

**St. Mary Catholic Church**  
**Mechanicsville**  
and  
**Tipton**



**April 11-12, 2015**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
Liturgical Year B

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**Confession Times**

**Mechanicsville:** 2nd & 4th Saturdays from 5:00 PM until Mass.

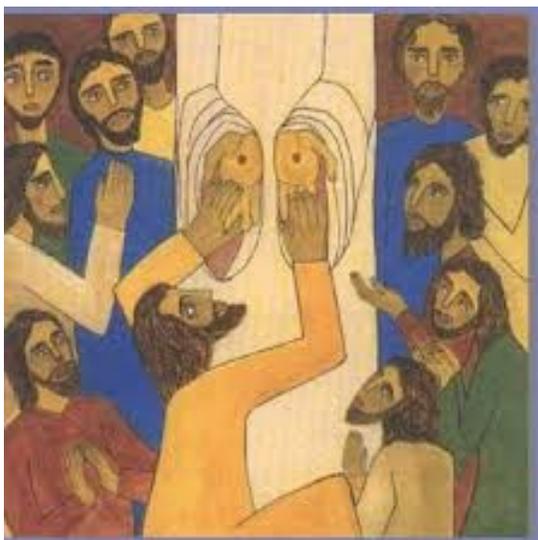
**Tipton:** 1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturdays from 4:45 PM until Mass.

**St Mary's Mechanicsville**  
**Annual Parish Auction:**  
**TODAY**

Sunday, April 12,  
11:30 lunch

12:30 pm auction!!

Donated items are welcome up until the  
time of auction!!



*Mass for the*  
*Intentions*  *Week*

**Saturday, April 11 –Mechanicsville**  
5:30 PM—Vernon Melchert

**Sunday, April 12- Mechanicsville**  
8:00 AM - For the Parish

**Sunday , April 12- Tipton**  
10:00 AM - Lee Timmerman

**Monday, April 13**  
NO MASS

**Tuesday, April 14–Tipton**  
8:00 AM - Randall Sander

**Wednesday, April 15 - Mechanicsville**  
8:00 AM - Henry Ahrendsen

**Thursday, April 16- Tipton**  
800 AM John Ryan

**Friday, April 17– Mechanicsville**  
8:00 AM Elmeda Bean

**Saturday, April 18- Mechancisville**  
5:30 PM - Dan Marchik

**Sunday, April 19 - Mechanicsville**  
8:00 AM - Mary Rose Walshire

**Sunday, April 19 - Tipton**  
10:00 AM - For the Parish

**Rice Bowls!! Please remember to turn in your Rice Bowl money ASAP!!**

Website for BOTH parishes: [www.stmarystipton.net](http://www.stmarystipton.net)

**April 2015 Ministries-Mechanicsville**

Eucharistic	Sat	Judy Aberle
		Mary Juhl
		Brian Walshire
	Sun	Mollie Fisher
		Susan Pisarik
		Donna Robinson
Lector	Sat	Brian Walshire
	Sun	Susan Pisarik
Ushers	Sat	Jerry Ortman
		David Aberle
Host Fam	Sun	4-5 Jerry Inman Fam
		4-12 Drew Garner
		4-19 Kash Family
		4-26 Al Dohman
Altar Setup	Sat	Gretchen Sutherland
	Sun	Donna Robinson
\$ Count	Mon	Sharon Boyd

**St. Mary Mechanicsville**  
**April 4-5 \$1,956.58**

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**Parish Family Pictorial Directory Questionnaire:** We have only 12 returned. If you want your names of your family included in the directory please submit your questionnaire to Carolyn Kilburg or Shirley J. ASAP!! Don't be left out!!

**Grey Tubs Missing:** If you happened to borrow two grey tubs from the church kitchen, please return them. Also there are several cake pans that have not been picked up. If you are missing one, please check in the kitchen. Thanks!

**Thanks for your participation in our Holy Week services!**

We are so pleased with the great attendance for Easter Sunday! Thanks to all who served in some capacity as readers, altar servers, musicians, set-up and clean up. It takes a good parish to work together to create glorious celebrations! Thanks!

**Easter Lillies:** If you made a donation for an Easter Lily, please take one home with you after Mass.

**New Baby to our Parish Family:** Congrats to Mike and Callie Fitzgerald on the birth of their son, Blake Richard. He is welcomed home by big sis, Dylan also. Proud grandparents are Tom and Marilyn Fitzgerald. Welcome Blake!!

**St. Mary's (Mechanicsville) parish member and Religious Education coordinator, Katy Kash, has the amazing opportunity to travel to Liberia, Africa this July!** Katy has been a member of St. Mary's for 14 years. She is an elementary teacher in Anamosa at Strawberry Hill. On her mission journey she will be working with Liberian teachers to educate them on new teaching strategies, along with helping deliver water filtration systems and building a school. The mission group called Hope2Liberia focuses on bringing clean water, education, and Christian faith formation to the 4th world, civil war torn, area. Katy needs to raise \$4000.00 to help pay for her plane ticket, water filtration buckets, and the postage necessary to send over new teaching materials. She could use your support financially as well as with prayer. If you would like to donate to her mission service, please place it in the collection tray any Sunday in an envelope labeled "Africa Katy Kash". If you would like to follow her trip she has an open group on Facebook called "Katy's going to Africa!" or visit [www.hope2liberia.org](http://www.hope2liberia.org)!

## Tipton

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St. Mary's Tipton Church  
Contributions April 4-5 \$3,753.75

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**Grades K - 7** meet April 12 at 9 a.m. and then Sunday April 19. On Sunday, April 19, please plan to have students at the hall at 9 a.m. as usual but on this last meeting of the school year, have them attend Mass together with their catechists. Immediately following Mass the students will return to the hall where families may join them for cookies and refreshments. You may turn in or pick up registration forms and get a "sneak

peak" of what you can look forward to this summer at VBS. Mrs. Janelle Axline is the Vacation Bible School coordinator for St. Mary's this year. She is working with past coordinator Kelli Jauron for a smooth transition. Our thanks to Kelli for her many years of great work coordinating past VBS sessions."

**Confirmation Class of 2016** – 7 p.m. in the Hall, Wednesday, April 15 and Sunday April 19, 9:45 a.m. in the church.

**High School grades 10 – 12** will meet Wednesday, April 15, 7 p.m. at the rectory and April 22 in the hall.



## Sneak Peak Vacation Bible School 2015

Enjoy cookies and refreshments and see for yourselves --

Stop by after Mass **Sunday April 19** at the hall!

Building and Grounds Meeting  
April 16, Thursday  
7:00 PM  
Parish Hall

All parishioners are invited and welcome to attend this meeting.

REMINDER: Easter Lilies may be taken home following today's Mass. If you have a green thumb and would like to have a lily, even if you didn't donate one, please know that you are welcome to take one!

(One note of caution: Lilies are harmful to cats, if you have a pet cat in your home, you may want to forego a lily!)



**Pastor Donnita Moeller** of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church here in Tipton is retiring at the end of April.

Her congregation will be hosting a retirement open house for Pastor Donnita at Trinity's Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 26th from 2-4.

Everyone is welcome attend!

## Question of the Week

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name. John 20: 19-31

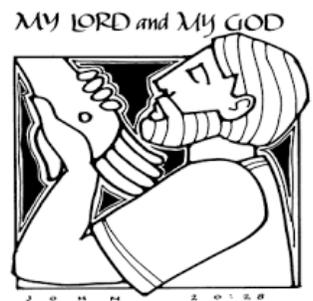
**Theme: Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe!**

### Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear this familiar reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

### Step Two: Look into Your Life

- **Question for Children:** How can you believe in Jesus whom you have never seen?
- **Question for Youth:** Jesus' words of greeting were "Peace be with you," followed by the invitation to forgive sins. How does forgiveness bring peace to you? How does it change the world?
- **Question for Adults:** What strengthens your faith? Why do you believe in Jesus?



**Msgr. Frank Henricksen and Fr. Bob McAleer invite you on the trip of a lifetime:**

*We will be sojourning to Italy: Tuscany, Florence, Assisi and Rome on October 13-23, 2015. Among the highlights of these historical places will be an audience with Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square.*

For further information please contact Msgr. Henricksen, 563-886-6285 or Fr. McAleer, 563-940-1796.

### **WILTON ST. MARY Spring Dinner**

Family-Style ham & turkey dinner  
Country Store - Crafts  
**St. Mary's Parish Hall Wilton**  
**701 East Third Street, Wilton**  
Sunday, April 19, 2015 - 12 to 3PM

**16th Iowa City Hospice Walk for Dignity: Sunday, April 25, 2015, 1 PM RAIN or SHINE!!** Iowa City Hospice Volunteer Trail Site, Willow Creek Park, Iowa City (Benton Street and Teg Drive) Donation drop-off starts at 11 am, activities begin at noon.

**Honor** the memories, **Remember** and **Celebrate** the lives of loved ones by supporting Iowa City Hospice.

More info: [www.iowacityhospice.org/2015-walk-for-dignity/](http://www.iowacityhospice.org/2015-walk-for-dignity/)