



**THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP**

Proclaiming the Good News by our daily pattern of living is key to Christian stewardship. As the practice of stewardship leads to evangelization, in what ways can we evangelize to friends, neighbors, and even family members through our daily pattern of living?

**Stewardship Gifts of Talent**

Thank you to Anne Murray, who helps with the organization of Baptism Sunday!

**CATHOLIC MESSENGER**

Read the Catholic perspective on the latest movies, songs, and faith-related books in *The Messenger!* Subscriptions are available in your envelope packets or you may call the office (337-4314).

**St. Anthony's Bread**

December 2007

In December SAB write checks for 23 requests in addition to our monthly commitments. We supported Project Holiday and wrote Christmas checks to households who are struggling financially. We paid a portion of a tooth extraction for an uninsured individual. We paid partial rent, energy, or water fees for 19 families or individuals. Eleven of our recipients were unemployed or had hours reduced. In the families we helped, there were 36 children. We are most grateful for your support. In December, we received contributions from 146 families; the Widowed, Single, Divorced Group; and St. Bridget's Band Bridge Group. Those who contributed \$250 or more at one time should have received a tax letter in January. If other information is needed, please contact Mary McCue at 338-6134.

**"Leap of Faith"**

Christian band "Leap of Faith" has a new CD out! Get your copy of "Come and Behold" at the parish office for only \$15.

**Free Blood Pressure Checks**

On the fourth Sunday of each month, the Family Life Commission will be offering free blood pressure checks. This service will take place in the parish hall following the 8 AM and 9:30 AM Masses. If you are willing to help with this ministry, please call Barbara Shafer at 351-0415 or the parish office at 337-4314.

**Inquiry Sessions**

Sessions for adults wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith, Adult Initiation, and Confirmation are on the following dates: Tuesday, January 29th or Thursday, January 31st, from 7-8 PM in the parish hall or Sunday, February 3rd, from 11 AM to noon in the rectory (brick building just west of the church). Each session is the same, so you only need to attend one session. It may be just where the Holy Spirit is leading you!

**What:** City-wide MOMS Series

**Who:** Busy mothers who recognize the need to reflect, pray, and nurture their spiritual lives

**Where:** St. Mary's parish hall

**When:** Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 PM beginning February 12th.

MOMS (Ministry of Mothers Sharing) is a spiritual support group designed to nurture a mother's love of self and others. Open to mothers of all ages and from all parishes. The only cost is the purchase of the MOMS Journal for \$13. For details, contact Donna Valiga (351-5278) or Kathy Weiss (351-0963).

*There will be a brief informational session on Tuesday, January 29th, at 6:30 PM at St. Mary's parish hall.*

**Holy Hour for Vocations**

St. Mary's Holy Hour for Vocations will be Thursday, January 31st, at 7 PM in the church. Please join us.

**First Saturday Mass**

Mass will be at 9 AM this Saturday (February 2nd) and every first Saturday of the month.

**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.

**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.

## **REGINA HAPPENINGS**

Regina Elementary welcomes all interested families for application for the 2008-2009 school year. Kindergarten Round-Up for students interested in attending Regina Elementary next school year will be Thursday, March 6th, at 6 PM. If you are interested in placement, please call the elementary office at 337-5739.

## **HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE**

### **Soup Supper**

**St. Joseph's, Hills**

**Sunday, January 27th, from 4:30-6:30 PM**

Adults are \$5 and children are \$3. The proceeds will be used for the youth mission trip to Appalachia.

### **The Spirit of Jesus**

*A FREE weekend workshop on the Peace of Christ*

**Friday and Saturday, February 1st and 2nd**

**Faith United Church of Christ, Iowa City**

Topics include God's Work in Jesus, God's Work in the Spirit, and God's Work in the People. Email Dorothy Whiston (dwhiston@mchsi.com) for a full schedule.

*St. Thomas More Lenten Mini Retreat*

**"How to Care for Yourself When  
Loss Enters Your Life"**

Saturday, February 9th, from 9 AM to noon

St. Thomas More Lower Level

The featured speaker will be Chris Klug, a grief counselor from Iowa City Hospice. An optional meal (\$5) will immediately follow the retreat. If you'd like to join us for the meal, please be sure and let us know when you RSVP for the retreat to: Carol Lyon (338-9290), Mary Kay Kusner (339-1306), or Mary Humston (337-5916).

### **Christian Experience Weekend**

Sign up now! CEWs are being held February 22nd-24th (for women) and March 7th-9th (for men). For more information or to register, pick up a brochure located at the entrance of the church.

### **Art Show**

**"A Rita Svoboda Tomanek Retrospective:  
Considering Body and Spirit"**

Now through February, 2008

Iowa City Senior Center (28 S. Linn Street)

Monday-Friday 8 AM to 5 PM,

Saturday & Sunday 10:30 AM-1:30 PM

**ST. MARY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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

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**ST. MARY'S FINANCE COUNCIL**

Anne Hargrave (Lay Director)  
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**EDUCATION****Regina Catholic Education Center:**

Ray Pechous – High School Principal, 338-5436  
 Celeste Vincent – Elementary Principal, 337-5739  
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 Director, 351-7638  
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Sr. Laura Goedken, OP, 338-0939

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

January 20th, 2008

Envelopes	\$ 15,852.00
Offertory (loose cash)	\$ 796.00
Electronic Funds Transfer	\$ 3,340.83
Children's Envelopes	\$ 12.00
Total	\$ 20,000.83
Amount needed each week:	\$ 18,500.00
Amount received last week:	\$ 20,000.83
<b>OVER</b> budget:	\$ 1,500.83
Amount needed year to date:	\$555,000.00
Amount received to date:	\$583,293.81
<b>OVER</b> budget:	\$ 28,293.81

Stewardship of Treasure Goal: 5% GIVEN IN  
 GRATITUDE

**Choose Life Prayer** – We pray for the conversion of those who mock the beliefs of people who work to preserve the right to life.

**Vocation View**—The Lord Jesus proclaimed that the kingdom of heaven is at hand. We need, in our own time, to proclaim that same message. Are we bold enough to reform our lives and proclaim the Good News? (Matthew 4:12-23)