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### Collections Sunday, April 9

Tithes/Plate: \$783.00

ACH's: \$1,135.00

## Worship Schedule

### Sunday, April 16

43: Acts 2:42-47 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception  
IMMEDIATELY After Mass – Reconciliation

RE students, parents, parishioners

Mass intentions: Jim Brommel  
9:30am Mass at St. Augustine, Milo

### Monday, April 17

267: Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-9 Jn 3:1-8

### Tuesday, April 18

268: Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93: 1-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15

5:00 – 6:00 PM – Adoration

5:30 PM Rosary & 6:00 PM Mass at Immaculate  
Conception

Mass intentions:

### Wednesday, April 19

269: Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21  
8:00 am Mass – Adoration after Mass until 9:00 am at  
St Mary of the Assumption, Lacona

### Thursday, April 20

270: Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 Jn 3:31-36  
8:00 am Mass - Adoration after Mass until 9:00am at  
St. Augustine, Milo

### Friday, April 21

271: Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15

### Saturday, April 22

272: Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21  
5:30 pm Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption, Lacona

### Sunday, April 23

46: Acts 2:14, 22-23 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11 1 Pt 1:17-21  
Lk 24:13-35

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception

Mass intentions: Dale Gavin  
9:30am Mass at St. Augustine, Milo



April 16, 2023

## Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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### Parish Office

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Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
101 Saint James St., PO Box 88, St. Mary's IA 50241

**Mass Times: Sunday 8:00 AM & Tuesday 6:00 PM**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sunday 7:30 AM**

**Rosary: Tuesday 5:30 PM**

**Adoration: Tuesday 5:00 PM, followed by a 6:00 PM Mass**

## WEEKEND HOMILIES

The resurrection's transforming power is apparent in today's readings. In the Gospel, the frightened disciples are changed as Jesus enters the room in which they are hiding. With the greeting Shalom, Jesus offers them blessings on every dimension of their being. This blessing, translated as "Peace be with you" (Jn 20:21), communicates God's mercy. Jesus goes further by extending the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples, saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (19:22-23). The Spirit's power transforms their lives, enabling them to extend God's mercy and forgiveness to those who seek it.

The risen Lord still bears the marks of his crucifixion. He is always the wounded Christ, as the Book of Revelation relates (5:6). The disciple, Thomas, did not believe that Jesus appeared in the flesh to the other disciples. Jesus tells him that "blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (Jn 20:29). How often do we need proof that something is true? May we believe in Jesus' presence with us as easily as we believe in the air and wind.

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles offers an insight into the life of that first Christian community transformed by the risen Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. United in Spirit, they shared their possessions, and no one was in need. They present the ideal Christian community open to God's grace.

Peter, in the second reading, uses the form of a Jewish blessing to praise God. These words remind people today of the risen Christ's new life received in baptism. "Although you have not seen him you love him" (1 Pt 1:8) are the most reassuring words addressed to us today.

We are encouraged to live and grow in faith, even in moments when it seems that God is absent. This is not blind faith, however. Our faith is rooted in the encounters we have with the Lord Jesus and the witness of generations of faithful people throughout the ages.

*Thank you to the following families for making contributions for Easter flowers in the memory and honor of their loved ones this year...*

- \* Frank and Helen Gavin for Alex, Arlene, Dennis, and Bob Jensen
- \* Ronald and Ellen Pontolilo for Emily M. Pontolilo
- \* Gary and Pat Van Dyke for Phillip Theobald, Lorraine Theobald, and Jack Van Dyke
- \* Marilyn and Tom Brommel for the Brommel Family
- \* Larry and Joni Nelson for Bill and Sandie Stevens and Alta and Lawrence Nelson
- \* Jeff and Susan Thompson for Jack and Owen Hanrahan and LuAnn Overton
- \* William and Mary Seibert for Monica and Dennic McGregor and Stuart McGregor
- \* Kim Kubik for Carl and Franke Kubic
- \* Kathie Gray for Judy Gray and Norma Antomori
- \* Don and JoAnne Gavin for Mr. & Mrs. V. F. Schall, Mr. & Mrs. Frances Gavin, Ms. Cindy Hoekstra, Kent Wallis, Ms. Dorothy Coke
- \* Jim Donohue



## REMINDERS:

### First Holy Communions

- ICC, St. Marys: April 23, 2023 @ 8:00 AM

**Following Mass on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Knights of Columbus will provide a full pancake breakfast in the parish hall to celebrate the first communicants and their families. Everyone is welcome to attend and free will donations will be accepted.**

- Holy Trinity: April 30, 2023 @ Milo @ 9:30 AM

### Please keep them in your prayers:

Jolene Schwery, Kim Kubik, AJ, Sean, & Jason Wiegert, Cindy Robison, Joyce Smith, Herb Moore, Doug Hollands, Charlotte Banks, Doug George, Mike Hraha, Brian Lippold, Mary Long, Chase Sanders, Jim Kahler, Ellen Pontolilo, Phil Finck, and Janice Gavin

### Annual Diocesan Appeal:

Thank you to the 20 families who have already given or pledged \$9,035 to the Annual Diocesan Appeal! We are still \$16,973 dollars away from our parish goal of \$26,008. Your help is needed. Please prayerfully consider supporting the Catholic Church in Southwest Iowa by pledging to the Appeal. A gift in any amount will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated. Your contribution card can be placed in the collection basket, brought or mailed to the parish office, or mailed directly to the Diocese. Or you can give directly online at [dmdiocese.org/giving](http://dmdiocese.org/giving). Thank you!

Every dollar we raise above our annual appeal goal is refunded back to our parish. **We received a \$909.00 refund check from last year's appeal.** Thank you to all who helped us exceed last year's goal!

### RE News from Michelle Fick:

4/2 – Class, Palm Sunday | 4/9 – NO CLASS, Easter | 4/16 – Class | 4/23 – NO CLASS, First Communion | 4/30 – Class | 5/7 – Senior Mass and Reception for Seniors and Confirmandi

#### MONEY COUNTERS

**April 16:** Eddie Vonnahme and Kayla Keller (take to the night drop box)

**April 23:** Mary Seibert (take to the night drop box) and Brenda Freeman

#### LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS APRIL 23

**Lector:** David Psocka  
**Gifts:** Somers Family  
**Euch. Min:** Jill Gavin, Krisha Schauf, Johnnie Cassady  
**Ushers:** John & Johnnie Cassady  
**Servers:** Ben Vonnahme and Brantley Brown  
**Band of the Month:** Steve and Jolene Gehringer

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT YEAR ROUND

**LACONA:** Weekly, after 8:00 am Mass until 9:00 am  
**MILO:** Weekly, after 8:00 am Mass until 9:00 am  
**ST. MARYS:** Weekly, on Tuesdays, @ 5:00 pm, followed by a 6:00 pm Mass