



# CEDAR COUNTY CATHOLIC PARISHES

MECHANICSVILLE, TIPTON, WEST BRANCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2



## *Mass Intentions*

**Saturday April 27 - West Branch  
4:00 PM - Edward and Helen Flattery**

**Sunday April 21 - Mechanicsville**

**8:00 AM - Laverne Boyd**

**Sunday April 28 - Tipton**

**10:00 AM - Pro Populo**

**Tuesday April 30**

**5:30 PM - Peggy Driscoll**

**Wednesday May 1**

**6:00 PM - Leona Rummlehart**

**Thursday May 2**

**8:30 AM - Don Driscoll**

**Friday April 3**

**8:30 AM - Peggy Driscoll**

**Saturday May 4 - West Branch**

**5:00 PM - Leona Rummlehart**

**Sunday May 5 - Mechanicsville**

**8:00 AM - Pro Populo**

**Sunday May 5 - Tipton**

**10:00 AM - Pat Powers**

### **ADA Update as of April 17, 2024**

Mechanicsville

Goal: \$9,879.00

Pledged: \$10,462.00

Payments Received: \$9,188.00

Tipton

Goal: \$27,475.00

Pledged: \$27,767.00

Payments Received: \$25,827.00

West Branch

Goal: \$7,313.00

Pledged: \$10,151.00

Payments Received: \$8,532.00

### **Mechanicsville: April 21 2024**

Envelopes:	\$1,807.59
Offertory:	\$636.00
Guild:	\$50.00
Total:	\$2,493.59

### **Tipton: April 21 2024**

Envelopes:	\$2,130.00
Offertory:	\$541.00
Catholic Home Mission:	\$20.00
Total:	\$2,691.00

### **West Branch: April 20 2024**

Envelopes:	\$550.00
Offertory:	\$323.00
Maintenance	\$40.00
Utilities	\$20.00
Help Fund	\$15.00
Home Missions	\$20.00
Total:	\$968.00

### **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.

Pastor: Fr. James Flattery  
flatteryj@diodav.org  
515-238-2915

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Carrie Petersen  
Email: Tiptonstmary@diodav.org  
Phone: 563-886-2506

Mail: 208 Meridian Street Tipton, IA 52772

Office hours:  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

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](mailto:vac@diodav.org) or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004

# TIPTON

## *Faith Formation*



**Families:** Sunday morning gatherings for this school year wrapped up beautifully last Sunday. The ideal passing on of our faith happens at home in our everyday lives of living and loving each other. Please continue to watch for emails as Pflaum sends great ideas for families to share at home throughout the whole year. We will forward to you.

**FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES:** Rehearsal at 9:15 a.m. Sunday, April 28 in the church. First Communion will be at Mass Sunday, May 5!

**Class of 2024 SENIORS:** Please plan on Mass together Sunday, May 26!

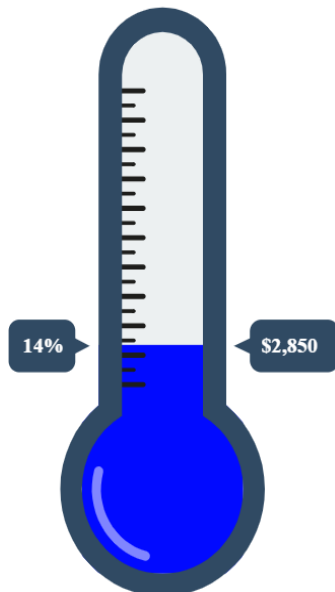
**Adult:** Conversation at 8:45 a.m. every Sunday in the parish Hall! Coming in May, a Monday evening study!



Thank you to the family of Peggy Driscoll for the memorial monies donated for our Faith Formation program. Students in Grades K-4 received Mass Booklets and study Bibles were distributed to our candidates for Confirmation. Bibles have also been purchased for general use in the program and First Communion families will receive illustrated books about the Eucharist and Mass this year and beyond.

**GOAL: \$21,000**

Church  
Window  
Project  
Make  
your  
donation  
today.



Get ready to learn about the  
Marvelous Mystery of the Mass!

CatChat's Marvelous Mystery VBS will be hosted at St. Mary of Tipton, from July 29-August 2. Participants in VBS will be exploring different aspects of the source and summit of the Catholic faith: the Eucharist, along with the celebration of The Mass, by using catchy songs, outdoor games, delicious snacks, catechetical crafts and even learn about some saints and scripture along the way! Each day concludes with Eucharistic Adoration, then celebration—a time of upbeat worship that gets everyone involved.

Join us **July 29-August 2, 8:30am-noon.**  
Children going into preschool through 4th grade can participate!

\*We cannot do VBS without volunteers! If you would like to volunteer at VBS, please email [chey-anne.kofmehl@gmail.com](mailto:chey-anne.kofmehl@gmail.com).\*

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



## Blessing of Farmers and Gardeners

May 4th-5th

We ask you to bring something from your farm or garden to have it blessed. Seeds you are planting, a picture of a newborn animal, a rock from the driveway! Anything to represent your farm or garden. Please join us as we ask God's blessing for a favorable growing season.



### WEST BRANCH

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

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

1st Communion: May 4th  
Confirmation: May 11th

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend and next weekend, our parishes will be filled with immense joy as we celebrate First Holy Communion. The children have embarked on a beautiful journey of learning about their faith and preparing to receive the sacred Body and Blood of Christ for the first time.

This is a joyous occasion for the children, their families, and the entire parish community. We come together to witness and celebrate their commitment to their faith and their eagerness to receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

Let us offer our love and support to our First Communicants in these special days:

- **Offer Prayers:** Please keep our First Communicants in your prayers, asking for continued growth in faith and a deeper understanding of the Eucharist.
- **Warm Welcome:** At the Masses, extend a warm welcome and congratulations to the children and their families.
- **Nurturing Faith:** After First Communion, continue to encourage and support these children in their faith journey.

Let us all strive to create a welcoming and supportive environment where these children can continue to grow in their love for God and the Church. May this weekend and next weekend be filled with blessings and cherished memories for our First Communicants and their families!

Sincerely,

**Fr. James Flattery**





## MECHANICSVILLE



Sew Sew Ladies continue to meet on Thursdays after mass and recently gave lap and wheelchair quilts to the Mechanicsville and Clarence nursing homes and to a couple of local residents.

Congratulations to Noah Poduska on receiving his First Communion today. May this be the first of many Holy Communions.

We will be honoring the following North Cedar and Lisbon Seniors on May 5th at 8:00 am Mass:  
Caleb Dohmen, Payton Donohoe, Haley Farrington, Kiah Wendt, and Elyse Wilhau.

Thank you to Anna Leeper, Kelly Brown, Kiah Wendt, and Logan Crock for helping with religious education this year. It really means a lot that you are so willing to help.

Thank you to Kiah Wendt for giving her time and talents the last three years in religious education. We wish her well as she graduates from North Cedar and continues her education at the University of Dubuque. She will be missed by the children, but thankful for her years of dedication to our program.

