

St. Mary's Church of Iowa City

December 30, 2007

	SCRIPTURE		MASSES	CALENDAR
Sunday December 30	Sir 3:3-7, 14-17a Col 3:3-7, 14-17a Mt 2:13-15, 19-23	8:00 9:30 11:00	+Betty Fisher +Ralph Neppel Parishioners +Ralph Murray +Sui-Kei Chan The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	
Monday December 31	Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21	5:10 PM	Special Int.—Helen Sinclair Special Int.—Kay Whitney Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God (vigil)	
Tuesday January 1	Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21	9:30 AM	Parishioners Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God	Holy Day of Mass obligation
Wednesday January 2	1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28	12:10	Special Intention (anonymous) +John Ginnochio Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory	5:30 PM Choir practice 6-6:40 PM Children's Choir practice
Thursday January 3	1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Jn 1:29-34	12:10	+Cecile Chartier +Deceased members of the Giblin family Christmas Weekday	7 PM Holy Hour for Vocations
Friday January 4	1 Jn 3:7-10 Jn 1:35-42	12:10	+Shirley Rocca +Leonard Gough St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	12:05 PM Angelus for Life 12:50 PM Prayer at Emma Goldman Clinic 5:00 PM Legion of Mary
Saturday January 5	1 Jn 3:7-10 Jn 1:35-42 Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12	9 AM 5:10	Special Intention (anonymous) St. John Neumann +Cleone Fay The Epiphany of the Lord	9 AM First Saturday Mass 10 AM-11:30 AM Sacrament of Penance
Sunday January 6	Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12	8:00 9:30 11:00	Parishioners +Betty Fisher +Brian McCabe +Margaret Ping +Pat McCarney The Epiphany of the Lord	

FAITH FOCUS QUESTION

What can I do today to honor my mother and father?

Wedding Banns

Sara Boyle and Daren Yoder III
Katie Voegele and Chuck Foster II

Stewardship Gifts of Talent

A special thanks to all who helped with our beautiful Christmas liturgies: decorators, musicians, and liturgical ministers. We appreciate the time and effort spent by so many in helping us celebrate the birth of our Savior.

In Appreciation

St. Mary's staff would like to thank all those who so thoughtfully remembered us with cards, gifts, cookies, and other goodies this Christmas. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Year End Gifts to St. Mary's Parish

As the year 2007 comes to an end, so does the opportunity to take advantage of charitable deductions for the calendar year. Donating cash, stocks or other securities to St. Mary's Parish may help reduce your capital gains tax or provide a tax deduction. All charitable gifts for 2007 should be received by December 31st, 2007. According to the IRS, any gifts received on January 1st, 2008 or later cannot be "back dated" to count for 2007. All gifts must be recorded in the calendar year received. Thank you!

**City-Wide Holy Day Mass Schedule
Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**

Monday, December 31st

St. Wenceslaus 4 PM
St. Patrick's 4:30 PM
St. Mary's 5:10 PM (no 12:10 PM Mass)
St. Thomas More 5:15 PM
Newman Center 5:15 PM

Tuesday, January 1st

St. Patrick's 9 AM
St. Thomas More 9 AM
St. Mary's 9:30 AM
St. Wenceslaus 10 AM

INCENSE NOTICE

Incense will be used at Mass for the Solemnity of the Epiphany (January 6th).

Holy Hour for Vocations

St. Mary's Holy Hour for Vocations will be Thursday, January 3rd, at 7 PM in the church. Please join us.

First Saturday Mass

Mass will be at 9 AM this Saturday (January 5th) and every first Saturday of the month.

NOTICE TO CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

The Confirmation ADVANCE (retreat) has been scheduled for Saturday, January 12th, 2008.

It's a Ski Trip!

St. Mary's annual ski trip to Sundown Ski Resort, for youth in grades 6-12, will be on Sunday, January 20th.

\$45 skis/pass/lift
\$30 pass/lift only
\$50 snowboard/pass/lift

Permission slips are in the December SMART News and located on the back porch of the parish office. Please return them to the parish office by FRIDAY, JANUARY 11th, 2007!

Help Us Cut Costs!

By signing up to receive your liturgical minister schedule by email, you can help the parish cut postage costs. About half of our ministers have signed up for email schedules so far. Please email us (icstmary@icstmary.org) to be added to our list.

Just a Reminder...

If you have not paid your pledge to the *Annual Diocesan Appeal*, please send it to the office at 302 East Jefferson St., Iowa City, or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. You may make your check payable to St. Mary's—ADA.

Habitat for Humanity Can Collection

A can collection box for Habitat for Humanity is located in the parish hall. You are encouraged to rinse and drop off any cans you may have. The five cent refund will help Habitat build new homes in our area.

REGINA HAPPENINGS

Box Tops for Education

Thank you for collecting Campbell's, Tyson Chicken, and Box Top labels for Regina! Please clip and return UPC's off Campbell's products to the collection basket in the parish hall. A complete listing of products included in the Campbell's Labels for Education Program can be found at www.labelsforeducation.com, or call Vicki Holthaus (354-5954). Your collection efforts really do benefit the school!

HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE

KC Free Throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus Council 842 will host its annual Free Throw Contest at the North Dodge Athletic Club on Saturday, January 12th, at 1 PM. This event is open to all boys and girls age 10-14. Participants should bring a photocopy of their birth certificate. Please contact Mike Shey (339-4704) or John Sehl (339-4428) for more information.

Faith Formation Workshop **"Christ's Presence in the Eucharist"** **St. Patrick's Church (upper level)** **January 13th, 4:30-6:45 PM**

All are welcome to attend this event. There is no cost. Please register by calling Sr. Laura at 338-0939. Please note the change in location.

Chapel of Perpetual Adoration

Many spiritual blessings are waiting for those who are generous enough to make the extra commitment to spend time with our Lord, who is exposed in a Monstrance 24 hours a day in the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration at St. Patrick's in Iowa City. There are 168 hours in one week. Could you find it in your heart to give one of these hours back to God in the Chapel? To learn more or to sign-up for an hour, contact Janet Strand at 338-1863.

ST. MARY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

Kevin Mellen – Chairperson
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 Karla Peiffer – Secretary

PASTORAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

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 Kevin Mellen – Property Management
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 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

December 16th, 2007

Envelopes	\$ 17,039.83
Offertory (loose cash)	\$ 1,741.00
Electronic Funds Transfer	\$ 0.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 11.25
Total	\$ 18,791.25
Amount needed each week:	\$ 18,500.00
Amount received last week:	\$ 18,791.25
OVER budget:	\$ 291.25
Amount needed year to date:	\$462,500.00
Amount received to date:	\$467,970.91
OVER budget:	\$ 5,470.91

Stewardship of Treasure Goal: 5% GIVEN IN
 GRATITUDE

Thoughts on Stewardship

Paul tells the Corinthians—and us—to “dedicate yourselves to thankfulness”.

Choose Life Prayer – We pray for the strengthening and support of all families struggling to cope with a pregnancy.

Vocation View –The priests, brothers, and sisters of today are in your care. Tend to them well; encourage their gifts; pray for their happy response to God's call.