

St. Mary's Church of Iowa City

March 18, 2007

	SCRIPTURE		MASSES	CALENDAR
Sunday March 18	Jos 5:9a, 10-12 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-2, 11-32	8:00	+Caroline Simon +Howard Villhauer	Welcoming of Newcomers at all Masses
		9:30	+Wayne Kempf +Betty Fisher +Dave Cahill	6 PM Taize Prayer
		11:00	Parishioners	
		2:00	Vietnamese Mass	
The Fourth Sunday of Lent				
Monday March 19	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a	12:10	+Leo and Greg Krotz +Elaine Matt St. Joseph	7:30 PM Widowed/Separated/Divorced
Tuesday March 20	Ez 47:1-9, 12 Jn 5:1-16	12:10	+Mary Agnes Brack Soukup +Rudy York Lenten Weekday	6 PM Children's Initiation 6:30 PM Altar and Rosary Society 7-8:30 PM Adult Formation
Wednesday March 21	Is 49:8-15 Jn 5:17-30	12:10	+Cyril Osweiler +George Lehman +Michael and Joseph Schnoebelen Lenten Weekday	6 PM Family Life 6-6:40 PM Children's Choir Practice 6-7 PM Adult Choir Practice
Thursday March 22	Ex 32:7-14 Jn 5:31-47	12:10	+Florence Roberts +Marie Burger Lenten Weekday	6-7 PM First Communion make-up (January class) 7-8 PM First Communion make-up (February class)
Friday March 23	Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	12:10	+Cleone Fay +Evelyn Mishak Lenten Weekday	12:05 PM Angelus for Life 12:50 PM Prayer at Emma Goldman Clinic 5:00 PM Legion of Mary 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross Men's CEW begins
Saturday March 24	Is 43:16-21 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11	5:10	Special Intention—Michael +Tom Alberhasky The Fifth Sunday of Lent	10-11:30 AM Sacrament of Penance
Sunday March 25	Is 43:16-21 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11	8:00	+Justin Clayton +Anthony Timmer	
		9:30	Parishioners	
		11:00	+Dan Haaf +Jake, Phyllis, and David Roskup	
The Fifth Sunday of Lent				

FAITH FOCUS QUESTION

When I hurt someone, how quickly and sincerely do I say I am sorry?

Wedding Banns

Kimberly Bell and Nick Morio III

Rest In Peace

We pray for the repose of the souls of Clementine Strabala; Myrna Samms, wife of Harry Samms; and Ernest Recker, husband of Irene Recker.

Stations of the Cross

During the Lenten season, St. Mary's has Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday evening at 6 PM in the church. This is a great opportunity to reflect on Jesus' sacrificial love for us all.

Taize Prayer

We invite you to join us for Taize Prayer, a chant form of prayer and scripture, here at St. Mary's at 6 PM each Sunday during the month of March. Everyone is invited to attend.

**St. Mary's Representative to the
Regina Board of Education**

Would you be interested in serving St. Mary's and the Iowa City Catholic Community as a member of the Regina Board of Education? We are seeking candidates for a three-year term, beginning July 1st, 2006. If you are interested, please call Cathy Sharp at 337-2245 or the parish office at 337-4314.

The deadline for filing is March 26th, at 5 PM.

CHRISM MASS

This year, the Church of the Diocese of Davenport will gather to celebrate the Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport on Tuesday, March 27th, at 4 PM. *All are invited to celebrate as Bishop Amos blesses and consecrates the holy oils to be used in the parishes throughout the coming year, and as our priests renew their commitment to priestly ministry.* Any interested Confirmation candidates who would like to attend this Mass should contact Patti at 337-4314 as soon as possible. Lunch will be provided for the youth at one of Patti's favorite Quad City restaurants! We will return to Iowa City at 6:30 PM.

**ATTENTION MINISTERS OF
HOLY COMMUNION:**

Please be sure and check your schedule and find a replacement if you are not able to be present. Also, please remember to sign-in when you arrive at Mass.

Stewardship Opportunity

We are in need of additional money counters for Sunday collections. The counting activity occurs every Sunday morning in the parish office for three to four hours. If you are interested in sharing your stewardship gifts of talent and time, please contact Karla Peiffer (351-5501) for more information regarding this activity.

**PLEASE TAKE ACTION TO
PROTECT CHILDREN**

Please contact your member of the Iowa House of Representatives (515-281-322) and ask them to oppose Planned Parenthood's bill, HF 611. Tell them the schools don't need more sex education mandates. *Let the local school boards decide what is needed for the children in their communities.*

REGINA HAPPENINGS

Lenten Fish Dinners

Sponsored by the Regina High School Booster Club
Fridays of Lent from 5-8 PM at Regina's Cafeteria.
Cod or catfish \$8. Shrimp, salmon, tilapia \$9.

Regina Tuition Scholarships

Ten new scholarships have been created for 2007, bringing the total number of scholarships to 23 for K-12 students and 10 for college-bound seniors. Applications for the scholarships can be found on the Catholic Community Foundation's website, www.ccf-ic.org or on Regina's website, www.regina.pvt.k12.ia.us. Copies are also available in the school offices. **Applications must be turned in to the Regina Elementary office no later than Tuesday, April 17th, at 3 PM.** Contact the Catholic Community Foundation at 354-5866 for more information.

Regina Alumni Awards

The Catholic Community Foundation will be awarding distinguished Regina alumni at graduation in May. The nomination format and awards have been changed to reflect the various contributions of our alumni and to recognize Regina contributors who are not alumni. Awards may be given posthumously. Nominations can be made at www.ccf-ic.org or mailed to the Foundation, PO Box 1581, Iowa City, Iowa 52244. **Nominations must be received by April 30th.**

HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE

Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner

Fridays during Lent

KC Family Center from 5-7:30 PM

Dinner includes your choice of entrée, potatoes, vegetables, bread, salad, dessert, and a beverage. Prices range from \$5-\$12.

“Homeless in America”

Wednesday, March 21st, 7 PM

Iowa City Public Library, Meeting Room A

A panel discussion will follow the presentation of the film. Please bring non-perishable items to be donated to the Shelter House and Crisis Center.

St. Thomas More Mini Retreat

March 24th, 9 AM to noon

St. Thomas More Parish Center Lounge

The weather didn't cooperate February 24th, so we had to cancel. However, we have rescheduled. Registration and refreshments begin at 8:30 AM. An optional (\$5) lunch will follow. RSVP to Carol Lynn (338-9290).

Lasagna Dinner

St. Joseph's Church, West Liberty

Sunday, March 25th, from 3:30-6:30 PM

Adults are \$6 and children are \$4.

HOPE AND HEALING MINISTRIES, a ministry of the Diocese of Davenport, is sponsoring a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion. The retreat will be held in Rock Island, IL on March 30th-April 1st. This confidential, supportive retreat is for anyone hurting inside after abortion. For more information, or to donate or volunteer, contact Maria Shores at 338-2497 or shores@davenportdiocese.org.

Johnson County Right to Life's

Celebrate Life Spring Breakfast

Sunday, April 1st, from 8 AM to 1 PM

Knights of Columbus Family Center

All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, eggs,
milk, juice, and coffee

Adults \$7 Children \$4

Attention all Jr./Sr. High School Youth! St. Patrick's is sponsoring a scavenger hunt through the Diocese of Davenport on Saturday, April 14th. Highlights will be Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport, St. Ambrose University/Seminary, and the Sisters of St. Francis in Clinton, IA. We will leave St. Pat's at 9 AM and return at 4:30 PM. There is no fee for the day, but youth will be asked to bring money for lunch at McDonald's. Contact Sarah Martz no later than **April 2nd** to sign-up at 337-2856 or email her at sarah.martz@gmail.com.

Legal Notice Required by Bankruptcy Court

You may have a claim against the Diocese of Davenport, Iowa

- If while you were under the age of 18, you had sexual contact with or were sexually touched by a Catholic priest, employee, volunteer, or other person associated with the Diocese of Davenport in Iowa or for a Catholic parish, school, orphanage, or other institution served by the Diocese; or
- If you believe the Diocese is responsible for causing you injury or harm at any age; or
- If the Diocese owes you any money or
- If you assert a right to payment from the Diocese, whether or not you know the amount owed; or
- If you assert a right to an equitable remedy (e.g., the right to require the Diocese either to do or not do something) which would result in the Diocese owing you money for its failure to do as required.

You must act now to preserve your rights.

Your claims must be filed by July 16, 2007.

On October 10, 2006, the Diocese of Davenport (“Diocese”) filed for bankruptcy protection under chapter 11 of the United States Code. If you have a claim against the Diocese, you must file a proof of claim so that it is received by July 16, 2007. If you have a claim and your proof of claim is not received by July 16, 2007, your claim may be disallowed. If your claim is disallowed, you will be forever prevented from asserting your claim against the Diocese.

For more information, or to receive a proof of claim form and associated documents, please visit the following website: www.davenportcommittee.com, or contact Hamid B. Rafatjoo or Gillian N. Brown at Pachulski Stang Ziehl Young Jones & Weintraub LLP, counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, at 310.277.6910.

LAST WEEK’S FINANCES

March 11th, 2007

Envelopes	\$	13,598.00
Offertory (loose cash)	\$	863.00
Total	\$	15,461.00
Amount needed each week:	\$	16,800.00
Amount received last week:	\$	15,461.00
UNDER budget:	\$	1,339.00
Amount needed year to date:	\$	621,600.00
Amount received to date:	\$	668,488.00
OVER budget:	\$	+46,888.00
Number of envelopes used last week: 343 (out of 1700)		
Average per envelope: \$39.64		
Stewardship of Treasure Goal: 5% GIVEN IN GRATITUDE		

Thoughts on Stewardship

Are we aware of how generous God has been to us? Or are we like the sons in the Gospel – unaware of their father’s generosity?

Choose Life Prayer – We pray that we may live as ambassadors of Christ by respecting each human life.

Vocation View – God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Consider the priesthood or religious life.