

St. Mary Catholic Church Mechanicsville and Tipton



March 14-15, 2015
**Fourth Sunday
Of Lent**
Liturgical Year B

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 14 - Mechanicsville

5:30 PM Aleen Driscoll

Sunday, March 15 - Mechanicsville

8:00 AM Duane Litscher

Sunday, March 15 - Tipton

10:00 AM - Margaret Kelley

Saturday, March 21 - Tipton

5:10 PM - Mardel Fletcher

Sunday, March 22 - Mechanicsville

8:00 AM - Vic Robinson

Sunday, March 22 - Tipton

10:00 AM - Randall Sander

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

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This weekend we welcome a familiar face:
Father David Hitch



Parish Knights of Columbus Fish Fries



- **Mechanicsville, March 20, 2015 (5 to 7:30 PM)**
- **Tipton, March 27, Catfish Dinner (5-7 PM)**



You can still sign up for online Lenten inspiration. This is especially designed for "busy, busy people".

Go to dynamiccatholic.com. Click on the "Best Lent Ever" button for free brief daily prompts for improving yourself. The daily quotes and/or videos are very short but very thought provoking.

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March 2015 Ministries-Mechanicsville

Eucharistic	Sat	Diane Schroeder
		Scott Schroeder
		Sadie Stabenow
	Sun	Carolyn Kilburg
		Joe Kilburg
		Jane Malaby
Lector	Sat	Judy Aberle
	Sun	Joan Garner
Ushers	Sat	Jerry Ortman
		Mike Koch
Host Fam	Sun	3.8 Kevin Fisher Fam
		3:15 S.Pisarik Fam
		3.22 T. Jarchow Fam
		3.29 Tom Weiland
Altar Setup	Sat	Tom Poduska
	Sun	Donna Robinson
\$ Count	Mon	Jerry Inman

Stanwood Lions Club Dinner Show,

Saturday, March 28, 2015

Dinner: 6pm; Entertainment: 7pm
Stanwood HS Gym, Stanwood,
Adults: \$15; Children 5 -12: \$8
Contact Jerry Inman for tickets
before Mar 20.

St Mary's Parish Lunch and Auction:

Sunday, April 12, lunch 11:30am;
Auction 12:30pm

We need items for the auction as well as volunteers to solicit businesses for donations. Please contact Shirley or Ryan Crock if you are willing to volunteer for going to businesses. In the past we have gone to Mt Vernon, Lisbon, Stanwood, Tipton, Clarence.

St. Mary Mechanicsville March collections to date :

1st- \$1,379.00
8th- \$754.50

Mechanicsville Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays of Lent 7pm

Please come to this special Lenten devotion and support the Confirmation class students as they pray the stations.

Reminder: Please complete and turn in your St Mary's Family Pictorial questionnaire ASAP to basket at entrance. Thanks for your great smiles and participation for the the Parish Family Pictorial !! Can't wait to see it! Questions call Carolyn Kilburg [319-455-3061](tel:319-455-3061).



Knights of Columbus will have a brief meeting following **THIS Sunday's, (March 15) 8am Mass.** We will finalize plans for Fish Fry. Please plan to attend.



Easter Flowers Mechanicsville: If you wish to donate for our purchase of Easter lilies, please put your donation in a plain envelope in the collection basket at weekend Masses. If your donation is a memorial gift and you wish to publish the names of those you are remembering, write the names on the envelope. And thank you for your generosity. (A suggested donation is \$10)



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Grades K - 7 - Meet in the hall at 9 a.m. this Sunday March 15. "Palm" Sunday is March 29 and also marks the beginning of Holy Week. Easter is April 5. Therefore, we do not meet again until April 11 and April 19.

*Please note that there is a change in the **Confirmation Class of 2016** schedule: Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 1 in the hall. We will NOT meet this Wednesday March 18 although all are welcome to come to the soup supper and Stations of the Cross. Students should please make the Triduum a priority - Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday Service, and the Easter Vigil Mass.*

High School grades 10 – 12 - This group will NOT meet this week although all are welcome to attend the soup supper and Stations of the Cross on the 18th.

Adult Lenten Study: Sundays at 9 a.m. in the parish hall. The study booklets are available now from Karen Rohlf (563-357-4515 / kjrohlf@netins.net) or Mary Barnum (310.321.0715 / stmary-mary@gmail.com) or find one on the shelves on the west side of the confessional. You may jump into this class any Sunday of Lent or study on your own at home.

St. Mary's Tipton Church
Contributions March 7-8: \$2,870.06

Lent 2015 - Tipton Schedule of Stations of the Cross

- **Wednesday, March 18***
6:00 p.m. - Soup Supper *in the Hall* - hosted by Knights of Columbus
7:00 p.m. STATIONS OF THE CROSS - *in the Church* led by Knights of Columbus
- **Wednesday, March 25***
6:00 p.m. - Soup Supper *in the Hall* - hosted by Liturgical Commission
7:00 p.m. STATIONS OF THE CROSS - *in the Church* - Liturgical Commission
- **Wednesday, April 1***
6:00 p.m. - Soup Supper *in the Hall* - hosted by Confirmation Class of 2016
7:00 p.m. STATIONS OF THE CROSS - *in the Church* led by Confirmation Class of 2016

New Altar Servers: If anyone would like to start serving at Mass and you are in 4th grade or older....Please contact Rachele Ham at 319-321-8643. New training is mandatory NEXT Sunday, March 22 after mass.



**Coffee and Rolls NEXT Sunday
March 22 following 10 am Mass**

This month's sponsor
Ken and Sarah Crock
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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 Maureen (886-2506) before March 28, 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 this year.

Question of the Week

Jesus said to Nicodemus:
"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life.
For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.
Whoever believes in him will not be condemned,

but whoever does not believe has already been condemned,
because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.
And this is the verdict,
that the light came into the world,
but people preferred darkness to light,
because their works were evil.
For everyone who does wicked things hates the light
and does not come toward the light,
so that his works might not be exposed.
But whoever lives the truth comes to the light,
so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.
John 3:14-21

Theme: We believe

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear Jesus words to Nicodemus today, which words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

- **Question for Children:** Who is one person in your life who supports your faith and helps it to grow?
- **Question for Youth:** The Gospel speaks of following God as coming toward the light. How can you move towards the light in your own life? What is the darkness that needs Jesus' healing in your life?
- **Question for Adults:** When is it difficult for you to believe? What particular line in this reading helps your faith?



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



Durant Post Prom Pancake Breakfast, March 29 7AM to 12 PM at the Durant Community Center. \$7 for all you can eat. 10 and under \$5.

You can dine in or carry out. All you can eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, and hash browns. Thanks in advance for your support for post prom!