

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: April 25 - May 2, 2010

Sunday, April 25 :

- ❖ **Join Us for Coffee, Rolls and Fellowship** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's.
- ❖ **Congratulations to our First Communicants:** Nicholas Allen Cordes, Grace Ann Luna, Evan Jared Pattee, Nora Rose Paulson, and Emily Jane Roskens at St. Mary's and to Joseph Michael Cunningham and Anastasia Marie Muell at St. Patrick's.

Sunday, May 2:

- ❖ **Please Join Us for Senior Breakfast at St. Mary's** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Congratulations to Shay Behrens, Gunner Gilland, Chondra Hope, Kelsey Kelly, Heather Maassen, Jimmy Ptacek, Nolan Schmidt, and Josh Zimmerman

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- √ **Confirmation Practice** is Wednesday, May 5th 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 9th at 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's. There will be a reception for the Bishop with a light luncheon following the Mass.
- √ **St. Mary's Finance Council** meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m.
- √ **Last Golden Oldies Luncheon** is May 11th at AHST with the students preparing the lunch.
- √ **St. Mary's Parish Council** meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: All required Confirmation work must be turned in immediately to Father, Rhonda or Jennifer. Confirmation program information must be received by Monday, April 26th to be included in the Mass program. Contact Rhonda Hope or Jennifer Kock with any questions.

“**THANK YOU**” to the fifth-grade class for the farewell cards and the flower! I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness. I wish you the very best in you future endeavors.

- Fr. John

“**THANK YOU**” to St. Mary's Group-of-the-Month individuals who provide bingo each month for those of us at the Avoca Care Center. It is greatly appreciated by the residents.

- Marian Smith

STEWARDSHIP WEEK, celebrated annually between the last Sunday in April and the first Sunday in May, reminds us of our personal responsibility to care for the natural resources for which we all depend. The celebration and observance of Stewardship continue throughout the year - not for just one week. The concept of Stewardship involves personal and social responsibility. We have a duty to learn about and improve natural resources as we use them wisely. There are brochures in the back of both churches with more information.

A BIG THANK YOU” TO EVERYONE who gave a gift this past week to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Our parish goal is 100% participation. Each and every person's gift is important. Remember, when we reach our parish goal, any additional gifts stay right here for our own use. For those who have not made their pledge, please join us in supporting the vital programs and services throughout the diocese that no single individual or parish can offer. Your gift to the Appeal supports the ministries and services in this Diocese from which you and this parish benefit. Simply fill out an intention card and put it in the offertory basket or drop it in the mail. Thank you for your generosity and your support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE: Save the date and plan to attend the Women of Faith Conference in Omaha on August 13th and 14th 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.

FAIRWAY FATHERS GOLF TOURNAMENT: This tournament is for junior and senior high school young men and all priests in the Diocese of Des Moines. There is no cost for participating and it is fully underwritten by the Office of Vocations, St. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus, and Serra Club of Des Moines. Lunch and prizes will be included in the day's events. For further information or to register, please contact Darlene Oliver at the Office of Vocations, (515)237-5014 or doliver@dmdiocese.org. Deadline for application is June 1st.

KEEP PRAYERS AND MINISTRY COMING FOR: J Pearson, Jan Schultz, Mary VanCamp, Ted Aikman, 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., May 1st, 5:30 p.m.:** *Servers:* Samantha Kloewer, Bill Price, Hannah Denning. *Lector:* Renee Price. *Euch. Ministers:* Joan Kloewer, Carmella Pigneri, Ann Koster. *Ushers:* James Kloewer, Ron Kroll. *Gifts:* Sharon Anderson, Patricia Bargaquast. **Sunday, May 2nd 8:00 a.m.** *Servers:* Darrian Irlbeck, Alexis Irlbeck, Dustin Maassen. *Lector:* Doug Brown. *Euch. Ministers:* Dennis Piittmann*, Mary Pearson*, Amy Sturm. *Ushers:* Larry Bladt, Brent Hansen. *Gifts:* Cheryl Brown, Collette Bladt. **St. Patrick's Liturgy: Sunday, May 2nd, 10:30 a.m.** *Servers:* Lucas Blum, Haley Blum. *Lector:* Marie Suhr. *Euch. Ministers:* Jim Hoffmann, Julie Gross, Gwen Blum. *Ushers:* Andy Blum, Kenny Blum. *Gifts:* Fred Goettsch Family. **St. Patrick's Breakfast Schedule: May 9th, Mother's Day: Merri Ann Sloth,** Julie & Chuck Gross, Donna & Dave Muell. **May 23rd:** Grant & Aubrey Stuart, Judy & John Schrechehost, Marita & Tom Russmann.