

AREA HAPPENINGS

Lenten Breakfast: Wednesday, March 10th, **First Friends Church, S. 6th St.** 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 8, 1:15pm Jessica Williams Audiologist, Wolfe Audiology—*Can You Hear Me Now?* No charge. Community Y membership is not required.



JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST,
Sunday March 14th, 9-11am, **St. Henry's Dining Room.** Serving Home-made Breakfast Casserole, fruit, muffins & rolls. Final bidding for the Silent Service Auction will take place at the Breakfast.

-Catholic HEART Workcamp Participants

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

It is time to start gathering up your clean rummage for the **CCW Spring Rummage Sale** which will be held in March. Rummage can be brought to the church starting Mon., March 15, sorting will be on Thurs. afternoon, March 18 & the sale will be Fri., March 19 & Sat. morning, March 20.

CHRISM MASS INVITATION

All are invited to the 2010 Chrism Mass at St. Gabriel Church in Reinbeck, on Tuesday, March 30 at 2:00 p.m. At the Chrism Mass Archbishop Hanus blesses and consecrates the holy oils for anointing in the Archdiocese of Dubuque during the coming year. Also at this liturgy, the priests of the archdiocese concelebrate and renew their commitment to priestly service. The celebration is being prepared by persons from the Mason City, Marshalltown and Webster City deaneries. A reception in the parish hall will follow the liturgy. All are invited.

SAVE THE DATE!
Wednesday, April 14th
6-8:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Liturgy Committee will be **"Celebrating Lay Ministry."** Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. (A light supper will be served.) Watch the bulletin for more details.

**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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
PRO-LIFE SIGN**

The KC's are having a fund raising project to erect a permanent Pro-Life lighted sign on the KC property. Funds needed for this sign will be in excess of \$8,000. There will be a collection table at the Friday fish dinners at the KC Hall for free will donations. Please help us in this effort to spread the word for a culture of life.

THE 2010 CENSUS

As the 2010 Census approaches, each of our households will receive a form. Since the census has such an impact on our nation, the State of Iowa, and the Archdiocese of Dubuque, we want to do our part locally. As mandated by the U.S. Constitution, every person living in the United States must be counted—both citizens and noncitizens. Data from this national count help determine key funding and government representation decisions. Please complete and mail back your form and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to do the same. For more information, visit 2010census.gov.

March for America

On March 21, there will be a "March for America" to support a comprehensive immigration reform that is so urgently needed in our country. Four of our young Hispanic people here at St. Mary will be participating in the march in Washington, D.C.

Next Sunday, they will be selling tamales and atole (hot beverage) to raise funds for their fare, & you will be invited to contribute to this cause in the collection. Our Catholic bishops remind us that we are all one family, and Martin Luther King's words still ring very true today: Martin Luther King, Jr. said it best, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

Thank you for your generosity!

**MINISTRY
SCHEDULE**

Saturday, March 13, 2010
Sunday, March 14, 2010

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30pm **Jim Wessling, Dick Schrad, Eldon Schneider,** Marianne Rundall, Bonnie Linsenmeyer
9:00am **Collette Beeghly, Pam Banc, Lori Diggins,** Anna Mae Wilson, Peg Brown Pat Fowler, Norm Gorder

ALTAR SERVERS

4:30pm Aaron Wessling, Nathan Wessling
9:00am Joe Rebik, Kaley Mead

LECTORS

4:30pm Sharon Witty, Marty Bowman
9:00am Sue Cahill, Janet Mead

MUSICIANS

4:30pm Marilyn, Marge, Dan, Nancy H.
9:00am Gloria, Vern, Molly, Dean, Anne Monica, Victoria

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

4:30pm Barb Lynk, Julie Giannetto, Virginia Zietlow, Sandy Good
9:00am Clyde Lawler, Andy Lawler Pat Finch, Pele Waddilove

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

5:30-6:00pm Mass Attendees
Stewardship Committee
6:00-6:30pm Virginia Zietlow
6:30-7:00pm Bob and Ruth Jacobson
Bettie Bolar
7:00-7:30pm Carol Johnson
7:30-8:00pm Carol Johnson

MACS SCRIP

Those selling SCRIP for the weekend of March 13th & 14th are:

4:30pm Suzanne Mead
9:00am Joyce Renze, Katie McKeever

THANK YOU

Your contribution has helped to restock the shelves of the Supply Closet to meet the basic needs of many in our community. Thank you for offering these practical gifts of love to our neighbors.

*—Rita Smith, House of Compassion
Supply Closet*

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in need of their products
and/or services.*

**DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
AND INTENTIONS**

Mar. 8 8:00am Herman & Agnes Klaas
 Mar. 9 5:15pm Gladys Ricken
 Mar. 10 5:30pm Frances Jamell
 Mar. 11 8:45am Irene Ridout
 Mar. 12 6:00pm Word & Communion
 Mar. 13 4:30pm Winda Cadag
 6:30pm St. Mary Parishioners
 Mar. 15 9:00am Martha Utsinger
 11:30am Jose Avalos Barajas

**Wednesday Night Options
During Lent**

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

Ways to Pray and Obstacles to Prayer:
 How Do We Become Persons of Prayer?

If you are unable to attend any of the Growing Faith Project sessions on Wednesday evenings, but would like to participate, you may follow & join the discussion online at www.regiftinggrace.blogspot.com. A limited number of Growing Faith Project booklets from past sessions are available in the east entrance to the church.

**MESSAGE FROM
FR. JIM**

Erik Camayd-Freixas, Ph.D. served as a federal interpreter at the Waterloo, Iowa hearings following the May 12, 2008, immigration raid at Agriprocessors, Inc. in Postville. He has interpreted internationally for eight different heads of state, including President Barack Obama and Pope Benedict XVI.

His experience at Waterloo “touched the depths of his heart prompting him to write a report to Congress denouncing the violations of due process and the criminalization of immigrant workers. He will share his reflections on the implications the Postville Raid has and will have on immigrant rights and American values.”

He will speak in Cedar Falls on Tuesday, March 9 at 7 p.m. at St. Stephen the Witness Catholic Student Center, 1019 W. 23rd St.

He will speak in Cedar Rapids on Wednesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at Mt. Mercy College, Basile Hall, Flaherty Community Room.

I hope to be able to attend the presentation in Cedar Falls. I encourage you to learn more about the immigrant situation and support reasonable immigration reform.

- Fr. Jim

**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

**COMMUNAL PENANCE
SUNDAY, MARCH 14th
ST. HENRY CHURCH
3:00 p.m.**

STEWARDSHIP

The parable in today’s Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity.

CHURCH SUPPORT

Sacrificial Giving, February 21, 2010
 Adult Budget.....\$4,347.00
 Offertory (loose).....\$1,621.76
 Budgeted Weekly.....\$8,874.00
 Under weekly budget.....\$2,905.24
 Charity Collection
 Rectory Emergencies..... \$1,187.09

Readings for the Week

Mar. 8 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
 Mar. 9 Dn 3:25,34-43; Mt 18:21-35
 Mar. 10 Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
 Mar. 11 Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
 Mar. 12 Hos 14;2-10; Mk 12:28-34
 Mar. 13 Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Question for Adults:

What changes can I make in my daily life to atone for my past sins and failings and to help me do better in the future?

Question for Children:

Who among my friends is in most need of a helping hand? What can I do this week to show them God’s love?

**PRAYERS REQUESTED
FOR:**



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



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 **Communication.** In the readings for the weekend, God speaks to Moses thru the Burning Bush. We will look at different ways we communicate with God and others.

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.

Attention Confirmation Students, Parents, & Sponsors: Large group gathering: Sun. March 14th 6:30-7:30 pm at St. Henry’s Dining Room. Your sponsor needs to attend with you, so please make sure he/she knows. If your sponsor cannot attend, please have a parent attend with you.

CHWC: Breakfast—Sun. March 14 at St. Henry’s. 1st Shift: 7:30-10am, 2nd Shift: 9:30 am-noon. Please call or email Maggie or Lisa to sign up for a shift. Please don’t forget to bring your assigned item to the breakfast. Final bidding for the silent auction will take place at the breakfast.

READ ABOUT these topics and more in the March 7 issue of **THE WITNESS**

- St. Gabriel church in Grundy County celebrates its first anniversary.
- Landmark national study of U.S. Catholic parishes underway.
- U.S. bishops offer prayers and aid for victims of earthquake/tsunami in Chile.

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

The Burning Bush and the Call of Moses

Today we hear the call of Moses to lead his people from oppression to freedom. God promises to be with them as they journey to a new life. Our participation in Catholic Relief Services’ Operation Rice Bowl unites us in prayer, fasting and giving with the millions of people throughout the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war, disease, and lack of education and other opportunities.