

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: April 19 - April 26, 2009

Sunday, April 19:

- ❖ **Divine Mercy Sunday** is celebrated this weekend. Special prayer booklets are available in the back of both churches to help explain this devotion.
- ❖ **CCD Teacher Appreciation Mass** for all PreK-12 teachers and coordinators at St. Mary's in Avoca at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Let us take this opportunity to say thank you to our coordinators, Julie Gilland, Chris Martin and Gwen Blum and to our teachers, Kim Wise, Tracy Cordes, Lea Larson, Carmen Ahern, Mary Beth Roskens, Linda Wageman, Kathy Denning, Taylor Nagengast, Jennifer Kock, Teri Becker, Ann Koster, Amy Sturm and Tracy Zimmerman. Coffee and rolls will follow the Mass.
- ❖ **Last CCD Class for PreK-5th** from 9:15-10:15a.m. at St. Mary's - Have a Great Summer!
- ❖ **St. Patrick's Parish Council** meeting is at 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 21:

- ❖ **Golden Oldies Senior Citizen Dinner** is at 11:30 a.m. at the AHST High School. (Please use the east entrance.) This will be the final dinner until September.

Wednesday, April 22:

- ❖ **1st Communion Practice** is at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ **CCD Class #29 for 6th - 12th Grades** is from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at St. Mary's.

Thursday, April 23:

- ❖ **Knights of Columbus** will meet in Walnut with Mass at 7:00 p.m. and meeting to start at 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **80TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DES MOINES DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN** will be held at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Hall in Atlantic. It begins with a continental breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and meeting at 9:00 a.m. Bishop Pates will celebrate Mass at 11:00 a.m. with lunch to follow. The day will conclude by 3:15 p.m.

Sunday, April 26:

- ❖ **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 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's and at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's.
- ❖ **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:

- √ **Last 6th -12th Grades CCD Class** is Wednesday, April 29th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's for Sub Sandwiches followed by bowling at the Avoca Lanes from 7:30-9:00 p.m.
- √ **Adult Faith Committee** will meet on Thursday, April 30th at 7:00 p.m.
- √ **St. Mary's Graduation Mass and Breakfast** is May 3rd at the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's.
- √ **St. Mary's Finance Council** will meet on Tuesday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m.
- √ **St. Mary's Parish Council** will meet on Thursday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m.

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL will be conducted next weekend. Just as we are one in the Body of Christ, we must remember that we are one with other parishes in our Diocese. Once a year, Bishop Pates and Father Frost ask each of us to make a commitment to support the work of our Diocesan programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish could provide on its own. Our parish goal is 100% participation. Remember also that the money this parish raises above our goal stays right here at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's. Please experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to continue God's work of spirituality, charity and education.

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY to the family of Harold Hansen who died on Wednesday, April 15th.

CONGRATULATIONS to Don and Leone McCarthy who celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this Sunday, April 19th. They were married here in Avoca on April 20, 1949.

KEEP PRAYERS AND MINISTRY COMING FOR: Mark Strong, Nan Sams, Marie Ryck, Darla Snyder, Meaghan Hunt, Raymond (Bunny) Gubbels, Andy Molnar, Barb Hoffmann, Ethel Thomas, Gordon Gladdin, Peggy Benson, Armond Feauto, Bob Wood, Leona Blatt, Lillie Sue Mace, Nathan Hall, 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. 25th, 5:00 p.m.** *Servers:* Anne, Henry & Mary Nagengast. *Lector:* Taylor Nagengast. *Euch.* *Ministers:* Bob Hegna, Dave Sternberg, Ann Koster. *Ushers:* Mike Knutsen, Andrew Messerschmidt. *Gifts:* Sharon Anderson, Pamela Schroder. **Sun., April 26th, 10:30 a.m.** *Servers:* Matt Wise, Bill Price, Kyle Bauerkemper. *Lector:* Rhonda Pauley-Holton - *Petitions:* 1st Communion Class. *Euch. Ministers:* Jennie Maassen*, Renee Price, Doug Spitznagle. *Ushers:* Paul Wise, Dave Larson. *Gifts:* 1st Communion Class.

St. Patrick's Liturgy: April 26th, 8:00 a.m. *Servers:* Erran Holtz, Eli Holtz. *Lector:* Judy Kay. *Euch. Ministers:* Ellen Holtz, Jim Hoffmann, Cindy Gross. *Ushers:* Nick Hoffmann, Leo Stuart. *Gifts:* Fred Goettsch Family.