

**St. Mary Catholic Church**  
**Mechanicsville**  
and  
**Tipton**

**May 2-3, 2015**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
Liturgical Year B

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**Confession Times**

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

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

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Saturday, May 2 –Tipton**  
5:10 PM - Mardel Fletcher  
**Sunday, May 3- Mechanicsville**  
8:00 AM - 1st Communion Class  
**Sunday, May 3- Tipton**  
10:00 AM - 1st Communion Class  
**Monday, May 4**  
NO MASS  
**Tuesday, May 5 –Tipton**  
8:00 AM - John Ryan  
**Wednesday May 6 - Mechanicsville**  
8:00 AM - Betty Wright  
**Thursday May 7 Tipton**  
8:00 AM - Dan Marchik  
**Friday, May 8 - Mechanicsville**  
8:00 AM - Louise Poduska  
**Saturday, May 9 – Mechanicsville**  
5:10 PM - Tom Walshire  
**Sunday, May 10- Mechanicsville**  
8:00 AM - All Mothers  
**Sunday, May 10- Tipton**  
10:00 AM - All Mothers  
**Monday, May 11**  
NO MASS



**Mechanicsville Community**

Vacation Bible School



**Sunday July 19 thru Thursday July 23 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. @ St. Mary's Catholic Church**

Ages 3 years to those completing 5<sup>th</sup> grade. No Fees. Registration forms will be available at your church office or information table.

**Questions please call Shannon Walshire 563-357-5142**

**MCC Food Pantry:**

We served 39 families consisting of 61 adults, 48 children and 23 seniors during the month of April. Of the 39 families served 23 of those families utilized the pantry twice.

Our HACAP pick-ups are scheduled on Tuesday May 12th & 26th at 2:00 pm. We will need help unloading, shelving and bagging beginning around 2:45 on these days. The May 12th HACAP order is for 882 pounds of food. Our May distributions are scheduled for the following dates.:

Please note the 4th Saturday falls before the 4th Thursday in May:

*Thursday, May 14th* 6:00 – 7:30 pm

*Saturday, May 23rd* 9:00 – 10:00 am

*Thursday, May 28th* 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Thanks to your generosity, our shelves are fairly full. We could use the following types of items at the pantry: spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, canned peas, peanut butter, pancake mix and syrup. –Scott Schroeder

**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.

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

**May 2015 Ministries-Mechanicsville**

Eucharistic	Sat	Judy Aberle
		Mary Juhl
		Volunteer
	Sun	Lee Crock
		Jane Malaby
		Joan Garner
Lector	Sat	Patti Lehrman
	Sun	Josh Poduska
Ushers	Sat	Jerry Ortman
Host Fam	Sun	5-3 1st Communion Class
		5-10 Mark Farrington Fam
		5-17 Ron Jarzombek Fam
		5-24 Mark Dohmen Fam
Altar Setup	Sat	Gretchen Sutherland
	Sun	Jerry Inman
\$ Count	Mon	Shirley Jarzombek

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**St. Mary Mechanicsville**  
**April 25-26 \$1,095.15**

**50th Anniversary of Church Dedication:** Sunday, June 14, 10:00 am Mass; lunch 11:15-12:30; Program 12:30-1:00pm

**In making plans for this occasion, we are asking each parish family to RSVP for the lunch between May 20 and June 5, 2015. There will be a sign-up sheet at church entrance beginning May 20.** Everyone is welcome to come for any and/or all the events that day. We need RSVPs for planning the meal.

**Knights**  **Corner**

**Knights of Columbus:** At our meeting on Sunday, we had great attendance for our picture for the church directory!! Thanks to Carolyn for doing this. The Fish Fry was very successful this year! Thanks to everyone who helped and attended the supper. We are able to donate money for the Mechanicsville Community Vacation Bible School expenses this summer. We donated to the Confirmation class for the meal they provided for the guests of the Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City. We donated \$500 to the Rice Bowl fund to meet needs of people in our Diocese and around the world. The Knights made a donation of \$500 to Katy Kash for her mission trip, Hope2Liberia, this summer.

**New Baptisms:** Congratulations to Caleb Snyder and Ava Snyder for receiving the Sacrament of Baptism from Fr. Okumu on April 25! Their parents are Jason Snyder and Melissa Snyder. Proud grandparents are Ron and Alice Snyder.

Our sympathy and condolences to the Francis McCloy family upon the death of his mother, Madonna McCloy from Delmar, IA on April 24. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

**First Communion Class:** Congratulations to the First Communion students for receiving the Blessed Sacrament today! The students are Logan Crock, Caleb Snyder, Sarah Hubler and Madelynn Wagner. The class has been taught by Katie Kash and Lindsey Crock. Thank you for your preparation for this special sacrament.

**North Cedar Backpack:** We have received a grant from the Cedar County Foundation of \$700. This will be used to purchase shelves for the storing of the food supplies in the Methodist Church. Currently we are using three metal cupboards that we have borrowed from the church. We need more space as our numbers have gone up to 55 students in Mechanicsville. The check was presented to volunteers of the Mechanicsville Center Backpack group on April 30 in Tipton. Thank you Cedar County Foundation!!

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**St. Mary's Tipton Church  
Contributions April 25-26 \$1,631.73**

**St. Mary Church Reader List:  
May - June 2015**

<b>Date</b>	<b>5:10</b>	<b>10:00</b>
May 2-3 (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Shari Crock	Bethany Newnum
May 9-10 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Mechanicsville	Kathy Laing
May 16-17 (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Heather Syring	Ann Pruess
May 23-24 (4 <sup>th</sup> )	Mechanicsville	Diane Moon
May 30-31 (5 <sup>th</sup> )	Mary Jo Williams	Michelle Ellerhoff
June 6-7 (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Jim Brus	Cindy Weber
June 13-14 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Mechanicsville	Joan Wethington
June 20-21 (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Joyce Brus	Cindy Kunde
June 27-28 (4 <sup>th</sup> )	Mechanicsville	Peggy Driscoll

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**WHAT:  
DRIVE 4 UR COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER  
FOR THE TIPTON SENIOR DINING AND  
MEALS ON WHEELS**

**WHEN:**

**SATURUDAY MAY 9TH, 2015**

**10:00 AM UNTIL 3:00 PM**

**WHERE:**

**101 W 3RD ST (OLD FORD DEALERSHIP)**



**2015 Parish Council Elections**

The purpose of the St. Mary's Parish Council is to collaborate with Fr. Okumu in providing leadership, direction, resources and encouragement to the apostolic and spiritual development of all parishioners by:

1. Priorities and Planning: To determine priorities and plan with the vision for the future.
2. Implementation: To ensure that programs and activities of the parish are carried out by Commissions.
3. Involvement: To involve everyone in the work of the parish.
4. Shared Decision-Making: To enable as many people as possible to contribute to the process of decision-making in the parish.
5. Cooperation with the Diocese: To cooperate with diocesan departments and through the Deanery Council with other parishes and to carry out its work

according to the priorities of the Dioceses and under its guidance.

6. Contribution to Diocese: To contribute to the formulation of diocesan goals and programs.

At the end of May, the terms of three Parish Council Positions will end and the Council is looking for people to fill these positions. The Council is comprised of members of St. Mary's Parish 18 years of age or older. On the weekends of May 9/10 and May16/17 we are asking you to nominate people you believe will be good candidates to serve on the Parish Council. (You can nominate yourself!) Nomination sheets will be in the pews on those weekends. Parish Council elections will take place @ weekend masses on May 23 and May 24. Please consider serving on the St. Mary's Parish Council!

**Request for Special Collection to benefit the people of Nepal affected by the April 25 Earthquake**

A 7.8-magnitude earthquake struck Nepal in the late morning of April 25, toppling buildings and homes, causing widespread panic, and claiming thousands of lives. Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of our brothers and sisters affected by this powerful earthquake.

Please join with the Catholic community across the United States in responding to our suffering brothers and sisters through a special collection for the work of Catholic Relief Services in Nepal to be held the weekend of May 16-17.

CRS is the official humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the U.S. and is already responding to urgent needs for shelter, water and food in Nepal. For more information, go to [www.CRS.org](http://www.CRS.org). Make the check payable to the St. Mary's Church with '*CRS Nepal Earthquake Relief*' on the memo line.

## Question of the Week

**J**esus said to his disciples:  
“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.  
He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit,  
and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.  
You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you.  
Remain in me, as I remain in you.  
Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine,  
so neither can you unless you remain in me.  
I am the vine, you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear

much fruit,  
because without me you can do nothing.  
Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned.  
If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.  
By this is my Father glorified,  
that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

*JN 15: 1-8*

**Theme: I am the vine; you are the branches.**

### Step One: Listen to the Word

When you hear the word proclaimed today, what phrase or image of the Gospel strikes you?

### Step Two: Look into Your Life

- **Question for Children:** How do you keep yourself connected to Jesus in your daily life?
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- **Question for Youth:** Jesus is the vine – we are the branches, connected to Him as our life-source. When do you feel most connected to Jesus in your everyday life? How can you go there more often?
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- **Question for Adults:** How does your own connection to Christ, the vine, affect your daily life? What image from this reading helps you see the importance of this connection to Christ?

#### **Church Women United**

Back by popular demand –  
“THE BAD WOMEN OF THE BIBLE”  
May Fellowship Day luncheon  
Saturday, May 2, 2015, 12:00 p.m. luncheon  
at First United Church of Christ  
600 Mulberry St., Tipton, Iowa  
\$6.00 at the door.

Make your reservations by April 28<sup>th</sup>  
with the UCC office @ 563-886-6361  
or Betty Ann Miller @ 563-886-2561  
or Shirley Pinegar @ 563-886-6948

