

St. Mary's Church of Iowa City

February 24, 2008

	SCRIPTURE		MASSES	CALENDAR
Sunday February 24	Ex 17:3-7 Rm 5:1-2,5-8 Jn 4:5-42	8:00 9:30 11:00	Parishioners +Maxine Bowman Hotka +Loretta O'Brien +Clementine Strabala +Frances Allen	Pantry Sunday 5PM Taize Prayer (church)
The Third Sunday of Lent				
Monday February 25	2 Kgs. 5:1-15a Lk4:24-30	12:10	+Pauline Burlingame +Bobbie De Counter Lenten Weekday	
Tuesday February 26	Dn 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35	12:10	+Gwen Yenter Lenten Weekday	6:00PM RCIC 6:30-7:30PM Mom's Group 7-8:30PM Adult Formation
Wednesday February 27	Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt. 5:17-19	12:10	+Vincent Harney +Fr. Tony Farrell Lenten Weekday	6-7 PM Choir practice 6-6:40 PM Children's Choir practice
Thursday February 28	Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23	12:10	+Marjorie Countryman Lenten Weekday	6:30PM First Eucharist Class
Friday February 29	Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12: 28b-34	12:10	+Gladys Vit Lenten Weekday	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 March 1	Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14 1 Sam 16:1b,6-7 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41	9:00 5:10	Special Intention +Marge Doherty The Fourth Sunday of Lent	10 AM-11:30 AM Sacrament of Penance
Sunday March 2	1Sam 16:1b,6-7 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41	8:00 9:30 11:00	+Pat McCarney +Charlotte Fisk Thompson +Peter and Theresa Duffey Parishioners The Fourth Sunday of Lent	5 PM Taize Prayer (church)

St. Mary's is a Stewardship (TAG) Family of Faith. We are **THANKFUL** for the gifts we have received from God. We are **ACCOUNTABLE** in using them according to God's will. We are **GENEROUS** in sharing our gifts of time, talent, and treasure with others and the church.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Paul Peterson, Art Brooks (father of John Brooks), Binh Khac Le (father of Trung Le), Bernard Goedken (brother of Sister Laura Goedken), David Goerdt (brother of Darris Goerdt), and Wilf Nixon's father. *May they be welcomed into everlasting life!*

Stewardship Gifts of Talent

Thank you to Tom Lynch who, along with Fr. Jeff, spent some time chipping away at ice and snow in front of the church!

Holy Week and Spring Break

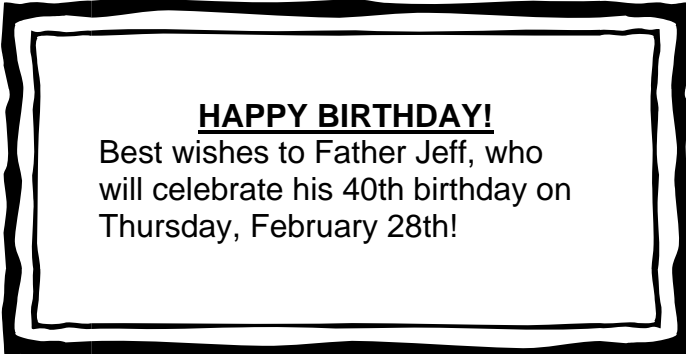
As you may know, Spring Break for Iowa city coincides with Holy week this year, the week of March 16th. Many families use this as vacation time. Holy Week is often referred to as the holiest time of the year. Liturgies during the Triduum are very special. In churches throughout the world, the Holy Thursday liturgy commemorates the First Eucharist Jesus celebrated with his apostles. On Good Friday we remember the passion and death of Jesus. At the Easter Vigil on Saturday night we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. We also welcome our newest members into the church. If you are traveling, please take time to find a church and participate in some or all of the Holy Week services. You can go to www.masstimes.org or you can call 410-676-6000 and enter in the zip code where you are.

Christian Experience Men's Weekend

**Your time is running out to get in your registration! Forms are at the church entrance.
Men's Weekend: March 7-9.**

CATHOLIC MESSENGER

There's plenty to discover in our diocesan parishes! Subscriptions to *The Messenger* are available in your envelope packets or you may call the office (337-4314).



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Best wishes to Father Jeff, who will celebrate his 40th birthday on Thursday, February 28th!

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 monthly 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. Thank you for your generosity which helped so many who are struggling!

St. Mary's Faith Formation

Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 PM in the hall

*February 26th—The Sacraments: An Overview
March 4th—Baptism and Confirmation*

First Saturday Mass

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

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.

"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.

REGINA HAPPENINGS

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.

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!

COMPEER presents

“The Sound of Friendship”

Musical Concert

WHEN: Saturday, March 1, 2008

WHERE: St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

COST: \$15 and can be purchased from
Norma Gehring at 351-2357.

The mission of the Compeer Program is to improve the quality of life for adults with mental illness by creating friendship matches with volunteers from the community.

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

Kevin Mellen – Chairperson
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 Karla Peiffer – Secretary

PASTORAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

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 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

February 17th, 2008

Envelopes	\$ 10,084.00
Offertory (loose cash)	\$ 485.00
Electronic Funds Transfer	\$ 0.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 7.00
Total	\$ 10,576.00
Amount needed each week:	\$ 18,500.00
Amount received last week:	\$ 10,576.00
UNDER budget:	\$ 7,924.00
Amount needed year to date:	\$629,000.00
Amount received to date:	\$644,376.68
OVER budget:	\$ 15,376.68

Stewardship of Treasure Goal: 5% GIVEN IN
 GRATITUDE

Choose Life Thought— *“Although it is a fundamental truth that each of us was once an embryo, the advocates of embryonic stem cell research are eager to portray human embryos as different from the rest of us, unable to make the grade, and hence fair game for destruction. The fact is, all life is sacred from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.*

Vocation View—No bucket? Deep well? The gifts of the living water of the Spirit are yours! Jesus is the living water. Drink from that deep well; hear the good news of salvation!