

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

Liturgical Year B

January 31-February 1, 2015

**Fourth Sunday
Ordinary Time**



Saturday, January 31 - Tipton

5:10 PM John Krob

Sunday, February 1- Mechanicsville

8:00 AM Donald Driscoll

Sunday, February 1 - Tipton

10:00 AM - Lee Timmerman

Saturday, February 7 - Tipton

5:10 PM - Dan Marchik

Sunday, February 8 Mechanicsville

8:00 AM -Leonard Weiland

Sunday, February 8- Mechanicsville

10:00 AM - Ruth & Carl Agne

Father Richard Okumu, Shared Pastor

This Weekend's visiting Priest:

Father George Ssebadduka

If you need to contact a priest during the month of February, please contact Shirley in Mechanicsville or Maureen or Mary in Tipton.

Looking ahead to Lent:

Ash Wednesday this year is February 18.

3:00 PM Mass Ash Mechanicsville

4:30 PM Mass in Tipton.

Website for **BOTH** parishes www.stmarystipton.net

Mechanicsville

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Fr. Okumu will be gone from **January 30 until March 7**. He is returning 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.**

Five reasons you should read The Catholic Messenger:

- To enrich your faith and the faith life of family members;
- To stay informed of news affecting Catholics locally, nationally and globally;
- To find new ideas for parish ministry;
- To keep tabs on Bishop Amos;
- To be inspired by columnist Father Ron Rolheiser and other great thinkers of our day.



Cathedral Sunday, February 15, 2015 – Have you been to Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport is our Diocesan Seat? Are you aware of its rich history and significance in the Davenport Diocese? Our most important diocesan events take place at Sacred Heart and it's a place for all of SE Iowa Catholics to call home. If you want to know more about Sacred Heart go to <http://www.rc.net/davenport/shc/> and click on Cathedral Video to learn more about the rich history and what a Cathedral is!

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 or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

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February 2015 Ministries-Mechanicsville

Eucharistic	Sat	Sadie Stabenow
		Mary Juhl
		Judy Aberle
	Sun	Mollie Fisher
		Joan Garner
		Shirley Jarzombek
Lector	Sat	Diane Schroeder
	Sun	Donna Robinson
Ushers	Sat	Jerry Ortman
		Mike Koch
Host Family	Sun	2.1 W. Robinson fam
		2.8 Jim Droll fam
		2.15 Mike Wilhau fam
		2.2 M Dohmen Fam
Altar Setup	Sat	Gretchen S
	Sun	Shirley Jarzombek
\$ count	Mon	Sharon Boyd

St. Mary of Mechanicsville parish staff contact During February:

Shirley Jarzombek

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Home: 563-432-6526

St. Mary's Families: It is TAX season again!! Please pick up your 2014 church contributions summary at the church entrance. If you have questions or concerns, contact Pearson and Associates in Mt. Vernon at [319-895-6224](tel:319-895-6224).

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

In order to bring our church history up to date, we need pictures and clippings of events that occurred between 1973-2015. If you have either of these please share them with the Church history committee. They will be returned to you. History committee members includes Marcia Driscoll, Evelyn Walshire, Pam Robinson, and Shirley Jarzombek. Thanks for your participation in this project. The next planning meeting is Wed, Feb 4 at 6:30pm in church basement.

Save the date: Knights of Columbus Fish Fry is planned for Friday, March 20, 2015.



Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays of Lent at 7pm beginning Feb 25. In conjunction with our Rice Bowl program, we will be having Stations of the Cross. Please plan to attend.

MCC Food Pantry: We served 40 families and 2 Emergency distributions during the month of January with 13 of those families utilizing the pantry twice. The families consisted of 61 adults, 56 children and 19 seniors. We began the annual re-registration process this month. The state of Iowa now requires our clients receive the Federal Income Guideline and they must sign to whether the household income meets the guidelines. As a food pantry who receives commodities through HACAP, we are to serve individuals that qualify income wise.

HACAP pick-ups are scheduled on Tuesday February 10th & 24th at 2:00 pm. We will need help unloading, shelving and bagging beginning around 2:45 on these days. The upcoming HACAP order is for 1,423 pounds of food.

The last of the nearly 3,000 pounds of potatoes were distributed over the weekend. Another 1,000 pounds were distributed to surrounding community organizations and their members.

Thank you to everyone who helped distribute these to our clients.

We received \$2,000 in grant money at the end of December; \$1,000 from the Cedar County Coop and a matching amount from Land of Lakes. We truly appreciate these very generous donations.

Our pantry shelves are better stocked thanks to a better inventory at HACAP and generous community donations. **We are running low on the following types of items at the pantry: hamburger helper, canned peas, canned fruit. If you see any good sales on these items please let me know.**

Our February distributions are scheduled for the following dates:

Thursday, February 12th 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Thursday, February 24th 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Saturday, February 26th 9:00 – 10:00 am

Thank you to all who attended our Board Meeting last week. To recap 2014: We served 117 families during the course of the year. 96 of those families were from the North Cedar Community School district. On average we served 52 families per month during the year and November was our busiest month due to the distribution of Thanksgiving baskets. We wrote and received several grants during the year and the community was extremely generous with donations of food and money.

Thanks for all you do on behalf of the Mechanicsville Community Cupboard Food Pantry. Have a great day!

Scott Schroeder

St. Mary's Tipton Church Contributions
January 24-25, 2015 = \$ 1,228.00

St. Mary of Tipton parish staff contact information during February:

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Mary Barnum

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Tipton KC fish fries: All from 5 to 7 PM

- Feb. 27; Fish Fry Supper,
- March 13 Shrimp Fry Carry Out,
- March 27 Catfish Dinner



Faith Formation Schedule:

In February, grades K - 7 meet on Sundays the 1st, 8th, and 15th. Students may attend Mass with their Catechists on the 15th.

(Full Faith Formation Schedules for grades K - 12 are on the website: WWW.stmarystipton.net)

Confirmation Class of 2016 meets on Wednesdays February 4 and 18 at 7 p.m. in the hall, and will go to Mass together at 10 a.m. on February 15.

High School grades 10 - 12 meet on Wednesdays February 4, 11, and 18 at 7 p.m. in the hall. This group will lead the Stations of the Cross on March 4.

Adult faith formation.

Adult Lenten Study: A group will meet on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in the Hall beginning Sunday, February 22. An evening class will be offered if there is enough interest. Contact Karen Rohlf ([563.357.4515](tel:563.357.4515)) or Mary Barnum if you have questions or wish to sign up. Information will be available after Mass on Sunday, February 15 at the Mardi Gras party.

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Table and Chairs in the Parish Hall update!

21 Tables were purchased for the hall. At the time of purchase parishioners had donated \$1,290. The purchase price was \$2,119.99. A second fund appeal was made after the purchase and an additional \$580 was donated for a total of \$1,870. All but \$249.99 was paid for by wonderful parish donors!!!
FEEL PROUD, St. Mary Parishioners, you are ALWAYS there to make things work!!



Would you like to become a Catholic? Would you like to learn more about the Catholic Church?

For people interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, a Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) class is being offered. If you are interested or want to sponsor someone who is interested, please contact Mary Barnum (stmarymaryb@gmail.com or 319.321.0715) or the rectory (563-886-2506) as soon as possible.



Celebrate Mardi Gras with pancakes and sausages Sunday February 15 in the hall immediately following Mass. Our students in Grades K - Confirmation will be attending 10 a.m. Mass together with

their catechists that morning so going to the Hall for treats before Lent begins will be fun!

The Stations of the Cross will be led at 7 p.m. during the Wednesdays of Lent, starting on February 25. Soup suppers will precede this devotion at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The Parish Council will be your hosts at supper and lead the Stations that first night. More particulars will be provided as the season draws closer.



Question of the Week

Then they came to Capernaum,
and on the sabbath Jesus entered the
synagogue and taught.

The people were astonished at his teaching,
for he taught them as one having authority and
not as the scribes.

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean
spirit;

he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus
of Nazareth?"

Have you come to destroy us?

I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

Jesus rebuked him and said,

"Quiet! Come out of him!"

The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud
cry came out of him.

All were amazed and asked one another,

"What is this?"

A new teaching with authority.

He commands even the unclean spirits and they
obey him."

His fame spread everywhere throughout the
whole region of
Galilee.

Mark 1: 21-28



Theme: Jesus has power over evil.

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear today's Gospel with its shouting demons, what words or phrases strike you?
What in this reading touches your heart?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

- **Question for Children:** Name some bad things that you want to pray that Jesus will take away from our world.
- **Question for Youth:** Jesus was able to free the man from the unclean spirit within him. What do you hope Jesus will free you from? What is happening in the world that needs Jesus' help?
- **Question for Adults:** What are the evils in today's world that you pray God will free us from?

Christian Experience Weekend

The Iowa City Catholic Deanery will host an overnight weekend retreat, open to all denominations, on March 6-8, 2015 for women and March 13-15 for men at St. Mary's Riverside, 51 St. Mary's Street in Riverside, Iowa.

The weekend begins 7:00 p.m. Friday and ends at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday. It is open to all men and women over the age of 18.

The cost of the weekend is \$50, payable to the Office of Evangelization and Stewardship. Please remember, cost will never prevent anyone from experiencing the weekend.

(Scholarships are available for those who request assistance.)

Contacts:

Jennifer Gerston	319-530-7539
Jim Cayton	319-530-7539
John Hanenburg	319-621-8465
Cindy Hanenburg	319-530-0329

To Register; Contact Julia Neff, Outreach coordinator
319-541-1906

Please make checks payable to :
Office of Evangelization and Stewardship

Please send form and payment to:
St. Thomas More Church
Attn: Julia Neff
3000 - 12th Avenue,
Coralville, IA 52241

What is CEW? A Christian Experience Weekend offers a chance to retreat from everyday life and take a look at who you are and where you are going. Throughout the weekend you will be given the time and the tools to rediscover yourself, your faith and your God. The weekend includes time alone and time with others on the same journey. As a member of Christ's community, you deserve the benefits this weekend can give you.

St. Mary's Church, Riverside, Iowa
Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale
Sunday, February 22, 2015
7AM to 1 PM