

**October 9**

**Lector:**  
Steve Abbas,  
Kassandra Reyes

**Communion:**  
Ella Frazier, Pat Laing, alt.  
Nick Frazier

**Ushers:**  
Gary Bonewitz,  
Richard Bloom, Jim Wessels,  
Robert Harms

**Greeters:**  
Dave and Barb Keninger

**Communion to the Homebound:**  
Jo DeVries

**Altar Servers:**  
Lucas Schumacher,  
Matt Pfaltzgraff

**Collection-  
Envelopes \$999.  
Offertory \$228  
3 in 1 \$100  
Crisis Fund \$290**

**Altar Society  
October  
Chairman:** Cindy Richtsmeier  
**Co-Chairman:** Karen Reuter  
Judy Geiken, Denise  
Harrenstein, Lori Harrenstein,  
Janet Kurth, Maria Montes,  
Pam O'Hare



## St. Mary: Meetings & News

**Cluster Stewardship** - October 4, 7:00pm at St. Patrick

**It's almost October!** - With October upon us, our minds turn to our Annual Turkey Dinner (October 23 from 4:00-6:30). You will get an envelope Sunday, October 2 with a letter, your work assignment, raffle tickets, what to bring, etc. Meanwhile, why not be thinking about what to bring, create, make for the Country Store? There is no limit on the amount of items you can bring --- crafts, homemade jams, canned goods, garden items, or baked goods. Please price them in 25 cent increments and delivered them to the back of the church by 3:00 on Sunday, October 23. Advanced tickets will again be sold after Mass on Sundays starting October 2, at Modern Style Salon (Jim Wessels), or Ibeling Insurance (Jeff & Joan Frazier). The success of our dinner depends on all of us - the members of St. Mary's!

**Altar Society will be cleaning the Church on October 15.** Everyone is welcome to help, bring rags and a bucket, potluck will be served at noon.

**Walking**  
The church/hall will be open for walking starting October 10 at 9 a.m. It will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Everyone is welcome.

**Religious Education classes have started** - please remember to return your registration forms.

**THANK YOU:**  
~Parish life and the scholarship committee would like to thank the following students for the food items donated for the auction Jake Brandt, Ryan Rotgers, Nicole Rotgers, Katelyn Schneck, Ella Frazier, Abbey Schumacher, Morgan Harms, Rachel Frazier and Ryleigh Schipper. Thank - You for those who were able to help serve and clean up, the auction made \$865.00 breakfast \$355 for a total of \$1220.00.  
~to the parish members that were able to attend we appreciate the support this committee has been given. We also want to thank our committee you are an awesome group to work with. A very special thank-you to Dave Keninger for being the auctioneer and making the auction so much fun. If you are interested in being a part of this committee please contact Mary Eilbert or Mary Schumacher as we are still researching and will be writing the bylaws for the scholarship fund.

**Highway Clean-up** will take place October 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:00am. Please meet at your parish parking lot to carpool and help us make the St. Mary/St. Patrick stretch of Hwy 65 look a little nicer. High School students, this is a great way to get Confirmation Service Hours or Silver Cord Hours!

(27th in ordinary Time) October 2, 2011  
In the Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers; but there was not a single good steward on the property! God is the owner, we are the tenants. What sort of stewards are we?

27avo. del Tiempo Ordinario  
En el Evangelio de hoy, el dueño de la viña envió mensajeros para recaudar su parte de la cosecha de los granjeros arrendatarios; pero no había ni un solo buen administrador en la propiedad! Dios es el dueño, nosotros somos los arrendatarios. Qué clase de administradores somos nosotros?

## St. Patrick: Meetings & News-

**Cluster Stewardship** - October 4, 7:00pm at St. Patrick

**Social Concerns Committee is now taking donations of new or gently used warm coats, mittens, boots, hats & snowpants.** Please leave your donations on the tables by the food pantry. Thank you for helping those less fortunate.

**Religious Education classes have started** - please remember to return your registration forms.

**THANK YOU!!!** Some parish members have responded to our request to give the rectory a badly-needed coat of paint. Thus far, Tom Crane, Dean Markwardt, Samantha Markwardt, Doug Foreshoe, and Marty Soper have given time and talent to the project. We thank them for their service. The rectory color now matches my car and pickup!

**St. Patrick's Fall Dinner** has been set for October 30<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm, please mark your calendars now and look for your assignment on the insert in the October issue of Patrick's Press. Please update the parish office with your current address, phone number & e-mail in the next couple of weeks; this makes it much easier for the committee chairpersons to contact all of the people on their lists. Remember, the success of our dinner relies on help from every parishioner.

**First Christian Church Annual Soup Luncheon** will be October 8 from 11:00-1:00. Tickets are \$8.00 and may be purchased at local banks, from church members or at the door.

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## Liturgical Roles

**Saturday, October 8**  
**Lector** - Bev Peters  
**Servers** - A. Baltes/H&E. Dunt  
**Communion Ministers** - J. Bell(W)  
B. Patton(W)  
**Ushers** - Denny Bell  
**Greeters** - R&K. Dunt family/J. Wright  
**Sacristan** - M. Fielding

**Sunday, October 9**  
**Lector** - Marg Bertelsen  
**Servers** - A. Carr/D. Reason/N. Vetter  
**Communion Ministers** - D. Markwardt  
S. Peterson(W)/T. Peterson/D. Roberts(W)  
M. Rosenberg  
**Ushers** - Tom Burman/Joel Esslinger  
**Greeters** - R&B. Doughan/S&B. Strother family  
**Money Counters** - J&J. Ripperger/J. Birdsell  
**Organist** - Leon Kuehner  
**Communion Ministers to the Homebound** -  
Bob Schaefer October 1-7  
Marty & Cindy Soper October 8-14  
**Sacristan** - S. Robinson

## Our Sacrificial Gift of Thanks & Praise September 24-25

**Bud. Env./Current Exp...** 2,601.56  
**Average needed weekly...** 2,879.33  
**Average received weekly...** 2,453.93  
**Number of Envelopes Received** 57  
**Number of Envelope Holders** 320  
**Bud. Env./Maint. & Improv.** 130.00  
**Offertory.....** 287.60  
**Crisis Fund.....** 598.00

Pastor: Father Bernard C. Grady

Deacon: Dave Jones

DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION: Jolene Harms

ARCHDIOCESE WEBSITE

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

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

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

CHURCH WEBSITE

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

**OCTOBER MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT:** Each year, the Archdiocese asks us to record and report the attendance at our weekend

Masses. This information is useful to the Archdiocese in Pastoral Planning for the future, especially with regard to such important decisions as clustering and closing of parishes. Your presence (or absence) at weekend Mass during October will be noted.

St. Patrick's – Dougherty invites all to their annual Turkey dinner on October 9<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm, served semi-buffet style. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults & take-outs/\$4.00 children 10 and under/ Pre-school free. Stop and visit the country store & rummage sale.

Cancer Benefit for Jeff Waltermann - October 8 - Breakfast buffet 7 to 11 a.m. Sheffield Inn; Poker Run 11 a.m., beginning at Marty's in Sheffield; Pulled pork dinner 4-7 p.m. Faith Baptist Church, Hampton.

**Married Couples:** "Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you." Is the peace of God in your marriage? The next weekend is in Ankeny October 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. To register or for more information contact Roger and Marsha Luensmann at 563-927-4352. Visit <http://www.iowa-wwme.org> for more information.

#### EVENTS AT AMRH-

\*October 14-16 Catholic Daughters of the Americas State of Iowa Retreat for Members and Non-members.

Director: Sister Carla Popes, PBVM. Theme: Tending the Fire The retreat begins at 8:00 p.m. Friday and ends Sunday after lunch. Offering \$120. Enjoy this silent retreat.

\*October 23-25 Serenity Weekend Retreat for recovering alcoholics. Opening Friday 8:30 p.m. and closing Sunday after lunch. Offering \$118. Fills quickly.

**Divorce and Beyond** is a parish based support program for separated and divorced Catholics. The object of the program is to assist participants to move through the emotions of their loss to acceptance, healing and forgiveness. Healing takes place in peer support groups guided by a trained facilitator whose role is that of a loving listener - not a counselor, therapist or advice giver. St. Joseph's- Mason City, is interested in implementing this program area wide and is interested in finding facilitators. A training session will be held January 12, 2012 in Cedar Falls for facilitators. If you are interested in the training or attending this program to begin in the spring contact St. Joseph's office at 423-5001.

# St. Mary/St. Patrick

October 2, 2011

27<sup>th</sup> 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."

#### Mass Schedule

Mon. October 3

No Mass

Tues. October 4

No Mass

Wed. October 5

No Mass

Thu. October 6

No Mass

Fri. October 7

St. Patrick, 8:30am

Ron Lutgen

Sat. October 8

St. Patrick, 5:30pm

Gladys Ibeling

St. Patrick 7:00pm

For the Parishes

Sun. October 9

St. Mary, 8:00am

Sr. Valentine Smith, OSF

St. Patrick, 10:00am

Rosemary Overmohle

(Father Bernie will be on retreat Sunday-Thursday.)

#### From Father Bernie

I will be on retreat during this week, Sunday evening until Thursday noon. The retreat director is to be retired Archbishop Harry Flynn, who most recently was Archbishop of Saint Paul – Minneapolis. The retreat is held at our Archdiocesan retreat house, American Martyrs, west of Cedar Falls. Father Paul Baldwin of Iowa Falls-Eldora will be on call in case of an emergency here in St. Patrick-St. Mary. His phone number is: 641-648-9547.

Our Retreat House has been in existence for 50 years, and serves many needs of our Archdiocese. In addition to a variety of retreats they offer, the facility hosts many meetings of Archdiocesan committees, as well as other church and non-church groups. Couples preparing for marriage have the opportunity for Engaged Encounters there.

But the future of the Retreat House is uncertain because of low income due to declined interest in spiritual retreats for laity, its original purpose. Ladies from our parishes have used the facility for a Day of Recollection for several years, but few people see the value or find the time to spend a weekend or a few weekdays retreating ... stepping back from the daily whirlwind of life to reflect upon what it is all about, anyway.

A schedule of upcoming retreats is regularly posted on bulletin boards in the churches. TRY IT; YOU'LL LIKE IT!!