

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

Sunday, December 20:

- ❖ **Join Us for Coffee, Rolls and Fellowship** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's. St. Mary's Group of the Month is asked to stay and decorate the church after coffee and rolls.
- ❖ **CCD Class #12 for PreK - 5th Grades** is at St. Mary's.
- ❖ **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is from 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. at St. Patrick's.

Thursday, December 24:

- ❖ **Christmas Mass at St. Mary's, Avoca** at 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Christmas Mass at St. Patrick's, Walnut** at 9:00 p.m.

Friday, December 25:

- ❖ **Christmas Mass at St. Mary's, Avoca** at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 27:

- ❖ **Join Us for Coffee, Rolls and Fellowship** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's in Walnut.
- ❖ **No CCD Classes** - Merry Christmas

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- √ **CCD Class #8 for 6th -12th grade** is Wednesday, January 6th at St. Mary's from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- √ **CCD Class #13 for PreK-5th grade** is Sunday, January 10th at St. Mary's from 9:15-10:15 a.m.
- √ **St. Mary's Finance Committee** meeting is scheduled for Tues., Jan. 12th at 7:00 p.m.
- √ **St. Mary's Parish Council** meeting is scheduled for Thurs., Jan. 14th at 7:00 p.m.

A **SPECIAL COLLECTION** will be at all Mass on December 27th for the Retired Religious. Please respond generously as a sign of hope and gratitude to all of those retired religious who served us so long and so well. Envelopes are attached to this bulletin.

MUSEUM OF RELIGIOUS ARTS has 20,000 square feet of nativities and Christmas trees on display thru January 17th. Hours are Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4:00 p.m. The admission fee is \$5 and that includes all the art and artifacts display.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW SHOOTING CONTEST for boys and girls ages 10 - 14 will be at the AHST Elementary School on January 3rd. Any questions or information call Pete Schmidt at (712)343-6952.

HELP DECORATE ST. PATRICK'S CHRISTMAS TREE with mittens, gloves, scarfs and, coats to help the Crisis Shelter in Atlantic and local schools.

SPECIAL NOTE: Please stop and pick up your 2010 tithe envelopes that are in the back of church of both churches.

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY to Sue Irlbeck and family whose sister, Mary Kay Snell, died December 13th.

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY to Grace Madden and family whose sister, Marie McGill died December 12th.

CREIGHTON COURSE "Theology of the Church and Sacraments" begins January 15th. This is a 3 credit course and begins Friday evening, January 15th & continues for six Saturday sessions. It is part of the Creighton Certificate Programs co-sponsored by the Diocese & Creighton University. For brochures or information go to www.dmdiocese.org.

KEEP PRAYERS AND MINISTRY COMING FOR: Eileen Denning, Angela Brisbois, 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, Carol Gubbels.

ASSIGNMENTS (Please find your own replacement.): **St. Mary's Liturgy: Thurs., Dec, 24th 5:30 p.m.:** Darrian Irlbeck, Katie Gilland, Gunner Gilland. *Lector:* Rose Sternberg. *Euch. Ministers:* Carmella Pigneri, Dave Sternberg, Bob Hegna. *Ushers:* Bernie Schroder, Bob Goetsch. *Gifts:* Bernitta Goetsch, Mary Bertacini. **Fri., Dec, 25th, 9:00 a.m.** *Servers:* Jessica Wise, Matthew Wise, Lea Spitznagle. *Lector:* Pat Martin. *Euch. Ministers:* Ron Kenkel, Doug Spitznagle, Jane True. *Ushers:* Tom True, Bob Luna. *Gifts:* Denise Luna & family. **Sat., Dec. 26th, 5:30 p.m.:** *Servers:* Emily/James Ptacek, Jack Paulson. *Lector:* Nancy Holtz. *Euch. Ministers:* Nancy Gress, Renee Price, Deb McCarthy. *Ushers:* Dean Ptacek, Jim Paulson. *Gifts:* Pam Paulson Family. **Sun., Dec. 27th, 10:30 a.m.** *Servers:* Jake/Brody Larson, Dustin Maassen. *Lector:* Tom Pattee. *Euch. Ministers:* Harold Hoffmann*, Jamie Coon, Jennie Maassen. *Ushers:* Eugene Wagemen, Dave Larson. *Gifts:* Linda Wageman, Lea Larson. **St. Patrick's Liturgy: Thurs., Dec. 24th 9:00 p.m.** *Servers:* Lucas Blum, Haley Blum. *Lector:* Gaylean Bauerkemper. *Euch Ministers:* Leo Stuart, Ellen Holtz, Marie Suhr. *Ushers:* Bob Wood, Kenny Suhr. *Gifts:* Judy Kay, Dean Ausdemore. **Sun., Dec. 27th, 8:00 a.m.** *Servers:* Eli Holtz, Grace Russmann. *Lector:* Merri Ann Sloth. *Euch Ministers:* Theresa Holtz, Robert Stuart, Bob Wood. *Ushers:* Lou Totilas, Tim Petersen. *Gifts:* Bob Gross Family.

St. Patrick's Breakfast Schedule: Dec. 27th, Gwen & Rick Blum, Cindy & George Gross, Denny Book. **Jan. 10th, Leo Stuart, Marie & Kenny Suhr, Judy & Bob Gross.**