

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: March 21 - March 28, 2010

### Sunday, March 21:

- ❖ **Join Us for Coffee, Rolls and Fellowship** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's in Avoca.
- ❖ **CCD Class #23 for PreK-5th grade** is at St. Mary's from 9:15-10:15 a.m. There is Reconciliation for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- ❖ **Lenten Service & Soup Supper** is at 5:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca.

### Tuesday, March 23:

- ❖ **Stations of the Cross** are at St. Patrick's at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Chrism Mass** is at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines. You are most welcome to participate.

### Wednesday, March 24:

- ❖ **Mass followed by Stations of the Cross** are at St. Mary's at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Knights of Columbus** regular meeting is at St. Mary's at 7:30 p.m.

### Sunday, March 28:

- ❖ **Join Us for Coffee, Rolls and Fellowship** following the 8:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Mass at St. Patrick's in Walnut.
- ❖ **CCD Class #24 for PreK-5th grade** is at St. Mary's from 9:15-10:15 a.m. - Palm Sunday Mass.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- √ **Stations of the Cross** are Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick's at 7:00 p.m.
- √ **Mass followed by Stations of the Cross** are Wed., March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's.
- √ **Holy Thursday Mass** is April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Avoca.
- √ **Good Friday Service** is April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's, Walnut.
- √ **Easter Vigil Mass** is Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Avoca.
- √ **Easter Sunday Mass** is April 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at St. Mary's, Avoca and 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's, Walnut.

**CHRISM MASS:** Everyone is invited to attend the annual Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines. The Chrism Mass is a festive liturgy which celebrates the pastoral life of our diocese: the Sacred Chrism which will be used for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders throughout the year will be consecrated. The Oil of the Sick and Oil of Catechumens are also blessed. Bishop Pates will preside, and the priests of the diocese will concelebrate and renew their promises of priestly commitment. You are most welcome to participate in this joyful celebration! For information, contact Kyle Lechtenberg in the Worship Office at 515.237.5046.

**OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY** to the family of John Dea who died on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. John's funeral service was Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> in Neola.

**OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY** for Loretta Harder and family at the death of her mother, Leta Lane. Leta Lane died Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> and her funeral service was Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> in Missouri Valley.

**ST. MARY'S EASTER FLOWERS** order form needs to be mailed to St. Mary's or dropped in the collection basket by this weekend.

**PARISH VOCATION COMMITTEE:** Bishop Pates has asked each parish to form a Parish Vocation Committee. The purpose of the committee is not to recruit for vocations but, to create a parish-wide continuous prayer-based environment fostering religious vocations and, to support the parish priest in his recruitment efforts. If you are interested in serving on this committee please contact Fr. John at 343-6948.

**"WOMEN ONLY"** - a special day is planned for April 10<sup>th</sup>. St. Thomas More Center is hosting its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Day. The day will begin at 8:30 a.m. and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. The theme is "Sisters of Christ" and the facilitator is national speaker, songwriter and, singer Sarah Hart. The day will end at 4:00 p.m. and the cost is \$40. You can register by calling (515)309-1936 or email [linda@stmcenter.com](mailto:linda@stmcenter.com).

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE** is a peer ministry for widowed, divorced or separated people and is designed to start healing the grief associated from the loss. Weekends scheduled at St. Thomas More Center in Panora, Iowa are April 16-18th and September 17-19th. For more information or to register call Cleo Scheidel at (515)221-1371 or Fr. Bob Schoemann at (515)418-1938.

**KEEP PRAYERS AND MINISTRY COMING FOR:** Dan Noonan, Esther Dea, Angela "Rock" Brisbois, Mary Kock, Neal Wingert, Brenda Carroll, Mark Strong, Marie Ryek, Darla Snyder, Meaghan Hunt, Andy Molnar, Barb Hoffmann, Ethel Thomas, Gordon Gladdin, Peggy Benson, Armond Feauto, 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: Sat., Mar. 27th, 5:30 p.m.:** *Servers:* Garret/Gunner/Katelyn Gilland. *Lector:* Rhonda Pauley-Holton, Mary Pearson. *Euch. Ministers:* Doug Spitznagle, Jamie Coon, Dave Sternberg. *Ushers:* Doyle Gilland, Larry Friederich. *Gifts:* Julie Gilland, Charlene Friederich. **Sun., Mar. 28th, 10:30 a.m.** *Servers:* Dawson Martin, Nathan/Ryan Pattee. *Lector:* Pat Martin, Tom Pattee. *Euch. Ministers:* Jane True\*, Jennie Maassen, Joan Kloewer. *Ushers:* Bill Pattee, Mark Campbell. *Gifts:* Monica Martin, Amy Pattee. **St. Patrick's Liturgy: Sun., Mar. 28th, 8:00 a.m.** *Servers:* Haley Blum, Lucas Blum. *Lector:* Jim Hoffmann. *Euch. Ministers:* Jim Hoffmann, Charlie Hughes, Robert Stuart. *Ushers:* Nick Hoffmann, Charlie Hughes. *Gifts:* Jo Cable Family.