

St. Mary Catholic Church of Mechanicsville and of Tipton



January 3-4, 2015

Epiphany of the Lord

Liturgical Year B

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 3 -Tipton

5:10 PM Dan Marchik

Sunday, January 4 - Mechanicsville

8:00 AM Leonard Weiland

Sunday, January 4 - Tipton

10:00 AM - Ruth Agne

Monday, January 5

No Mass

Tuesday, January 6 - Tipton

8:00 AM - Randall Sander

Wednesday, January 7 - Mechanicsville

8:00 AM - John Driscoll

Thursday, January 8 - Tipton

8:00 AM - Martin Okongo

Friday, January 9 - Mechanicsville

8:00 AM - Aleen Driscoll

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

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

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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.

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.

I would like to thank all of you who made a gift to me at Christmas time this year. It is a vote of confidence from you and I will do all that I can to help you grown in spirit. Please pray for me to be led by God to serve your parishes well.

And thank you to all of you who have contributed so generously to your Church this past year.

Also, please pray for me to have a safe trip home to Africa for my Mother's Memorial Service in February.

May God bless you for your generosity, and please continue to support us!

Most sincerely,

Father Richard Okumu

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St. Mary Mechanicsville collection:

Christmas Total: \$1,529.00
December 27-28: \$4,853

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 7 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.**

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.

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 Jarzobech

MCC Food Pantry: We served 45 families this month of December with 23 of those families utilizing the pantry twice. The families consisted of 79 adults, 68 children and 15 seniors. We registered 3 new families during the month of December.

HACAP pick-ups are scheduled on Tuesday January 6th & 20th at 2:00 pm. The HACAP order was for 1,077 pounds of food. We will need help unloading, shelving and bagging beginning around 2:45 on these days.

We purchased 100 pounds of 85% lean ground beef and 100 pounds of pork chops from Brothers in Lisbon. The store packaged the meat in 1 pound packages and provided us a very good price for the purchase. This meat was purchased with part of the Theisen's Grant money we received. We continue to have to access our food through local grocery stores as HACAP inventory has remained very low over the past several months. There is hope with the new year will come additional commodities.

Thanks to the generous donations of food and money our shelves are better stocked. We are running low on the following types of items at the pantry: hamburger helper, spaghetti, noodles, pasta, and canned fruit. If you see any good sales on these items please let me know.

Quaker Oats has donated two pallets of breakfast and snack items this month and helped replenish our breakfast inventory. We received over 4,000 pounds of potatoes through the United Methodist Church in Wyoming. We started to distribute these potatoes to our clients on the 18th and the 20th. Thank you to Ray & Judy Linder for delivering the potatoes to us.

Our December distributions are scheduled for the following dates with the 4th Saturday falling before the 4th Thursday this month. We will need an extra person to help at the registration table as we will reregister all clients beginning in January.

Thursday, January 8th 6:00 – 7:30 pm/Thursday, January 22nd 6:00 – 7:30 pm /Saturday, January 24th 9:00 – 10:00 am
I would like to schedule a **Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 6th at 5:30 at the Methodist Church.** This meeting will be to discuss if there are any changes we wish to implement in 2015. Please let me know if you have additional item to discuss. I hope you will be able to attend the Board meeting and feel free to bring a friend.

During the past few months we have received many generous donations of food and money. It is because of the community's on-going support we are able to continue to serve the number of families we do. For each of our dedicated volunteers, donors and supporters, thank you and God bless you. Have a very a Happy New Year! Scott Schroeder

St. Mary's Tipton Church	
Collected December 13-142014	
Christmas Masses	\$4,144.05
Sunday, Dec 28	\$3,935.50
Total	\$8,079.55

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FAITH FORMATION

Faith

Formation :

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Faith Formation classes resume Sunday, January 4, 2015, for students in Kindergarten through grade 7, and Wednesday, January 7, 2015, for students in grades 8 - 12

PLANNING AHEAD:

During February Father Okumu will be traveling to Uganda to attend the Memorial Service for his mother.

You will be able to make contact with Maureen at 563-357-7598 (cell phone) or 563-886-2114 (home phone) during non-work hours.

There will be regular weekend Masses during February, however, there will not be daily Masses.

More information will follow!!

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)	Mechacsville	Lisa Mosier

Bev Petitgout tells me that the Guild has taken in \$140 in good will donations for Religious Articles that they have made available over the last two months at the Parish Hall. They wish to thank all of those who were able to acquire some religious items and while making donations to the Guild. The women are very pleased that these items have been distributed for use.

THANKS!!

NOTEABLE:

- Steps to the rectory have been replaced! (Thanks Diane Wehde for getting that project going!!)

MYRRH AND FRANKINCENSE

The gifts brought by the Magi were both appropriate and expensive. The value of gold is obvious but what of the other presents? Myrrh is an aromatic substance made from the sap of Myrtle balsam trees found in India, Africa and Saudi Arabia. It is a natural antiseptic and useful as a medicine. Egyptians used myrrh for embalming mummies. It is now used for toothpaste and mouthwash. Incense is a hardened gum that also comes from trees found in the same areas. The word "Frank" comes from an old French word that means "marked." It is a stamp that the incense is "free" from contaminants or "pure". (Franking is still used for free mail rights given to members of Congress.) Incense was used primarily to cover up the smells caused by animal sacrifices. Hence it was connected with worship. @Fr. Richard Lonsdale

Question of the Week

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's ap-

pearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Matthew 2:1-12

Theme: *The mystery of the incarnation - Jesus is a gift to all humanity.*

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you listen to this familiar story again today, what one word or thought really struck you? What image do you take away from this reading?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

- **Question for Children:** In your life, who helps you to see Jesus in other people such as a classmate or a friend?
- **Question for Youth:** The star guided the Magi to Jesus. What are the people or events who have guided you in your relationship with Jesus?
- **Question for Adults:** How this past week did you demonstrate God's love at home and at work?



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.