

THE FRANCISCANS
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Heart of Mary Cluster Parish Mission March 20th –24th

The catholic parishes of St. Mary's, Vinton, Sacred Heart, Walker, & St. Mary's, Urbana will be hosting a Parish Mission at St. Mary's, Urbana coming March 20th-March 24th. Fr. Dennis Koopman will be here to inspire us during this Lenten Season. Each evening will be a presentation with daily themes: "Living in the Embrace of God's Love", "Forgiveness as a Path to Peace", "Healing the Human Heart", and "Called to be Witness of the Good News in Our Times". There will be witness speakers each evening and much more. We invite everyone to attend to make your Lenten journey extra special this year.



Fr. Dennis Koopman, OFM, was born and reared in the rich farmland of northeastern Iowa. He graduated from Loras College, and entered the Franciscan's St. Joseph Seminary, Westmont, IL. In 1965 he was professed in the Franciscan Order, Sacred Heart Province, St. Louis, MO. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1970.

After obtaining a Masters degree in Chemistry at the University of Iowa, Fr. Dennis taught chemistry and algebra for 20 years at Quincy University in IL. He was active in and held leadership positions with Worldwide Marriage Encounter and Engaged Encounter. He organize the marriage preparation for the Springfield Diocese of IL. Issues of family life and parish life were his extra-curricular ministry while teaching at Quincy, IL.

After attending the Vatican II Institute for Theological Renewal for priest at Menlo Park, CA, in 1994, Fr Koopman began his new full-time ministry of preaching Parish Missions. He has now been full-time in the preaching ministry for several years. He is a member of the Franciscan "Ministry of the Word" team for Parish Missions, and holds a Certificate in Preaching from the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis. MO.

HEART OF MARY CLUSTER PARISH MISSION

March 20th-23th, 2010

Mission Schedule

Saturday, March 20

- 5:15 pm** Friar will preach at Mass
- 6:15 pm** Meal & Fellowship to follow (Walker Circle 3)

Sunday, March 21

- 8:30 am** Friar will preach at Urbana Mass Coffee & Donuts following
- 10:30 am** Friar will preach at Vinton Mass Lunch provided
- 6:00 pm** KC Soup Supper & Fellowship
- 7:00 pm** Service with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

Monday, March 22

- 8:30 am** Mass at Walker (fellowship following)
- 10:30 am** Friar visits homebound
- 12 noon** Lunch provided by parishioners
- 6:00 pm** Meal and fellowship (Urbana Circle 5)
- 7:00 pm** Service with Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday, March 23

- 8:30 am** Mass & Anointing of the Sick at Vinton (fellowship following)
- 10:30 pm** Friar visits homebound
- 12 noon** Lunch provided by parishioner
- 6:00 pm** Meal & fellowship (Vinton circle)
- 7:00 pm** Mass

Wednesday, March 24

- 8:30 am** Mass at Urbana (fellowship following)