

St. Mary Catholic Church of Mechanicsville and of Tipton

January 24-25, 2015

Third Sunday
Ordinary Time



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Liturgical Year B

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

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 - Mardel Fletcher

Monday, January 26

No Mass

Tuesday, January 27 - Tipton

8:00 AM - Ray Rouse

Wednesday, January 28 - Mechanicsville

No Mass

Thursday, January 29 - Tipton

No Mass

Friday, January 30 - Mechanicsville

No Mass

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

Mechanicsville

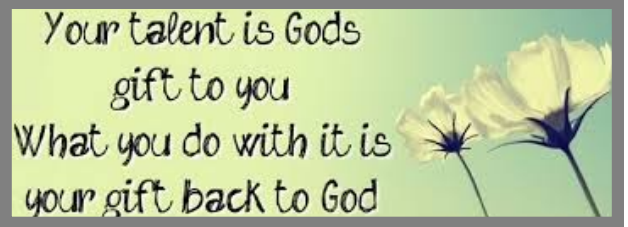
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Please Note: There will **not** be weekly
Masses this Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.



NEXT WEEK:

We pray for a safe trip for Father Okumu as he travels to Uganda to attend the Memorial Service for his mother. He will be gone from January 30 until March 1. 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 our weekend Mass Priests 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.**

Do NOT hesitate to call Maureen/Mary/Shirley --we will all be very happy to help you!!

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

Ritzinger Scholarship

Applications for the Marguerite Ritzinger Scholarship of the Diocese of Davenport are being accepted now through February 1. Any Catholic individual who plans to attend a college or university next fall may apply for a \$1,000 scholarship. (For more information on the scholarship, see this week's issue of *The Catholic Messenger*). Application form can be downloaded at

www.davenportdiocese.org/finance/finlibrary.htm.

St. Mary Mechanicsville collection: \$374.50

St. Mary of Mechanicsville parish staff contact During February:

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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, Jan 29 at 6:30pm in church basement.

Christmas Poinsettias: Please pick-up your poinsettias from the church entrance.



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

Looking ahead to Lent:

Ash Wednesday this year will be February 18. There will be a 3:00 PM Mass that day in Mechanicsville and a 4:30 PM Mass in Tipton.

St. Mary's Tipton Church Contributions
January 17-18, 2015 = \$ 3,943.75

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

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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. Meet Karen Rohlf and Mary Barnum for coffee and rolls at the hall immediately following Mass to discuss best times and topics!

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.**

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**Coffee and Rolls following
10 AM Mass on January 25**

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**THIS SUNDAY!!
ALL WELCOME**



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**Would you like to become a Catholic?
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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.



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. More particulars will be provided as the season draws closer.

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Question of the Week

After John had been arrested,
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:

*"This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel."*

*As he passed by the Sea of Galilee,
he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting
their nets into the sea;
they were fishermen.*

*Jesus said to them,
"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of*

men."

*Then they abandoned their nets and followed
him.*

*He walked along a little farther
and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his
brother John.*

*They too were in a boat mending their nets.
Then he called them.*

*So they left their father Zebedee in the boat
along with the hired men and followed him.*

Mark 1: 14-20



Breaking Open the Word

Theme: We are called.

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear Jesus calling others to be fishers of people, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

- **Question for Children:** What do you think it was like for the people in today's Gospel to be called by Jesus? What did they have to give up in order to follow him?
- **Question for Youth:** At the start of Jesus' ministry, Jesus invites people to "believe in the Good News." What are some ways that you could be more open to the truth and challenge contained within the Gospels?
- **Question for Adults:** If someone asked you, "To what work has Jesus called you?" how would you answer?

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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