

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: July 13 - July 20, 2008

Sunday, July 13:

❖ **Please Join Us for Coffee & Rolls** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- √ **Bloodmobile:** St. Mary's will host the Bloodmobile on July 21st at the Avoca Legion Hall. For question you may contact Jamie Ptacek at 343-6477.
- √ **Knights of Columbus:** The Knights of Columbus will meet at 7:30 p.m. on July 24th in Avoca.
- √ **Adult Faith Committee:** The Adult Faith Committee will meet at St. Patrick's in Walnut on July 29th at 7:00 p.m.
- √ **End-of-Summer Pool Party** for all St. Mary's and St. Patrick's parishioners will be at the Avoca Pool on August 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

THANK YOU: To Father for having Mass at the park last Sunday and for all of the support he gives to the Knights of Columbus throughout the year. Also, thank you to Doug and Karen Spitznagle for their help in preparing and setting up the food for the picnic following the Mass.

- Knights of Columbus

CONGRATULATIONS: St. Mary's would like to congratulate both Rhonda Hope and Jordan Becker for being chosen as this years Grand Marshal and Student of the Year in Avoca's Fourth of July Celebration.

FORMATION FOR LEADERSHIP: The Diocese sponsors a one-year process of formation for ministry, to begin September 6. People engaged in or interested in pastoral leadership and ministry for parish communities are invited to apply. This annual process provides basic formation for leadership - instruction and reflection about the Christian tradition, the person's gifts and the parish community's needs, and our Catholic community, its mission and needs, its ministries and ministers. Applications are due by August 1st. For a brochure and application form: www.dmdiocese.org (Click "Faith Formation") or the diocesan Office of Lay Ministry (515)237-5058.

CCD TEACHERS NEEDED: As we look ahead to our fall CCD program, we find we are in need of some volunteer teachers for the Wednesday evening classes for grades 7th, 8th and 9th. Please contact Father if you are interested in teaching a class.

IOWA FLOOD RELIEF: Bishop Richard Pates is thanking the people of the Diocese of Des Moines for their prayers and efforts at reaching out for those who have suffered as a result of recent sever weather. He is also continuing to call for volunteers - particularly those with skills in trades such as carpentry, plumbing and construction - and the call for donations to assist those hard hit by the Flood of 2008. "The response to this tragedy on the part of the civic, secular and ecumenical communities has been exemplary. I believe it represents the genuine solidarity that undergirds our common humanity. The Diocese of Des Moines has worked and will continue to work with all of these groups both in the immediate aftermath as well as the long-term recovery." Donations can still be sent to 2008 Flood Relief, Diocese of Des Moines, 601 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309.

KEEP PRAYERS AND MINISTRY COMING FOR: Raymond (Bunny) Gubbels, Andy Molnar, 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., July 19, 5:30 p.m. *Servers:* Jake Larson, Will Gress, Taylor Becker. *Lector:* Rose Sternberg. *Euch. Ministers:* Nancy Gress, Dave Sternberg, Jane True. *Ushers:* Larry Friederich, Tom True. *Gifts:* Rhonda Pauley-Holton Family. **Sun., July 20, 8:00 a.m.** *Servers:* Garret, Gunner & Katie Gilland. *Lector:* Doug Brown. *Euch. Ministers:* Tony Wingert*, Carolyn Piittmann/Dennis Piittmann. *Ushers:* Doyle Gilland, Lee Wiegand. *Gifts:* Jan Kenkel, Cheryl Brown.

St. Patrick's Liturgy: Sun. July 20, 9:30 a.m. *Servers:* Kendra Croghan, Harley Russmann. *Lector:* Judy Kay. *Euch. Ministers:* Ellen Holtz, Theresa Holtz, Charlie Hughes. *Ushers:* George Gross, Judd Gross. *Gifts:* Rick Blum Family.

St. Patrick's Breakfast: July 27th: Cindy/George Gross, Judy/Bob Gross, Leo Stuart. **August 10th.** Marie/Kenny Suhr, Jo Cable, Lori/Andy Blum.