

St. Mary Catholic Church Mechanicsville

and



March 7-8, 2015

Third Sunday Of Lent

Liturgical Year B

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 7 - Tipton

5:10 PM Richard Ruth

Sunday, March 8 - Mechanicsville

8:00 AM Louise Poduska

Sunday, March 8 - Tipton

10:00 AM - Alice & Leon Timmerman

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

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

Reverend Richard Okumu, Shared Pastor

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This Weekend we welcome our visiting priest
Father Fortunatus Rwehikiza



Parish Knights of Columbus Fish Fries

- **Tipton:** March 13 Shrimp Fry Carry Out (5-7 PM)
- **Mechanicsville,** March 20, 2015
- **Tipton,** March 27, Catfish Dinner (5-7 PM)



Complimentary Copies of *Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody* by Allen R. Hunt are available on the organ bench and tables around the church at St. Mary's in Tipton. This book contains personal stories of individuals who have experienced wrongful imprisonment, the deaths of children by terrorists, surviving a concentration camp, enduring racism in South Africa, marital affairs and divorce and still were able to feel intense grace, holiness and love by being able to forgive. Published by Dynamic Catholic, it also provides exercises after each story to help each of us learn how to forgive and live better, holier, more peaceful lives as a result.

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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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

MCC Food Pantry: We served 36 families consisting of 47 adults, 47 children and 25 seniors during the month of February. Of the 36 families served 20 of those families utilized the pantry twice. We continue to register clients as they utilize the pantry for the first time this year.

HACAP pick-ups are scheduled on Tuesday March 10th & 24th at 2:00 pm. We will need help unloading, shelving and bagging beginning around 2:45 on these days. The upcoming HACAP order is for 762 pounds of food.

Our February distributions are scheduled for the following dates:

Thursday, March 12th 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Thursday, March 24th 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Saturday, March 26th 9:00 – 10:00 am

We purchased approximately 50 pounds of 85% lean ground beef and 80 pounds of butterfly chops for our clients from Brothers Market in Lisbon. We also purchased 200 boxes of hamburger helper at Hy-Vee on sale at 77 cents/box. Our pantry shelves are much better stocked. However, we could use the following types of items at the pantry: canned peas or corn, canned fruit, pancake mix and syrup.

Community Activities Supporting the Pantry North Cedar Schools is conducting a canned food drive and we will be receiving part of the food donations from this

St. Mary of Mechanicsville parish staff contact During February:

Shirley Jarzombek

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St Mary's Parish Family Pictorial Directory:

Thank you for your excellent participation in completing the family pictures! Directories will be available in June!! We thank Carolyn Kilburg and her committee for doing a great job!!

Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays of Lent 7pm Mechanicsville

Knights of Columbus will have a brief meeting following the Sunday, March 15, 8am Mass. We will finalize plans for Fish Fry. Please plan to attend.

Easter Flowers: We will have beautiful Easter Lilies on the altar for the Easter Season. If you would like to remember a loved one by contributing to this flower fund, the names and checks can be placed in offertory basket through Easter. Please designate "Easter Flowers" on your check or envelope.

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.

effort.

The Stanwood Union Church Youth Group is holding a 24 hour event this weekend (March 6th & 7th) to raise donations of food and money for our food pantry. The participants will earn a can of food for each hour they remain awake.

The United Methodist Church Youth Group has set Sunday, March 22nd to collect donations from Mechanicsville residents. More information will be provided on this event through cable and fliers distributed around our community. Upcoming Events:

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry – Friday, March 20th from 5:00 – 7:30 pm at St Mary's Catholic Church

Stanwood Lions Dinner & Show – Sunday, April 12th Dinner at 6:00, Show at 7:00.

Mechanicsville Lions Club – Tour of the Iowa Eye Bank in North Liberty – Departing at 5:30 from the Memorial Building. Everyone welcome, please contact Teri Hoy for details

St Mary's Annual Lunch & Auction April 12th Lunch at 11:30. Auction begins at 12:30

Camp Courageous Omelet Breakfast – Sunday, April 26th in Monticello

Thank you for all you do for our community on behalf of the Mechanicsville Community Cupboard Food Pantry. Scott

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St. Mary's Tipton Church
Contributions Feb 28-Mar 1 2015 = \$ 2,891.34

March Schedules

Grades K - 7 - Meet in the hall at 9 a.m. On Sundays March 8 and 15.

First Reconciliation / First Communion Parents – March 8 in the hall at 9 a.m.

*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 meet at 6 p.m. and host the soup supper, then lead the Stations of the Cross in the church at 7 p.m. 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 meet on March 11 in the hall. No class 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 / stmarymary@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 of Tipton parish staff contact information during February:

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Mary Barnum

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Lent 2015 -

Schedule of Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, March 11

6:00 p.m. - Soup Supper *in the Hall* - hosted by Faith Formation Commission Members

7:00 p.m. STATIONS OF THE CROSS - *in the Church* - led by Faith Formation Commission Members.

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

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

New Altar Servers:

If anyone would like to start serving at Mass and you are in 4th grade or older....Please contact Rachelle Ham at 319-321-8643
New training is mandatory on March 22 after mass.



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

In those days, God delivered all these commandments:
“I, the LORD am your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery.
You shall not have other gods besides me.

“You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain.
For the LORD will not leave unpunished
the one who takes his name in vain.

“Remember to keep holy the sabbath day.
Honor your father and your mother,
that you may have a long life in the land
which the Lord, your God, is giving you.

You shall not kill.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife,
nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass,
nor anything else that belongs to him.”

Exodus 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

Breaking Open the Word

Step One: Listen to the Word

What in this reading touches you? What line or word in this reading caught your ear?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

- **Question for Children:** Share one way in which you “honor your father and mother.”
- **Question for Youth:** Jesus was angry – as we all get at times. When is your anger a good thing? When is it not?
- **Question for Adults:** As you hear the Commandments proclaimed today, which one of them really strikes you?



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You can still sign up for online Lenten inspiration. This is especially designed for “busy, busy people”. Go to dy-namiccatholic.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.

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!