

St. Mary Catholic Church of Mechanicsville and of Tipton

January 17-18, 2015
**Second Sunday
Ordinary Time**



Liturgical Year B

Saturday, January 17 - Tipton

5:10 PM Carl Agne

Sunday, January 18 - Mechanicsville

8:00 AM Aleen Driscoll

Sunday, January 18- Tipton

10:00 AM - Lee Timmerman

Monday, January 19

No Mass

Tuesday, January 20 - Tipton

8:00 AM - Martin Okongo

Wednesday, January 21 - Mechanicsville

8:00 AM - Aleen driscoll

Thursday, January 22 - Tipton

8:00 AM - Randall Sander

Friday, January 23 - Mechanicsville

8:00 AM - Joan Svatosch

Saturday, January 24 - Mechanicsville

5:30 PM - Joan Svatosch

Sunday, January 25- Mechanicsville

8:00 AM -Aleen Driscoll

Sunday, January 25 - Tipton

10:00 AM - Lee Timmerman

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



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

Mechanicsville

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Tipton

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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.

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.

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.

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!

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.

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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January 2015 Ministries-Mechanicsville

Eucharistic	Sat	Judy Aberle
		Scott Schroeder
		Diane Schroeder
	Sun	Susan Pisarik
		Marcie Driscoll
		Harry Driscoll
Lector	Sat	Gretchen S
	Sun	Lee Crock
Ushers	Sat	Scott Schroeder
		Mike Koch
Host Family	Sun	1.25 Rick Swan
Altar Setup	Sat	Diane Schroeder
	Sun	Lori Crock
\$ count	Mon	Shirley Jarzombek

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 Mechanicsville collection: \$918.00

St. Mary of Mechanicsville parish staff contact During February:

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50th Anniversary of Dedication of our Church:

Sunday, June 14, 2015, 10am Mass followed by meal provided by Knights of Columbus and Women's Guild. A program will follow the meal.

The next planning meeting is scheduled for Wed, January 29, 2015 at 6:30pm at church basement.

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).



Knights of Columbus: We want to thank everyone who contributed to our 2014 Tootsie Roll Drive. We collected \$1037. The following donations were made to: Special Olympics \$80.30; Camp Courageous \$240.90; Discovery Living \$240.90; Cedar County ARC \$240.90. We also donated \$500 to a medical building project in Uganda. Fr Okumu will deliver this when he goes to Uganda in February. Our Fish Fry date has been set for **Friday, March 20, 2015**. Please mark your calendars! Thanks again for your continued support of our projects.

Christmas Decorations and Poinsettias:

Thank you to everyone who purchased poinsettias for our Christmas season. Please pick up your poinsettias from the Church entrance this weekend.

Thank you to the team of Christmas Decorators who worked to decorate and then remove the decorations for the Christmas Season. Special thanks for the beautiful presentation to Tom and Dawn Weiland who have been leaders of this team for six years. Their team included: Alan and Janet Dohmen, Al Heinen, Patti Lehrman, Jane Malaby, Rob and Gretchen Sutherland

St. Mary's Tipton Church Contributions
January 10-11, 2015 = \$ 2,349.35

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We remember in our thoughts and prayers the family and friends of **Mardell Fletcher**. Mardell died this past week and her funeral Mass was celebrated here at St. Mary's this Saturday. *We pray that the soul of Mardell, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



Coffee and Rolls following 10 AM Mass on January 25
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NEXT SUNDAY!!
ALL WELCOME



Last 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.**

Faith Formation Schedule:
K-7 meet Sundays, January 18, February 1, 8, 15 in the Hall at 9 a.m.
High School Ministers meet Wednesdays January 21, February 4, 11, 18 at 7 p.m. in the Hall.
Confirmation Class of 2016 meet at the church at 9:45 a.m. for Mass together Sunday, January 18, and Wednesday, January 21 at 7 p.m. in the Hall.
Adults: Lenten Study is being planned. Full particulars will be available next week.

Parents, of course you should always use your own discretion about getting children to class in unfavorable weather. If you are uncomfortable about traveling and choose to stay home, consider gathering the family together 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.
Another great resource for families at home is from Pflaum Gospel Weeklies - the publisher of our curriculum. Go to pflaumweeklies.com and click on "Online Resources" and then "The Gospel at Home". Let me know if you have any trouble accessing this; I'll be happy to help
Save the date: Annual Mardi Gras pancake breakfast celebration will be Sunday, February 18, immediately following the 10 a.m. Mass. Students have the opportunity to go to Mass with their catechists and classmates that Sunday and then enjoy pancakes and other activities back at the Hall.

Question of the Week

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God."

The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them,

"What are you looking for?"

They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —,

"where are you staying?"

He said to them, "Come, and you will see."

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying,

and they stayed with him that day.

It was about four in the afternoon.

Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus.

He first found his own brother Simon and told him,

"We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —.

Then he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said,

"You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.

John 1:35-42

Theme: God calls us to follow Christ.

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear this familiar story of Jesus calling his first disciples, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

- **Question for Children:** What can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?
- **Question for Youth:** Andrew seemed to know immediately that he should follow Jesus. Do you have that same sense of confidence in your faith in Jesus? What helps? What makes it hard?
- **Question for Adults:** In what ways do you experience being called by Jesus? What does he want you to do?

The "good news" newspaper

Be sure to include the latest issue of *The Catholic Messenger* on your family room coffee table, desk top or lap top computer or tablet. *The Messenger* nourishes your family with food for thought and keeps you informed weekly with diocesan news, special features, syndicated columnists, opinions, national and world news, along with happenings in our Catholic schools.

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