

St. Mary's Church of Iowa City

January 6, 2008

	SCRIPTURE		MASSES	CALENDAR
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	
Monday January 7	1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25	12:10	Special Intention (anonymous) +Steve Noel Christmas Weekday	
Tuesday January 8	1 Jn 4:7-10 Mk 6:34-44	12:10	+Joe and Betty Chudacek +Mary Rocca Christmas Weekday	6 PM RCIC (parish hall)
Wednesday January 9	1 Jn 4:11-18 Mk 6:45-52	12:10	+Holy Souls in Purgatory +Dave Cahill Christmas Weekday	5:30 PM Choir practice 6-6:40 PM Children's Choir practice
Thursday January 10	1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Lk 4:14-22a	12:10	Special Intention (anonymous) +John Schnoebelen Christmas Weekday	7 PM Parish Council meeting
Friday January 11	1 Jn 5:5-13 Lk 5:12-16	12:10	+Doris Rank +John O'Neill Christmas Weekday	12:05 PM Angelus for Life 12:50 PM Prayer at Emma Goldman Clinic 5:00 PM Legion of Mary
Saturday January 12	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17	5:10	+Howard Villhauer +Dr. James Cook The Baptism of the Lord	9 AM Confirmation Retreat 10 AM-11:30 AM Sacrament of Penance 5:10 PM Infant Baptisms
Sunday January 13	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17	8:00 9:30 11:00	+Kathryn Keeley +Wayne Zahradnek Special Int.—Erik and Eve +Dave Cahill +Charlotte K. Fisk Thompson Parishioners The Baptism of the Lord	Baptism Sunday

FAITH FOCUS QUESTION

What beautiful things do I see that help me think of God?

Wedding Banns

Katie Voegele and Chuck Foster III

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Sara Boyle and Daren Yoder who were married this weekend at St. Mary's!

Christmas Flowers

Christmas Flower Memorials were also given in memory of:

John E. Fitzpatrick
Dorothy Lynch Krause

Stewardship Gifts of Talent

Thank you to Brian Bradley for shoveling snow at St. Mary's on Christmas Eve!

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!**

NOTICE TO CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

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

Baptism Sunday

Next weekend, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism at all of the Masses. You will probably recognize many of the families as they will be celebrating with the community with whom they regularly worship. It reminds us of our baptismal call to support each other on our journey of faith.

Iowa Institute for Social Action Conference

The Peace & Justice Commission invites members of St. Mary's Parish to attend the Iowa Institute for Social Action Conference on January 20th & 21st in West Des Moines.

The keynote speaker is Father Larry Snyder, President of Catholic Charities USA. Conference topics: *Sustainable Environment, Legislative Issues, Interfaith Programs that Work, International Partnerships, Immigration Challenges, Respect Life, Best Responses to Poverty, Peace on Earth-Now, Involving Youth in Social Action, Communication & Information for Social Action, Food at the Center of the Storm, and Torture: What Have We Become?*

The Commission has some funds available to help pay for registration and a room at the Fairfield Inn. For more information, contact Ann Elsbecker **soon** at 665-6623.

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
 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

December 30th, 2007

Envelopes	\$ 22,253.00
Offertory (loose cash)	\$ 1,037.29
Electronic Funds Transfer	\$ 0.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 15.12
Total	\$ 23,305.41
Amount needed each week:	\$ 18,500.00
Amount received last week:	\$ 23,305.41
OVER budget:	\$ 4,805.41
Amount needed year to date:	\$499,500.00
Amount received to date:	\$517,739.15
OVER budget:	\$ 18,239.15

Stewardship of Treasure Goal: 5% GIVEN IN
 GRATITUDE

Thoughts on Stewardship

Today we hear how the magi brought gifts to the Savior. What gifts do we bring to Him? Everything we share with our Church, community, and each other is a gift.

Choose Life Prayer – We pray for all those who recognize that human life is a gift, no matter one's age or ability.

Vocation View - What treasures do I bring to the Lord? Is He calling me to be a priest, brother or sister?