

3rd Sunday of Easter  
April 6, 2008

## St. Mary's Catholic Church

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**Special Ceremony:** This weekend at all the Masses, parishioners who serve as Communion Distributors will be commissioned and recommissioned for a three year term.

**Commission Meeting** will be held this Monday, April 7 at 7:00pm. The parish council, finance council, & members of the Church Life, Faith Formation, Family Life, and Liturgy commissions will be meeting to discuss parish planning. The 2 hour meeting is very important and we ask that all commission members attend. All others who are interested in ministry & parish planning are most welcome.

**Baptism classes** will be held this Tuesday, April 7 for those who have previously attended the class. Classes will be from 6:30-8:00pm in the Church Library. Call the church office at 624-2228 to register.

**Important Notice:** Because Father Wilkening will be out of town from Thursday until Sunday attending his nephew's wedding, there will be no adoration this Friday. Fr. Doyle will be having the weekend masses and confession.

**West Liberty Supper:** St. Joseph's in West Liberty will be having a Hobo sandwich and soup supper on Sunday, April 13 from 4:00-6:30pm. Proceeds go for youth activity.

**Mark your calendars:** There will be a fundraising breakfast on Sunday, May 4 for the Steubenville conference. Free will donations accepted for a breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, and sweet rolls.

**Helping Hands Notice:** Helping Hands Members are being asked to donate baked breakfast items (coffee cakes, rolls, pastries) for the Steubenville fund-raising breakfast on Sunday, May 4. Items may be dropped off after the 5:00 p.m. mass on May 3. Thanks for your support of this fund-raising event for St. Mary's teens.

**Marriage Encounter: Look at the Calendar** .... it's time for that 5 year tune-up! We would never expect a car to run smoothly forever without a tune-up, so why do we expect our marriage relationship to keep running smoothly without a little maintenance? The Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend gives married couples the tools to keep their relationship in top running condition. Upcoming Weekends are in Dubuque May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup> and Cedar Rapids October 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. To register or for more information contact Roger and Marsha Luensmann at 563-927-4352. Please register 6 weeks in advance. Visit <http://www.iowa-wwme.org> for more information.

**Church Auction:** The city wide church auction here at St. Mary's will be held on Saturday, June 28 with the silent auction beginning at 4:00 and live auction at 6:30pm. Groups should start thinking about putting together themed baskets to donate. Live auction items will also be accepted. **(Only new or gently used items please)** Call Pat Zimmerman @ 337-8296 with questions.

**Vacation Bible School:** A Tree Top Bible Blast will be held July 14-18 from 8:30-11:00am this summer! Last week, registration forms were sent home with children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade, or you may pick forms up at the church. Volunteers are needed. Please return registration forms to the church or your child's catechist.

**April Leaders:** Bingo leader for April is Kay Morris. Rosary leaders are Tom Stackhouse and Fran Neuzil.

**Walk for Dignity:** Iowa City Hospice will be sponsoring a fund-raising community walk & celebration on Sunday, April 20 at 1:00pm at Benton Street and Teg Drive. For more information call 319-686-4211.

**Free Baby Items :** A giveaway will be held Sat April 26th in the Solon Public Library Community Room from 10am to 3 pm. are needed. Contact Cami Rasmussen at 624-2391 with questions.

**Public Service Announcement:** Retired people who no longer have to file for federal income tax, should file this year for 2007 so that they can get their “Economic Stimulus” tax rebate.

**Easter Thanks:** Thanks to everyone who made the Holy Week and Easter liturgies so impressive. Thanks to the musicians, cantors, servers, etc.

**Personal Thanks:** Fr. Wilkening would like to thank everyone for their Easter kindness. The cards, gifts, and goodies were greatly appreciated.

**Thank you** to Tim Brown and Joe Wilkinson who volunteered their time and skills to video tape the 1st Communion Masses this past weekend.

**Care Center Appreciation:** The Solon Care Center is having an Appreciation Dinner on May 9 at Gwen’s in Lisbon for volunteers who help out in the Care Center. Please RSVP to Molly or Sarah @ 624-3492 by April 25 if you would like to attend.

**Hope & Healing Ministries** are in need of bottled water, cans of pop, journals, and Kleenex. Please place donations in the provided tubs in the gathering space.

**Spring Fling Dinner & Dance** will be held April 12 from 6pm-12pm at the Brosh Community Center. Cost is \$50 per couple or \$25 per person. Proceeds go toward the northern entryway sign project. Call Rhonda Miller @ 624-3562 with questions.

Ministry Schedule				
DATE	April 12	5:00 PM	April 13 8:30 AM	April 13 10:30AM
MINISTRY	NAME		NAME	
CANTOR	D Krob		B Lee	
MUSICIAN	N Steinbrech		B Poduska	
COM DIST	L Croy		B Noska	
COM DIST	P Erusha		G Prentice	
COM DIST	R Handley		K Schmidt	
COM DIST	K Hirl		J Shulista	
GREETER	R Kasperek & D & J Krob		K & N Felton Family	
GREETER	P & S Kluesner Family		P & K Francois Family	
LECTOR	M Harney		C Steinbrech	
SERVER	A Kaefring		T Holubar	
SERVER	H Kaefring		P Pisarik	
SERVER	J Wolfe		C Greazel	
USHER	J Luedtka		M Steinbrech	
USHER	J Luedtka		R Uhlenkamp	
USHER	T Miller		J Agne	
GIFTS	T & R Miller		K & N Felton	
GIFTS	Family		Family	
CHILD LIT			B Platz	

<i>Mass Readings for the week of April 7-13</i>			
Mon	Acts of the Apostles 6:8-15	Psalm 119:23-24,26-27,29-30	John 6:22-29
Tue	Acts of the Apostles 7:51-8:1a	Psalm 31:3cd-4,6 & 7b & 8a,17 & 21ab	John 6:30-35
Wed	Acts of the Apostles 8:1b-8	Psalm 66:1-3a,4-5,6-7a	John 6:35-40
Thu	Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40	Psalm 66:8-9,16-17,20	John 6:44-51
Fri	Acts of the Apostles 9:1-20	Psalm 117:1bc,2	John 6:52-59
Sat	Acts of the Apostles 9:31-42	Psalm 116:12-13,14-15,16-17	John 6:60-69
Sun	Acts of the Apostles 2:14a,36-41	Psalm 23:1-3a,3b-4b5b6	John 10:1-10

<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	
<b>Weekly Envelopes &amp; Easter:</b>	<b>\$3117.00</b>
<b>Offertory:</b>	<b>\$829.80</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$3946.80</b>

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**Catholic Messenger** So far only 178 families have paid, which means the parish still owes \$5272.00. Please help out by paying for your subscription As soon as possible.

### **-Faith Formation-**

**7th & 8th Grade:** The Diocese of Davenport Junior High Youth Rally is Sunday, April 13 at the I MU Building on the U of I Campus. We will leave at 9am and return at 4:30pm. Cost is \$20 (plus \$15 if you want a t-shirt). Chaperones needed. Call Julie Agne @ 624-2228 with questions.

**Steubenville Teens:** Planning Meeting on this Sunday, April 6 between the .in the church hall at 9:30AM.If you cannot attend, please call Justin at 624-6049.

**6-7-8 parent meeting :** There will be a parent meeting on Thursday, April 17 in the church. The topic will be can we, as parents, families, and Christian community, do now that will help lead them to their "happily ever after"? A future full of hopes and dreams, not brokenness and despair? The future we envisioned for them when we first held that tiny infant daughter or son in our arms a short 11-14 years ago. Together we can help youth rise above harmful cultural influences and seek what is true and beautiful.

**The Our Lady of Fatima Statue** will be visiting the home of the **Wayne & Shelley Ahern** family this week.