

St. Mary: Meetings & News

January 22

Lector:
Jim Wessels, Linda Sudtelgte

Communion:
Lisa Kielty, Stanton Brandt,
alt. Charlene Reysack

Ushers:
Bob Burkle, Larry Freeseaman,
Robert Harms, Jeremy Kurth

Greeters:
Steve and Jan Abbas

**Communion to the
Homebound:**
Kathy Burkle

Altar Servers:
Austin Ubben, Travis Pfaltzgraff

Collection Jan 8

Offertory \$121
Envelopes \$1188
Christmas \$2

Meetings

Pastoral Council January 24

News

MEALS ON WHEELS schedule is in the monthly newsletter, please take notice of the dates you signed up for.

Daffodil Days - The American Cancer Society sells Daffodils as a fundraiser and as a symbol of hope in the fight against cancer. Daffodil Days are the week of March 12th. If you or your business, or your place of employment, would like to purchase Daffodils please let Jessica Schipper know by February 21. Also your payment is due at the time of your order. Call 847-0011 or 319-239-5815

PANS & DISHES NEED TO BE PICKED UP. There are pans and dishes from the cookie walk in the parish hall on the table by the piano.

THANK YOU to St. Mary's for the gift given to me at Christmas, your generosity is very much appreciated. Thank you Deacon Dave

INTERNATIONALIZE YOUR CONGREGATION host a high school foreign exchange student. By opening your home and hearts to one of these English-speaking students, you would be fostering a friendship that crosses all national and cultural borders. International Student Exchange is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting world peace one student at a time. Host families are expected to provide room, board and a loving, caring, supportive environment. Students have their own spending money for everything else and are fully insured. Talk to Jeff or Joan Frazier or call Vonnie at 319-278-4072 if you have any questions or are interested.

St. Patrick: Meetings & News-

MEETINGS:

Parish Community Life- Monday, Jan 16 at 6:00pm
Knights of Columbus- Tuesday, January 17 at 7:00pm
Liturgy- Wednesday, January 18 at 5:30pm

It seems winter has finally found us- coats, warm outerwear and blankets are in great demand, if you have new or gently used items that you would like to donate, please bring them to the Parish Hall.

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if you feed those who are hungry and take care of the needs of those who are troubled, then your light will shine in the darkness, and you will be bright like sunshine at noon. Isaiah 58:10 The St. Patrick's food pantry is in greater need than ever. In this New Year, we could resolve to put one extra item in our grocery cart each trip for those who cannot.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE STEAK DINNER & MEETING-

If you are a Knight and you have paid your 2012 annual dues then YOU get a free steak dinner served up hot and good by our very own Ray Murray and his crew. The dinner starts at 6:30 and the meeting at 7pm. Come with an appetite....come with your dues(\$25)..but be sure to come to the monthly Knights of Columbus meeting-- January 17. Our financial secretary, Tim Roberts, will be present to help you with that pesky paperwork. If you are not a Knight, but think you might like to become one, then YOU TOO can get a hot juicy steak free of charge. All you have to do is tell a current Knight that you think you might like to join our charitable, fun-loving group. The meeting and dinner will be on January 17th. **So that Ray knows how many steaks to order, please RSVP your dinner by calling Ray at 641-456-4632 or email Marty Soper at soap@mchsi.com**

~The High school youth will be playing bingo at the nursing homes January 25, and we are in need of prizes. Please help us by donating prizes and putting them in the box at the back of the church. The following items are just suggestions: socks, flavored coffees and teas, fingernail polish, jewelry, pens and notebooks, hidden word books and crosswords.~



Cookie Walk a big success: A big thank you to everyone who helped make the annual cookie walk a big success. We cleared approximately \$2476.98. Besides the income from the cookies, crafts, kitchen sales, and raffle, we applied for and received a \$250 matching grant from Wal-Mart. The cookie walk is fun and an easy way to make a nice sum for the church. We sold out of cookies in a little more than 2 hours. Thank you to everyone who made the delicious cookies and candy and also a big thank you to those who helped that day.
~ Arlene Jhuente and Mary O'Brien, co-chairs

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, January 22

Lector -Maggie Pearson
Servers - A.Wolfe/A&R.Gonzales
Communion Ministers- T.Crane/J.Wolfe
R.Winters /M.Benning(W)/P.Vondra(W)
Ushers - Duane Kelch/Jim Garrett
Greeters-J&M.Kangley/D&R.Kelch
Money Counters-C&K.Donnelly/
C.Dirksen
Organist - Leon Kuehner
Communion Ministers to the Homebound -
Ryan Winters January 14-20
Steve Robinson January 21-27
Sacristan-A.Markwardt
Children's Liturgy -M.Benning/C.Logan/
M.Vetter

Saturday, January 21

Lector -Ron Schermer
Servers -A.Baltes/H&E.Dunt
Communion Ministers -
R.Dunt(W)
K.Dunt(W)
Ushers -Jeff Baltes/Ray Murray
Greeters-A&J.Rocha/M.Gleisner
Sacristan- D.Schermer

Our Sacrificial Gift of Thanks & Praise

January 7-8

Bud. Env./Current Exp...	2,619.50
Average needed weekly...	2,879.33
Average received weekly...	2,602.81
Number of Envelopes Received	62
Number of Envelope Holders	320
Bud. Env./Maint. & Improv.	241.50
Offertory.....	350.62
Social Assistance.....	290.00

December 24-25

Budget.....	3,436.00
Offertory.....	983.66
Maint & Improv.....	60.00

HISTORY BOOK OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DUBUQUE

You may or may not recall that, in the bulletin of July 10, 2011, I wrote about a "coffee-table-size" edition of the History of the Archdiocese that was being prepared for the 175th anniversary. A smaller "comic book" history was also in the works. I offered to receive pre-orders rather than invest in a supply, but no one responded at the time. **The books are now available.** We have display copies of each for each parish. If you are now interested, I am confident that some will be available somewhere. The price for the large book will probably be about \$35.00, and the small one perhaps \$5.00 or so. Parish copies will be on display in the coming weeks. Please contact the Parish Office.

Pilgrimage to Rome: Archbishop Hanus is inviting members of the Archdiocese to join him on a pilgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land from March 12 to March 24, 2012. This pilgrimage is part of the 175th Anniversary celebration of the Archdiocese. For a brochure with more information, please contact the parish office or the web site of the Archdiocese: www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us. You may also call Jackie Doser at Travel Headquarters (800) 383-0563.

Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Supper
will be January 29th at St. Patrick from
4:30-6:30. Tickets are \$7.00 adults/
\$3.00 children 12 & under.

Have you considered becoming a Deacon?

Jesus said, "Come and see." (Jn 1:39)
The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is recruiting married or single men interested in becoming a Permanent Deacon. The call to the diaconate is a call to a vocation. It requires prayer, commitment, and dedication. Interested men between the ages of 32 and 58, and their wives if married, are invited to attend an **"Information Meeting" on Tuesday, January 24 at St. Mary Parish, Greene at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** Other interested persons are also welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Deacon Tom Lang at 800-876-3546 ext. 252.

MARRIED COUPLES-In the second reading today St. Paul tells us that we are a temple of the Holy Spirit! Do your lives and marriage relationship reflect this truth? Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and receive the tools needed to let God be glorified in your marriage. The next weekend is in Cedar Falls Iowa Feb. 10-12, 2012 and the one after that is March 30-April 1 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. To register or for more information contact Roger and Marsha Luensmann at 563-927-4352. Visit <http://www.iowa-wwme.org> for more information.

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Deacon: Dave Jones

DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION: Jolene Harms

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Bookkeeping/Maint: Brent & Sue Harrenstein

Secretary: Angi Wright

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Preparation classes required. Contact DFF

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Contact pastor six months in advance.

RECONCILIATION: St. Patrick Saturday: 4:30 to 5:00 PM St. Mary Sunday: 7:30am

ARCHDIOCESE WEBSITE

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Please consider a tithe to your parish when preparing or receiving your will.

St. Mary/St. Patrick

January 15, 2012

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Statement of St. Mary & St. Patrick Catholic Church

"We, the Roman Catholic communities of St. Mary & St. Patrick are to be witnesses of God's plan of salvation. Through the teachings of Jesus Christ, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we strive to be stewards of our faith."



From Father Bernie

Americans honor the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. with a national holiday celebrated on the third Monday of each January. The holiday was established to serve as a time for Americans to reflect on the principles of racial equality and nonviolent social change advocated by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Some of us are old enough to remember his good work as a political organizer and advocate of nonviolent protest, as well as his assassination. I was in my last year in seminary, and had remained in the chapel for a time following night prayer. One seminarian returned from his room and made the announcement to us. It is memorable because of the tragic nature of his death (and probably also because we seminarians were not permitted to have radios in our rooms!)

As I write, we have just celebrated Epiphany, Our Lord's manifestation as Savior to all people of all time. We rejoice that Jesus was sent to invite us to the joy of Eternal Life even though we did not belong to the Chosen Race of the Jewish people who kept God's promise alive. And we are called to live and proclaim Epiphany - we are all children of God, brothers and sisters of His Son our Lord Jesus Christ.

A reality that troubles me is that the crime and murder rate for minority races continues to be so out of proportion to the general population. There seems to exist an anger and hopelessness among minority groups. Civil rights legislation has established the legal framework for racial equality in the United States, but many hearts have apparently not been changed.

In 1957, Dr. King declared: "I am convinced that love is the most durable power in the world. It is not an expression of impractical idealism, but of practical realism. Far from being the pious injunction of a Utopian dreamer, love is an absolute necessity for the survival of our civilization.

To return hate for hate does nothing but intensify the existence of evil in the universe. Someone must have sense enough and religion enough to cut off the chain of hate and evil, and this can only be done through love.