



**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

*They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

**January 6, 2018**

*M c 2:10-11*

### ADULT CHOIR UPDATE

The Adult Choir will resume their regular practice schedule on Thursday evenings at 5:30 in the church beginning this week January 10th. Everyone is welcome and invited to come sing with us. Together We Will Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord

### VIRTUS TRAINING

VIRTUS Training is scheduled for January 9, from 6-8:30 p.m. in Conference Room B. All parish volunteers and employees that work with children are required by diocesan policy to have the training. To register, please go to the "Ministries" tab on the parish website, select School of Faith, and click the "Virtus Registration" button at the bottom of the page.

### 2019 CHILDREN'S CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

St. Mary's School and St. Mary's School of Faith students have received their 2019 contribution envelopes. Please prayerfully consider speaking with your children about the importance of giving back to the church. Any amount, big or small, helps St. Mary's to continue to fund various ministries and programs.

### KC FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

The Storm Lake Knights of Columbus will be holding its annual Free Throw Championship for all boys and girls ages 9-14 (as of January 1) at St. Mary's gym. The date is set for Sunday, January 13th with the doors opening at 1:30 p.m. for warm up and registration (bring an adult) the competition to begin at 2 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Will Swanson @ 507-269-6042.

### CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE

If you have changed your address, phone number or email. Please contact the parish office by emailing us at parish@stormlakecatholic.com or you can call us at 712-732-3110.

### CONFIRMATION 2019



The date for Confirmation at St. Mary's in 2019 has been set by the Bishop's office. Mark your calendars for 7 PM, October 19, 2019. Reminder to **all** Confirmation II students, your completed paper work, including **all** reflection papers, are **due before 5 PM on May 17, 2019**. Be sure you are checking your deadlines found in your blue Confirmation Handbook.

### PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES:

"In the Footsteps of St. Paul": Come along, Nov. 5-15, 2019, to some truly beautiful and holy places! We'll visit many of the great sites where St. Paul wrote his letters, including Athens, Corinth, Crete, Santorini, Ephesus, Thessaloniki and more. We will also take a three-day cruise to the Greek Isles. Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$3,759 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, St. Mary's Parish, 311 - 4th St. N., Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com. — Fr. Tim is thinking of joining the trip as the "biblical consultant"; he'd be very interested in doing so if a number of parishioners would go along! Let Fr. Tim know of your interest

### A NIGHT TO SALUTE—SEND US MILITARY PHOTOS!

We announced on Veterans Day that the theme of the March 23, 2019 St. Mary's Ball and Charity Auction will be A Night to Salute and honor our veterans and active duty military as we raise funds for a choice in education at our Catholic school. Our chair couples are Seth and Etta Smith and Dr. Seth and Deanna Harrer. To help us honor those who have served our country please email photos of your loved ones who have served in the past or are presently serving. Provide their name, years served and military branch to [dprosser@stormlakecatholic.com](mailto:dprosser@stormlakecatholic.com).

### WE HAVE INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION & WE'RE AFFORDABLE!

Is it time to consider the family atmosphere at St. Mary's School? With our high standardized testing scores, challenging curriculum, positive testimonials from parents and alumni, St. Mary's is a viable option for your preK-12 student! And YES, we are affordable! Contact Mrs. Diane Jones for preK-5 or Mr. Ryan Berg for 6-12 questions or a tour at 732-4166. We are a school with faith at it's base as well as preparing students for the college experience. **Why not #experiencethedifference and experience #thepantherway ?**

### REMINDER ON WINTER WEATHER WOES

For the safety of everyone (parishioners and clergy) during the winter months, there will be:

- no morning Mass if there is a delayed start or closure of the Storm Lake Public Schools due to weather. -- The reason Storm Lake is the point of reference is because that is whence the clergy has to drive.
- no evening religious education, adoration, confessions, Mass, or other parish program if school is released early or closed for the day due to weather.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

"Ever wondered what it would be like to be a student at St. Mary's School? Catholic Schools Week is fast approaching, and we will be holding a student shadow day on Thursday, January 31st of that week for interested children and teens to see what the St. Mary's family is truly all about. Contact St. Mary's School (712-732-1856) for more information and to secure a spot."

### CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

We will be providing your 2018 contribution statements before the end of the month. If you have provided your email address to us, you should receive your statement via email. All other statements will be printed, placed in envelopes, and will be found at the main entrance of the church in boxes marked in alphabetical order, as done in previous years. If your preference for receiving your statements has changed, please contact the parish office at 732-3110 to update your information. Thank you for your generosity.

### NEWS ON THE RUN

Send your news requests to: parish@stormlakecatholic.com and/or sign up to be included in our news service at the same address. Thanks!

### NEED HELP WITH MINISTRY SCHEDULER PRO?

Check out this guide with pointers on how to use the desktop version and the mobile app! If you haven't downloaded the app, please do - it's so easy to sign up and so easy to request a sub 24/7. [www.ministryschedulerpro.com/WebTerminalGuide.pdf](http://www.ministryschedulerpro.com/WebTerminalGuide.pdf)

### MEANINGFUL GIFT—SMs ANNUAL APPEAL !

Please consider a financial gift to this important campaign that helps support and operate our preK-12 Catholic School and offer a choice in education! Support the St. Mary's Annual Appeal with our financial gift. You can mail in your gift, drop an envelope in the weekly collection, or contribute on-line at [www.saintmarysgives.com](http://www.saintmarysgives.com). Invest in our small class sizes open to students of all faith backgrounds (20% are not Catholic), our higher than state average test scores and our Christ-centered environment. Learn more about our school at our website [www.stormlakecatholic.com](http://www.stormlakecatholic.com) and click on the school tab. Help us meet our \$60,000 annual goal with your gift to our blue appeal mailers.

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Monday, Jan.7

7 a.m. †Doc & †Marian Bedel

## Tuesday, Jan.8

7 a.m. †Dae Hibbs

8 a.m. **Mass in Early-** †Leonard Pickhinke

7 p.m. **SP Mass- NO MASS DUE TO DEANERY**

## Wednesday, Jan.9

7 a.m. †Florence & †George Odendahl

10 a.m. **MM-** †Marilyn Bryant

2:30p.m. **School Mass-** †Deceased Fitzsenry Family Members

## Thursday, Jan.10

7 a.m. †Henrietta & † Robert Kestel

8 a.m. **Mass in Schaller-** †Lola Huelman

2 p.m. **Newell GS Mass-** †Syvilla "Vel" Kestel

## Friday, Jan.11

7 a.m. †Regina Kowalski

12 p.m. **SP Mass-** †Isabel Manriquez Guerrero

## Saturday, Jan.12

4:30 p.m. **Mass in Early-** †Karen Gard Zettl

5:30 p.m. †Charlotte Sitzmann

7 p.m. **SP Mass-** †Maria Guadalupe Villanueva Navarrete

## Sunday, Jan.13

8 a.m. **Mass in Schaller-** †Marjorie A. Huelman

8 a.m. †Kyle Drey

10 a.m. †Arleen Iversl; †Clela Miller

12 p.m. **SP Mass-** †Valentin Sanchez Gonzalez



## Stewardship for Dec.29/30

*"Do not let your hand be open to receive, but clenched when it is time to give." - Sirach 4:31*

**Average Amount needed** \$ 18,850.00

**Parish Collection-( \*ACH included)** \$ 33,998.05

**ACH-** \$ 600.00

**Dollar Collection: ("Whatever you do ... you do for Me" Fund )** \$ 861.13

*Remember St. Mary's in your will!*

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