

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: September 20-September 27, 2009

Sunday, September 20:

- ❖ **Join Us for Coffee, Rolls and Fellowship** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's
- ❖ **Catechetical Sunday:** In observance of *Catechetical Sunday*, all CCD teachers will be recognized at the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's. Teachers, please plan to attend.
- ❖ **CCD Class #2 for PK-5th Grade** is from 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Monday, September 21:

- ❖ **October Group of the Month** meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on St. Mary's Patio.

Wednesday, September 23:

- ❖ **Bingo at Peace Haven in Walnut** hosted by St. Patrick's begins at 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 24:

- ❖ **Knights of Columbus** will have 1st Degree at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's. If you are interested in making 1st Degree call Tony Denning at 343-6742. The meeting will immediately follow.

Sunday, September 27:

- ❖ **NO CCD Class** for PreK - 5th grades - St. Patrick's Fall Dinner.
- ❖ **St. Patrick's Fall Dinner** will begin serving Staley's Chicken Dinner at 11:00 a.m..
PLEASE NOTE MASS CHANGE: Mass will be at 8:00 a.m. at St. Mary's in Avoca and Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. at St. Patrick's in Walnut.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- √ **Adult Faith Committee** will meet on Thurs., Oct. 1st at 7:00 p.m. on St. Mary's Patio.
- √ **CCD Class #3 for PK-5th Grade** is from 9:15-10:15 a.m. at St. Mary's on Oct. 4th.
- √ **2nd Grade First Reconciliation Parents Meeting** is October 4th at St. Mary's at 9:15 a.m.
- √ **CCD Class #3 for 6th - 12th grades** is Oct. 7th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at St. Mary's.
- √ **The Crop Walk** is scheduled for October 11th in Walnut at 1:00 p.m.
- √ **St. Patrick's Finance Committee** meeting is Tues., October 13th at 7:00 p.m.
- √ **St. Patrick's Parish Council** meeting will be Sunday, October 18th.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: The Micah House Christian Service Project is Sunday, October 4th. We will be leaving Avoca after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and returning to Avoca around 3:00 p.m. Confirmation student interested in going should contact Rhonda Hope or Jennifer Kock by September 28th.

CROP WALK IN WALNUT is scheduled for October 11th at 1:00 p.m. All walkers are asked to meet at the Walnut City Park for a four mile walk. Walkers are asked to bring a canned food item for the Avoca Food Pantry.

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN WALNUT in having their annual roast beef dinner on Sunday, September 20th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Adults are \$8, children 6-12 are \$3 and, 5 and under are free. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship. Thank you.

CLEANING HELP NEEDED: St. Mary/St. Patrick is in need of an individual to clean the rectory one day per week at a time to be worked out with Fr. John's schedule. Average time per week is 2.5 to 3.5 hours with pay at \$8.00 per hour. Could start anytime. If interested please contact Barb Butcher at 343-2173 or Fr. John at 343-6948.

COMMEMORATIVE MASS OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE JOHN PAUL II'S visit to Des Moines will be held on Saturday, October 3rd at Dowling Catholic High School at 4:00 p.m. Bishop Pates is extending an invitation to all parishes. Bishop Pates is also asking all parishes for representatives to attend the symposium entitled "What God has Given, and Human Hands Have Made" that begins on Friday evening and continues on Saturday.

RCIA PROGRAM: If you know of anyone who has expressed a desire to become a Catholic, or if you have a spouse who wants to join the church, now is the time to do something about it. Father John is now taking applications for the upcoming RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes for this fall and winter. Classes will begin around the first week of October. For more information call (712)343-6948.

KEEP PRAYERS AND MINISTRY COMING FOR: Mary Kock, Mark Markam, Neal Wingert, Brenda Carroll, Mark Strong, 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., Sept. 26th, 5:30 p.m.** Servers: Henry/Mary Nagengast, Nolan Schmidt. *Lector:* Rhonda Pauley-Holton. *Euch. Ministers:* Dave Sternberg, Barb Butcher, Bob Hegna, Dave Sternberg. *Ushers:* Pete Schmidt, Steve Kock. *Gifts:* Betty Wolfgang, Mary Kroll. **Sun., Sept. 27th, 8:00 a.m.** Servers: Dustin Maassen, Brody/Jacob Larson. *Lector:* Carmella Pigneri. *Euch. Ministers:* Jane True*, Renee Price Joan Kloewer. *Ushers:* Allen Cordes, Tom True. *Gifts:* Allen Cordes Family. **St. Patrick's Liturgy: Sun., Sept. 27, 10:00 a.m.:** Servers: Lucas Blum, Haley Blum. *Lector:* Bob Wood. *Euch. Ministers:* Leo Stuart, Ellen Holtz, Marie Suhr. *Ushers:* Steve Griffin, Judd Gross. *Gifts:* Dean Ausdemore, Judy Kay.