

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: May 3 - May 10, 2009

Sunday, May 3:

- ❖ **Please Join Us for Senior Breakfast at St. Mary's** following the Mass at 8:00 a.m. Congratulations to Dagny Nagengast, Cassie Price, Greg Schmidt, and Alyssa Tuel.

Tuesday, May 5:

- ❖ **St. Mary's Finance Council** will meet on the patio 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 6:

- ❖ **Religious Education Coordinators** meeting is at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Rectory.

Thursday, May 7:

- ❖ **St. Mary's Parish Council** will meet at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 10:

- ❖ **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:

- √ **Baccalaureate Services** for our graduating Walnut seniors will be at the Walnut High School on May 20th at 7:00 p.m..
- √ **Summer Mass Schedule** begins May 24th. The 10:30 a.m. Mass changes to 9:30 a.m.
- √ **St. Patrick's Finance Council** will meet on Tuesday, May 26th.
- √ **St. Patrick's Parish Council** will meet on Sunday, May 31st at 10:30 a.m.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH COUNCIL POSITION: We are seeking a replacement for the Social Concerns position. Laura Totilas has currently served in this position for the past three years and has completed her term. The Social Concerns person is responsible for organizing both the Fall Dinner and the Antique Walk Spaghetti Dinner. This person also heads up the Advent and Lent food drives, the Women's Day of Prayer and other ecumenical projects. We have asked four people if they were interested in this position and they politely declined. We need to find a replacement by May 31st, our next parish council meeting. If you are interested in this position, please call either Fr. John at 343-6948 or Donna Muell at 784-3729. Thank you for your interest and help.

DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLE BREAKFAST: St. Michael's Parish, Harlan is having a Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast on May 31st from 8:30 to 1:00. Proceeds will help pay costs for St. Michael's students to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City in November. Adult tickets are \$6.50 in advance, \$7 at the door. Students 6-12 are \$5, children 5 and under are free. For tickets call 755-5366.

A BIG "THANK YOU" TO EVERYONE who gave a gift this past weekend to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Our parish goal is 100% participation. Each and every person's gift is important. Remember, when we reach our parish goal, any additional gifts stay right here for our own use. For those who have not made their pledge, please join us in supporting the vital programs and services throughout the diocese that no single individual or parish can offer. Your gift to the Appeal supports the ministries and services in this Diocese from which you and this parish benefit. Simply fill out an intention card and place it in the offertory basket or drop it in the mail. Thank you for your generosity and your support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

FAIRWAY FATHERS IS SEEKING YOUNG GOLFERS. The Vocations Office and the Serra Club of Des Moines are seeking faith-filled boys in high school and junior high school to team up with diocesan priests for Fairway Fathers. The purpose of this event is vocations awareness - not competition. Fairway Fathers will be played at Legacy Golf Club in Norwalk on Monday, June 15th. Registration deadline is May 15th. The Serra Club of Des Moines is underwriting all fees for this event. Call 515.237.5014 or visit www.VocationsOnline.com.

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 Bladt, 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., May 9th, 5:30 p.m.** *Servers:* Chondra Hope, Lea Spitznagle, Michael Bertacini. *Lector:* Renee Price. *Euch. Ministers:* Doug Spitznagle, Dave Sternberg, Ann Koster. *Ushers:* Mike Hope, Terry Bertacini. *Gifts:* Rhonda Hope & Mary Bertacini. **Sun., May 10th, 10:30 a.m.** *Servers:* Brody Larson, Jacob Larson, Dustin Maassen. *Lector:* Jennie Maassen. *Euch. Ministers:* Melody Lippold*, Ron Kenkel, Deb McCarthy. *Ushers:* Dave Larson, Jerry McCarthy. *Gifts:* Gaylene Taylor, Margaret Sunderman. **St. Patrick's Liturgy: May 10th, 8:00 a.m.** *Servers:* Erran Holtz, Eli Holtz. *Lector:* Jane Hayes-Johnk. *Euch. Ministers:* Randy Sandbothe, Leo Stuart, Jim Hoffmann. *Ushers:* Kenny Blum, Judd Gross. *Gifts:* Donnie Bauerkemper Family. **St. Patrick's Breakfast Schedule: May 10th** Mothers Day - Knights of Columbus. **May 24th** Bob Wood, Judy & Steve Griffin, Sharon & Norman Sorrells.

DIOCESAN APPEAL: As of April 29th, **St. Mary's** parishioners have pledged a total of \$3,565.00 (21.2%) of the \$16,847 goal. Eighteen families have participated at this point with the average gift being \$198.05. **St. Patrick's** parishioners have pledged a total of \$1,475.00 (15.9%) of the \$9,275 goal. Five families have participated at this point with the average gift being \$295.00. 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.