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 Immaculate Conception Catholic Church – St. Marys, IA

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Worship Schedule

Sunday, September 10

127: Ez 33:7-9 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass

Mass intentions: †Ken Croat

Monday, September 11

437: Col 1:24 - 2:3 Ps 62:6-7, 9 Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 12

438: Col 2:6-15 Ps 145:1-2, 8-11 Lk 6:12-19

5:00 PM Adoration

5:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Mass

Mass intentions:

Wednesday, September 13

439: Col 3:1-11 Ps 145:2-3, 10-13 Lk 6:20-26
see 637: Eph 4: 1-7, 11-13 Mk4:1-10, 13-20 or 4:1-9

Thursday, September 14

638: Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38 Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

Friday, September 15

441:1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11

639: Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

see Heb 5:7-9

Saturday, September 16

442: 1 Tm 1:15-17 Ps 113:1-7 Lk 6:43-49

see 640: 2 Cor 4:7-15 Jn 17:11b-19

Sunday, September 17

130: Sir 27:30-28:7 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-35

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass

Mass intentions: †Emily Marie Pontolilo, †Jim
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September 10, 2023



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Tuesdays

Adoration at 5:00 PM
Rosary at 5:30 PM
Mass at 6:00 PM

Sundays

Reconciliation at 7:30 AM
Mass at 8:00 AM

WEEKEND HOMILIES

The Gospel this weekend addresses the issue of the conflict that can arise from time to time because of the interdependence of his people. Christ is pictured as discussing just such a question with his apostles and proposing to them a method of resolution. He says, "Suppose that someone has offended you, that you have a real grievance against another. What should you do?" And Christ's first advice is simply, "Tell that person about it." Bring it up, talk about it. But then he adds a very important note. To begin with at least, keep it private. Try to resolve it where it exists, between the individuals involved. But that private confrontation may not work. And Christ's advice here is consistent. Don't stop, don't pull back. If damage is still being done, concern and involvement cannot be withheld. He says, "Call in a witness or two."

And then the next step, the next two steps that Christ proposes, ring a bit harshly. He says that if that doesn't work, refer the matter to the Church. In effect, make it public. And if even that doesn't work, then back off, in a sense, from that person. Alter, even drastically alter, the nature of the relationship that generates conflict. Making it public means that if a situation in which damage is being done cannot be resolved privately, then it is no longer a private situation. It does mean that those whose charge it is to preserve whatever values are being damaged must be involved. If it is a civil value, then civil authority; community value, then community authority. If the health of a person, be it physical or emotional is the value, then those agencies must be involved. For anyone of us to simply sit back and watch anyone of us damage themselves or others is sinful.

And then finally, Christ says that we may have to radically alter the nature of our relationship to the person or situation that is generating the conflict if nothing else works. Now, that never means that we withdraw from anyone our concern, or our readiness to become involved in their well-being. But it does mean that when all else has been tried, we may come to a point at which we simply have to say, "I am not going to cooperate in any way with the damage that is being done. I am not going to help it be done, not even passively, not to me, nor to anyone else." In the extreme, it may even mean simply no longer associating with that individual.

Human interdependence is not simple. Whether it be a matter of supporting the good we see in others or correcting the faults, we cannot, as a Christian, live behind a wall. The people we are called to serve are on the other side of that wall. And because they are there, so is God.

Excerpts taken from *Seasons in The Word*

RE News – Michelle Fick

Religious Ed Class/Parent Meeting | TODAY | Immediately following Mass

Class will begin with a brief parent meeting. The calendar & other materials will be distributed at this time and parents can complete the RE registration sheet. There will be a fun activity for the students to do with their parents. RE will be followed by the Family Potluck at 11:30.

At this time, there are no first graders and only one kindergartener. If anyone is aware or know of any four/five-year-old children in the parish; please let me know, hopefully we can organize a program for them. You can call 641.297.2223 or email joro23@juno.com.

Class schedule: Sept 10 – Class, Sep 17 – Class, Sep 24 - Class

Madison/Warren Ecumenical Association Fall Kickoff | September 24th | Truro City Park

Everyone is invited for food fellowship with other churches.

Enjoy music by Grateful Hearts at 3:00pm.

Food at 4:00pm- Grilled Burgers, Hot Dogs, Salads, desserts, and drinks all provided. Free will donation appreciated. Hope to see you there!

ANNOUNCEMENT

Family Potluck | TODAY | 11:30 AM

Let's share a meal and have some fun! Kickball, cornhole, and delicious food. We will eat inside the hall and then move outside for games. In the event of rain, we will have indoor games.

Please bring your own:

Table service, drinks, lawn chairs & gloves/bat/ball for those that would like to play baseball

Please bring a dish to share according to your Band of the Month:

January-March: Meat

April-June: Veggies/Potato

July-September: Fruit/Side salad

October-December: Dessert

Pastoral Council Meeting | September 12th | 6:30 PM

Richard Allen Gonzalez & Emily Elizabeth Hill Wedding | September 16th | 2:00 PM

Celebrant: Fr. Ray Higgins

Finance Council Meeting | September 20th | 5:00 PM

Coffee & Donut Social | October 8th | Immediately following Mass

Parish Liturgy Committee Meeting | October 24th | 6:30 PM

Parish Directory Pictures | October 24th & 25th | 2 PM - 8 PM

We will have a professional photographer set up in the hall on Tuesday, October 24th & Wednesday, October 25th to take directory photos. This is a complimentary service and all families will receive a free directory and 8x10 portrait. More information to come!

Please, keep them in your prayers:

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

Annual Diocesan Appeal:

Thank you to the 34 families who have already given or pledged \$14,635 to the Annual Diocesan Appeal! We are still \$11,373 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. Thank you!

MONEY COUNTERS

Sept 3: Mary Seibert (take to the night drop box) & Brenda Freeman

Sept 17: Eddie Vonnahme & Kayla Keller (take to the night drop box)

Collections Saturday, Sept. 3

Tithes/Plate: \$4,044.00

ACH's: \$465.00

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS SEPTEMBER 17

Lector: Max Schauf

Gifts: Kindley Family

Euch. Min: Erin Van Waus & Nicole

Kindley

Ushers: Jim Donohue & Brent Gavin

Servers: Camille Edwards & Damen Van

Waus

Band of the Month: Mark & Lesa

Dembinski

Don't Miss the Family Potluck!



Celebrate!

September Birthdays

9th – Sharon Dentlinger

September Anniversaries

17th – Jerome & Kathy Lippold