

St. Mary Catholic Church

Mechanicsville

and

Tipton

May 9-10, 2015
 Sixth 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 9- Mechanicsville**
5:30 PM - Claire Stabenow
- Sunday, May 10 - Mechanicsville**
8:00 AM - Mother's Day
- Sunday, May 10- Tipton**
10:00 AM - Mother's Day
- Monday, May 11**
NO MASS
- Tuesday, May 12 -Tipton**
8:00 AM - Dan Marchek
- Wednesday May 13 - Mechanicsville**
8:00 AM - Elmeda Bean
- Thursday May 14 Tipton**
8:00 AM - Mardel Fletcher
- Friday, May 15 - Mechanicsville**
8:00 AM - Mary Rose Walshire
- Saturday, May 16 -Tipton**
5:10 PM - Dan Marchek
- Sunday, May 17- Mechanicville**
8:00 AM - Louise Poduska
- Sunday, May 17- Tipton**
10:00 AM - John Ryan

Knights Corner



The Knights of Columbus wants to Thank and Honor all the Great Grandmothers, Grandmothers, Mothers and Mothers to be of our parish for all their hard work, dedication and love they give each and every day to all their family members.

We have for each of you as a sign of appreciation and thanks a carnation flower to be picked up after mass.

May you each have a Happy and Joyous day with you family. May God also continue to Bless all your works, actions and deeds you do for your family and the world.

Happy Mother's Day,
 Mechanicsville K of C

St. Mary Church Reader List: May - June 2015

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

New Office Hours for Tipton:
 Lorraine Polhamus will be in the office

Monday 8:30 - 3:30

Tuesday 8:30 - 3:30

Wednesday - contact Fr. Okumu

Thursday 8:30 - 3:30

Friday 8:30 - 3:30

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.

Website for BOTH parishes: 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	5-10 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
May 2-3 \$893.30

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. The meal will be a pork loin sandwich with potato salad, coleslaw, beans and cake. The Knights of Columbus and the Women's Guild will be furnishing the meal at no cost. Please contact your family and former parishioners about this event. Everyone is welcome to come for any and/or all the events that day. We need RSVPs for planning the meal.

Mechanicsville Community
 Vacation Bible School



This year's program is SonSpark Labs, a week of laboratory adventures and fun! Through their adventures children will discover God's Big Plan - 2 MAKE Us, 2 BE WITH Us, 4 Us 2 KNOW Him, 2 SAVE Us and 2 LOVE Us 4-Ever! We will have a great time with lively songs, creative crafts, exciting games, Bible stories and tasty snacks - all of the things that make VBS so much fun for children. On top of that, we will be helping children learn that God's plan for everyone is Jesus!

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

Ages 3 years to those completing 5th grade.
No Fees
Registration forms will be available at your church office or information table.
Questions please call Shannon Walshire 563-357-5142

The Church will have a Special Collection May 16, 2015 for Katy Kash.

St. Mary's (Mechanicsville) parish member and Religious Education coordinator, Katy Kash, has the amazing opportunity to travel to Liberia, Africa this July!

Katy has been a member of St. Mary's for 14 years. She is an elementary teacher in Anamosa at Strawberry Hill. On her mission journey she will be working with Liberian teachers to educate them on new teaching strategies, along with helping deliver water filtration systems and building a school.



The mission group called Hope2Liberia focuses on bringing clean water, education, and Christian faith formation to the 4th world, civil war torn, area. Katy needs to raise \$4000.00 to help pay for her plane ticket, water filtration buckets, and the postage necessary to send over new teaching materials. She could use your support financially as well as with prayer. If you would like to donate to her mission service, please place it in the collection tray any Sunday in an envelope labeled "Africa Katy Kash". If you would like to follow her trip she has an open group on Facebook called "Katy's going to Africa!" or visit www.hope2liberia.org!

St. Mary's Tipton Church
Contributions May 2-3 \$3,401.60

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Congratulations to our First Communicants!

Jacob Barton
Austin Ellerhoff
Zander Hagen
Zoey Hagen
Wyatt Ham
Jayson Johnson
Jilliyn Kessler
Ace McDonald
Laura Owen
Madeline Peck
Josh Stepper
Halle Williams

And thank you to their catechists!

Lisa Mosier
Melissa Kroemer
Paulette Meier

The students in grades 10, 11, and 12 – our High School Ministers – reviewed some of the projects they have worked on over the past year and earlier in their lives through the Church. Remember the well the parish contributed to helping us raise money to build? We took a look at it Wednesday night. You might be interested in seeing it too. Go to <https://my.charitywater.org/springofspirit> to be reminded of this wonderful project and see the results. You might be surprised to realize that our fundraising was four years ago. It seems to me that it's time to consider sharing our gifts with the world again. It is seed planting time ... will this one grow in our minds and bear some fruit?

Mary Barnum, D.R.E.

Marriage can be a wonderful vocation and God calls many people to it. But before the vows are taken, it can be helpful to have some advice. So a ministry in the Church for married couples is being a "Sponsor Couple". You can share your wisdom and support for engaged couples and your own marriage can grow richer by the experience. Training is available and you don't have to be young to do this; in fact, the longer you've been married, the more you can share! Please call the rectory at 563-886-2506 and leave a message if you are interested in being a "sponsor couple".



Save the dates for the Faith Formation big event of the summer!! "EVEREST Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power!" is the theme of this summer's Vacation Bible School (VBS) which will be July 20, 21, and 22. St. Mary Parish children ages 4 through those entering 6th grades this fall will be joining children from Tipton's United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, Trinity Lutheran, and Calvary Foursquare. Registration forms are now available.

Question of the Week

Jesus said to his disciples:
“As the Father loves me, so I also
love you.
Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will
remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father’s command-
ments
and remain in his love.

“I have told you this so that my joy may be
in you
and your joy might be complete.
This is my commandment: love one an-
other as I love you.
No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

You are my friends if you do what I com-
mand you.

I no longer call you slaves,
because a slave does not know what his
master is doing.

I have called you friends,
because I have told you everything I have
heard from my Father.

It was not you who chose me, but I who
chose you

and appointed you to go and bear fruit
that will remain,
so that whatever you ask the Father in my
name he may give you.

This I command you: love one another.”

JN 15:9-17

Theme: Love one another.

Step One: Listen to the Word

Which line in this reading caught your ear? What sense do you get
about God as you listen to this Word proclaimed today?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

- **Question for Children:** In what ways do you experience God’s
love, offered to you through family, friends, and teachers?
- **Question for Youth:** Jesus commanded us to love one an-
other. Who is most in need of your love and kindness right now?
How can you be more loving to those most in need this week?
- **Question for Adults:** Concretely, how do you show love to oth-
ers?





**Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Iowa Marriage Ministry**

Help us to support the Bishops' Initiative on marriage! Couples who make Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends not only rediscover the joy, intimacy & romance in their relationships, but also become more active in their parish. Together, we are making marriages, families and our Church stronger & healthier.

Would you like Worldwide Marriage Encounter couples to speak about how to improve marriage at your Masses on a weekend? We are scheduling Witness Talks and Parish Marriage Enrichments for 2015. For more information or to set a date please contact:

**Jeff & Janet Francis
563.608.6335 OR jljwwme08@gmail.com**



May 2-3, 2015

In the second reading today John encourages us to love one another in deed and truth not only in speech. Love your spouse in *deed* by giving the gift of yourself; make the time to attend the next Marriage Encounter weekend. Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are on September 18-20 in Ankeny or October 23-25 in Cedar Falls. For more information visit our website at: www.iowa-wwme.org or call 563-927-4352

May 9-10, 2015

In the readings we are commanded to love one another. Attend a Marriage Encounter to gain the tools to love your spouse more and receive the joy that it can bring. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on September 18-20 in Ankeny or October 23-25 in Cedar Falls. For more information visit our website at: www.iowa-wwme.org or call 563-927-4352

May 16-17, 2015

Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on September 18-20 in Ankeny or October 23-25 in Cedar Falls. For more information visit our website at: www.iowa-wwme.org or call 563-927-4352

May 23-24, 2015

Today is Ascension Sunday and we are reminded that Jesus is on his throne. Do we allow him to reign over our lives? Do we reflect this in our marriage relationship? Allow Jesus to be Lord of your marriage relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are on September 18-20 in Ankeny or October 23-25 in Cedar Falls. For more information visit our website at: www.iowa-wwme.org or call 563-927-4352

May 30-31, 2015

Today is Pentecost Sunday. Is there evidence that the Holy Spirit is working through us; are the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in our lives and marriage? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are on September 18-20 in Ankeny or October 23-25 in Cedar Falls. For more information visit our website at: www.iowa-wwme.org or call 563-927-4352

