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Confirmation will take place here at St. Mary's **NEXT Saturday, September 18th at the 5:30 PM Mass.** Candidates and their Sponsors will need to **meet in the church basement at 4:15 PM.** We will be honoring the Confimands at coffee and rolls following the 9 AM Mass Sunday, September 26th.

Thank you Fr. Reynolds, Deacon Bill, Deacon Steve, Jim White, Art Picard and Suzi Hansen for helping with the Confirmation interviews.

Volunteers Needed! We currently need help with Wednesday night classes in **grades K, 5, 6, and Junior High.** Wednesday night classes for grades K-6 meet 6:10-7:10 (**note NEW TIME this year**) around 20 times Sept-April and Junior High meet from 7:30-8:30 PM. We also need help with the Pre-school program that meets during the Liturgy of the Word at all three masses October – April. And, of course we are in need of **MANY** volunteers for the four (4) Generations of Faith events scheduled this year. The first subject of All Saints and Souls Day is scheduled for October 10th and 13th with training for volunteers on Thursday, October 7th.

Faith Formation Volunteer Training for Wednesday night Catechists will be Wednesday, 15 at 6 PM in the REC.

Registration for the "traditional" K-12 peer learning Faith Formation classes will be **Wednesday, September 22** starting at **5:45 PM.** Everyone in the parish is invited to celebrate the "new school year" with a **Mass at 6:10 PM. (Note: parents are expected to attend this Mass with their children and sit as a family.)**

Hayride, Bonfire, and Weiner Roast...

The Family Life commission is sponsoring an evening of fun at Westfield Farm (1 3/4 miles west of the Super 8 ~ 113 410th Avenue) on Sunday, September 26th at 5 PM. Price is \$2.50 per person. To make reservations or for more information contact Connis Dayton at 236-8790 or connis_dayton@yahoo.com

BULLETIN DATE: September 11 & 12, 2004



Delivering the Week of: 13-17

Route:	Volunteer(s):	Day:
1	Pat & G.R. Schmidt Darlene Doorenbos	Sept. 13, 14, 16, 17 Sept. 15
2	Harold & Germaine Schmidt	
3	Crystal DeNeve	
4	Mel Rummelhart Julie Hearst	Sept. 13, 14, 15, 16 Sept. 17
5	Frank & Pat Kester	
6	Rosie Niece	

The Social Action Commission would like to thank all the parishioners who contributed personal hygiene items for the Iowa Correctional Institute for Women in Mitchellville. We had a tremendous response! Following is a partial list of the items we received: 130 soaps/shower gels, 125 shampoos, 9 deodorants, 35 conditioners, 83 lotions, 13 shower caps, and 11 mouthwashes. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!!!

What do you appreciate about your parish priest or another priest who serves in the Diocese of Davenport? We would like to share your thoughts in commemoration of Priesthood Sunday, which will be celebrated Sunday, Oct. 31, across the United States. In 300 words or less, tell us how the priest you appreciate has helped you or your family, or inspired you with his homilies, motivated you in school, comforted you after the loss of a loved one, worked with you on a council, committee or a special parish project. Maybe the priest you appreciate most prepared you for marriage, guided you in a job search, comforted you during an illness or provided spiritual direction. This priest could be someone who is a strong advocate for the homeless, or who helps people addicted to drugs or alcohol. Perhaps the priest is especially welcoming toward newcomers in the church and has a passion for evangelization. The priest you appreciate may simply be a good listener. Please send your stories by Oct. 7 to The Catholic Messenger, P.O. Box 460, Davenport, IA, 52805, by e-mail at messenger@davenportdiocese.org; or by fax at (563) 323-6612.

Ministerial Roles: September 18 & 19, 2004

	5:30 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Greeter(s) Ushers	Megan Schmidt/Lauren Smith Pat Fitzgerald Pat White Steve Bodensteiner Tom Szary	Volunteers Mark McLaughlin Mark Romano Marvin Waechter Mike Princer	Carolyn Jacobson Dennis Kilburg Eli Kilburg Pat Gallagher Volunteer
Lector Gift Bearer(s) Eucharistic Ministers	Amanda Molitor Olivia Gallo, Alea & Bryton Pollock Crystal DeNeve Rachel Porath Bill Hansen Suzi Hansen	Patsy Probasco Tom & Lisa Cirks John Osborne Larry Wilson Sheryl Bissen Ruth Higdon	Phil Harrington Cathy Shutts Donna Townsend Rosie Niece
Servers	Tony Gallo Julian Gallo Christopher Gallo Zachary Schultz	Maggie Schuh Andy Vest Molly Dorrenbos	Rick Jacoby Ann Menner Jack Menner

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, September 11 KC Tootsie Roll Drive & Catholic University
 4:00 PM Reconciliation
 5:30 PM Mass for William Comerford

Sunday, September 12 ST. MARY'S PARISH FESTIVAL!!!!
 9:00 AM Mass for St. Mary's Parishioners
NO COFFEE & ROLLS
 11:00 AM Mass for John & Lorene Ludden

Monday, September 13
 8:00 AM Mass for Charles Wacha

Tuesday, September 14
 10:00 AM Rosary at St. Francis Manor
 5:30 PM Mass for Slim & Blanche Flanagan
 7:00 PM Social Action Commission Meeting

Wednesday, September 15
 8:00 AM Mass for Louise Rainey
 10:00 AM Rosary at Friendship Manor

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Catechist Training
 Wednesday, September 15 – 6 PM

9:00 PM Mass for Rev. Barnabas Barker

Thursday, September 16
 7:00 AM Finance Council Meeting
 5:30 PM Mass for St. Maurita Comerford
 7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting

Friday, September 17
 8:00 AM Mass for Bill Doig

Saturday, September 18 Repairs/Improvements
 4:00 PM No Reconciliation
 5:30 PM Mass for Carmella Gallagher
CONFIRMATION

Sunday, September 19
 9:00 AM Mass for John Montgomery
COFFEE & ROLLS
 11:00 AM Mass for St. Mary's Parishioners

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS
 September 26: Deacons' Fund

IT IS IN CHRIST AND THROUGH HIS BLOOD
 THAT WE HAVE BEEN REDEEMED
 AND OUR SINS FORGIVEN.



LAST WEEK'S FINANCIAL DATA

Last Week's Envelope Count: 143
 Amount of Contributions: \$3,384.00
 Average for 10 weeks: \$3,245.16
 Amount needed per week: \$3,837.04

St. Mary's Parish Foundation News:
<http://stmarysgrinnell.faithweb.com/foundation.htm>

MONTHLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

MONEY COUNTERS

September 13 Kathy Utech & Ruth Higdon
 September 20 Maridean Tharp & the Zells
 September 27 Barbara McCulley & Marvin Waechter

BULLETIN REAM TEAM

September 17 Rosie Niece & Rita Baustian
 September 24 Barbara Webster & Jean Morrissey

Montezuma Masses 7:30 PM	Baptismal Classes in REC September 27 ~ 7 PM November 8 ~ 6 PM December 6 ~ 6 PM
No Mass on September 18 October 16 November 20 December 18	Please report birthdays and anniversaries to the parish office at 236-7486.

Next Saturday we welcome Bishop Franklin who will be here to visit the parish and to preside at the 5:30 Mass and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you wish to see the Bishop come to the Saturday Mass, but be aware that it will be longer than the customary Saturday evening liturgy.

The Music Committee will meet Wednesday Sept. 15th, 6 PM at Saint's Rest Coffeehouse. Anyone interested in taking a leadership role in music at St. Mary's is invited to attend.

Welcome to the Grinnell College Students! If you haven't registered with us, please see Father Bill after Mass. There will be a Mass for the Catholic students at Grinnell College at 9:00 pm. on Wednesday, in the chapel in the Religious Education Center at 1013 Broad Street, across the street from the church. Refreshments will follow.

ANNIVERSARIES:

September 17 Jody & Laura Matherly
 September 19 Scott & Laura Schmidt
 September 20 Tim & Lisa Moorehead, Virgil & Pat Groth

BIRTHDAYS:

September 13 Steven Russell, Brian Stoffel
 September 14 Lainie Sue Mayer, Wendy Mayer, Pat Wilson
 September 15 Mike Cavanagh, John Mulvihill, Julie Roderick, Omondi Kasidhi
 September 16 Nathan Drees, Giles Jay, Ericca Reavis, Ryan Smith
 September 17 Karen Frischmeyer, Kim McNurlen
 September 18 Tammie Keenan, Andrea Kinney, Spencer Mauss, Karla Kriegel
 September 19 Raymond Broders, Brenda Barr, Trae Bodensteiner, Dallas DeNeve

ON PAWN-BROKERS AND PRODIGAL SONS
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Airport-bound last week and thinking I might have missed a turn on Route 378 West between Lake City and Columbia, South Carolina, I pulled off the road to ask someone from the Palmetto State if I should stay the course or do something different. I thought I was stopping at some sort of general store. As I climbed out of the rental car to go inside, however, I noticed the three balls painted on the shop window. They were red, not gold, but I've seen the ancient symbol enough--which, as I understand it, is the Middle Ages crest of the prosperous Medici family, the richest moneylenders of Florence, Italy--to know that I was about to enter a pawn shop, my first ever. A Palmetto Pawn Shop, I guess. Eight hundred miles from home and looking to pawn a smile for some *you-can't-miss-it* directions, the stop seemed only appropriate.

I couldn't linger because of the flight, but I had to wait a few moments while a customer spoke to three pawn-brokers behind the counter about a fair price for his stake, a big--maybe eighteen to twenty-four inches--steel job with a broad head and a narrow point. I glanced around as they closed the deal and was amazed at the stuff everywhere. Beyond the spike, I can't recall a single item in the joint. I can only recall thinking that if I was in the market for anything--*or* in the market to get rid of anything, *or* just looking for a little cash, quick--this would probably be a good place to start. Pawn-brokering--money for goods today; goods for money, plus interest, tomorrow--is an old business, and based on the product overflow in one South Carolina house--as well as discovering just moments ago that there are over four pages of pawn shops listed in the Chicago yellow pages--business must be good.

Business being what it is, though, nobody gets something for nothing. Yes, I got directions to the airport for free, but had I wanted, say, an eighteen to twenty-four inch steel stake, I would have had to plunk down cash for it. And more than the customer received for the thing. This buy-lower, sell-higher philosophy keeps the pawn-brokers in the game. Fortunately, it's not our Lord's game. Instead, Jesus showers us with something for nothing every time we look in his direction. Forgiveness. Mercy. Love. He is as excessive with these as the Prodigal Son is excessive in squandering his inheritance. The boy comes home at last with nothing, and the father--like Jesus--lavishes his forgiveness and love on someone who, by his own admission, doesn't deserve either. But God's ways are not our ways, and even if we wanted to pawn something for Christ's favor, we couldn't. The Medici family's three golden balls--or the three red ones on 378 West toward Columbia--tell the pawn-brokers' story. Another ancient symbol, the cross, tells quite another.