

St. Mary: Meetings & News

January 15

Lector:
Jenny Kuper,
Cindy Richtsmeier

Communion:
Steve Schumacher,
Tom Ubben, alt. Mary Eilbert

Ushers:
Gary Bonowitz, Mike Bonowitz,
Jake Brandt, Stanton Brandt

Greeters:
Bob and Pam O'Hare

**Communion to the
Homebound:** Stanton Brandt

Altar Servers:
Matt Pfaltzgraff,
Lucas Schumacher,
third chair Autumn Ubben

Collections

Dec. 24
Offertory \$336
Envelopes \$659
Christmas \$2961

Dec. 25
Offertory \$72
Envelopes \$495
Christmas \$460

Jan. 1
Offertory \$278
Envelopes \$2147
Christmas \$460
Crisis \$214

Meetings

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

Liturgy- January 11 at 5:45
p.m.

News

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*

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.

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.

Religious Education classes begin January 11

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



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 15

Lector -Julie Baltés
Servers - M.Benning/C&K.Peterson
Communion Ministers- R.Showalter(W)
S.Showalter(W)/R&T.VanDyke/M.Vetter
Ushers - Duane Kelch/Jim Garrett
Greeters-R&M.Winters/H&P.Gallagher
Money Counters-J.Foreshoe/M.Schaefer
Organist - Leon Kuehner
**Communion Ministers to the
Homebound** -
Marty & Cindy Soper January 7-13
Ryan Winters January 14-20
Sacristan-A.Markwardt
Children's Liturgy -M.Wilkinson/
P.Wragge

Saturday, January 14

Lector -Mary Ann Patton
Servers -T&D.Speedy/A.Miller
Communion Ministers -
R.Kregel(W)
B.Patton(W)
Ushers -Jeff Baltés/Ray Murray
Greeters-J&B.Johansen/C.Jensen
Sacristan- D.Schermer

Our Sacrificial Gift of Thanks & Praise

December 31-January 1

Bud. Env./Current Exp...	2,238.75
Average needed weekly...	2,879.33
Average received weekly...	2,602.20
Number of Envelopes Received	47
Number of Envelope Holders	320
Bud. Env./Maint. & Improv.	75.00
Offertory.....	450.25
Social Assistance.....	169.00
Christmas.....	7755.00

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.

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.

SOUP SUPPER :

St. Mary Parish in Williams, Sunday, January 15 serving from 4-6:30 p.m. serving chili, chicken noodle, potato cheese soup, egg salad, tuna salad, chicken salad sandwiches, relish, bars and beverage. Free will donation.

Pastor: Father Bernard C. Grady

Deacon: Dave Jones

DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION: Jolene Harms

St. Mary

St. Patrick

611 Sherman Ackley, IA 50611

1405 N Federal Hampton, IA 50441

Parish center 641-847-2329

Parish Office 641-456-4857 8:30-3:30 Tue-Fri

Bookeeping/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

CHURCH WEBSITE

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

St. Mary/St. Patrick

January 8, 2012

The Epiphany of the Lord

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 9

No Mass

Tues. January 10

St. Patrick, 5:30pm

Clarence Nelson

Wed. January 11

Presb. Village, 9:30am

Francis Burkle

Thu. January 12

St. Patrick, 8:30am

Special Intention(rak)

Fri. January 13

St. Patrick, 8:30am

Fr. Joe O'Brien

Sat. January 14

St. Patrick, 5:30pm

Robert Luther

St. Patrick, 7:00pm(Spanish)

For the Parishes

Sun. January 15

St. Mary, 8:00am

Charles Hardt

St. Patrick, 10:00am

Alice & Art Kelch

From Father Bernie

As we begin a new year, I am always still overwhelmed by the goodness and generosity of so many of you, especially at the end of the old year on the occasions of my birthday and Christmas. Fortunately, I have this means of expressing my sincere gratitude to all, especially to those I have been unable to thank in a more personal way. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated; may you be always blessed for your goodness!

The January 1 issue of "Parade" had a series of articles on the theme "2012 - This is the year to ..." One that caught my attention is "Up Your Gratitude" by John Kralik. I shared it with our Cluster Stewardship Committee, whose mission it is to encourage all of us to adopt an "attitude of gratitude." On a New Year's Day that was an all-time low for him, the author got the idea that he should not focus on what he wanted or had lost but should be grateful for what he had. He committed to writing a "thank you" note each day for a year, and this project transformed his life. He concludes: "I can say I keep learning that gratitude is a path to the peace we all seek."

He offers four simple steps: Grab a pen and paper; refrain from sending an email. Handwritten notes feel special, almost like the person is there with you; Be specific - identify the gift and say one sincere thing about why you like it; Dig into the past - after thanking your close friends and family, write to people who helped you at critical moments; Keep it short - by sticking to a few lines, you keep the focus on your thank-you and on the other person's kindness.