

St. Mary's Church of Iowa City

November 18, 2007

	SCRIPTURE		MASSES	CALENDAR
Sunday November 18	Mal 3: 19-20a 2 Thes 3:7-12 Lk 21:5-19	8:00	+Greg and Leo Krotz +Cleone Fay +Earl Riley	
		9:30	Special Intention –Thanksgiving +Virginia Lamansky +Charles Ruple and Janice Bragg	
		11:00	Parishioners	
Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time				
Monday November 19	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Lk 18:35-43	12:10	Special Int.—Don Brogla +Wayne Zahradnek +Pat McCarney	11:30AM St. Bridget's Bridge Band 7:30 PM Widowed/Separated/Divorced
Weekday				
Tuesday November 20	2 Mc 6: 18-31 Lk 19:1-10	12:10	+Betty and Joe Chudacek +Jim Muller	
Weekday				
Wednesday November 21	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Lk 19:1-10	12:10	+Wayne Kempf +Tom Alberhasky +Dick Miller	6-6:40 PM Children's Choir practice 6-7 PM Choir practice
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary				
Thursday November 22	1 Mc 2:15-29 Lk 19:41-44	9:00	Special Intention +Rex Fleming +Deceased members of the Giblin family	
Thanksgiving Day				
Friday November 23	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 Lk 19:45-48	12:10	No Mass— Word and Communion Service	12:05 PM Angelus for Life 12:50 PM Prayer at Emma Goldman Clinic 5:00 PM Legion of Mary
Saturday November 24	2 Sam 5:1-3 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43	5:10	+Ed and Florence Chaloupka +Howard Villhauer	10 AM-11:30 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation
Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ the King				
Sunday November 25	2 Sam 5:1-3 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43	8:00	+Betty Fisher +Wayne Chadima	
		9:30	Parishioners	
		11:00	+John Kuntz +David Roskup +Special Intention -Jim and Kate Gerard	
Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ the King				

FAITH FOCUS QUESTION

How can I show others that God loves them?

Stewardship Opportunities

We are still in need of ushers at the 11AM Mass. If you are interested in helping, please call the parish office at 337-4314.

Stewardship Gifts of Talent

A BIG thank you to Fred Durian, who raked leaves and mowed the grass at St. Mary's!

St. Mary's Scrip News

The scrip program is pleased to announce Subway Restaurants has joined our scrip program. We now have over 60 participants, both locally owned and nationwide, for your dining pleasure. Did you know that St. Mary's scrip program could make 15% from every dollar spent at the movies? When you purchase \$10 scrip gift certificates, we are \$1.50 for our church and school. These certificates are good at either Sycamore Mall or Coral Ridge Mall theatres and concessions. Enjoy a movie while earning money for St. Mary's. Keep scrip in mind for holiday gift giving!

St. Anthony's Bread

Last month, we wrote checks for 7 monthly commitments and 30 special requests for a total of \$3,075. Because of a low bank balance, we only accepted requests through the parish staff and the Crisis Center this month. We will continue this policy through the end of the year so that we don't run out of money and are able to help with some Christmas efforts.

We paid partial rent for 7 families, partial energy bills for 12 families, and water bills for 7 families. Most of these were in danger of becoming homeless, or having their utilities shut off if their bills were not paid. We helped with auto repairs for two people. We assisted a woman who had been homeless with a past due storage bill so her household goods wouldn't be disposed of. She had just earned enough money to move into an apartment. Six of the individuals we helped were disabled or ill; 23 were single parents. Three were caring for relatives other than their children. Three were homeless or just getting into housing. Four had financial problems due to unemployment or reduced hours. In the families we helped, there were 46 children.

Icon and Chalice

All parishioners of St. Mary's are invited to participate in the prayer program for vocations. If you would like to pray for vocations by hosting an icon and chalice in your home for one week, please contact Caine and Ann Thomas at 688-0907.

St. Mary's Faith Formation
O'Keefe Hall, Newman Center

Sunday Mornings from 10:45 AM-12:15 PM
Sunday, Nov. 18th—Rite of Acceptance at 9:30 AM

WANTED:

Youth who play violin, cello, viola, or string bass to be a part of a string ensemble for the 5:10 PM Christmas Eve Mass. You must be able to read music. If you are interested, please call Patti at 337-4314 before November 25th.

Olive Wood Carvings

Olive wood carvings from the Holy Land will be for sale again on November 25th after all Masses in the parish hall.

Initiation Sessions for Young People

On Tuesday, November 27th, at 6 PM, we will begin our sessions for anyone first grade age or older who has not yet been baptized. We also include anyone who is eight years of age and older who has not yet received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Eucharist. If you have a child or children in either of these categories, please contact the office (337-4314). These sessions will be held in the parish hall.

Children's Christmas Pageant

St. Mary's will have the Children's Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 24th, at 5:10 PM. If you have any children that are interested in participating, please come to our first rehearsal on Sunday, December 2nd, at 6 PM, in the church.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Plan to join us for St. Mary's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on **Thursday, November 22nd, at 1 PM** in the parish hall. This event happens because of the generosity of many volunteers. If you wish to donate a turkey, vegetables, salad, desert, or if you are able to help set up, provide rides or deliver meals, call the parish office at 337-4314.

HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE

FROM OUR BISHOP:

Bishop Amos, along with the other bishops of Iowa, encourage you to sign up for the Iowa Catholic Conference (ICC) newsletter. The ICC is the official public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Iowa. The ICC educates Catholics on how to participate in the political process and is an advocate at the Iowa legislature for policies that serve the common good. Go to www.iowacatholicconference.org and click on "Join the Network" to receive a newsletter and action alerts!

Eucharistic Miracles of the World

November 25th, 2007

St. Wenceslaus Church

The Vatican International Exhibition of The Eucharistic Miracles of the World will be on display at St. Wenceslaus Church in Iowa City on November 25th. This includes 126 miracles which occurred in more than 19 countries around the world. They are all recognized by the Church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be from after the 10 AM Mass to 4 PM.

"A Rita Svobada Tomanek Retrospective:

Considering Body and Spirit"

Rita Tomanek, a St. Mary's parishioner, will be having an artist's reception for her art show on Thursday, November 29th, from 5:30-7:30 PM at the Iowa City Senior Center. Select pieces will be showcased and a power point presentation will highlight all of her work. Her work can be seen from November 20th through January 14th during Senior Center hours (Monday-Friday from 8AM-5PM and Saturday and Sunday from 10:30AM-1:30 PM).

Shop to a Different Drummer

Instead of heeding the call of the mall for all your holiday shopping this season, come shop at the Alternative Gift Market at the First Presbyterian Church on Rochester Avenue in Iowa City. Donate to local and international projects as gifts to family and friends; you'll receive a special holiday card to let them know of your gifts. At the market, you'll also find fair-trade chocolate, coffee, tea, and organic olive oil, and a variety of handmade gifts from artisans around the world. Market hours are from 9:30 AM to noon on Sunday, December 2nd, 9th, and 16th.

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 Cathy Sharp - Evangelization & Stewardship
 Megan Myers – Youth

ST. MARY'S FINANCE COUNCIL

Anne Hargrave (Lay Director)
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 John Maxwell (Lay Director)
 Mike Pugh
 Bob Squires

EDUCATION**Regina Catholic Education Center:**

Ray Pechous – High School Principal, 338-5436
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 Director, 351-7638
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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 11th, 2007

Envelopes	\$ 14,646.00
Offertory (loose cash)	\$ 1,548.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 9.00
Total	\$ 16,203.00
Amount needed each week:	\$ 18,500.00
Amount received last week:	\$ 16,203.00
UNDER budget:	\$ 2,297.00
Amount needed year to date:	\$370,000.00
Amount received to date:	\$361,781.97
UNDER budget:	\$ 8,218.03

Stewardship of Treasure Goal: 5% GIVEN IN
 GRATITUDE

Thoughts on Stewardship

Today, Jesus reminds us that all the material possessions we spend our time and energy to accumulate will become nothing but rubble in the end. What will really matter is the time we spend on improving our relationship with God.

Choose Life Prayer – We pray that we may share our gratitude for the gift of life and salvation by working to insure protection for the right to life for others.

Vocation View – *Be patient endurance you will win your life.*
 Be patient with yourself, and with God, as you await the sign of your call. (Luke 21:5-19)