

St. Mary's Church of Iowa City

February 17, 2008

	SCRIPTURE		MASSES	CALENDAR
Sunday February 17	Gn 12:1-4a 2 Tim 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9	8:00 9:30 11:00	Parishioners +Dave Cahill +Holy Souls in Purgatory +Gwen Yenter +Special Intention	5PM Taize Prayer (church)
The Second Sunday of Lent				
Monday February 18	Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38	12:10	+Rev. Tony Farrell +Doris Rank	
Lenten Weekday				
Tuesday February 19	Is 1;1-10,16-20 Mt 23: 1-12	12:10	+Pat McCarney +Joe and Betty Chudacek	6:00PM RCIC 6:30-7:30PM Mom's Group 7-8:30 PM Adult Formation
Lenten Weekday				
Wednesday February 20	Jer 18:18-20 Mat 20:17-28	12:10	+Carol McCabe +Ralph Murray	6PM Family Life Commission 6-7 PM Choir practice 6-6:40 PM Children's Choir practice
Lenten Weekday				
Thursday February 21	Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31	12:10	+Deceased Members of the Roskup family	7PM Peace and Justice Commission 7PM Fellowship Commission
Lenten Weekday				
Friday February 22	1 Pt 5:1-4 Mt 16:13-19	12:10	+Viola Seelman +Louise Pentico +William and Lucille McTaggart Chair of Peter, Apostle	12:05 PM Angelus for Life 12:50 PM Prayer at Emma Goldman Clinic 5:00 PM Legion of Mary 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Saturday February 23	Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26	5:10	+Dean and Virginia Lamansky	10 AM-11:30 AM Sacrament of Penance
The Third Sunday of Lent				
Sunday February 24	Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26	8:00 9:30 11:00	Parishioners +Maxine Bowman Hotka +Loretta O'Brien +Clementine Strabala +Frances Allen	5 PM Taize Prayer (church)
The Third Sunday of Lent				

Stewardship Thoughts...

God calls us all to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in His plan for our lives. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness, and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new way that leads to inner peace and great fulfillment!

Stewardship Gifts of Talent

Thank you to Bea Furner, Randy Hefel and Rachel Nixon for putting copies of the *Catholic Messenger* in all of the bulletins last weekend!!

Musical Musings...

You may have noticed that we have less music during the season of Lent. The directives for the liturgy state that instrumental music is only to be used to support the congregational singing. The austerity of Lent will lead to a deeper appreciation of the joy of Easter!

Christian Experience Weekends

Your time is running out to get in your registration! Forms are at the church entrance.

Women's Weekend: Feb. 22-24 and
Men's Weekend: March 7-9.

CATHOLIC MESSENGER

Find out what good things are happening across our diocese! Subscriptions to *The Messenger* are available in your envelope packets or you may call the office (337-4314).

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS: Feb 21st 7PM
St. Thomas More Church **Topic:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation by Fr. Wally Helms.

Organ Recital

The University Organ Department will present *Dieterich Buxtehude: Organist in Lubeck* along with the singing of chorale settings and the reading of commentaries that depict the religious, economic, and musical context in which his works were fashioned.

WHEN: Thursday, February 21st

WHERE: Clapp Recital Hall **TIME:** 8:00PM

COST: Free

ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE 2008 7th GRADERS!
Regina Junior/Senior High School is inviting new and prospective 2008-2009 7th graders to spend Friday, February 29th with our students, faculty and staff!

For more information or registration for February 29th, please call 339-4592 or 338-5436.

Just to Let You Know...

Our wonderful office administrator, Rachel Santos, gave birth on February 8, 2008 to a beautiful 7 lbs. 14 oz. baby boy named Zachary Braden! Congratulations to Rachel, Cesar, and big sister Maddy, and welcome to our world, Zachary!

St. Anthony's Bread

In January 2008, SAB had more requests for assistance than in our thirty plus year history. Tenuous employment and inclement weather have affected many in our community. In addition to our seven month commitments, we helped 73 different individuals and households. We paid partial rent, energy, and water bills for 63 households. Most of those were at risk of having utilities disconnected, or becoming homeless if these bills were not paid. We paid a portion of prescription medications for two people; purchased a bus ticket, and paid for a phone for an ill person to use for emergency. In the families we helped, there were 170 children. We thank you for your generosity which has helped so many who are struggling!

Area MOMS:

You are invited to attend a MOMS series during Lent.
WHO: Mothers wishing to enhance their spiritual lives
WHERE: St. Mary's Parish office
WHEN: Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 beginning Feb., 12th
DETAILS: MOMS (Ministry of Mothers Sharing) is a spiritual support group designed to nurture a mother's love of self and others. Open to moms of all ages, the only cost is the purchase the MOMS journal (\$13). For details, call Donna Valiga at 351-5278 or Kathy Weiss at 351-0963.

St. Mary's Faith Formation

Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 PM in the hall
Feb. 19th-*The Gift of Salvation* (Fr. Jeff)

Stations of the Cross

During the Lenten season, St. Mary's has Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday evening at 6 PM in the church. This is a great opportunity to reflect on Jesus' sacrificial love for us all.

Taize Prayer

Taize Prayer, a beautiful chant form of prayer and scripture, will be held in St. Mary's church at 5 PM each Sunday during Lent. Everyone is invited to attend.

HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE

REGINA FISH FRIES

Every Friday during Lent from 5-8PM
Regina Cafeteria
Take-outs are available!

Knights of Columbus Fish Fries

Every Friday during Lent from 5-7 PM
KC Family Center, Iowa City
Take-outs are available!

St. Mary's of Riverside

Annual Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 17th, from 7 AM-12:30 PM
St. Mary's Parish Center
All you can eat!

Adults are \$6 and children are \$3

There will also be raffles, crafts, and a bake sale. The proceeds will go toward religious education.

Regina Boy Scout Troop 218 Annual Chili Dinner

Sunday Feb. 17th from 11-4PM in St. Wenceslaus church basement.

Adults: \$5.00 Children 12 yrs and under: \$3.00.

Price includes all you can eat chili (traditional, vegetarian, & white), dessert, and drink.

Non-Violent Resistance in Palestine

Presented by Martha Larsen and the Michigan Peace Team

Sunday, February 17th, at 7 PM
Iowa City Public Library, Room A
This event is free and open to the public.

Mercy Hospital Bereavement Support

WHEN: February 20th, 2008.

TIME: 9:30-10:30AM in the First Floor Conference Room of Mercy Hospital.

St. Joseph's of West Liberty Fish Dinners

February, 22nd and March 7th
5-7:30 PM, St. Joseph's Parish Center
Catfish, baked potatoes, baked beans, cole slaw, bread, dessert, and beverages.

St. Mary's in Oxford

St. Mary's in Oxford has *The History of St. Procopius Mission 1914-1939* books available for purchase. The cost is \$20. Books may be purchased by calling Carol Tomash 319-828-4819 or Mary Struzynski 319-545-2392.

ST. MARY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Marty Shafer – Chairperson Elect
Karla Peiffer – Secretary

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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
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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

February 10th, 2008

Envelopes	\$ 19,199.00
Offertory (loose cash)	\$ 784.00
Electronic Funds Transfer	\$ 4,829.83
Children's Envelopes	\$ 4.00
Total	\$ 24,816.83
Amount needed each week:	\$ 18,500.00
Amount received last week:	\$ 24,816.83
UNDER budget:	\$
Amount needed year to date:	\$592,000.00
Amount received to date:	\$633,800.68
OVER budget:	\$ 23,300.68

Stewardship of Treasure Goal: 5% GIVEN IN
GRATITUDE

Choose Life Prayer – The Supreme Court's 1973 decision legalizing abortion raised the status of abortionists, once considered low criminals, to that of "professionals nobly serving women." Wanda Franz, PhD. *National Right to Life News*, May 2007.

Vocation View—The Lord called Abraham to be the progenitor of the mighty nation of God's people. This kind of spiritual parenthood is a fulfilling calling. Encourage those you know who have the gifts to be holy, healthy, celibate lover's of God's people. (Genesis 12:1-4).