

# St. Mary Catholic Church Mechanicsville and Tipton



March 21-22, 2015

**Fifth Sunday  
Of Lent**

Liturgical Year B

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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

### Monday, March 23

NO MASS

### Tuesday, March 24

NO MASS

### Wednesday, March 25 - Mechanicsville

8:00 AM Eugene Weiland

### Thursday, March 26 - Tipton

8:00 AM Martin Okongo

### Friday, March 27 - Mechanicsville

8:00 AM Betty Boots

### Saturday, March 28 - Mechanicsville

5:30 PM - Joan Randolph

### Sunday, March 29 - Mechanicsville

8:00 AM - Paul & Geri Crock

### Sunday, March 29 - Tipton

10:00 AM - Chuck Kofron

Website for BOTH parishes:  
[www.stmarystipton.net](http://www.stmarystipton.net)

Reverend Richard Okumu, Shared Pastor

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

### Confession Times

#### Mechanicsville:

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

#### Tipton:

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



Reconciliation

### WHY DO I HAVE TO CONFESS MY SINS TO A PRIEST?

Some people say that they don't need to confess to a man. They say they can tell God they are sorry and he will forgive them, anywhere, any time. Actually, that's true if you are only looking to be forgiven. But there is more to Confession (or Reconciliation) than being forgiven. If we are really sorry, we need to change, to stop sinning.

Anything is a sin if it hurts others. Most people don't think about others, so they keep on sinning. Confession forces us to take a look at our lives and see who our acts are effecting. The priest is a counselor who can explain why we are wrong and how to change. He's not there to judge or punish us. He's there to diagnose the problem and suggest a cure. He can explain things and even tell you if you're not doing anything wrong.

The penance is a small step towards changing our lives. We don't have to change our lives right away, but we do need to change. The Sacrament gives us the strength to make the changes.

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**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](mailto:vac@diodav.org) or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.

**St. Mary Mechanicsville  
March 14-15 - \$1,749.10**

**Mechanicsville**

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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



**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)

**St Mary's Annual Parish Auction: Sunday, April 12, 11:30 lunch and 12:30 pm auction!! Donated items are welcome up until the time of auction!!**

**Parish Family Pictorial Directory Questionnaire:** Be sure to complete and return your family questionnaire ASAP!! The directory will go to print soon!!

**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.

**LIVING IN THE LIGHT:** Are you a young adult 18-35 years old and looking for ways to grow deeper in our faith? *Living in the Light* is a day of personal and spiritual enrichment that will bring new meaning and purpose to your life in faith. Dr. Tim O'Malley from the University of Notre Dame will lead you through the day as you reflect on your life and faith with other young adults from across southeastern Iowa. Conference fee is \$35 by April 1 and \$40 from April 2 to April 15. Register online at [www.goo.gl/mQmLOJ](http://www.goo.gl/mQmLOJ) for more information visit <http://livinginthelightsummit.weebly.com/>.

**April 2015 Ministries-Mechanicsville**

Eucharistic	Sat	Judy Aberle
		Mary Juhl
		Brian Walshire
	Sun	Mollie Fisher
		Susan Pisarik
		Donna Robinson
Lector	Sat	Brian Walshire
	Sun	Susan Pisarik
Ushers	Sat	Jerry Ortman
		Mike Koch
Host Fam	Sun	4-5 Jerry Inman Fam
		4-12 Drew Garner
		4-19Kash Family
		4-26 Al Dohman
Altar Setup	Sat	Evelyn Walshire
	Sun	Gretchen Sutherland
\$ Count	Mon	Sharon Boyd

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### Faith Formation Schedules

**Grades K - 7** - Families are encouraged to attend "Palm" Sunday Mass March 29 and also observe Holy Week devotions and services. Easter is April 5. Faith Formation Classes meet in the hall at 9 a.m. Sundays April 12 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. 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 is welcome to attend the soup supper and Stations of the Cross on all the Wednesdays of Lent.

**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](mailto:kjrohlf@netins.net)) or Mary Barnum (319.321.0715 / [stmarmary@gmail.com](mailto:stmarmary@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 14-15 \$2,323.25

**Coffee and Rolls TODAY**  
(March 22) following 10 am Mass  
Parish Hall-Tipton



This month's sponsor  
Ken and Sarah Crock  
DBA Avantis Financial & Insurance

### Lent 2015 - Tipton Schedule of Stations of the Cross 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

### 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

**S**ome Greeks who had come to worship at the Pass-over Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.  
John 12: 20-33

### Theme: Death and New Life


#### 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 image of faith does this reading give you?

#### Step Two: Look into Your Life

- **Question for Children:** Name one thing you can do or stop doing that will help you have a better friendship with Jesus.
- **Question for Youth:** Sometimes one thing needs to die in order for something new to be born. When have you experienced this in your own life? What do you need to let go of now for something new to grow?
- **Question for Adults:** Name one area in your life that you need to let go of, to die to, in order to rise with new life.

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies just a grain of wheat remains



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.



### WILTON ST. MARY Spring Dinner

Family-Style ham & turkey dinner Country Store - Crafts  
St. Mary's Parish Hall Wilton  
701 East Third Street, Wilton  
Sunday, April 19, 2015 - 12 to 3PM

Adults: \$10.00 - Children 5-10 - \$5.00 - 4 and under Free

### Tipton Knights of Columbus Cat Fish Dinner

March 27 - (5-7 PM)

