

**SCRIPTURE**

**MASSES**

**CALENDAR**

Sunday January 3	Is 60:1-6	8:00	Parishioners	
	Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12	9:30	+Sheryl and Steve Sueppel family +Joe Meade +John Buckingham +Linda Williams	
		11:00	+Paul Peterson <b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>	

Monday January 4	1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Mt 4:12-17,	12:10	+Millicent Noble <b>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</b>	7:30 PM Widowed/Separated/Divorced
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Tuesday January 5	1 Jn 4:7-10 Mk 6:34-44	12:10	+Charlotte K. Fisk Thompson +Cleone Fay <b>St. John Neumann</b>	7 PM Liturgy Commission
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Wednesday January 6	1 Jn 4:11-18 Mk 6:45-52	12:10	+Dorothy Donohoe <b>Christmas Weekday</b>	6 PM Choir practice
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Thursday January 7	1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Lk 4:14-22a	12:10	+Margaret Kennedy <b>Christmas Weekday</b>	7 PM Holy Hour for Vocations
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Friday January 8	1 Jn 5:5-13 Lk 5:12-16	12:10	+Nicola D'Angelo <b>Christmas Weekday</b>	12:05 PM Angelus for Life 12:50 PM Prayer at Emma Goldman Clinic
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Saturday January 9	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22	5:10 PM	+Shirley Rocca +Ray Burlingame +Holy Souls in Purgatory <b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>	10-11:30 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation
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Sunday January 10	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22	8:00 9:30 11:00	Parishioners +Jane Hanrahan +Dorothy Donohoe <b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>	Baptism Sunday (all Masses)
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**THE STEWARDSHIP**

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

*Thankful, Accountable, Generous*



**Stewardship of Time**

Pray for vocations.

**Stewardship of Talent**

Thank you to Rosemary Stenzel for scrubbing the kitchen floor in the parish hall!

**Stewardship of Treasure**

December 27th, 2009

Envelopes	\$	6,741.00
Offertory (money not in envelopes)	\$	921.00
Electronic Funds Transfer	\$	55.00
Children's Envelopes	\$	5.00
5% for Peace & Justice allocations	\$	406.00
Total	\$	8,128.00
Amount needed each week:	\$	20,300.00
<b>UNDER</b> budget:	\$	12,172.00
Amount needed year to date:	\$	527,800.00
Amount received to date:	\$	469,981.00
<b>UNDER</b> budget:	\$	-57,819.00

Stewardship of Treasure **Goal: 5% OF INCOME**  
GIVEN IN GRATITUDE

**Stewardship Thought**

Stewardship means increasing what God has entrusted to us.

**Christmas Flowers**

*Christmas Flower Memorials were also given in memory of:*

Elmer and Agnes Leu

**Holy Hour for Vocations**

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

**Baptism Sunday**

Next weekend, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism at each of our Masses. You will probably recognize many of the families. We are reminded of our baptismal call to support each other on our journey of faith.

Contribution statements will be mailed on January 15th, 2010 to those who request them.

**Mark Your Calendar!**

**Upcoming Events:**

**What:** Potluck with First United Methodist Church  
**When:** Sunday, January 24th, at 5 PM  
**Where:** St. Mary's Parish Hall

**What:** Chili Supper with Lisa Bluder and the Iowa Women's Basketball Team  
**When:** Sunday, January 31st, at 5 PM  
**Where:** St. Mary's Parish Hall

**YOUTH NEWS**

**Youth Ski Trip!**



**Who:** Youth in grades 6-12  
**When:** Sunday, January 17th, 2009  
**Where:** Sundown Ski Resort, Dubuque  
**Time:** 1 PM-10 PM  
**Cost:** \$55 (skis/pass/lift)  
\$40 (pass/lift only)  
\$60 (snowboard/lift pass)

*Checks can be made payable to St. Mary's Youth Group. Permission slips are in the December SMART Newsletter and on the back porch of the parish office. The deadline for permission slips is Monday, January 11th, at 4 PM.*

## **REGINA HAPPENINGS**

On December 1st, 2009 the Foundation, which raises funds for the Regina Inter-Parish Catholic Education Center (PreK-12th grade), officially returned its corporate name to Regina Foundation. For the past nine years, the Foundation had been known as the Catholic Community Foundation. In its 36 year history, the Foundation has also been known as the Iowa City Vicariate Foundation (1973-1985) and the Regina Foundation (1986-2000). The newly renamed Regina Foundation, whose sole mission is to enhance the financial strength of Regina, is the preferred and centralized vehicle for all private gifts to Regina. Regina Foundation board and staff state that the recaptured name reinforces its efforts to develop reliable sources of income to sustain Regina in its long-term mission and vision to provide quality Catholic education to area youth.

To learn more about the Regina Foundation, or to make an on-line gift, please visit [icreginafoundation.com](http://icreginafoundation.com) OR contact executive director, April Rouner, at 354-5866, or by email at: [infor@icreginafoundation.com](mailto:infor@icreginafoundation.com)

## **OTHER HAPPENINGS**

### **2010 Life Before Birth Calendars**

These beautiful calendars feature the pictures of precious babies whose mother's chose life instead of abortion. Purchase your copy at Choices Medical Clinic in Iowa City. If you have any questions, please call the Clinic at 337-0575.

### **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin in February and April. The confidential, supportive retreat is for anyone hurting inside after abortion.

For more information, to donate, or to volunteer, call 563-322-1645, or email [hopeandhealingtoday@gmail.com](mailto:hopeandhealingtoday@gmail.com). Scholarships are available. You can also visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) or call 1-877-896-HOPE.

### **Natural Family Planning**

Come learn the highly effective cross-checking symptom-thermal method of natural family planning. Gain knowledge that your grandmother never knew about the signs of natural fertility and infertility of a woman's body. This three-class series begins Monday, January 18th, at 6:30 PM at Mercy Iowa City. Contact Mercy On Call for information or to register (358-2767). The cost is \$50.

### **Choose Life Prayer**

We pray that we may always be aware that each human is created in the image of God and destined for eternal life.

### **Vocation View**

National Vocations Awareness Week begins next week. Pray for those who are discerning a call to live their baptismal commitment as brothers, sisters, priests, or deacons.

**Would you like to join our parish? We'd love to have you as part of our St. Mary's family! Please stop by or call the parish office at 337-4314.**

#### **ST. MARY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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Karla Peiffer – Secretary

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Cathy Sharp - Evangelization & Stewardship

#### **ST. MARY'S FINANCE COUNCIL**

Anne Hargrave (Lay Director)  
Vince Maurer  
John Maxwell (Lay Director)  
Mike Pugh  
Bob Squires

#### **EDUCATION**

##### **Regina Catholic Education Center:**

Carol Trueg—President, 351-1415. ext. 153  
David Krummel – High School Principal, 338-5436  
Celeste Vincent – Elementary Principal, 337-5739  
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Alan Opheim – Regina Business Office, 337-2580  
April Rouner – Executive Director of the Catholic Community Foundation, 354-5866

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