catholic women's organization.

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.

Choices in Recovery Seminar

Saturday, February 24th from 9-4 PM

Coralville Marriott

Learn about treatment and recovery for those with schizophrenia. For free registration, call NAMI of Johnson County at 337-5400.

Pilgrimage Trip to Rome!

Fr. Rich Adam is planning a Pilgrimage Trip to Rome, Italy from September 24th to October 2nd, 2007. Highlights will be the Pope's weekly address and blessing, the Scavi Tour, Mass in the Vatican, plus much more! Contact Dee Simon at Hawkeye World Travel for more information (351-0300) or Fr. Rich Adam (648-2331).

ST. MARY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

Torie Hefel – Chairperson
 Kevin Mellen – Chairperson Elect
 Karla Peiffer – Secretary

PASTORAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Jane Doucette – Family Life
 Ann Elsbecker – Peace & Justice
 Marty Shafer – Liturgy
 Torie Hefel – Christian Formation
 Kevin Mellen – Property Management
 Mary Loops – Fellowship & Communications
 Cathy Sharp - Evangelization & Stewardship
 Megan Myers – Youth
 Jean Harney and Karla Peiffer – At-Large

ST. MARY'S FINANCE COUNCIL

Anne Hargrave (Lay Director)
 Vince Maurer
 John Maxwell (Lay Director)
 Mike Pugh

THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Anna Stranieri – President

EDUCATION**Regina Catholic Education Center:**

Ray Pechous – High School Principal, 338-5436
 Celeste Vincent – Elementary Principal, 337-5739
 Sr. Mary Frances Michalec, ND, Religious Education
 Director, 351-7638
 Alan Opheim – Regina Business Office, 337-2580
 April Rouner – Executive Director of the Catholic Community
 Foundation, 354-5866

Regina Board of Education Representatives:

John Gilroy, Rick Larew, Patrice Carroll

DIRECTOR OF EVANGELIZATION & STEWARDSHIP

Sr. Laura Goedken, OP, 338-0939

LAST WEEK'S FINANCES

February 4th, 2007

Envelopes	\$	20,603.00
Offertory (loose cash)	\$	964.00
Electronic Funds Transfer	\$	3,861.00
Total	\$	25,428.00
Amount needed each week:	\$	16,800.00
Amount received last week:	\$	25,428.00
OVER budget:	\$	8,628.00
Amount needed year to date:	\$	537,600.00
Amount received to date:	\$	582,194.00
OVER budget:	\$	+44,594.00

Number of envelopes used last week: 384 (out of 1700)

Average per envelope: \$63.70

Stewardship of Treasure Goal: 5% GIVEN IN
 GRATITUDE

Thoughts on Stewardship

Today's Gospel reminds us that if we follow Jesus' instructions, we'll be blessed more than we can imagine.

Choose Life Prayer – We pray for all pregnant women and those caring for the disable and terminally ill, that their trust in God may strengthen them.

Vocation View – Blessed are we who respond to God's call; happy shall we be.