

	<b>SCRIPTURE</b>		<b>MASSES</b>	<b>CALENDAR</b>
Sunday November 29	Jer 33:14-16 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36	8:00  9:30  11:00	Special Intention— (John & Dawn Eckrich)  Special Intention— (In thanksgiving) +Howard Villhauer  Parishioners +Lois Hannon	2 PM Dedication of the new St. Patrick's Church  5 PM Advent Vespers
<b>The First Sunday of Advent</b>				
Monday November 30	Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22	12:10	+Millicent Noble +Forest Evashevski <b>St. Andrew</b>	7:30 PM Widowed/Separate/Divorced
Tuesday December 1	Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24	12:10	+Margaret Kennedy <b>Advent Weekday</b>	6 PM RCIC 6:30 PM Liturgy Commission
Wednesday December 2	Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37	12:10	+Rick Gerard <b>Advent Weekday</b>	6 PM Choir practice
Thursday December 3	Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27	12:10	+Michael & Joseph Schnoebelen <b>St. Francis Xavier</b>	7 PM Holy Hour for Vocations
Friday December 4	Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31	12:10	+Joe Gallardo +Petronilla McDermott <b>Advent Weekday</b>	
Saturday December 5	Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8  Bar 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6 Lk 3:1-6	9 AM   5:10 PM	Special Intention (anonymous) <b>Advent Weekday</b>  +Shirley Rocca +Howard Villhauer	9 AM First Saturday Mass 10 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation
<b>The Second Sunday of Advent</b>				
Sunday December 6	Bar 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6 Lk 3:1-6	8:00 9:30 11:00	Parishioners +Joe Meade Special Intention— (Rich and Laura Smith)	5 PM Advent Vespers (anointing of Catechumens) 6 PM Children's Pageant rehearsal (church) 6 PM Youth sting ensemble rehearsal (hall)
<b>The Second Sunday of Advent</b>				

**THE STEWARDSHIP**

**"GIFT T.A.G."**

**Thankful, Accountable, Generous**



**Stewardship of Time**

Pray for the sick.

**Stewardship of Talent**

A huge thank you to Mary Rummelhart and Jane Hanrahan for coordinating our annual breakfast and bake sale!

**Stewardship of Treasure**

November 22nd, 2009

Envelopes	\$	10,963.00
Offertory (money not in envelopes)	\$	1,995.00
Electronic Funds Transfer	\$	
Children's Envelopes	\$	3.00
5% for Peace & Justice allocations	\$	682.00
Total	\$	13,643.00
Amount needed each week:	\$	20,300.00
<b>UNDER</b> budget:	\$	-6,657.00
Amount needed year to date:	\$	426,300.00
Amount received to date:	\$	372,078.00
<b>UNDER</b> budget:	\$	-54,222.00
Stewardship of Treasure <b>Goal: 5% OF INCOME</b>		
<b>GIVEN IN GRATITUDE</b>		

**Stewardship Thought**

Stewardship means looking for the blessing in every situation.

**Rest In Peace**

We pray for the repose of the souls of Marionette Joan Patricia Siewers Stangle Brenton (mother of Bobbie Paxton) and Pauline Maurer (mother of Larry Maurer). May they be welcomed into everlasting life!

**Do You Know Someone?**

Statistically, around the nation many Catholics have drifted away from the Church. Perhaps you know someone who used to be a member of St. Mary's parish who no longer comes to Mass. Please submit their name to Fr. Ken so that he may invite them to Sunday Mass.

Logan Trumbull, age 10, of our parish has published a book called *Logan's Story*. Proceeds from the sale of his book will benefit Iowa City Hospice. They can be purchased at any book store and will soon be available at the parish office.

***Congratulations, Logan!***

***If you have changed phone numbers recently, please let us know (icstmary@icstmary.org or 337-4314). This helps us keep an accurate record.***

**Do you have a loved one in the hospital?**

If you know someone who is a patient at the University Hospitals or Veterans Hospital, please contact the parish office at 337-4314. A staff member will be happy to visit them.

**REMINDER:**

Please do not feel badly if someone chooses not to shake hands at the sign of peace. If you are ill (and still come to Mass), the appropriate response to someone extending a sign of peace might be to bow to them and say "Peace be with you" to avoid bodily contact, or one might wave slightly at the other..

**ADVENT EVENING VESPERS**

One of the great ways to enter into the season of Advent is to join with other members of our parish community for Advent Vespers. In our hectic, busy world, we need time for silence, reflection, and prayer. Advent Vespers (Evening Prayer) provides us the opportunity to do just that. Please join us each Sunday evening during Advent at 5 PM in the church as we lift up our hearts and minds to God in preparation for the coming of the Lord.



**St. Mary's Children's Christmas Choir**

(Children in K-6th grade)



Practices will be Wednesday, December 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, from 5:30-6 PM in the parish hall. They will perform at the 5:10 PM Christmas Eve Mass.

### **Holy Hour for Vocations**

St. Mary's Holy Hour for Vocations will be this Thursday, December 4th, at 7 PM in the church.

### **First Saturday Mass**

Mass will be at 9 AM this Saturday (December 5th) and every first Saturday of the month.

### **Children's Christmas Pageant**

St. Mary's will present the Children's Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve, at the 5:10 PM Mass. If you have any children that are interested in participating, please come to our first rehearsal, Sunday, December 6th, at 6 PM, in the church.



### **WANTED:**

Youth who play violin, cello, viola, or string bass to be a part of a string ensemble for the 5:10 PM Christmas Eve Mass. You must be able to read music. If you are interested, please call Jacque Ronnfeldt (338-8930). Rehearsals will be Sundays in December at 6 PM in the hall.



### **OTHER HAPPENINGS**

#### **St. Bridget's of Nolan Settlement**

#### **Annual Christmas Party**

**Sunday, December 6th, 2009**

**(2136 St. Bridget's Road, Solon)**

The West Branch High School Choir, directed by Chris Reed, will perform at 1 PM. Santa will make a visit and there will be refreshments for all. Call 351-2218 if you have any questions.

#### **Advent Day of Prayer**

#### **They Shall Name Him Emmanuel: God with Us**

**Benet House, Rock Island**

**Thursday, December 10th, from 9AM-3 PM**

Prepare for the Christmas season with quiet reflection and discussion on the birth of Christ. The presenter will be Sister Catherine Cleary, OSB, MA in Theology. The cost is \$30 (includes lunch). Call 563-283-2108 to register.

## **Marriage Encounter Weekend**

Watching your figure over the holidays so that you don't get out of shape? Keep your marriage fit and trim, too! Make reservations for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend now! The next one is in Cedar Falls on February 12th-14th, 2010. To register or for more information, contact Roger and Marsha Luensmann at 563-927-4352. Please register six weeks in advance.

### **Choose Life Prayer**

We pray that we remain alert to every opportunity to speak of the value of each human life.

### **Vocation View**

The Lord is near! Am I able to read the signs of the times? What is God asking of me?  
(Luke 21:25-36)

**Would you like to join our parish? We'd love to have you! Please stop by or call the parish office at 337-4314.**

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