

St. Mary: Meetings & News

December 4

Lector:
Cindy Richtsmeier, Ana Arends

Communion:
Abbey Schumacher, Charlene Reysack,
alt. Brent Harrenstein

Ushers:
Robert Harms, Gary Bonewitz, Stanton
Brandt, Bob Burkle

Greeters:
Jen and Darwin Pfaltzgraff family
Communion to the Homebound:
Joe Thuente

Altar Servers:
Kaylynne Huttinger, Johnny Mucino

Collection - Nov. 20
Adult Envelopes \$1600
Offertory \$213
All Saints \$10

Altar Society December
Chairman: Barb Keninger
Co-Chairman: Deb Scallon
Sue Brandt, Elena Buck, Wendy Crain,
Dee Keninger, Deb Keninger, Deanna
Nederhoff

Coffee and Rolls will be served December 4 after Mass. Duane and Linda Sudtelgte and Bob and Kathy Burkle are hosting.

WARNING - WARNING - WARNING

Please be careful when you visit St. Mary's Cemetery, it has been brought to our attention that the neighbor's dog has bitten a girl running by the cemetery, the Ackley Police reported that the dog has puppies and is very protective right now. There have also been reports of the dog entering the cemetery. Please take extra precautions we don't want anyone to get hurt.

The Altar Society Annual Cookie & Candy Walk has been set for Saturday, December 10. This year Arlene Thuente and Mary O'Brien are in charge and plans are underway. If you have any ideas, please contact them, and be ready to pitch in and help. All St. Mary's ladies are asked to donate homemade cookies and candy so round up your favorite recipes.

MEN'S SERVICE TRIP TO JOPLIN, MO – DEC. 10-17

MEN, how about giving a Christmas gift that is **needed**; and would be very appreciated? Assist with construction of new homes; rebuilding of gutted homes; or repair jobs—floors, windows, etc.----tasks geared to the skills of the volunteer. If able and interested, contact Sr. Marie Therese Kalb – 563-583-9786—Ext. 6167; OR Email: Kalbm@osfdbq.org. Deadline for registration: Dec 2.

St. Mary's Altar Society Christmas Party:
Tuesday, December 20th, 2011 Social Time - 6:00 p.m.
Supper - 6:30 p.m., Bring Gift for Christmas Bingo, All Ladies of St. Mary's are invited to attend! RSVP to Barb Keninger @ 847-3171 or Deb Scallon @ 847-3629 by 12/18/11.

St. Patrick: Meetings & News-

Middle School Youth Group invites the parish to pick a leaf, write down what you are thankful for this season and add it to our Tree of Thanksgiving in the Religious Education Center hallway.

Middle School Youth Group will meet next on November 30th, please note the date change.

Hope Tree- Forms to honor a loved one with a light on the FGH Auxiliary "Hope Tree" are available on the resource table.

First National Bank of Hampton Open House will be held December 2nd from 9am-3pm. Join them for homemade treats, cider & coffee. Register to win a hand-pieced quilt and get your 2012 calendar. Don't forget, First national will donate \$1.50 to St. Patrick's for each parish member that registers!

PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Office Assistant at First Congregational Church, Hampton. Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-noon. \$9.00 per hour. Contact Pastor John Byrne, 641-456-2192.

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Patrick's Press is in need of a good writer! If you would like to try your hand at writing the monthly Mystery Person, please contact Marty Soper 456-4819.

North Iowa Choral Society Presents: *Christmas Fantasies-*
Sunday, Dec. 4th, 3:00pm at the NIACC Auditorium. Tickets are \$5.00

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, December 3

Lector –Mickey Holmes
Servers –M.Valenzuela/M.Weiland/C.Wragge
Communion Ministers – M.Soper(W)
C. Soper(W)
Ushers –Dick Nelson/Craig Donnelly
Greeters–M&C.Soper/P.Mejia
Sacristan– M.Fielding

Sunday, December 4

Lector –Marg Bertelsen
Servers –A.Wolfe/C&K.Peterson
Communion Ministers– R.Kelch/S.Logan
D.Markwardt/S.Peterson(W)/T.Peterson(W)
Ushers – Harold Gallagher/Mike Arndorfer
Greeters–C&B.Brown/D&J.Showalter
Money Counters–J.Foeshoe/M.Schaefer
Organist – Leon Kuehner
Communion Ministers to the Homebound –
Tom Crane – November 26-December 2
Dwight & Sherry Peterson December 3-9
Sacristan–S.Robinson
Children's Liturgy –M.Benning/C.Logan/
M.Vetter

Our Sacrificial Gift of Thanks & Praise November 19-20

Bud. Env./Current Exp...	2,181.91
Average needed weekly...	2,879.33
Average received weekly...	2,483.83
Number of Envelopes Received	55
Number of Envelope Holders	320
Bud. Env./Maint. & Improv.	100.00
Offertory.....	212.84
Social Assistance.....	N/A

Pastor: Father Bernard C. Grady

Deacon: Dave Jones

DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION: Jolene Harms

St. Mary

St. Patrick

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1405 N Federal Hampton, IA 50441

Parish center 641-847-2329

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

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 revising your will.

Support Elderly Religious- A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "We thank God for every religious sister who taught us in school, not only our ABC's, but also to love God." Show your support for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have made a positive difference in so many lives. Please Share in the Care and give generously to next week's second collection.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION BOOKLETS FOR ADVENT are now available on tables. The matte cover is an English version and the glossy cover is in Spanish. Please take one for your personal prayer and reflection, in preparation for Christmas.

Last Sunday was Time, Talent & Treasure Sunday.

Please take a moment to consider joining a committee:

Stewardship Parish Community Life Social Concerns Buildings & Grounds Liturgy Patrick's Press

Or giving your Time to a ministry:

Money Counters Lector Sacristan Greeters Ushers Music Altar Server Communion Minister/ Homebound Communion

While these require little time commitment, many are being filled by a few members doing multiple jobs. Won't you consider taking your turn?



St. Mary's Altar Society will hold their annual "Cookie & Candy Walk" in the St. Mary church hall on Saturday, December 10, from 9:00am until the cookies are gone. A fine assortment of holiday cookies and candy will be for sale, along with lovely homemade crafts and goodies. A beautiful homemade quilt is being raffled, with the drawing held at the end of the event. Freshly baked coffeecake, coffee and holiday cider will also be available.

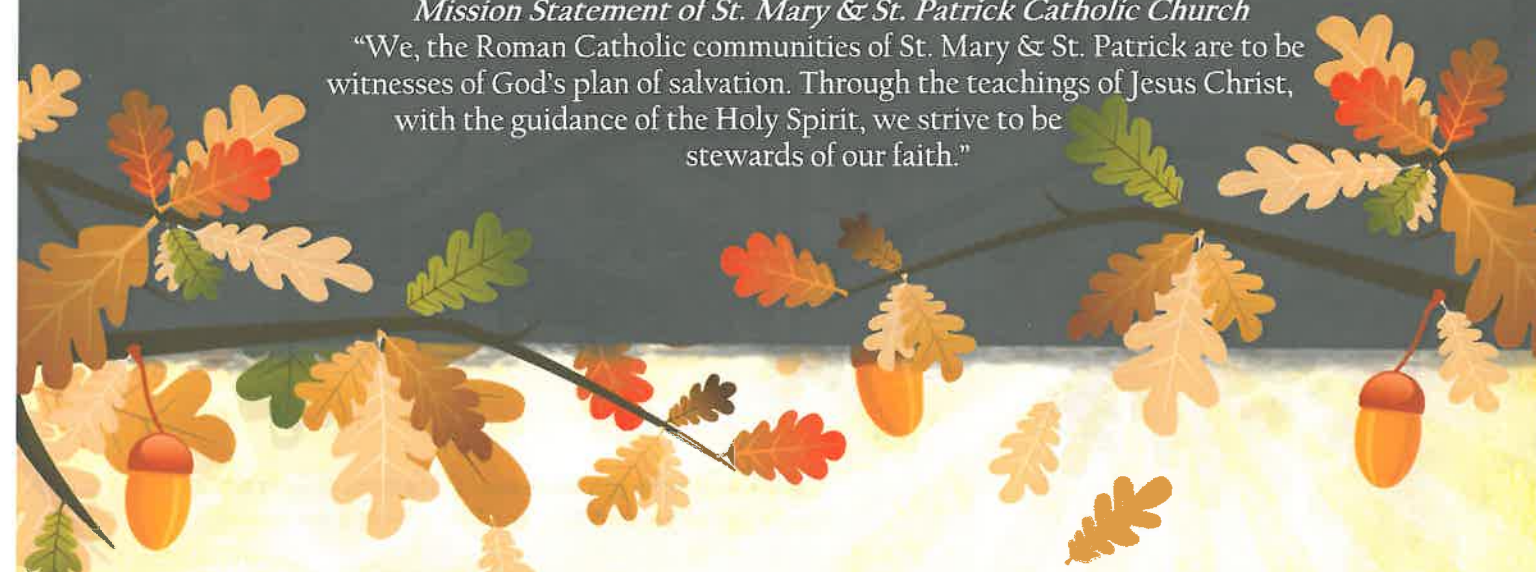
St. Mary/St. Patrick

November 27, 2011

First Sunday of Advent

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

I hope that all had a blessed and happy Thanksgiving celebration, as well as a rest.

Thank you to Angi, the Stewardship Committee of Saint Patrick and the Stewardship Committee of St. Mary, and all others who had a hand in making the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at St. Patrick such an enjoyable and successful evening. That you as well to all who were in attendance. Your commitment to serve your parish throughout the year gives cause for this great celebration!

Next Sunday, December 4, is the date for the Retirement Fund for Religious Collection. Envelopes for your response are included in your packet, and we have received a supply, as well. We will not have a religious making the appeal, as we have had in past years.

Next Sunday, December 4, is also the date for the Advent Communal Penance Service for our cluster. This will be held at Saint Patrick at 4:00pm. There will be an earlier Communal Penance Service in Iowa Falls at 2:00pm on that day. The Lenten Communal Penance Service for our cluster will be on Sunday, March 18, 2:00pm, at Saint Mary.

The four priests of the Webster City Deanery will be present at the Services as ministers of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I encourage you to consider the value of this sacrament and join with others in being reconciled to God in preparation for Christmas. We begin with a hymn, Scripture reading, brief homily, and Examination of Conscience. That concludes the communal aspect. All are then invited to confess to the priest of their choice, and then you are free to leave.

Mass Schedule

Mon. November 28

No Mass

Tues. November 29

St. Patrick, 8:30am

Wed. November 30

St. Mary, 11:00am

Nick Keninger

Thu. December 1

St. Patrick, 8:30am

Jerry Coon

Fri. December 2

St. Patrick, 8:30am

Ron Lutgen

Sat. December 3

St. Patrick, 5:30pm

St. Patrick, 7:00pm(Spanish)

For the Parishes

Sun. December 4

St. Mary, 8:00am

Leo Keninger

St. Patrick, 10:00am

Randy Heng

(Tuesday Mass at 8:30am because of Deanery Council meeting in the evening.)