

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: April 18 - April 25, 2010

### Sunday, April 18:

- ❖ **Join Us for Coffee, Rolls and Fellowship** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's.
- ❖ **St. Patrick's Parish Council** meeting begins at 11:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Last CCD Class for PreK-5th grade** is from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Have a great summer!
- ❖ **Trinity Lutheran Church Annual Dinner**, Avoca is from 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. They are serving a pork loin dinner. Adults \$8, children 10 & under \$4. Preschoolers are free.
- ❖ **Appeal Weekend** is this weekend. Mailings have gone out from the Diocese with pledge cards and return envelopes. Pledges can be sent to the Diocese or returned to your local parish. Checks should be made payable to: Annual Diocesan Appeal. Pledges can also be made in payments as in the past.

### Tuesday, April 20:

- ❖ **Golden Oldies Luncheon** is Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Walnut. Call 784-3953 by noon on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> to make reservations.

### Wednesday, April 21:

- ❖ **First Communion** practice begins at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's.

### Thursday, April 22:

- ❖ **Knights of Columbus** regular meeting is at 7:30 p.m. in Walnut.

### Sunday, April 25 :

- ❖ **First Communion Sunday:** There will be 1<sup>st</sup> Communion at St. Patrick's in Walnut at the 8:00 a.m. Mass and at St. Mary's in Avoca at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.
- ❖ **Join Us for Coffee, Rolls and Fellowship** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- √ **Senior Mass & Breakfast** is Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at St. Mary's.
- √ **Confirmation Practice** is Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at St. Mary's. There will be reconciliation after practice and time to complete class projects.
- √ **Confirmation Mass** is Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's. There will be a reception for the Bishop with a light lunch following the Mass.
- √ **St. Mary's Finance Council** meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- √ **St. Mary's Parish Council** meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

“THANK YOU” to Doug and Karen Sptiznagle for fixing dinner for the Confirmation students before they left on a field trip Wednesday evening to the Religious Arts Museum.

- Confirmation Students, Rhonda Hope & Jennifer Kock

“THANK YOU” to Dave Larson for driving the bus to the Religious Arts Museum for the Confirmation students field trip last Wednesday evening.

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“THANK YOU” to Jane True, Rose Wingert, Helen Juelsgaard, Dave Muell, and Bob Luna who have agreed to serve on the new Vocation Committee. I am very grateful to you for your willingness to help promote Vocations in our two parishes. May God richly bless your efforts in this important task.

-Gratefully yours, Fr. John

“CONGRATULATIONS” to Bob and Elvida O'Neill who are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

“CONGRATULATIONS” to Ashley Adams and Preston Krohn who were married on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's.

**TODAY IS OUR ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL** which is being taken up throughout the Diocese of Des Moines. The Annual Diocesan Appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as a Diocesan family and support programs and services no single individual or parish can offer. Every gift, regardless of the size, is vital to the success of the appeal. Our goal this year is to have 100% participation. In order to achieve this, each of you is asked to give in accordance with your means.

**WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE:** Save the date and plan to attend the Women of Faith Conference in Omaha on August 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at the Qwest Center. If you think you might be interested but have questions, please call Carm Pigneri at 712.482.3005 or 402.651.3354. The parish will help with some financial assistance. It's the perfect getaway weekend for you and your parish family friends - or a special time just for you and God to share. There is no age limit and we can car pool. We would like to have reservations in by the middle of June if possible.

**KEEP PRAYERS AND MINISTRY COMING FOR:** Mary Troia, Steve McDunn, Stephanie Nichols, Dan Noonan, Esther Dea, Angela “Rock” Brisbois, Mary Kock, Neal Wingert, Brenda Carroll, Mark Strong, Marie Ryck, 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., Apr. 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.:** *Servers:* Will Gress, Michael Bertacini, Chondra Hope. *Lector:* Rose Sternberg. *Euch. Ministers:* Barb Butcher, Nancy Gress, Dave Sternberg. *Ushers:* Terry Bertacini, Bob Konz. *Gifts:* Mary Bertacini, Leona Konz. **Sunday, Apr. 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.** *Servers:* Anthony Cordes, Nathan/Ryan Pattee. *Lector:* Bernitta Goettsch. *Euch. Ministers:* Melody Lippold\*, Tom Pattee, John Lookabill. *Ushers:* Jim Paulson, Bob Luna. *Gifts:* First Communion. **St. Patrick's Liturgy: Sunday, Apr. 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m.** *Servers:* Eli Holtz, Grace Russmann. *Lector:* Merri Ann Sloth. *Euch. Ministers:* Jane Hayes-Johnk, Charlie Hughes, Robert Stuart. *Ushers:* Volunteer, Donnie Bauerkemper. *Gifts:* Tom Russmann Family. **St. Patrick's Breakfast Schedule: Apr. 25<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion:** Judy & Steve Griffin, Sharon & Norman Sorrells. **May 9<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day:** Merri Ann Sloth, Julie & Chuck Gross, Donna & Dave Muell.