

# St. Mary's Church of Iowa City

November 25, 2007

	SCRIPTURE		MASSES	CALENDAR
Sunday November 25	2 Sam 5:1-3 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43	8:00	+Betty Fisher +Wayne Chadima	Pantry Sunday
		9:30	Parishioners	11 AM Rite of Reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church
		11:00	+John Kuntz +David Roskup +Special Intention -Jim and Kate Gerard	2 PM Vietnamese Mass
			<b>Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ the King</b>	
Monday November 26	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Lk 21:1-4	12:10	+Bernice Kron +Ray Scheetz +Holy Souls in Purgatory <b>Weekday</b>	7:30 PM Widowed/Separated/Divorced
Tuesday November 27	Dn 1:31-45 Lk 21:5-11	12:10	+John O'Neill +Tom Butz +Viola Seelmann <b>Weekday</b>	6:30 PM Regina Board of Education
Wednesday November 28	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14 16-17, 23-28 Lk 21:12-19	12:10	+Dave Cahill +Charles Dore <b>Weekday</b>	6 PM Family Life Commission 6-6:40 PM Children's Choir practice 6-7 PM Choir practice
Thursday November 29	Dn 6:12-28 Lk 21:20-28	12:10	+Betty Fisher +Brendan Fisher +Bess Pugh <b>Weekday</b>	6:30 PM First Reconciliation class (hall)
Friday November 30	Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22	12:10	+Doris Rank +Cecile Chartier <b>St. Andrew</b>	12:05 PM Angelus for Life 12:50 PM Prayer at Emma Goldman Clinic 5:00 PM Legion of Mary
Saturday December 1	Dn 7:15-27 Lk 21:34-36	9 AM	+Clementine Strabala	9 AM First Saturday Mass
	Is 2:1-5 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44	5:10	+Tom Alberhasky +Kathryn Keeley <b>The First Sunday of Advent</b>	10 AM-11:30 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday December 2	Is 2:1-5 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44	8:00	Special Int.— Rich and Laura Smith (25th anniversary) Special Intention (anonymous) +Leo and Greg Krotz +Anthony Timmer	Homeless Overflow Project begins
		9:30	Parishioners	5 PM Vespers (church)
		11:00	+Frances Allen +Brian Barry +John Swenka <b>The First Sunday of Advent</b>	

**FAITH FOCUS QUESTION**

What can I do this week to be more like Jesus?

**Stewardship Gifts of Talent**

Thank you to Jim McCue and the Peace and Justice Commission for coordinating our Homeless Overflow Project.

**Thank You!**

Infinite thanks and appreciation to everyone who contributed to the Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale. Your donations and contributions, your gift of time, your talents, your support, your hard work, and your commitment all contributed to another successful bazaar. Our thanks also the businesses that donated items and to Father Ken, Sister Agnes, Father Jeff and the parish staff for their help and support.

**REST IN PEACE**

We pray for the repose of the soul of Loretta Tomlinson, sister of Sr. Jean Marie Brady. *May she be welcomed into everlasting life!*

**THANK YOU**

Our Thanksgiving Dinner was a great success! A great time was had by everyone who participated. We are grateful to so many people who made this day possible: all those who donated turkeys; members of the Peace and Justice Commission for providing the mashed potatoes; those who brought salads, vegetables and pies to share; and all of those who made monetary donations. Our volunteers were excellent. Many people set-up, served the meal, and remained for clean-up. Volunteers delivered meals and Jim Leu provided music during the dinner. This annual event happens because of the efforts of many people in Iowa City.

**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 in either of these categories, please contact the office (337-4314).

**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 26th.

**First Saturday Mass**

Mass will be at 9 AM this Saturday (December 1st) and every first Saturday of the month.

**Advent Evening Vespers**

One of the great ways to enter into the season of Advent is to join with other members of our parish community for Advent Vespers. In our hectic, busy world, we need time for silence, reflection, and prayer. Advent Vespers (Evening Prayer) provides us the opportunity to do just that. Please join us each Sunday evening of Advent at 5 PM in the church as we lift up our hearts in preparation for the coming of the Lord.

**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.

**Peace and Justice Commission Allocations**

**Local:**

Regina Christmas Baskets	\$500
St. Anthony's Bread	Funding completed
Shelter House	Funding completed
CRC Common Fund	\$2,000
Kairos Restorative Justice	\$1,000
Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity	\$2,000
4-C's Home Ties	\$970

**Regional:**

Tutweiler Clinic \$1,000

**Global:**

CIS, El Salvador	\$1,800
St. Theresa Parish, Nigeria	\$2,000
Diocese of Same, Tanzania	\$1,500

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
SESQUICENTENNIAL PLAQUE**

We, the people of God of Immaculate Conception Parish Community in Cedar Rapids, on the occasion of the celebration of our sesquicentennial year, express our gratitude to God, to Mary and to you, the community of God's holy people of St. Mary's Parish, Iowa City, our Mother Parish. Thank you for the loving sacrifices your parish community has made in the founding of our parish community and passing the gift of faith in Jesus Christ to us. By the grace of God, through our parish community, you have also brought the faith in Jesus Christ to several more communities for whom we have been the Mother Parish through our 150 years. We give thanks to you, to Mary; our mutual Patroness, and we give thanks to God for his abundant blessings and saving grace.

## **REGINA HAPPENINGS**

**Regina presents, *PRODIGAL***, an original play written by Regina High School English teacher, Clark McFerren. It is based on one of the most well-known of Jesus' parables, the Prodigal Son, and will be performed by Regina students in the Elementary Gym. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students and seniors.

Saturday, December 1st, at 7:30 PM

Sunday, December 2nd, at 2:30 and 7:30 PM

## **HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE**

### **"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.

**ST. MARY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Kevin Mellen – Chairperson  
 Marty Shafer – Chairperson Elect  
 Karla Peiffer – Secretary

**PASTORAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

Jane Doucette – Family Life  
 Ann Elsbecker – Peace & Justice  
 Marty Shafer – Liturgy  
 Randy Hefel – Christian Formation  
 Kevin Mellen – Property Management  
 Mary Loops – Fellowship & Communications  
 Cathy Sharp - Evangelization & Stewardship  
 Megan Myers – Youth

**ST. MARY'S FINANCE COUNCIL**

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

**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:**

Rick Larew, Patrice Carroll, and Greg Williams

**DIRECTOR OF EVANGELIZATION & STEWARDSHIP**

Sr. Laura Goedken, OP, 338-0939

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

November 18th, 2007

Envelopes	\$ 14,648.00
Offertory (loose cash)	\$ 965.80
Electronic Funds Transfer	\$ 8,170.66
Children's Envelopes	\$ 15.00
Total	\$ 23,799.46
Amount needed each week:	\$ 18,500.00
Amount received last week:	\$ 23,799.46
<b>OVER</b> budget:	\$ 5,299.46
Amount needed year to date:	\$388,500.00
Amount received to date:	\$385,581.43
<b>UNDER</b> budget:	\$ 2,918.57

Stewardship of Treasure Goal: 5% GIVEN IN  
 GRATITUDE

**Thoughts on Stewardship**

How do you thank God for making you an heir to the Kingdom of Heaven? How do you care for and support the Kingdom that you will someday inherit?

**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** – The King is bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh. The King is the servant-leader, who let go of his life for his life for us. Who will follow his example?