

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Mary
Mechanicsville and Tipton



MECHANICSVILLE



TIPTON

March 13, 2016
5th Sunday of Lent

Contact Information

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Confession Times

2nd & 4th Saturdays
from 5:00 PM until Mass.

Holy Week Schedule: Mechanicsville

Holy Thursday Mass: March 24 5:30pm
Good Friday: March 25 5:30pm
Easter Vigil: Saturday, March 26 8:15pm
Easter Sunday: March 27 8:00am

St Mary's Mechanicsville

Parish Auction:

SAVE THE DATE !!

Sunday, April 3, 2016

Easter Lilies:

We welcome donations for the Easter Lilies we will purchase for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses. Each lily will cost \$10 and you should enclose your donation in an envelope with your name and the name of persons you wish to remember. Place envelope in the collection basket. You may take your lily home after Easter Sunday Mass.

Knights of Columbus Mechanics-

ville: We would like to thank everyone who attended our Fish Fry on Friday, March 11. We appreciate the good attendance at this event. Profits go toward helping the mentally challenged and other local organizations like our Food Pantry. Thanks again!



CRS Rice Bowl: Be sure to pick up a Rice Bowl for the season of Lent! Contributions go to Catholic Relief Services and 25% stays in our Diocese.

We received some of the money from last year and have used it for eliminating hunger in our community. Please be generous. Rice Bowls will be collected during Holy Week.

Father Richard Okumu, Shared Pastor

Email: okumur@diodav.org

563-886-2506 -Tipton;

563-432-6236 - Mechanicsville

In case of Serious Emergency, you may reach Fr. Richard by cell phone at: 319-538-9009.

Contact Information

208 Meridian St., POB 309,
Tipton, IA 52772

Email: tiptonstmary@diodav.org

Lorraine Polhamus,

Office Manager:

tiptonsm@windstream.net

Phone: 563-886-2506

Office Hours

Monday 8:30 - 3:30

Tuesday 8:30 - 3:30

Wednesday - contact Fr. Okumu

Thursday 8:30 - 3:30

Friday 8:30 - 3:30

Confession Times

1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturdays
from 4:45 PM until Mass.

Mass Schedule: Tipton

Holy Thursday, March 24 6:00 pm
Good Friday March 25 6:00 pm
Easter Vigil Saturday, March 26 8:15 pm
Easter Sunday, March 27 10:00 am

Easter Lilies for Church-TIPTON

Easter is the time for Lilies. Would you like to donate a Lily in memory of someone? The Lily would decorate our church for Easter Sunday and then you can take it home to decorate your home. If you are interested, please get a message to Lorraine (886-2506)

before **March 18**, or put an envelope in the collection basket with your donation and the name of the person/persons you are remembering. The Lilies will be **\$17.50**.



MECHANICSVILLE

Mechanicsville Contributions for March 6

Your gift of treasure:

Needed each week to make our Budget: \$1,345.00

Offerings Received:



Begins March 13
Don't forget to Spring forward

Loose: \$368.25
Envelopes(23): \$702.00
Catholic Relief: 20.00
Total= \$1,090.25

Ministries-Mechanicsville for March 2016

If you are unable to fulfill your responsibility, please find a replacement.

Eucharistic	Sat	Judy Aberle
	Sun	Brian Walshire
		Dan Driscoll
		Mollie Fisher
Lector	Sat	Diane Schroeder
	Sun	Donna Robinson
Ushers	Sat	Jerry Ortman
Host Family	Sun	March 13 Mark Dohmen Family
		March 20 Mark & Stacy Farrington Family
		March 27 Keith & Nancy Walshire
Altar Set-up	Sat	Sadie Stabenow
	Sun	Donna Robinson
\$ Counter	Mon	Shirley Jarzombek

LENTEN SCHEDULE

EASTER SUNDAY IS MARCH 27

Stations of the Cross will be held in **Mechanicsville** on Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

Each week a different group of parishioners will be leading the Stations:

Wed, March 16 Religious Education students

Wed March 24 No Stations; Holy Week

We will be using the Stations in conjunction with the Rice Bowl Program.

TIPTON

Tipton Contributions for March 6

Your gift of treasure:

Needed each week to make our Budget: \$3,300.00

Offerings Received this week:



Envelopes (77): \$2907.00
Loose: \$ 204.06
Catholic Messenger(2): \$60.00
Catholic Relief (5) \$230.00
Diocesan Cathedral(1) \$10.00
Holy Land (Good Friday) (3): \$60.00
Electronic (2): 170.00
\$3,641.06

We are currently -10,122.68 below budgeted income for this year to date.

MCC 5th and 6th grade Religious Ed class Service Project:

Sheets and Towels Needed: This class is collecting new or used sheets and towels to be donated to the Aleman Center in Kalamazoo, MI. We are working to help support migrant families. So we are asking that each family from St. Mary's donate 3 ITEMS or more of used sheets, towels, or kitchen towels of any size or condition so that we can take them to the Center over Easter weekend. Boxes will be available in the entrance of the church for your collections.

YES - - any size sheet is welcomed! King, Queen, Twin, flat, fitted, anything works!

YES - any bath towel is welcomed! Used or New, wash-cloths, hand towels, they all work

YES - all BLANKETS are welcome, how about those extras you never use, old sleep bags, baby quilts, and everything is welcomed!

We are partnering with my sister Barb Crock and Michelle Scheidt's church to make a difference! We can do this too! It's so easy! Got questions please let me know, thanks Joan Garner!

St. Mary Church Reader List: March 2016

Mar. 12-13 (2nd)	Mechanicsville	Ann Pruess
Mar. 19-20 (3rd)	Michele Ellerhoff	Bethany Newnum
Mar. 26-27 (4th)	Mechanicsville	Joan Wethington

St. Mary Church Reader List: April 2016

Apr. 2-3 (1st)	Ann Pruess	Cindy Kunde
Apr. 9-10 (2nd)	Mechanicsville	Joan Wethington
Apr. 16-17 (3rd)		Ann Pruess
Apr. 23-24 (4th)	Mechanicsville	Heather Syring
Apr. 30-May 1		Lisa Mosier



Saturday, Mar. 12 – Mechanicsville

5:30 PM - Eugene Weiland

Sunday, Mar. 13 - Mechanicville

8:00 AM - Louise Poduska

Sunday, Mar. 13 - Tipton

10:00 AM - Anonymous

Monday, Mar. 14

NO MASS

Tuesday, Mar. 15–Tipton

8:00 AM - Anonymous

Wednesday, Mar. 16 - Mechanicsville

8:00 AM - Anonymous

Thursday, Mar. 17 - Tipton

8:00 AM - Mavis Struble

Friday, Mar. 18 - Mechanicsville

8:00 AM - Anonymous

Saturday, Mar. 19 –Tipton

5:30 PM - Anonymous

Sunday, Mar. 20 - Mechanicville

8:00 AM - Ed Poduska

Sunday, Mar. 20 - Tipton

10:00 AM - Palm Sunday

*Church expenses can increase over time as more maintenance maybe needed and, we hope, as more people come into the church. Please remember to support the Parish now and in the future. When you do **Estate Planning**, please consider a bequest to St. Mary Parish so that future generations may be blessed with a solid place to receive the sacraments as you were.*

You can remember your loved ones with Mass intentions at anytime - not just at the time of funeral arrangements. If you wish to place a Mass Intention, please specify the intention when making the request, \$5 is suggested.

When dropping off money for Mass Intentions, please include the name of who the mass is for and whom it is from.

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.

Tipton Faith Formation

Grades K - 8 meet at 9 a.m., in the parish hall, Sundays March 13, and 20.

Confirmation Class of 2016 meets at 7 p.m. in the Hall, Wednesday March 16, as do **Juniors and Seniors**.

All students are welcome to attend the devotional of The Stations of the Cross Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. They are welcome to stay for the soup supper as well.

Adult: Special Lenten Study, *Disciples on the Journey*, Sunday mornings during Lent. Please jump into classes when you can. The guided study books are available at class or from Mary Barnum. **Adult Sunday School, Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.** in the religious education office in the hall. Hall doors open at 8:30 a.m. and the coffee is ready!

Pick up your Rice Bowls and other Lenten inspiration in the Church or at the parish hall on Sunday morning; it will all be available throughout this season of Lent. It is never too late to be charitable and learn more so get started anytime.

Students and parents are encouraged to attend the Triduum celebrations during Holy Week. Holy Thursday Mass at 6 p.m. March 24, Good Friday service at 6 p.m. March 25, and the Easter Vigil at 8:15 p.m. Saturday March 26. Easter Sunday Mass is at 10 a.m. (in Tipton).

Mary Barnum, DRE

stmarymaryb@gmail.com

Who will write your will? The state will if you don't, and the state won't include a bequest for St. Mary's Catholic Church, Tipton. Call The Catholic Foundation 563-324-1911 or email to

goedken@davenportdiocese.org, for more information about planned giving for the Church.

Eucharistic Ministers Training (Tipton):

Please note the date changes! This is a Mandatory meeting for all Eucharistic Ministers. Tuesday March 15. at 6.30 p.m. and Wednesday, April 13.

New interested people are invited to share their time and talent to join us. Anyone interested in sharing the responsibilities to serving Eucharist to home bound. Please make plans to attend one or talk to Father Okumu if neither date works.

St. Mary's Tipton Parish Council

will meet Thursday, March 31, at 6:30 p.m. at the parish hall. The agenda is posted on the bulletin board in the church, along with the last minutes.

Parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Tipton Parish Council Members are:

Mike Thompson, Rod Daebelliehn, Tom Salrin, Diane Wehde, Marcie Jedlicka, Cindy Kunde, Ed Pelzer, Dan Kessler, and Karen Rohlf.

REFLECTION - 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger.

But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

Jn 8:1-11

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Theme

Jesus' love and forgiveness offer true freedom.

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What lingers in your memory?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children

How does the Sacrament of Reconciliation help us experience God's forgiveness?

Question for Youth

Who among your family and friends do you need to forgive so that you can heal a broken relationship and experience newness?

Question for Adults

Against whom do you hold prejudices? Who do you believe is a greater sinner than yourself?

MCC Food Pantry:

We served 37 families consisting of 62 adults, 43 children and 26 seniors during the month of February. 18 of the 37 families utilized the pantry twice this month.

Our HACAP pick-ups are scheduled on Tuesday, March 22nd at 2:00 pm. We will need help unloading, shelving and bagging beginning around 2:45 on these days.

HACAP is holding a training session on delivering the highest quality food choices on March 23rd which I will be attending. Our Pantry should receive a \$750 donation from HACAP for attending this workshop. I will provide details in next month's updates.

The Stanwood Union Church Youth Group will be having it's second annual - **24 hour Hunger Challenge on March 12th**. Local youth will be collecting donations or food and money to purchase food for our pantry. If you are interested in donating or finding out more just let me know.

This was a great activity last year and the youth learned a lot about how much of a struggle it can be to purchase a variety of food, especially healthy food, when your budget is tight. The challenge will end and our fast will be broken when the group sits down to eat a hearty breakfast on Sunday morning. This year the Mechanicsville Youth Group will also be invited to participate in this challenge. We hope more youth means more pledges to support the food pantry and more random acts of kindness performed in both communities.

Our March distributions are scheduled for the following dates:

Thursday, March 24 th	6:00 – 7:30 pm
Saturday, March 26 th	9:00 – 10:00 am

Our pantry is fairly well stocked. We could use the following types of items at the pantry: canned corn, peas, soup, canned fruit, canned meat and pasta.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these updates.

Thank you, Scott



22nd Annual
Knights of Columbus

CATFISH
DINNER

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2016
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
St. Mary's Hall
TIPTON, IOWA

\$12.00 Catfish or Cod Meal
\$5.00 Under 12 meal (Grilled Cheese)

Fried Fresh Whole Catfish
or Breaded Cod Fillets
Baked Potato,
Green Beans, Cole Slaw,
Dessert and Drink

CARRY OUTS AVAILABLE

Lent Challenge

Fr. Eugene Benda Knights of Columbus Council No. 11468 has been challenged by their Grand Knight to give "40 Cans of Food for Lent". The goal of this program is for each Knights of Columbus council members to contribute one can of food per day during the forty days of Lent. The collected cans of food will then be donated to the local Tipton food pantry at the end of Lent.

We would also like to challenge any of our parish members to do the same. We will store the cans of food in the south west entry of our church. Please place your donated cans along the west wall next of that area. Thank you.

Jerry Droll, Grand Knight, K of C Council #11468



DO YOU THINK OF LENT AS A TIME TO GIVE UP SOMETHING?

IT CAN BE SOMETHING MORE.

FROM ASH WEDNESDAY TO EASTER SUNDAY, THE SEASON OF LENT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH AND RENEWAL OF SPIRIT AND SOUL. FROM THE COOL EARTH, FLOWERS BEGIN TO PUSH THROUGH THE DARKNESS TOWARDS THE BRIGHT SUN, AND IN ITS WARMTH THE BUDS BEGIN TO SWELL AND EMERGE. SO TOO CAN WE REACH TO THE LIGHT AND LOVE OF CHRIST.

IN TIPTON:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS WITH **SOUP SUPPER** IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE STATIONS IN THE PARISH HALL.
THIS WEEK, MARCH 16 — WOMEN OF ST. MARY'S.

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Life Line Screening will be offering preventive health screenings on **Monday, March 21, 2016 at St. Mary's Parish Hall**. As part of the screening event, Life Line Screening will offer *low-cost* take-home colorectal cancer tests called FIT (Fecal Immunochemical Test) in recognition of March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. These tests are simple, accurate, and recommended for the early detection of colorectal cancer. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the risk of developing colorectal cancer increases with age. More than 90% of cases occur in people aged 50 and older.

Other preventive screenings provided check for stroke risk, abdominal aortic aneurysms, and osteoporosis. **St. Mary's Catholic Church - Parish Hall** is pleased to make these important screenings available by hosting Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings.

Screenings are fast, painless and affordable. Three key tests check for blocked carotid arteries, an irregular heart rhythm called atrial fibrillation, and high blood pressure, which are the three leading risk factors for stroke. Strokes are the third leading cause of death in the U.S., yet, with preventive strategies, 80% of strokes can be prevented.

Other tests check for abdominal aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered and is appropriate for both men and women. Many events also offer blood tests, including cholesterol, glucose and c-reactive protein screenings.

Screening packages start at \$139. Single tests cost around \$70.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-888-653-6441. Pre-registration is required.

**CROSSROADS, INC.
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AND CRAFT &
VENDOR SHOW!**

Saturday March 19th, 2016
11am-3pm
@
CROSSROADS, INC. CEO
401 W. 9th St. Tipton, IA

Event Includes:
A Tour of Our CROSSROADS, INC.
CEO Facility!
A Variety of Crafters and Vendors!
Bake Sale!
Basket Raffle!
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