



CEDAR COUNTY CATHOLIC PARISHES

MECHANICSVILLE, TIPTON, WEST BRANCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

- Jn 20:28-29

Mass Intentions

Offerings

Saturday April 6 - West Branch
4:00 PM - Leona Rummelhart
Sunday March 7 - Mechanicsville
8:00 AM - Pro Populo
Sunday March 7 - Tipton
10:00 AM - Fr. John Hargrafen

Tuesday April 9
5:30 PM - Russell Wethington
Wednesday April 10
8:30 AM - Leona Rummelhart
Thursday April 11
8:30 AM - Jim & Dorothy Dohmen
Friday April 12
8:30 AM - Billy Ciucki

Saturday April 13 - West Branch
4:00 PM - Leona Rummelhart
Sunday March 14 - Mechanicsville
8:00 AM - Everette Walshire
Sunday March 14 - Tipton
10:00 AM - Pro Populo

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the Holy Week liturgies and Easter liturgies. I also want to thank those who decorated the churches. They were beautiful.

You can remember your loved ones with mass intentions at anytime. If you wish to place a mass intention, please specify the intention when making the request, \$5 is suggested. When dropping off money for mass intentions, please include the name of who the mass is for and whom it is from.

Tipton
March 24, 2024

Envelopes:	\$491.00
Offertory:	\$273.00
Total:	\$764.00

Good Friday and Easter collections will be in next weeks bulletin

Check out the Cedar County Catholic calendar to find out what's going on in the three parishes on our website at <https://stmarystipton.com/>

Prayer for the election of a new bishop

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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To report child abuse Contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004

TIPTON

K-8: We meet Sundays, April 7, 14, 21. Please note that on April 21 we gather for class at 9, go to Mass together at 10, then all are welcome to support the “Spring Fling”, organized with family and kid fun in mind!!

Confirmation Class of 2024 (Grades 9 & 10): Wednesdays, April 7 and 14 and Sunday, April 21. Please plan to meet at 8:30 a.m. (invite your sponsor!), have prayer and rehearsal, Mass at 10, then the “Spring Fling”!

Youth Group (Grades 11 & 12): Yes! We will meet in April!
Watch for email and/or text message from Maggie!

Adult: Conversation at 8:45 a.m. every Sunday in the parish hall.

Finance Meeting April 9th
after 5:30 pm mass.

St. Mary Tipton College Scholarship. Please
see Fr. James for details and the application

MECHANICSVILLE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Set-Up</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>DISTRIBUTE</u>
April 14	Shirley	Religious Ed	Shirley/Dan/Mollie
April 21	Donna	Donna	Donna/Lee/Lori

DID YOU KNOW????

Do you have Palms left over from Palm Sundays past? What should you do with them? Should you wish to dispose of it, you may bury it or burn it. The Catholic priests take all of the collected palms and burn them. They save the ashes to use for the Ash Wednesday service of the following year. You may burn them or bury them, but **NEVER** put them in the trash. We are going to collect your palms from past years and dispose of them properly. If you wish, you may leave your old palms in the box at the back of the church and we will dispose of them for you.

St. Mary Parish
Mechanicsville
would like to honor,
our graduating
seniors,
On May 5, 2024,
during 8:00 am
Mass.

WEST BRANCH

**Saturday night mass moving to 5:00 pm
on May 1st until October 31st.**

Volunteer needed this summer to trim the bushes, weed and water the flower beds on West and East side of the church. Please let Arlieta know if you are interested 319-643-2414

Easter Lily Correction
From: Brian and Sarah Beckman
In honor of: Teisha Dobling

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Question:

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

Answer:

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.”

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, a beautiful feast established by Saint Pope John Paul II. On this Second Sunday of Easter, our hearts turn with renewed gratitude to the boundless love and mercy of God our Father, poured out upon us through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ.

St. Faustina Kowalska, the “Apostle of Divine Mercy,” received profound messages from Jesus about His overflowing mercy. He entrusted her with the Divine Mercy image, depicting rays of red and white light flowing from His pierced Heart, representing the blood of His Passion and the water of His baptism, offered for the forgiveness of our sins and our renewal.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a day of:

- **Hope:** No matter our past mistakes or burdens, God’s mercy is endless. Through sincere repentance and trust in Him, we can find healing and a fresh start.
- **Grace:** The Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist are special channels of God’s mercy, offering us forgiveness, strength, and nourishment for our spiritual journey.
- **Compassion:** We are called to be instruments of God’s mercy in the world, extending kindness, understanding, and forgiveness to others as He does for us.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. James Flattery



The Women of St. Mary's Tipton

Spring Fling

**APRIL 21, 2024
11:00AM - 2:00PM**

**Everyone is welcome to come join us in celebrating the spring season!
Bring the kids and have a great time!**

Walking Taco or Maid-rite Meal
includes: fresh fruit, pudding, and drink

\$8.00

Carnival Games
Bingo Room

Youth Group Bake Sale
(proceeds go to Ronald McDonald House)

Come plant a flower with Ms. Sarah the conservationist!

St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall 209 Mulberry St. Tipton, IA

