

# St. Mary: Meetings & News

## January 8

**Lector:** Steve Abbas, Jodi Uthe  
**Communion:** Pat Laing, Denise Sprain,  
 alt. Larry Freeseaman  
**Ushers:** Gary Bonewitz, Richard Bloom,  
 Jim Wessels, Jeremy Kurth  
**Greeters:** Dave and Barb Keninger  
**Communion to the Homebound:** Kathy Burkle  
**Altar Servers:** Kaylynn Huttinger, Morgan Harms

## Collection December 24-25

**Adult envelopes** \$3326  
**Offertory** \$296  
**Christmas flowers** \$30  
**Retirement fund** \$310  
**Christmas offering** \$270

## MEETINGS:

**Board of Education-** Monday, Jan. 9, 7:00pm at St. Mary

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

\*Religious Education classes begin January 11\*

Happy New Year!

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.  
 Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.  
 It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us.  
 We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?  
 Actually, who are you not to be?  
 You are a child of God.  
 Your playing small does not serve the world.  
 There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you.  
 We are all meant to shine, as children do.  
 We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.  
 It is not just in some of us; it is in everyone.  
 And as we let our own light shine,  
 we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.  
 As we are liberated from our own fear,  
 our presence automatically liberates others.



# St. Patrick: Meetings & News-

## MEETINGS:

**Board of Education-** Monday, Jan. 9, 7:00pm at St. Mary  
**Pastoral Council-** Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30pm  
**Finance Council-** Thursday, January 12 at 5:30pm  
**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

**Coats , warm outerwear and blankets** are still in great demand, if you have new or gently used items that you would like to donate, please bring them to the Parish Hall.

## TAKE DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:

Christmas decorations at church will be removed and stored on Sunday, January 8, following the 10:00am Mass. Your help is needed. Please plan to take the time to participate.

## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT-

The St. Patrick's food pantry shelves are getting quite bare, any (in date) non-perishable food items would be greatly appreciated.

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## Liturgical Roles

### Saturday, January 7

**Lector** -Madonna Weiland  
**Servers** -M.Valenzuela/C.Wragge  
**Communion Ministers** - D.Schermer(W)  
 L.Hoy(W)  
**Ushers** -Jeff Baltes/Ray Murray  
**Greeters**-R&D.Schermer/J&L.Alonzo  
**Sacristan-** D.Schermer

### Sunday, January 8

**Lector** -Eric Christianson  
**Servers** - N.Vetter/A&P.Teggatz  
**Communion Ministers-** D.Roberts/M.Rosenberg  
 K.Rowen(W)/J.Showalter(W)/D.Sullivan  
**Ushers** - Duane Kelch/Jim Garrett  
**Greeters**-S&C.Dirksen/M.Bertelsen  
**Money Counters**-J&J.Ripperger/J.Birdsell  
**Organist** - Leon Kuehner  
**Communion Ministers to the Homebound** -  
 Bob Schaefer Dec 31-Jan 6  
 Marty & Cindy Soper January 7-13  
**Sacristan**-A.Markwardt

**Children's Liturgy** -Camille & Vitta Cavazos

### Our Sacrificial Gift of Thanks & Praise

December 24-25

Bud. Env./Current Exp...	2,510.52
Average needed weekly...	2,879.33
Average received weekly...	2,566.34
Number of Envelopes Received	64
Number of Envelope Holders	320
Bud. Env./Maint. & Improv.	229.00
Offertory.....	253.04
Social Assistance.....	100.00

Pastor: Father Bernard C. Grady

Deacon: Dave Jones

DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION: Jolene Harms

St. Mary

St. Patrick

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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

[www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us](http://www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us)

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

#### 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 175<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Christmas Giving

*I trust that you will generously remember your parish as part of your Christmas gift-giving. I know that these are difficult economic times for some people. I also know that these are not especially difficult economic times for others of us, and that these have been especially good economic times for some people. May we each respond according to our blessings with a special sacrifice for the needs of our parish as we celebrate Christ's birth.*

**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 175<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us). You may also call Jackie Doser at Travel Headquarters (800) 383-0563.

# St. Mary/St. Patrick

January 1, 2012

Mary the Holy Mother of God

#### 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."

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. January 2

No Mass

Tues. January 3

St. Patrick, 5:30pm

Wed. January 4

St. Mary, 11:00am

Louis Grady (birthday)

Thu. January 5

St. Patrick, 8:30am

Fri. January 6

St. Patrick, 8:30am

Sat. January 7

St. Patrick, 5:00pm

Bill Gleisner

St. Patrick, 7:00pm (Spanish)

For the Parishes

Sun. January 8

St. Mary, 8:00am

Frances Burkle

St. Patrick, 10:00am

Randy Heng

#### From Father Bernie

January 1, New Year's Day, has been observed as a holy day of the Church for various reasons over the years: The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord (when He was circumcised); The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; the World Day of Prayer for Peace. Within families it is often the opportunity to celebrate Christmas with the "other side of the extended family", or with friends. It is also a big day for football!

Today's Gospel reading is about the shepherds' discovery of the Holy Family in the stable at Bethlehem and their excitement. They even caused Mary to be surprised at their overwhelming joy. "And she kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Eight days later, Mary and Joseph take the baby to the temple where he is named Jesus.

It has been suggested that today would be a good day to remember the sacrament of Baptism and connect it to the ritual action of naming Jesus in the temple. Perhaps in your gathering you might take some time to talk about every family member's name, what their name means, why they were named as they were, who else in the family history shares the name. At the time of a person's birth the choice of a name was deliberate. We do well to know why we received the name we bear.