

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: May 10 - May 17, 2009

Sunday, May 10:

- ❖ **Please Join Us for Senior Breakfast at St. Patrick's** following the Mass at 8:00 a.m. at which we will be recognizing our high school seniors. Congratulations to Hanna Russmann and Erran Holtz.

Sunday, May 17:

- ❖ **Please Join Us for Coffee, Rolls and Fellowship** following the Mass at 8:00 a.m. at St. Mary's, Avoca.
- ❖ **2009 Catholic Communication Campaign** collection will be at all Masses this weekend. There are envelopes in the back of both churches.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- √ **St. Mary's June Group of the Month** will meet on Monday, May 18th at 6:30 p.m. on the patio to plan the June liturgy.
- √ **Baccalaureate Services** for 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.

CONGRATULATION TO ST. MARY'S SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS: Knights of Columbus - Greg Schmidt, Alyssa Tuel; Weimann Scholarship - Alyssa Tuel; Deacon Clarence Scholarship - Greg Schmidt.

THANK YOU to all who responded so generously to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Each year the success of this Appeal depends on you. Again this year, you have done a wonderful thing - your gifts have helped to assure that the Diocese of Des Moines will be able to continue its mission of building the Body of Christ.

ST. PETER'S PARISH PICNIC COMMITTEE in Defiance is selling \$50 raffle tickets for a chance to win cash prizes or a Grand Prize worth more than \$3,000. Buyers have 14 chances to win cash plus one Grand Prize winner. Every 25th ticket drawn is a winner. Only 300 tickets will be sold. The Grand Prize gives you one of three choices - a Dream Vacation of your choice booked through 4 Season's Travel, or a prize package for merchandise retailing at \$3,500 from Bonsalls TV & Appliance in Dunlap or \$3,000 Cash. We are also selling \$10 raffle tickets for a Dell lap top computer and \$3 raffle tickets for a weeks stay at a condo in Branson, Missouri. To purchase tickets call (712)748-3501 - St. Peter's Rectory.

REMINDER - FAIRWAY FATHERS IS SEEKING YOUNG GOLFERS. Registration deadline is May 15th. You may call (515)237-5014 or visit www.VocationsOnline.com.

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. 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.

KEEP PRAYERS AND MINISTRY COMING FOR: Rita Miick, 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 16th, 5:30 p.m.** *Servers:* William Gress, Darrian Irlbeck, Brandon Osbahr. *Lector:* Rhonda Pauley-Holton. *Euch. Ministers:* Nancy Gress, Jane True, Mary Pearson. *Ushers:* Tom True, Jim Irlbeck. *Gifts:* Mike & Ann D'Angelo. **Sun., May 17th, 8:00 a.m.** *Servers:* Anna Bauer, Nathan Bauer, Taylor Becker. *Lector:* Loretta Harder. *Euch. Ministers:* Harold Hoffmann*, Dennis Piittmann, Carolyn Piittmann. *Ushers:* Louie Harder, Dean Kock. *Gifts:* Mary Beth Kock, Pat Wiegand. **St. Patrick's Liturgy: May 17th, 10:30 a.m.** *Servers:* Harley Russmann, Grace Russmann. *Lector:* Jim Hoffmann. *Euch. Ministers:* Marie Suhr, Bob Wood, Ellen Holtz. *Ushers:* Bob Wood, Dave Muell. *Gifts:* Dean Ausdemore Family. **St. Patrick's Breakfast Schedule: May 24th Bob Wood, Judy & Steve Griffin, Sharon & Norman Sorrells. June 14th Donna & Dave Muell, Merrie Ann Sloth, Julie & Chuck Gross.**

DIOCESAN APPEAL: As of May 5th, **St. Mary's** parishioners have pledged a total of \$6,290.00 (37.4%) of the \$16,847 goal. Twenty-eight families have participated at this point with the average gift being \$224.64. **St. Patrick's** parishioners have pledged a total of \$3,075.00 (33.2%) of the \$9,275 goal. Nine families have participated at this point with the average gift being \$341.67. 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.