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Collections Sunday, March 19

Tithes/Plate: \$614.00

ACH's: \$1,495.00

Worship Schedule

Sunday, March 26

34: Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-8 Rom 8:8-11
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception

IMMEDIATELY After Mass – Reconciliation

RE students, parents, parishioners

Mass intentions: Ken Croat

9:30am Mass at St. Augustine, Milo

Monday, March 27

251: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62
Ps 23:1-6 Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 28

252: Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-21 Jn 8:21-30

5:00 – 6:00 PM – Adoration

5:30 PM Rosary at Immaculate Conception

6:00 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception

Mass intentions:

Wednesday, March 29

253: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Jn 8:31-42
8:00 am Mass – Adoration after Mass until 9:00 am at
St Mary of the Assumption, Lacona

Thursday, March 30

254: Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn 8:51-59
8:00 am Mass - Adoration after Mass until 9:00am at
St. Augustine, Milo

Friday, March 31

255: Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42
Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 1

256: Ez 37:21-28 (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 Jn 11:45-56
5:30 pm Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption, Lacona

Sunday, April 2 (Palm Sunday)

37: Mt 21:1-11 (procession) 38: Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18,
19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception

Mass intentions: John Brommel

9:30am Mass at St. Augustine, Milo



March 26, 2023

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
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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

On the final Sunday of Lent before Palm Sunday, we hear Jesus call Lazarus forth from the tomb. Jesus calls us as well, calls us forth from our tombs of sin and death, where our harmful habits and attitudes separate us from God, from life. He is the resurrection. He is the life. Jesus' words to Martha then are his words to us now: Do you believe this? Do you believe that God can bring life out of death? Do you believe that God can free us from the burial bands of sin? Let us recover that faith within us and so prepare ourselves to witness the Resurrection.

Lazarus was alive. Christ had not been too late. The apostles were in no danger from the crowds. The promise of life was kept, and the faith of Christ's friends, their love for him, grew stronger. In a life lived on God's terms, there is no tragedy, none that lasts. What Christ said to Lazarus as he opened his tomb, he says to us, to all his people, "Untie them. Let them go free."

In the second reading, we hear Paul tell the Romans that if the Spirit of God dwells in them, their mortal bodies will be given life. Centuries before Jesus was born, Ezekiel sees with the eyes of prophecy the day when God will raise the dead. In the Gospel, we watch as Jesus calls Lazarus forth from the tomb. As Christians, we believe that death is not the end of life. We believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. God gives new life that triumphs over death. "I am the resurrection and the life," Jesus testifies to Martha and testifies to us.

LENT AND EASTER + PASTORAL SCHEDULES

Reminder from the Diocese: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are fast days for all Catholics who are 18-59 which means 1 regular meal, 2 snacks not equal to a meal and no meat. ALL the Fridays are days of abstinence (no meat) for all Catholics age 14+

Stations of The Cross During Lent:

CCD Stations of the Cross at 1:45 PM
Stations of the Cross will be at 6:00 PM with a soup supper to follow: March 29 – Milo & April 5 – Lacona

Fridays During Lent (St. Marys):

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM

Reconciliation/Confessions:

St. Marys: March 26, 2023, immediately after the 8:00 AM Mass

Thank you for joining us:

Monsignor Lawrence Beeson
Monsignor Robert Chamberlain
Rev. Fr. Felix Amaechi Onuora, C. S. Sp.

First Holy Communion:

- ICCC, St. Marys: April 23, 2023 @ 8:00 AM
- Holy Trinity: April 30, 2023 @ Milo @ 9:30 AM

HOLY WEEK: YEAR A: March 31, 2023

CHRISM MASS @ SS PETER AND PAUL PARISH, ATLANTIC: 5:00 PM

PALM (PASSION SUNDAY): April 2, 2023:

Lacona: 5:30 PM | **Milo:** 9:30 AM | **St. Marys:** 8:00 AM

Readings:

1. Mt.21:1-11(Procession);
2. 1st:Is.50:4-7
3. Resp. Ps 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
4. 2nd: Phil 2:6-11
5. Gospel (Passion Narrative): Mt. 26:14-27:66

HOLY THURSDAY: April 6, 2023:

Lacona: 4:00 PM | **Milo:** 6:00 PM | **St. Marys:** 7:00 PM

Readings:

1. 1st: Ex12:1-8, 11-14
2. Ps116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18
3. 2nd: 1 Cor 11:23-26
4. Gospel: Jn 13:1-15

GOOD FRIDAY: April 7, 2023:

Lacona: 3:00 PM | **Milo:** 7:00 PM | **St. Marys:** 5:00 PM:

Readings:

1. Is. 52:13-53:12
2. Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25
3. 2nd: Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
4. Gospel (Passion Narrative): Jn 18:1-19:42

HOLY SATURDAY (EASTER VIGIL MASS):

April 8, 2023:

Milo: 7:00 PM | **St. Marys:** 7:00 PM

Readings:

1. 1st: Gen 1:1-2:2. Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 3
2. Gen. 22:1-18. Ps.16:5, 8-11
3. 3rd: Ex 14:15-15:1. Ps Ex 15:1-6, 17-18
4. Rom 6:3-11. Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
5. Gospel: 28:1-10

EASTER SUNDAY: April 9, 2023:

Lacona: 8:00 AM | **Milo:** 10:00 AM | **St. Marys:** 8:00 AM

Readings:

1. 1st: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
2. Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
3. 2nd: Col 3:1-4
4. Gospel: Lk 24:13-35

Church News:

Immaculate Conception Parish St. Mary's welcomes Brandon & Beth Reynolds and their two children, Max and Bridget!

The Madison Warren Ecumenical Assoc. is sponsoring a kids music program "Raise a Hallelujah" at 3:00pm, April 2nd at the I-35 auditorium in Truro. The children participating are from Hiz Kids, a faith based after school program for ages K-6 at Interstate 35. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments to follow.

Annual Diocesan Appeal:

Thank you to the 12 families who have already made a gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal! Our 100% participation has not yet been met. 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. Thank you!

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

Eugene Joseph Lippold



Our deepest condolences go out to the Lippold family, for the death of Eugene Lippold, who's funeral will be celebrated Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 1:00 PM, preceded with a rosary at 12:00 PM. Burial will follow the Mass at the St. Marys' Cemetery followed by a luncheon and memorial at the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall. He will be greatly missed. Please remember him, as well as his family in your prayers.

RE News from Michelle Fick:

What is the Annunciation?

A: It is the announcement by the Archangel Gabriel to Mary that she would conceive and bear a son. She would name him Jesus (Immanuel "God is with us"), the Son of God marking the incarnation. According to Luke 1:26 the Annunciation occurred "in the sixth month" of Elizabeth's pregnancy with John the Baptist. Christians observe the Feast of the Annunciation on March 25, the approximate date of the northern vernal equinox nine full months before Christmas, the ceremonial birthday of Jesus.

Class Dates: 3/26 – Class and 2nd thru 8th grade reconciliation | 4/2 – Class -Palm Sunday | 4/9 NO CLASS – Easter | 4/16 Class I 4/23 NO CLASS. First Communion at the 8:00 Mass

MONEY COUNTERS

March 26: Susan Matlage-Simms and Brenda Freeman – Take to the night drop box

April 2: Kayla Keller and Max & Krisha Schauf – Take to the night drop box

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS APRIL 2

Lector: Eddie Vonnahme
Gifts: Chip & Darlene
Euch. Min: Tom Brommel
Ushers: Larry Bertrand and Jim Donohue
Servers: Laura, Justin and Violet Knedler
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
MILQ: 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