

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: April 6 - 13, 2008

Sunday, April 6:

- ❖ **Whole Parish Faith-Sharing Assembly** for both parishes from 10:30 to 12:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall with all parishioners from both parishes invited. This will take the place of CCD for *all* grades for this week. (Mass time changes for both parishes for Sunday April 6th will include: St. Patrick's in Walnut at 8:00 a.m. and St. Mary's in Avoca at 9:30 a.m.)
- ❖ **United Church of Avoca** will serve a spaghetti dinner from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Proceeds go toward cabin renovations at Camp Calvin Crest in Fremont, NE.

Wednesday, April 9:

- ❖ **No CCD Class for Grades 6-12** due to attendance at Whole Parish Assembly Sunday.
- ❖ **Rehearsal for First Communion** will be at St. Mary's Parish at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 10:

- ❖ **Des Moines Council of Catholic Women Annual Convention** will be at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Hall in Atlantic. Continental breakfast begins at 8:00 followed by a brief business meeting at 9:00. Then keynote speaker Karen Hurley from Harrisburg, PA will begin her presentation on "Bringing Light to our Global Society." Mass is scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch and a presentation by three young women from St. Albert High School on their experiences on their recent mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Cost for the convention is \$15 if paid by April 5th or \$17 after that date and includes breakfast and lunch. Send reservations to Eileen O'Connor, 500 Spencer Ave., Council Bluffs, IA 51503.
- ❖ **St. Mary's May Group of the Month** will meet at the Parish Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. Please check your group list to see if you should be attending this meeting to help plan for the liturgies and activities in May.
- ❖ **St. Mary's Maintenance Committee** will meet at the patio room at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 13:

- ❖ **Join Us for Coffee, Rolls, & Fellowship** at St. Patrick's following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.
- ❖ **First Communion Sunday** will be celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's. There will be *no* CCD classes because of First Communion.
- ❖ **Appeal Weekend** will be this weekend. Mailings have gone out from the Diocese this past week with pledge cards and return envelopes. Pledges can be sent to the Diocese or returned to your local parish. Checks should be made payable to: Annual Diocesan Appeal. Pledges can also be made in payments as in the past.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ✓ **Senior Students** remember that **all** scholarship applications are due by April 15th.
- ✓ **St. Patrick's Parish Council** will meet April 20th at 11:30 a.m.
- ✓ **Knights of Columbus** will meet April 24th at 7:30 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME to Miraylie Saige Stuart who was baptized March 30th at St. Patrick's in Walnut!! Miraylie was born January 15th, 2008 and is the daughter of Grant and Aubrey Stuart.

FAIRWAY FATHERS: Foursomes of priests and junior high/high school young men are invited to compete in a best ball golf tournament at Echo Valley Country Club in Des Moines on Monday, June 16th beginning with lunch at 11:45 a.m. and a shot gun start at 1:00 p.m. This outing is to provide an opportunity for young men to become acquainted with other priests and recognize the camaraderie in the priesthood. Registration deadline is May 16th. Please visit with Father John if you are interested.

GARDINER NEEDED: Anyone who is interested in tending the flower beds around St. Mary's Church please visit with Father John or Mary Kock. Mary has been doing this the past few years but would like someone else to take over the job. Special thank you to Mary for always having the flower beds looking so nice during the growing season!!

KEEP PRAYERS AND MINISTRY COMING FOR: Ellamae Hegna, Barbara Hoffmann, Jennifer Kern, Ethel Thomas, Gordon Gladdin, Georgia Sievers, Peggy Benson, Armond Feauto, Bob Wood, Mike Carter, Susan Anderson, Leona Blatt, Lillie Sue Mace, Nathan Hall, Fr. Fred Reischl, Ruth Hicks, Nancy Blum, Louise Crivaro, Shannon Szadis, Sherman Snyder, Margaret Murphy, Earl Sanny, Carol Gubbels.

ASSIGNMENTS (Please find your own replacement.): St. Mary's Liturgy: Sat., Apr. 12, 5:30 p.m. *Servers:* Greg, Nolan, & Todd Schmidt. *Lector:* Carm Pigneri. *Euch. Ministers:* Lonn & Theota Nelsen, Bob Hegna. *Ushers:* Jim Paulson, Mike D'Angelo. *Gifts:* Anna D'Angelo, Gaylene Taylor. **Sun., Apr. 13, 10:30 a.m.** *Servers:* Darrian Irlbeck, Kylie Martin, Bill Price. *Lector:* Paul Ahern. *Euch. Ministers:* Jane True*, Eileen Denning, Renee Price. *Ushers:* Tom True, Mick Denning. *Gifts:* First Communion Class.

St. Patrick's Liturgy: Sun., Apr. 13, 8:00 a.m. *Servers:* Scott Blum, Todd Bauerkemper. *Lector:* Judy Griffin. *Euch. Ministers:* Merrie Ann Buelt, Jim & Mike Hoffmann. *Ushers:* Judd Gross, George Gross. *Gifts:* Jim Hoffmann Family.

St. Patrick's Breakfast: Apr. 13: Theresa Blum, Mary Lou/Fred Goettsch, Jackie/Brian Champion. Apr. 27: Bob Wood, Judy/Steve Griffin, Brenda/Paul Croghan.