

AREA HAPPENINGS

Lenten Breakfast: Trinity Lutheran Church, 1011 S. 3rd Avenue, Wednesday February 24th at 6:30 a.m.

Fish Fry: Every Friday during Lent from 5-7pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 201 W. High Street.

Community Y Spring "10 Health Forum": March 1, 1:15 p.m. *Wading thru the Maze of Medicare Supplement Insurance and Medicare Advantage Plans* presented by Glen Yetsen and Mary Christensen, SHIIP volunteers. No charge. Community Y membership is not required.

ROSARY-DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD

The Knights of Columbus will conduct a rosary to coincide with the national K of C Day of the Unborn and the Feast of the Annunciation. This will be a special rosary to incorporate pro-life aspects into the mysteries. This will be held at St. Henry's church at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 25. Please help to support our unborn babies especially during Lent. All St. Mary's and St. Henry's parishioners and families are encouraged and welcome.

BENEFIT FOR JULIE CARLSON

SPAGHETTI DINNER

March 1st, 2010

5-7:30 p.m.

St. Henry's Dining Hall

\$5 per person

There will also be a silent auction as part of the benefit.

"As iron sharpens iron...."

14th ANNUAL

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2010

Xavier High School

4200 42nd St. NE

Cedar Rapids

Keynote Speakers:

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers

Registration: \$35 by March 13 or

\$45 at the door (lunch included)

Registration—7:00 a.m.

Opening Prayer—8:00 a.m.

Conference concludes with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Jerome Hanus at 5:15 p.m.

To register online or for more information, visit www.catholicmenonline.org

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday (February 17th) & all the Fridays of Lent

Everyone 18 years of age & under 59 is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday.

On these two days of fast & abstinence, only one full meatless meal, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk & fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not apply.

Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from the fast & abstinence prescribed.

Lent is the principle season of penance in the Christian year. Priests, religious & laity are strongly urged to develop & follow a program of voluntary, self-denial, serious prayer, & a performance of works of charity & mercy.

MMSC VOLUNTEER SERVICES IS THE TOPIC FOR THE CCW MARCH MEETING.

Plan to attend the monthly meeting of St. Mary Council of Catholic Women on Thursday, March 4, in the church hall. The evening will begin at 6:30 with hot sandwiches and desserts prepared & served by the March & July committees. Jonna Wagar & Jean Miller will present the program on MMSC Volunteer Services. A short business meeting will follow. We hope to see you there!



CCW

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

It is time to start gathering up your clean rummage for the which will be held in March. Rummage can be brought to the church starting Monday, March 15, sorting will be on Thursday afternoon, March 18 and the sale will be Friday, March 19 and Saturday morning, March 20.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 6, 2010

Sunday, March 7, 2010

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm **Beth Anson, Maggie Stalzer, Shirley**

Ford, Jim Wessling, Monica Schneider

9:00am **Jane Siemens, Jim Siemens, Matthew**

Schmitt, Nancy Boone, Edith

Podhajsky, Tom Renze, Ron Bane

ALTAR SERVERS

4:30pm Nina Ford, Brooklyn Amundson

9:00am Joe Cahill, Kim-Mee Schmitt

LECTORS

4:30pm Jeannine Grady, Paul Crawford

9:00am Arlene Benson, Pete Grady

MUSICIANS

4:30pm Marilyn, Marge

Cindy, Eileen

9:00am Gloria, Vern, Molly, Dean, Anne,

Nancy B., Beth

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

4:30pm Cathy Lamb, Greg Paglia

Tobi Greene, Karol Awes

9:00am Sarah Hesmer, Ellen Hazen

LeRoy Schulte, Anne Schulte

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

5:30-6:00pm Mass Attendees

Stewardship Committee

6:00-6:30pm Virginia Zietlow

Valentin Menjiver

Madonna Study Club

6:30-7:00pm Madonna Study Club

Beth Anson

7:00-7:30pm Carol Johnson

7:30-8:00pm Dennis Zmolek

MACS SCRIP

Those selling SCRIP for the weekend of March 6th & 7th are:

4:30pm Julie Giannetto, Sarah Gimbel

9:00am Jill Simons, Jamie Snyder

NEWCOMERS

To make an appointment to register with the parish, or when leaving the parish or changing address, please call 753-6278.

OUR ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK IS

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HOME MEDICAL

Please consider them when in need of their products and/or services.

**DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
AND INTENTIONS**

Mar. 1 8:00am Barb Giannetto
 Mar. 2 5:15pm Joe Schulte
 Mar. 3 5:30pm Lynn Zern
 Mar. 4 8:45am Martha Utsinger
 Mar. 5 6:00pm Adolfo & Raquel Garcia
 Mar. 6 4:30pm Gladys Ricken
 6:30pm St. Mary Parishioners
 Mar. 7 9:00am Moises, Marciana &
 Virginia Bundalian
 11:30am Fr. Bob Ament

**Wednesday Night Options
During Lent**

5:00pm Stations
 5:30pm Mass
 6:00pm Soup Supper
 6:30pm Program



Forms of Prayer: How Do We Pray?

**ST HENRY
MASS SCHEDULE**

Tues., Thurs., Fri., - 7:30am
 Wed., 7:30am, 12:10pm
 Sat. -5:00pm, Sun.-8:00am, 10:30am
 Reconciliation- Sat. 4-4:30pm

**MESSAGE FROM
FR. JIM**

We continue with many funerals this year as I celebrated the Mass of Resurrection for Betty Savage on February 24. May she rest in peace.

Already, this weekend, we will have a communal penance service on Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. This will be a good opportunity to experience God's love and forgiveness.

The gospel this weekend is an account of the Transfiguration as Peter, James and John have a mountaintop experience. What are the mountaintop experiences of life for us? For me First Communion was great as well as ordination to the transitional diaconate and then ordination to priesthood. My experiences with TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) and CEW (Christian Experience Weekend) and priest retreats are also mountaintop experiences in my spiritual life. I pray that you can also experience God's wonder and majesty -Fr. Jim

**COMMUNAL PENANCE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28th
3:00 p.m. ST. MARY CHURCH**

STEWARDSHIP

Peter, James and John wanted to build a "booth" for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His Crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the Kingdom.

CHURCH SUPPORT

• **Sacrificial Giving, February 21, 2010**
 • Adult Envelopes \$7,573.30
 • Offertory (loose) \$1,650.11
 • Budgeted Weekly \$8,874.00
 • **Over Weekly Budget \$ 349.41**

Readings for the Week

Mar. 1 Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
 Mar. 2 Is 1:10,16-20; Mt 23:1-12
 Mar. 3 Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
 Mar. 4 Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
 Mar. 5 Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a;
 Mt 21:33-43,45-46
 Mar. 6 Mi 7:14-15,18-20;
 Lk 15:1-3,11-13

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Question for Adults:

How has the cross—suffering—become a source of faith in my life?

Question for Children:

Why is faith so important in my life?

**REQUEST FOR NAMES OF THOSE
SERVING IN ARMED FORCES
OVERSEAS**

The Parish Community Life Committee is asking for names of any St. Mary family members serving in the armed forces overseas. Please bring to, or call the parish office with those names and addresses, as well as suggestions of items we can send to tell them we appreciate and remember them, and pray for their safety.

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:



Steve Spickert, Kathy Jensen,
 Sandy Mundy, Elwood Harvey,
 Denise Neumann, Elmer Kunkel,
 Maureen Kelly, Delores Plunkett
 and Don Polka.

CEW

Please pray for the women on the CEW
 at St. Henry Parish.



Youth Ministry

All HS students are invited to the **Wednesday night Lenten Soup & Study, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at SHYR.** Join us for a special time of devotion while we share a meal. Then join us for Basketball at 6:45 at St. Henry's School gym.
7th & 8th Gr. CYU will meet at St. Mary's Youth Room on Sunday March 7th, 7-8pm. Join us for Paper Charades-an exciting game that will have you drawing, running, and laughing...all at the same time.

READ ABOUT these topics and **more** in the February 28 issue of **THE WITNESS**

- 241 persons prepare to become members of the Catholic Church in the archdiocese.
- Marshalltown man relies on faith since his accident.
- "For Your Marriage" website now in English and Spanish.

**SECOND WEEK OF LENT
THE TRANSFIGURATION**

Jesus' transfiguration was a moment of hope for the disciples, giving them the strength to endure the future sacrifices they would make as they formed the early Church. As we continue our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, let us be mindful that our Lenten sacrifices help to give hope to our brothers and sisters in need.

SCRIP TRIP

Have you ever heard of TRIP? Scrip has a Tuition ReImbursement Program! Anytime you purchase Scrip & write a child's or family's name on the form, they receive 1% of your purchase to be applied to their tuition for either MACS, MACS Preschool, or Religious Education. Anything purchased up until July will be applied toward next school year. If your child will be entering any of these programs in the Fall then you can begin saving on your tuition today. Grandparents, friends & neighbors can help you save on tuition. It's as easy as ordering SCRIP!