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Collections Sunday, March 26

Tithes/Plate: \$492.00

ACH's: \$280.00

Sunday, April 2 (Palm Sunday)

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

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception

IMMEDIATELY After Mass – Reconciliation

RE students, parents, parishioners

Mass intentions: John Brommel

9:30am Mass at St. Augustine, Milo

Monday, April 3

257: Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 4

258: Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

5:00 – 6:00 PM – Adoration

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

Mass intentions:

Wednesday, April 5

259: Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 Mt 26:14-25

8:00 am Mass – Adoration after Mass until 9:00 am at

St Mary of the Assumption, Lacona

Thursday, April 6

1st: Ex12:1-8, 11-14 • Ps116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 • 2nd: 1

Cor 11:23-26 • Gospel: Jn 13:1-15

8:00 am Mass - Adoration after Mass until 9:00am at

St. Augustine, Milo

Friday, April 7

Is. 52:13-53:12 • Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25 • 2nd: Heb 4:14-

16; 5:7-9 • Gospel (Passion Narrative): Jn 18:1-19:42

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 8

1st: Gen 1:1-2:2. Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 3 • Gen.

22:1-18. Ps.16:5, 8-11 • 3rd: Ex 14:15-15:1. Ps Ex 15:1-6, 17-

18 • Rom 6:3-11. Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 • Gospel: 28:1-10

5:30 pm Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption, Lacona

Sunday, April 9 (Easter Sunday)

1st: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 • Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 • 2nd: Col

3:1:-4; 4 • Gospel: Lk 24:13-35

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception

Mass intentions: Ken Croat

9:30am Mass at St. Augustine, Milo



April 2, 2023

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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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

No other Sunday in the liturgical year reflects such dramatic contrast as today. What begins with songs of triumph quickly shifts into remembrance of the Lord's passion. His royal entrance into the holy city of Jerusalem was also an entrance into the mystery of his suffering, death, and resurrection. As we enter this holiest of weeks with Christ, may our participation in each solemn liturgy draw us into deeper union with him and with one another.

The imagery in the reading of the Passion is simple and brutal. It is that of a human being taunted and tortured by other humans. But this time the victim of human cruelty was so much more than human. Christ was the Son of God. The Creator of all that is good in human nature freely took on himself all that is evil. And that is the mystery. Christ did not have to suffer. He chose to. He was not overpowered by human cruelty, rather he submitted himself to it. On the cross, he was not simply victim, he was priest as well.

Christ could have chosen any other course. But he chose that one, and he had done so centuries before the time of Calvary. It is as though the Crucifixion were really only one in a series of events that had been set in motion at the very beginning. The first time that God looked at humankind, and chose what he saw, not simply as more of his creatures, but as his people with whom he would remain no matter what, it was as though the Crucifixion had already begun.

What is there about the bond between God and humanity that can twist the patience and faithfulness of Christ into a sentence of death? Matthew's answer is simple and direct. It is sin. Christ's faithfulness led to Calvary, because he was alone in that faithfulness. The evil of sin, then is seen not only in the torture that Christ endured, but in the fact that he endured it alone. It is the abandonment of Christ, the faithlessness of even those who professed to follow him, those followers who simply became "the crowd," that is, the true revelation of the sin of humankind.

Lent will come to an end for us this week. I hope that this has truly been a season of penance, of self-examination, of confronting the heartlessness, the dullness in our lives. Sin, once it is recognized and rejected, has lost its power over us. We are not at all slaves to our past, to our habits, to our weakness. We are God's people, and we have a share in everything that is his. And just as surely as we have again and again taken part in his crucifixion, so shall we always, as often as we choose to do so, take part in his rising.

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: April 5 – Lacona

Fridays During Lent (St. Marys): Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM

First Holy Communion:

• ICC, 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.

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 13 families who have already contributed \$6,395 to the Annual Diocesan Appeal! We are still \$19,613 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 dmidioce.org/giving. Thank you!

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

April 9: No Money Counters - Easter

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

APRIL 9

Lector: Larry Bertrand

Gifts: Kindley Family

Euch. Min: Sara Hawk

Ushers: Frank Hawk & Brent Gavin

Servers: Ira Hawk, Lincoln Hawk & Damen Van Waus

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