



CEDAR COUNTY CATHOLIC PARISHES

MECHANICSVILLE, TIPTON, WEST BRANCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.” - Jn 10:14-15

Mass Intentions

Saturday April 20 - West Branch
4:00 PM - Thor & Dorothy Nicodemus
Sunday April 21 - Mechanicsville
8:00 AM - Pro Populo
Sunday April 21 - Tipton
10:00 AM - Peggy Driscoll

Tuesday April 23
5:30 PM - LaForest & Ruth Jedlicka
Wednesday April 17
8:30 AM - Thor & Dorothy Nicodemus
Thursday April 18
8:30 AM - Christa Driscoll
Friday April 19
8:30 AM - Bob & Joan Boggess

Saturday April 27 - West Branch
4:00 PM - Edward & Helen Flattery
Sunday April 28 - Mechanicsville
8:00 AM - Laverne Boyd
Sunday April 28 - Tipton
10:00 AM - Pro Populo

ADA Update as of April 10, 2024

Mechanicsville
 Goal: \$9,879.00
 Pledged: \$10,462.00
 Payments Received: \$9,135.00

Tipton
 Goal: \$27,475.00
 Pledged: \$27,767.00
 Payments Received: \$25,747.00

West Branch
 Goal: \$7,313.00
 Pledged: \$10,151.00
 Payments Received: \$8,458.00

Mechanicsville: April 14, 2024

Envelopes: \$505.00
 Offertory: \$328.00
 Total: \$833.00

Tipton: April 14, 2024

Envelopes: \$882.00
 Offertory: \$106.51
 Total: \$988.51

West Branch: April 13, 2024

Envelopes: \$430.00
 Offertory: \$164.00
 Maintenance \$20.00
 Utilities \$20.00
 Help Fund \$186.00
 Total: \$820.00

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

Faith Formation

K-8: 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): On April 21st, please plan to meet at 8:30 a.m. (invite your sponsor!), attend Mass together at 10, then the “Spring Fling”!

Youth Group (Grades 11 & 12): Maggie will update you via email and/or text message!

Adult: Conversation at 8:45 a.m. every Sunday in the parish hall. Join us for study of the Scripture of the day and other topics. Coming in May—a Monday evening study! More details to follow.

St. Mary Tipton College Scholarship. Please see Fr. James for details and the application. **Deadline is May 31st.**



**Mark Your
Calendar**

Vacation Bible School

July 29 through August 2nd

This year's theme is on the Eucharist

Join us this Sunday, for Tipton's **Spring Fling from 11-2**. There will be live music, carnival games, walking tacos, maid rites and bake sale goodies for dessert.

Dear Tipton Parishioners,

In last week's letter I explained the reason why we need to replace the original church windows. This week I want to lay out how we will accomplish the project.

We are aiming to raise \$21,000 to cover the window replacement project. This breaks down to \$1,500 a window. There are several ways you can contribute to the project:

- **Prayer:** I invite everyone to pray for the success of this project.
- **Make a donation:** Any amount, big or small, will bring us closer to our goal.
- **Spread the Word:** Talk to your friends and family about our project and encourage them to contribute.

For more information or to learn more about the project, please reach out to me.

Sincerely,
Fr. James Flattery



MECHANICSVILLE

DATE	Set-Up	LECTOR	DISTRIBUTE
April 28	Jane	Shirley	Shirley/Dan/Brian

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

Please keep Noah our 1st communion student in your prayers as he prepares to receive his 1st communion on April 28th

Thank you to all who gave Lenten alms for the Mechanicsville Food Pantry. St Mary's donated \$302 to help feed the local community in need.

WEST BRANCH

Please keep our 1st communion and confirmation students in your prayers as they prepare to receive sacraments.

1st Communion: May 4th

Confirmation: May 11th

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.

Saturday night mass moving to 5:00 pm
May 1st to 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



Diocese of Davenport Vocations Prayer

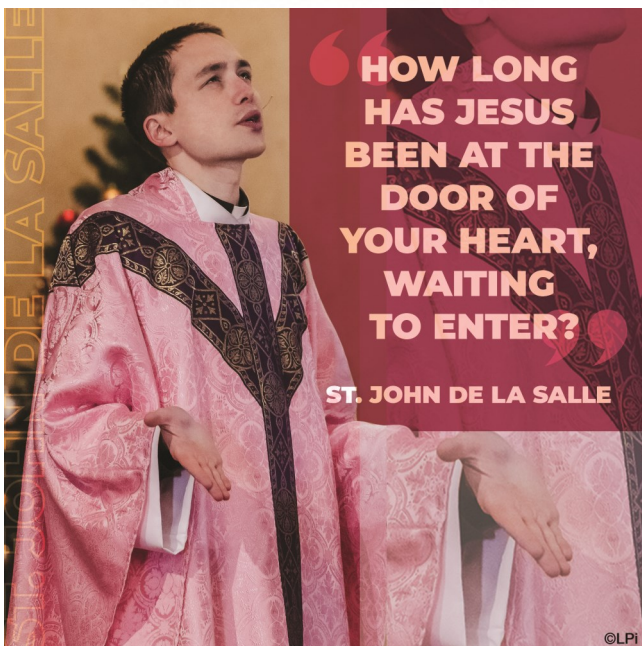
Almighty God, you created us to
share in your Divine Life.
Pour out your Spirit on our Diocese
That we may be a fruitful church.

Bless us:
With zealous priests and deacons;
With prayerful religious sisters and
brothers;
With faithful married couples;
With loving persons who live for the
Kingdom of Heaven.

Grant us discerning hearts,
To love you more deeply
And to serve as Jesus served,
In whose name we pray.
Amen.

Mary, model for all vocations,
pray for us!

Compliments of the St. Serra Club



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This is a special day to reflect on the importance of vocations – the call that God places on all our lives – and to pray for men and women who are discerning their path in service to the Church. The Church needs dedicated individuals to serve in a variety of vocations:

- **Priests:** Men called to shepherd God's people, celebrate the Sacraments, and preach the Gospel.
- **Religious Sisters and Brothers:** Men and women who dedicate their lives to prayer, service, and community living according to a specific charism.
- **Deacons:** Ordained ministers who assist priests and serve the Church in various capacities.
- **Lay Vocations:** Married couples, single individuals, and families who use their talents and gifts to build up the Church and serve their communities.

How Can We Support Vocations?

- **Pray:** Offer prayers for those discerning their vocations, asking God to guide their steps.
- **Encourage:** Talk to young people about the importance of vocations and the joy of serving God.
- **Be an Example:** Live your own vocation faithfully and with enthusiasm. Your own commitment to your faith can inspire others.

Let us pray that God will bless our Church with a bountiful harvest of vocations!

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. James Flattery