

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Mary
Mechanicsville and Tipton



MECHANICSVILLE



TIPTON

March 20, 2016
Palm Sunday of Lent

Contact Information

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Confession Times

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

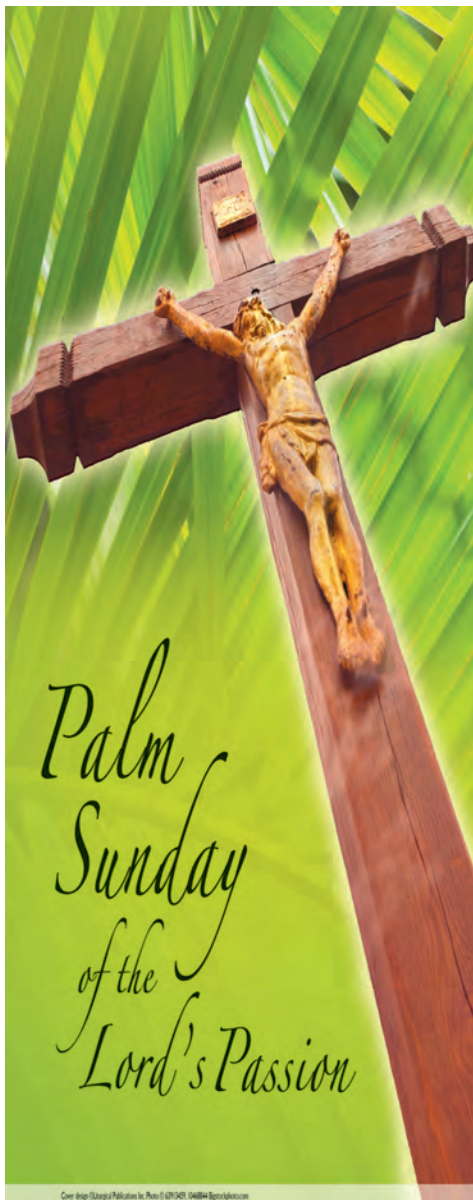
Holy Week Schedule: Mechanicsville

Holy Thursday Mass: March 24 5:30pm
Good Friday: March 25 5:30pm
Easter Vigil: Saturday, March 26 8:15pm
Easter Sunday: March 27 8:00am

No Stations of the Cross
Wed, March 23.

Rice Bowl Collection: Please bring your Rice Bowls or your donation to the altar on Good Friday service at 5:30pm. You may bring your actual Rice Bowl or you may bring a check to St Mary's with Rice Bowl noted on the check. Each family will be asked to walk up with their contribution for Rice Bowl. Our Diocese receives 25% of the total collected. Please be generous.

St Mary's Mechanicsville
Parish Auction:
Sunday, April 3, 2016



Father Richard Okumu, Shared Pastor
Email: okumur@diodav.org
563-886-2506 -Tipton;
563-432-6236 - Mechanicsville

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

Contact Information

208 Meridian St., POB 309,
Tipton, IA 52772

Email: tiptonstmary@diodav.org

Lorraine Polhamus,
Office Manager:
tiptonsm@windstream.net

Phone: 563-886-2506

Office Hours

Monday 8:30 - 3:30

Tuesday 8:30 - 3:30

Wednesday - contact Fr. Okumu

Thursday 8:30 - 3:30

Friday 8:30 - 3:30

Confession Times

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

Announcement: The hall kitchen is in need of small and medium size plastic containers for leftovers. Thank you, Bev Petitgout



Mass Schedule: Tipton

Holy Thursday, March 24 6:00 pm
Good Friday March 25 6:00 pm
Easter Vigil Saturday, March 26 8:15 pm
Easter Sunday, March 27 10:00 am

MECHANICSVILLE

Mechanicsville Contributions for March 13

Your gift of treasure:

Needed each week to make our Budget: \$1,345.00

Offerings Received:

Loose: \$166.00
 Envelopes(20): \$520.00
 Diocesan Cathedral \$15.00
 Electronic (4): 280.00
 Total= \$981.00

Ministries-Mechanicsville for March 2016

If you are unable to fulfill your responsibility,
 please find a replacement.

Eucharistic	Sat	Judy Aberle
	Sun	Brian Walshire
		Dan Driscoll
		Mollie Fisher
Lector	Sat	Diane Schroeder
	Sun	Donna Robinson
Ushers	Sat	Jerry Ortman
Host Family	Sun	March 20 Mark & Stacy Farrington Family
		March 27 Keith & Nancy Walshire
Altar Set-up	Sat	Sadie Stabenow
	Sun	Donna Robinson
\$ Counter	Mon	Shirley Jarzombek

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Eucharistic	Sat	Judy Aberle
	Sun	Shirley Jarzombek
		Donna Robinson
		Susan Pisarik
Lector	Sat	Gretchen Sutherland
	Sun	Jennifer Hubler
Ushers	Sat	Jerry Ortman
Host Family	Sun	4-3 Keith Walshire
		4-10 Ron Jarzombek Family
		4-17 Dave Wendt Family
		4/24 Mark Farrington Family
Altar Set-up	Sat	Sadie Stabenow
	Sun	Shirley Jarzombek
\$ Counter	Mon	Jerry Inman

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Tipton Contributions for March 13

Your gift of treasure:

Needed each week to make our Budget: \$3,300.00

Offerings Received this week:

Envelopes (34): \$1,338.04
 Loose: \$ 68.00
 Catholic Relief (7) \$ 100.00
 Electronic (1): \$ 120.00
\$1,626.04



We are currently -10,136.06 below budgeted income for this year to date.

St. Mary Church Reader List: March 2016

Mar. 19-20 (3rd)	Michele Ellerhoff	Bethany Newnum
Mar. 26-27 (4th)	Mechanicsville	Joan Wethington
St. Mary Church Reader List: April 2016		
Apr. 2-3 (1 st)	Ann Pruess	Cindy Kunde
Apr. 9-10 (2nd)	Mechanicsville	Joan Wethington
Apr. 16-17 (3rd)		Ann Pruess
Apr. 23-24 (4th)	Mechanicsville	Heather Syring
Apr. 30-May 1		Lisa Mosier



Gloria Jean Urmie, 73, Tipton, passed away Sunday, March 13, 2016 at Mercy Hospital.

We extend condolences to the family and friends of Gloria Urmie of our parish family in Tipton. Funeral Mass was celebrated here on Saturday, March 19 at 10:30 a.m. May she rest in peace. Memorials in Gloria's honor may be directed to St. Mary's Church-Mass, Tipton.

**Saturday, Mar. 19 –Tipton**

5:30 PM - Anonymous

Sunday, Mar. 20 - Mechanicville

8:00 AM - Ed Poduska

Sunday, Mar. 20 - Tipton10:00 AM - **Palm Sunday****Monday, Mar. 21**

NO MASS

Tuesday, Mar. 22 –Tipton

8:00 AM - Nick & Margaret Beuter

Wednesday Mar. 23 - Mechanicsville

NO MASS

Thursday, Mar. 24 -**Tipton & Mechanicsville****Holy Thursday 5:30 PM****Friday, Mar. 25 -****Mechanicsville & Tipton****Good Friday - 5:30 PM****Saturday, Mar. 26 -****Mechanicsville & Tipton****Easter Vigil - 8:15 PM****Sunday, Mar. 27 - Mechanicville****Easter Sunday - 8:00 AM****Sunday, Mar. 27 - Tipton****Easter Sunday**

10:00AM -LaForest & Ruth Jedlicka Family

Tipton Faith Formation

Grades K - 8 meet at 9 a.m., in the parish hall, Sunday 20. Please plan to meet up with your children there as usual but note that the palms will be blessed in the hall for the 10 a.m. Mass. We will carry them to the church in a Palm Sunday procession for 10 a.m. Mass. Families will sit together at Mass. **Confirmation Class of 2016** and **Juniors and Seniors** are encouraged to participate in the Triduum – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil.

Adult: Special Lenten Study, *Disciples on the Journey*, Sunday mornings during Lent. Please jump into classes when you can. The guided study books are available at class or from Mary Barnum. *Adult Sunday School, Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.* in the religious education office in the hall. Hall doors open at 8:30 a.m. and the coffee is ready! **NO CLASS ON EASTER SUNDAY.**

Even if you have not yet made Lent a season of growth for yourself spiritually, you can make Holy Week count for your spiritual life. Rice Bowls make almsgiving more visible and are still available to collect money to benefit Catholic Relief Services, the Catholic charity that works with the poor all over the world.

A reminder of Triduum times and dates: Holy Thursday Mass at 6 p.m. March 24, Good Friday service at 6 p.m. March 25, and the Easter Vigil at 8:15 p.m. Saturday March 26. Easter Sunday Mass is at 10 a.m. (in Tipton).

Mary Barnum, DRE

stmarymaryb@gmail.com**Eucharistic Ministers Training (Tipton):**

Please note the date changes! This is a Mandatory meeting for all Eucharistic Ministers. Wednesday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m.

New interested people are invited to share their time and talent to join us. Anyone interested in sharing the responsibilities to serving Eucharist to home bound.

Please make plans to attend one or talk to Father Okumu if neither date works.

Planned gifts of kindness are gifts from the heart to ministries of the Church. People of God are called to be good stewards, responding to God's grace in Christ through making financial gifts to others. A planned gift during your lifetime or a bequest in your will directs valuable funds to the ministries of the Church. For more information about making a gift to St. Mary's Church, call The Catholic Foundation 563-324-1911 or email to goedken@davenportdiocese.org

St. Mary's Tipton Parish Council

will meet Thursday, March 31, at 6:30 p.m. at the parish hall. The agenda is posted on the bulletin board in the church, along with the last minutes.

Parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Tipton Parish Council Members are:

Mike Thompson, Rod Daebellienn, Tom Salrin, Diane Wehde, Marcie Jedlicka, Cindy Kunde, Ed Pelzer, Dan Kessler, and Karen Rohlf.

*Church expenses can increase over time as more maintenance maybe needed and, we hope, as more people come into the church. Please remember to support the Parish now and in the future. When you do **Estate Planning, please consider a bequest to St. Mary Parish** so that future generations may be blessed with a solid place to receive the sacraments as you were.*

You can remember your loved ones with Mass intentions at anytime - not just at the time of funeral arrangements. If you wish to place a Mass Intention, please specify the intention when making the request, \$5 is suggested.

When dropping off money for Mass Intentions, please include the name of who the mass is for and whom it is from.

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

Reflection - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

The elders of the people, chief priests and scribes, arose and brought Jesus before Pilate. They brought charges against him, saying, "We found this man misleading our people; he opposes the payment of taxes to Caesar and maintains that he is the Christ, a king." Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so." Pilate then addressed the chief priests and the crowds, "I find this man not guilty." But they were adamant and said, "He is inciting the people with his teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to here."

On hearing this Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean; and upon learning that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod who was in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was very glad to see Jesus; he had been wanting to see him for a long time, for he had heard about him and had been hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at length, but he gave him no answer. The chief priests and scribes, meanwhile, stood by accusing him harshly. Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him, and after clothing him in resplendent garb, he sent him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends that very day, even though they had been enemies formerly. Pilate then summoned the chief priests, the rulers, and the people and said to them, "You brought this man to me and accused him of inciting the people to revolt. I have conducted my investigation in your presence and have not found this man guilty of the charges you have brought against him, nor did Herod, for he sent him back to us. So no capital crime has been committed by him. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him."

But all together they shouted out, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us." — Now Barabbas had been imprisoned for a rebellion that had taken place in the city and for murder. — Again Pilate addressed them, still wishing to release Jesus, but they continued their shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate addressed them a third time, "What evil has this man done? I found him guilty of no capital crime. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him." With loud shouts, however, they persisted in calling for his crucifixion, and their voices prevailed. The verdict of Pilate was that their demand should be granted. So he released the man who had been imprisoned for rebellion and murder, for whom they asked, and he handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they wished.

As they led him away they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus. A large crowd of people followed

Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.' At that time people will say to the mountains, 'Fall upon us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!' for if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?" Now two others, both criminals, were led away with him to be executed.

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." They divided his garments by casting lots. The people stood by and watched; the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews."

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

The centurion who witnessed what had happened glorified God and said, "This man was innocent beyond doubt." When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts; but all his acquaintances stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from Galilee and saw these events.

[LK 23:1-49](#)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Theme:

Jesus shows us how much He truly loves us.

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 lingers in your memory?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children:

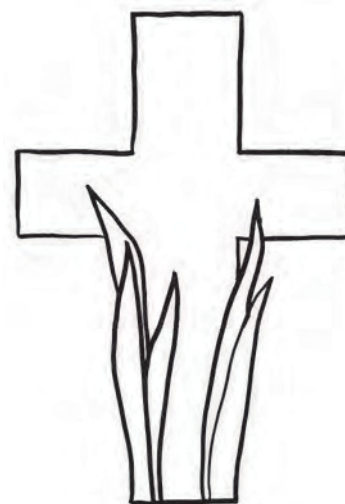
In your own words, what does the suffering and death of Christ mean to you?

Question for Youth:

How can you spend time with each member of your family this week in a way that will communicate your love for them?

Question for Adults:

In your own words, what does the suffering and death of Christ mean to you?



March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Life Line Screening will be offering preventive health screenings on **Monday, March 21, 2016 at St. Mary's Parish Hall**. As part of the screening event, Life Line Screening will offer *low-cost* take-home colorectal cancer tests called FIT (Fecal Immunochemical Test) in recognition of March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. These tests are simple, accurate, and recommended for the early detection of colorectal cancer. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the risk of developing colorectal cancer increases with age. More than 90% of cases occur in people aged 50 and older.

Other preventive screenings provided check for stroke risk, abdominal aortic aneurysms, and osteoporosis. **St. Mary's Catholic Church - Parish Hall** is pleased to make these important screenings available by hosting Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings.

Screenings are fast, painless and affordable. Three key tests check for blocked carotid arteries, an irregular heart rhythm called atrial fibrillation, and high blood pressure, which are the three leading risk factors for stroke. Strokes are the third leading cause of death in the U.S., yet, with preventive strategies, 80% of strokes can be prevented.

Other tests check for abdominal aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered and is appropriate for both men and women. Many events also offer blood tests, including cholesterol, glucose and c-reactive protein screenings.

Screening packages start at \$139. Single tests cost around \$70.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-888-653-6441. Pre-registration is required.

Rice Bowls!! Please remember to turn in your Rice Bowl money On Good Friday!!



DO YOU THINK OF LENT AS A TIME TO GIVE UP SOMETHING?

IT CAN BE SOMETHING MORE.

FROM ASH WEDNESDAY TO EASTER SUNDAY, THE SEASON OF LENT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH AND RENEWAL OF SPIRIT AND SOUL. FROM THE COOL EARTH, FLOWERS BEGIN TO PUSH THROUGH THE DARKNESS TOWARDS THE BRIGHT SUN, AND IN ITS WARMTH THE BUDS BEGIN TO SWELL AND EMERGE. SO TOO CAN WE REACH TO THE LIGHT AND LOVE OF CHRIST.

IN TIPTON:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS WITH **SOUP SUPPER** IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE STATIONS IN THE PARISH HALL.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: PALM SUNDAY, THE 20TH, MASS AT 10 A.M., HOLY THURSDAY, 6 P.M., GOOD FRIDAY, 6 P.M., EASTER VIGIL, 8:15 P.M.

