

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



January 10-11, 2015

**Baptism
of the Lord**

Liturgical Year B

**MASS
INTENTIONS**

- Saturday, January 10 -Mechanicsville**
5:30 PM Joan Svatosch
- Sunday, January 11 - Mechanicsville**
8:00 AM Aleen Driscoll
- Sunday, January 11- Tipton**
10:00 AM - Charles Kofron
- Monday, January 12**
No Mass
- Tuesday, January 13 - Tipton**
8:00 AM - Randall Sander
- Wednesday, January 14 - Mechanicsville**
8:00 AM - John Driscoll
- Thursday, January 15 - Tipton**
8:00 AM - Betty Wright
- Friday, January 16 - Mechanicsville**
8:00 AM - Aleen Driscoll
- Saturday, January 17 - Tipton**
5:10 PM - Carl Agne
- Sunday, January 11 - Mechanicsville**
8:00 AM -Aleen Driscoll
- Sunday, January 11 - Tipton**
10:00 AM - Lee Timmerman

Mechanicsville

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Tipton

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Mechanicsville Confession time:

Second and Fourth Saturdays from 5:00 PM until Mass.

Tipton Confession time:

First, Third and Fifth Saturdays from 4:45 PM until Mass.

Contact information for Father Richard Okumu, Shared
Pastor: Email: okumur@diodav.org
563-886-2506 -Tipton;
563-432-6236 - Mechanicsville

In case of emergency, you may reach Fr. Okumu by cell
phone at: **319-538-9009. PLEASE** use this phone number
ONLY in the case of SERIOUS emergency.

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

Parishioners who have an intolerance to gluten, please notify Father Okumu or someone assisting with the Mass. We now have low-gluten hosts available but must know in advance if this is your need so that they can be consecrated during the Mass.

Weather reminder: If Tipton and/or Mechanicsville schools are *delayed or closed* due to weather, the weekly Mass will also be cancelled that day.

PLANNING AHEAD:

During February Father Okumu will be traveling to Uganda to attend the Memorial Service for his mother. There will be regular weekend Masses, but no weekly morning Masses. Even though Father is gone, your friendly Parish Staff will still be available to help you with any questions or concerns. The Mechanicsville/Tipton sections of this bulletin will have phone numbers that parishioners may call during February to reach us.

The Center Ring Leaders 4-H Club wants to recycle your Christmas cards, and any other greeting cards that you have. Cards will be collected until February 1st, 2015. Cards will be recycled and used for art projects at Camp Courageous. They are able to use the entire card for their projects so you do not need to remove the back of the cards. Britney Ford has placed drop boxes at the church entrances where you can leave your cards. Thank you!

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January 2015 Ministries- Mechanicsville		
Eucharistic	Sat	Judy Aberle
		Scott Schroeder
		Diane Schroeder
	Sun	Susan Pisarik
		Marcia Driscoll
		Harry Driscoll
Lector	Sat	Gretchen S
	Sun	Lee Crock
Ushers	Sat	Scott Schroeder
		Mike Koch
Host Family	Sun	1.4 Dan Driscoll Fam
		1.11 Tom Poduska
		1.18 F McCloy Fam
		1.25 Rick Swan Fam
Altar set-up	Sat	Diane Schoreder
	Sun	Lori Crock
\$ count	Mon	Shirley Jarcozech

MCC Food Pantry: The pantry can use pasta, canned fruit, hamburger helper. Thank you for your continued support of the food pantry and its clients.

St Mary's Families:

Please pick-up your box of offertory envelopes for the 2015 calendar year. The boxes are in alphabetical order on the tables at the church entrance.



Knights of Columbus will meet on **Tuesday, January 13 at 7pm** in the church basement. All Knights are encouraged to attend.

50th Anniversary of Dedication of our

Church: Sunday, June 14, 2015, 10am Mass followed by meal provided by the Knights of Columbus. A program will follow the meal. The next planning committee meeting will be **Wed, January 14 at 6:30pm.**

Please share your pictures and clippings of church events that occurred between 1973-2015 in order to bring our church history up to date. Be sure to label them and they will be returned. Please give to Shirley Jarzombek ASAP so we can continue to progress with our planning this special event. Thanks for your cooperation.

Meals Needed for Guest Priests in February:

Fr. Okumu will be in Uganda for the month of February. We have guest priests for each week-end while he is gone. **We are asking for volunteers to provide an evening meal for each priest for Saturday evening after Mass. This meal should be brought to rectory in Mechanicsville on Saturday afternoon. Please call Shirley 432-6526 to reserve your Saturday.**

North Cedar Backpack: Our next "bagging session" is planned for **Thursday, January 15 at 2:30pm** at the United Methodist Church. Volunteers are welcome.

St. Mary of Mechanicsville parish staff contact
During February:
Shirley Jarzombek
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Home: 563-432-6526

St. Mary's Tipton Church
Contributions
January 3-4, 2015 = \$5,753.82



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Schedule

K - 7 meet Sundays January 11 and 18 in the Hall at 9 a.m.

High School Ministers meet Wednesday January 14 and 21 at 7 p.m. in the Hall.

Confirmation Class of 2016 meet Wednesday January 21 in the Hall.

Parents, of course you should always use your own discretion if the weather is "dicey". Your Director of Religious Education will be always at the hall to greet students but she only lives a couple of blocks away! If you are not in the habit of family prayer, this is a great opportunity to start trying it. If you are uncomfortable going out, gather the family and pray for those people who must go outside, such as those who plow the roads, drive the ambulances and fire trucks, farmers taking care of livestock, etc. You can also thank God for a warm house and for each other and your good health.

This past week Donor Substantiation Mailings were sent out. Please contact Maureen at once if you have any questions or concerns with the information provided.

Please note that the Diocese will send out their own Donor Substantiation information for both Annual Appeal and Foundation contributions.

Tipton

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St. Mary Church Reader List: Jan-Feb 2015

Date		5:10	10:00
Jan 3-4	(1 st)	Heather Syring	Peggy Driscoll
Jan 10-11	(2 nd)	Mechanicsville	Kathy Laing
Jan 17-18	(3 rd)	Cindy Kunde	Ann Pruess
Jan 24-25	(4 th)	Mechanicsville	Diane Moon
Jan 31-Feb1	(5 th)	Shari Crock	Michelle Ellerhoff
Feb 7-8	(1 st)	Mary Jo Williams	Tom Salrin
Feb 14-15	(2 nd)	Mechanicsville	Joan Wethington
Feb 21-22	(3 rd)	Bethany Newnum	Cindy Weber
Feb 28-March 1	(4 th)	Mechanicsville	Lisa Mosier



We were contacted recently by Janelle Stevens, volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, asking that we notify our parish that starting on January 16 (next Friday) there will be INSIDE work available for any and all volunteers. There will be two shifts of workers on both Friday and Saturday. The shifts will be from 9 to 12 and from 1 to 4 on each day. The work site is 1115 Linn Street here in Tipton.

Volunteers are much needed!!

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

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Mary Barnum, DRE

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Question of the Week

*This is what John the Baptist proclaimed:
"One mightier than I is coming after me.
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.
I have baptized you with water;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."*

*It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee
and was baptized in the Jordan by John.
On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open
and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.
And a voice came from the heavens,
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."*

Mark 1: 7-11

Theme: Baptism gives us new life.

Breaking Open the Word

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear the story of Jesus being baptized, what line or word touches you? What lingers in your memory after hearing this amazing reading?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

- **Question for Children:** Why does Baptism make you special?
- **Question for Youth:** You were baptized as a member of the Christian community. What does it mean to you to belong to this community? How is it a support in your life?
- **Question for Adults:** What meaning does your Baptism have for your everyday life?



It is only while we are alive that we can determine who will receive our worldly possessions when we are gone. When planning our Will we first think of caring for our family and those we leave behind. Please consider how much the parish is part of the family. You can leave a legacy of your faith by including your parish church in your Will.

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.