

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

February 28-March 1, 2015  
**Second Sunday**  
**Of Lent**  
 Liturgical Year B



**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Saturday, February 28 - Mechanicsville**  
5:30 PM Aleen Driscoll
- Sunday, March 1- Mechanicville**  
8:00 AM Aleen Driscoll
- Sunday, March 1 - Tipton**  
10:00 AM - Pete & Clem Klinkkammer
- Saturday, March 7 - Tipton**  
5:10 PM - Richard Ruth
- Sunday, March 8 - Mechanicsville**  
8:00 AM -Louise Poduska
- Sunday, March 8 - Tipton**  
10:00 AM - Alice&Leon Timmerman

Website for **BOTH** parishes [www.stmarystipton.net](http://www.stmarystipton.net)  
 Reverend Richard Okumu, Shared Pastor

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This Weekend we welcome our visiting priest  
**Father William Wiegand**

**SAVE THE DATE!: St. Mary Mechanicsville Parish**  
**Auction is planned for Sunday, April 12, 2015!!**  
**Ryan Crock is our auctioneer!**



**Parish Knights of Columbus**  
**Fish Fries**

- **Tipton:** March 13 Shrimp Fry Carry Out (5-7 PM)
- **Mechanicsville,** March 20, 2015
- **Tipton,** March 27, Catfish Dinner (5-7 PM)



**FOR LENT**  
**FOR LIFE**

WHAT YOU GIVE  
 UP FOR LENT  
 CHANGES LIVES.

Copies of *Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody* by Allen R. Hunt are available on the organ bench and tables around the church at St. Mary's in Tipton. This book contains personal stories of individuals who have experienced wrongful imprisonment, the deaths of children by terrorists, surviving a concentration camp, enduring racism in South Africa, marital affairs and divorce and still were able to feel intense grace, holiness and love by being able to forgive. Published by Dynamic Catholic, it also provides exercises after each story to help each of us learn how to forgive and live better, holier, more peaceful lives as a result.

**To report child abuse contact:** Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; [vac@diodav.org](mailto:vac@diodav.org) or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

## Mechanicsville

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### March 2015 Ministries-Mechanicsville

Eucharistic	Sat	Diane Schroeder
		Scott Schroeder
		Sadie Stabenow
	Sun	Carolyn Kilburg
		Joe Kilburg
		Jane Malaby
Lector	Sat	Judy Aberle
	Sun	Joan Garner
Ushers	Sat	Jerry Ortman
		Mike Koch
Host Family	Sun	3.1 Rod Bunge Fam
		3.8 Kevin Fisher Fam
		3:15 S. Pisarik Fam
		3.22 T. Jarchow Fam
		3.29 Tom Weiland
Altar Setup	Sat	Tom Poduska
	Sun	Donna Robinson
\$ Count	Mon	Jerry Inman

St. Mary Mechanicsville collection Feb 21-22: \$1,969.65

### St. Mary of Mechanicsville parish staff contact During February:

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### St Mary's Parish Family Pictorial Directory: A reminder to SMILE!

Family pictures will be taken here this week. Please plan to be on time as the time slots are mostly filled. Each family will receive a copy of the Parish Directory and a 5 x 7 picture of your family for \$15. If you need to reschedule, contact Carolyn Kilburg directly at 319-455-3061. We thank you for your participation in this project. If you need additional assistance in getting to church, contact Lori Crock at 432-6524. There is a ramp for accessibility to the basement from the north entrance.

### 50th Anniversary of Church Dedication: Sunday, June 14, 2015

There will be a planning committee meeting following Stations of the Cross on Wed, March 4, 2015.

### Mechanicsville Stations of the

**Cross:** This Lenten devotion will be led by our Confirmation class students each Wednesday evening during Lent. We will be using the Stations of the Cross that are in conjunction with the Rice Bowl Program through Catholic Relief Services. This will be Wed, March 4 at 7pm.



A JOURNEY  
through Lent

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### March Schedules

**Grades K - 7** - Meet in the hall at 9 a.m. On Sundays March 1, 8, and 15.

**First Reconciliation / First Communion Parents** – March 1 and 8 in the hall at 9 a.m.

**Confirmation Class of 2016** - Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Mass together on March 15. (*They will lead the Stations of the Cross on April 1*).

**High School grades 10 – 12** - This group will lead the Stations of the Cross on March 4 and class and/or Stations on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 18th.

**Adult Lenten Study:** Sundays at 9 a.m. in the parish hall. The study booklets are available now from Karen Rohlf (563-357-4515 / [kjrohlf@netins.net](mailto:kjrohlf@netins.net)) or Mary Barnum (310.321.0715 / [stmary-mary@gmail.com](mailto:stmary-mary@gmail.com)) or find one on the shelves on the west side of the confessional. You may jump into this class any Sunday of Lent or study on your own at home.

Obviously, it is still winter. I can remember snow falling on a number of my Dad's birthdays in April. So please continue to use your own best judgment about bringing the kids or yourselves to Faith Formation classes, Mass, Stations of the Cross, etc.

St. Mary's Tipton Church  
Contributions Feb.21-22, 2015 = \$ 2,189.33

Fr. Eugene Benda Knights of Columbus Council No. 11468 has been challenged by their Grand Knight to give "40 Cans of Food for Lent". The goal of this program is for each Knights of Columbus council members to contribute one can of food per day during the forty days of Lent. The collected cans of food will then be donated to the local Tipton food pantry at the end of Lent.

**We would also like to challenge any of our parish members to do the same.** We will store the cans of food in the south west entry of our church. Please place your donated cans along the west wall next of that area. Thank you.

Jerry Droll, Grand Knight, K of C Council #11468

#### Lent 2015 - Schedule of Stations of the Cross

##### Wednesday, February 25

6:00 p.m. - Soup Supper *in the Hall* hosted by Parish Council members

7:00 p.m. STATIONS OF THE CROSS - *in the Church* led by Parish Council members

##### Wednesday, March 4

6:00 p.m. - Soup Supper *in the Hall* - hosted by High School Ministers

7:00 p.m. STATIONS OF THE CROSS - *in the Church* led by High School Ministers

##### Wednesday, March 11

6:00 p.m. - Soup Supper *in the Hall* - hosted by Faith Formation Commission Members

7:00 p.m. STATIONS OF THE CROSS - *in the Church* - led by Faith Formation Commission Members.

##### Wednesday, March 18\*

6:00 p.m. - Soup Supper *in the Hall* - hosted by Knights of Columbus

7:00 p.m. STATIONS OF THE CROSS - *in the Church* led by Knights of Columbus

##### Wednesday, March 25\*

6:00 p.m. - Soup Supper *in the Hall* - hosted by Liturgical Commission

7:00 p.m. STATIONS OF THE CROSS - *in the Church* – Liturgical Commission

##### Wednesday, April 1\*

6:00 p.m. - Soup Supper *in the Hall* - hosted by Confirmation Class of 2016

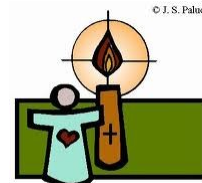
7:00 p.m. STATIONS OF THE CROSS - *in the Church* led by Confirmation Class of 2016

### New Altar Servers:

If anyone would like to start serving at Mass and you are in 4th grade or older....

Please contact Rachelle Ham at 319-321-8643

New training is mandatory on March 22 after mass.



Altar Servers

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## Question of the Week

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice,

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant. Mark 9: 2-10

### Theme: Seeing Jesus

#### Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear this familiar story today, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What image from Mark's Gospel lingers in your memory?

#### Step Two: Look into Your Life

- **Question for Children:** Name or draw a picture of a time you knew that Jesus was with you.
- **Question for Youth:** The disciples had a very intense experience of Jesus on the mountain. Have you ever had a "mountain top" experience? What was it like for you?
- **Question for Adults:** In what ways does Jesus speak today, ways in which you can truly "listen to him?"



**Fr. Okumu** will be gone **until March 7**. He has returned to his home in Africa for a visit. However, your parish communities will remain in tact. Your parish offices will be available to assist you, and provisions have been made to assist you if you find that you need to contact a priest during this period.

There will be regular weekend Masses, but no weekly morning Masses. Because Priests for our weekend Masses will be driving from various distances, and because Iowa in February can have some treacherous weather conditions, we will be paying more attention to weather than usual.

If you think weather MIGHT be an issue, please turn on your local news stations as we plan to make contact with news stations to provide Saturday night and Sunday morning mass cancelations should weather demand.

Even though Father is gone, your friendly Parish Staff will still be available to help you, or to direct you to help, with any questions or concerns. **The Mechanicsville/Tipton sections of this bulletin have phone numbers that parishioners may call during February to reach us.**

Sign up for online Lenten inspiration especially designed for busy, busy people at [dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com). Click on the "Best Lent Ever" button for free brief daily prompts for improving yourself. It promises to be different than anything you've ever done for Lent before and I have found that to be true. The daily quotes and/or videos are very short – so short that I actually felt a little disappointed at first. But I have found myself thinking about each day's message at different times in my day in a positive reflective way. Frankly, this year I am not feeling so deprived and negative during the Lenten season even though I am thinking about it being Lent every day.

