

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: July 4 - July 11, 2010

Sunday, July 4:

❖ **Happy Fourth of July!**

Sunday, July 11:

❖ **Join Us for Coffee, Rolls & Fellowship** after the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

√ **Knights of Columbus** regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 22nd at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's parish hall.

√ **Avoca Blood Drive** sponsored by St. Mary's is scheduled for Saturday, July 31st from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The blood drive has been moved to Saturday in hopes it will be more convenient for those who work and are unable to give blood but would like to.

THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK!! Thank you, Father John, for all you have given to us and have done for us. We want to wish you the very best in your new assignment, and we want you to know that you will be missed.

- The Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. Patrick's

"THANK YOU" No words can adequately express our thanks or show how deeply we were touched by those of you from both St. Mary's and St. Patrick's parishes who were instrumental in planning and carrying out my retirement party Saturday evening. Special thanks for the kind words from Allen Cordes, Theota Nelsen, Donna Muell, and especially Father John; also each of you present or not that evening. I have always truly enjoyed my job, and thank God for the ability He bestowed on me to carry it out. The monetary gift from the two parishes overwhelmed us, and we will think of the love and friendship of each of you with our special purchases directed towards our trip to Africa in September. Your many cards and other gifts were also so much fun to receive. You are simply "THE BEST!!"
- God bless you always!! Barb & John Butcher

"THANK YOU" The Knights would like to thank Fr. Frost for all his support these past ten years. Without his support we would not have been able to grow and accomplish the many activities that we currently do. It has been a great experience getting to know Father and we wish him the best on his next assignment. Good Luck and may God Bless.

- The Knights of Columbus

"THANK YOU" to Doug and Karen Spitznagle for all their help in coordinating the meal for the outdoor Mass that was subsequently held in St. Mary's basement.

- The Knights of Columbus

THANK YOU for showing us support throughout our CCD years. Thanks for the gift cards. I am sure they will be put to good use if they haven't already! The Class of 2010! Kelsey Kelly

THANK YOU Father John and St. Patrick's Members: Just a note to thank you for the beautiful sun catcher. I am really enjoying it, and it makes me think of all of you. I miss you all and wish I was there. My leg is getting better, but it has a long way to go.

- God Bless, Margaret Murphy

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME to Nora Jean Hoffmann. Nora Jean is the daughter of Eric and Alexa Hoffmann and was baptized at St. Patrick's on Sunday, June 27th. Nora Jean was born on June 8, 2010 in Des Moines.

CCD TEACHER IS NEEDED: If you would like to share your talents and teach CCD for 8th grade for the 2010 - 2011 school year please contact Julie Gilland at (402) 490-7505 or Gwen Blum at (712) 784-2699.

SWEET CORN: If there is anyone willing to donate and freeze sweet corn to serve at the St. Mary's Fall Dinner, please call Mandi Irlbeck at (712) 343-6795.

KEEP PRAYERS AND MINISTRY COMING FOR: Shelly Mattox, Margaret Murphy, Jan Schultz, Mary VanCamp, Ted Aikman, Mary Troia, Steve McDunn, Stephanie Nichols, Dan Noonan, Esther Dea, Angela "Rock" Brisbois, Mary Kock, 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, Carol Gubbels.

ASSIGNMENTS (Please find your own replacement.): **St. Mary's Liturgy: Sat., July 10th, 5:30 p.m.:** *Servers:* Jacob/Kylie Martin, James Ptacek. *Lector:* Carmella Pigneri. *Euch. Ministers:* Deb McCarthy, Dave Sternberg, James Coon. *Ushers:* Greg Martin, Dean Ptacek. *Gifts:* Chris Martin, Jamie Ptacek. **Sunday, July 11th, 9:30 a.m.** *Servers:* Maria Ahern, Sophia Ahern, Samantha Kloewer. *Lector:* Bernitta Goettsah. *Euch. Ministers:* Jane True*, Theota Nelsen*, Joan Kloewer. *Ushers:* Bob Goettsch, Tom True. *Gifts:* Carmen Ahern, Jennie Maassen. **St. Patrick's Liturgy: Sunday, July 11th, 8:00 a.m.** *Servers:* Lucas Blum, Haley Blum. *Lector:* Ellen Holtz. *Euch. Ministers:* Gwen Blum, Lou Totilas, Jane Hayes-Johnk. *Ushers:* Kenny Suhr, Andy Blum. *Gifts:* Andy Blum Family.

St. Patrick's Breakfast Schedule: July 25th: Jo Cable, Lori & Amy Blum, Betty & Jim Blum.

DIOCESAN APPEAL: As of June 28th, **St. Mary's** parishioners have pledged a total of \$17,690 (102%) of the \$17,489 goal. Seventy-five families have participated at this point with the average gift being \$235.87. **St. Patrick's** parishioners have pledged a total of \$9,720 (100.1%) of the \$9,670 goal. Thirty-three families have participated at this point with the average gift being \$294.55. Thank you for making this years Diocesan Appeal another success!