

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: May 4 - 11, 2008

Sunday, May 4:

- ❖ **Please Join Us for Senior Breakfast at St. Mary's** following the Mass at 8:00 a.m. Congratulations to Jordan Becker, Alan Bladt, Ross Campbell, Josh Herbst, Brianna Jensen, Curt Maassen, Nikki Martin, Caitlin McCarthy, and Ben Nevins!

Tuesday, May 6:

- ❖ **St. Mary's Finance Council** meets at the patio room of the rectory at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 8:

- ❖ **St. Mary's Parish Council** meets at the patio room of the rectory at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 11:

- ❖ **Senior Breakfast at St. Patrick's** following the Mass at 8:00 a.m. at which we will be recognizing our high school seniors. Please join us for this special occasion.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- √ **Adult Faith Committee** meets May 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the patio room.
- √ **Baccalaureate Services** for our graduating seniors will be at AHST High School May 14th at 7:30 p.m. Baccalaureate for our graduating Walnut seniors will be at Walnut High School May 14th at 7:00 p.m.
- √ **Religious Education Coordinators** will meet May 15th at 7:30 p.m. at the patio room.
- √ **Knights of Columbus** will meet May 22nd at St. Mary's Hall at 7:30 p.m.
- √ **Installation of Bishop Richard Pates** will be May 29th at the Iowa Events Center/Hy-Vee Hall in Des Moines at 2:00 p.m.

BISHOP RICHARD E. PATES invites everyone as part of the diocesan faith community to come to his installation ceremony as the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Des Moines. The ceremony is May 29th at 2:00 p.m. at Hy-Vee Hall in Des Moines. Look for details in the May issue of *The Catholic Mirror* or on the diocesan website at www.dmdiocese.org.

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY to the family of John Dunlevy whose funeral was celebrated from St. Mary's Church on April 29th.

THANK YOU TO Jane True who will assume the secretarial duties for our parishes and to Deb McCarthy who will work with the gardening in the courtyard and around St. Mary's.

YOUNG MEN TO BE ORDAINED DEACONS: Ken Halbur Jr. And George Komo will become ordained Deacons by our newly appointed Bishop Richard Pates, at Ken's home parish in Altoona, Iowa on June 6th, 2008. Ken served in the Council Bluffs Tri-Parish Community last summer and George has no family in the US except us! To show our support, there will be a comfy commercial bus with 50 available seats providing transportation to and from the ordination. Stops to get on will be 1) St. Pat's in Council Bluffs at 2:00 p.m., 2) St. Pat's in Neola at 2:20 p.m., 3) St. Mary's in Avoca at 2:45 p.m., and 4) Ss. Peter & Paul in Atlantic at 3:15 p.m. Cost is \$30 which will include an evening meal at Ryan's Buffet in Des Moines. Checks should be made payable to the **Serra Club of Council Bluffs** and are due by June 2nd. Mail to Sharon Beckman, 15351 Pheasant Drive, Council Bluffs, IA 51503. Questions? Call 323-5050 for Duane or Linda Chevalier.

KEEP PRAYERS AND MINISTRY COMING FOR: Kenny Blum, Barb Hoffmann, Ethel Thomas, Gordon Gladdin, Georgia Sievers, Peggy Benson, Armond Feauto, Bob Wood, Mike Carter, Susan Anderson, Leona Bladt, 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., May 10, 5:30 p.m. *Servers:* Will Gress, Nathan Pattee, Grace Paulson. *Lector:* Renee Price. *Euch. Ministers:* Nancy Gress, Joan Kloewer, Ann Koster. *Ushers:* Bill Pattee, Jim Paulson. *Gifts:* Amy Pattee & Family. **Sun., May 11, 10:30 a.m.** *Servers:* Nolan, Todd, & Greg Schmidt. *Lector:* Charlotte Wise. *Euch. Ministers:* Harold Hoffmann*, Deb McCarthy, Carmella Pigneri. *Ushers:* Gene Wageman, Phillip Houston. *Gifts:* Linda Wageman, Julie O'Neill.

St. Patrick's Liturgy: Sun., May 11, 8:00 a.m. *Servers:* Mike Hoffmann, One Volunteer. *Lector:* Lou Totilas. *Euch. Ministers:* Randy Sandbothe, Marie Suhr, Leo Stuart. *Ushers:* Dave Muell, Wayne Johnk. *Gifts:* Charlie Hughes Family.

St. Patrick's Breakfast: May 11: Knights of Columbus. **May 25:** Donna/Dave Muell, Merrie Ann Buelt, Julie/Chuck Gross.

DIOCESAN APPEAL: As of April 29th, **St. Mary's** parishioners have pledged a total of \$11,475 (69%) of the \$16,520 goal. Fifty-one families have participated at this point with the average gift being \$225. **St. Patrick's** parishioners have pledged a total of \$5,610 (64%) of the \$8,772 goal. Twenty-one families have participated at this point with the average gift being \$267.14. Please take time to take care of your Diocesan Appeal pledge as soon as possible. Use the pledge cards mailed to you from the Diocese. If you did not receive one, extras are available in the back of both churches.