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### Reminder

If you have an announcement to add to the bulletin,  
please submit it by Tuesday at 1:00 PM.  
Announcements can be emailed, called in, or dropped  
in person during office hours. Thank you!

## Worship Schedule

### Sunday, June 11

167: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a Ps 147:12-15, 19-20

1 Cor 10:16-17 Jn 6:51-58

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass

Mass intentions: Dale Gavin

### Monday, June 12

359: 2 Cor 1:1-7 Ps 34:2-9 Mt 5:1-12

### Tuesday, June 13

360: 2 Cor 1:18-22 Ps 119:129-133, 135 Mt 5:13-16

See 581: Is 61:1-3a Lk 10:1-9

No Weekday Mass and Adoration Tuesday, June 13th

Mass intentions:

### Wednesday, June 14

361: 2 Cor 3:4-11 Ps 99:5-9 Mt 5:17-19

### Thursday, June 15

362: 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6 Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-14

Mt 5:20-26

### Friday, June 16

170: Dt 7:6-11 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 1 Jn 4:7-16

Mt 11:25-30

### Saturday, June 17

364: 2 Cor 5:14-21 Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12

573: Lk 2:41-51 see 573: Is 61:9-11

### Sunday, June 18

91: Ex 19:2-6a Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5

Rom 5:6-11 Mt 9:36-10:8

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass

Mass intentions: Donald Gene Brommel



# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

June 11, 2023



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## Church

101 Saint James St., Saint Marys, IA 50241

### 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



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## WEEKEND HOMILIES

In the first reading, Moses reminds the people of the ways that God tested them to be sure that their intention was to keep God's commandments and also cared for them as they wandered through the wilderness. The manna and the water from the rock were small examples of God's kindness toward his creation. But Moses wants the people to know that their real nourishment comes from God's word.

The second reading is the conclusion of a long argument that also recalls the Exodus story of the gift of manna in the wilderness. Paul used the story to highlight the enormity of the gift that Christians receive in the Eucharist. It is so distinctively different from the social rituals of their pagan neighbors that Christians are forbidden to do both. Why? The answer is today's reading: Eucharist is an authentic participation in the Body of Christ.

Today's Gospel is also about participation in the Eucharist. The evangelist presents the audience as quarreling- like the Israelites did in the wilderness- about Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, because they thought he was advocating cannibalism. His response is even more shocking. "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life: (Jn 6:54). In other words, the fullness of life belongs to those who fully and actively experience Christ in the Body and Blood.

God is always attentive to our needs and is ready to provide what is best for us. Jesus is the fullness of God's gift to us. To feed on Christ, our Living Bread, means not only being bonded to Christ and one another at Eucharist, but also bringing our Living Bread to the streets. If we become what we eat, then every aspect of our lives should reflect that. Everyone we interact with should be able to tell who has fed and nourished us.

Excerpts taken from 2023 Sourcebook

## DONUT SOCIAL

Donut Social in the parish hall on Sunday, June 18th, following Mass. Everyone is welcome! Coffee, drinks, and donuts provided

### 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, Brian Lippold, Mary Long, Chase Sanders, Jim Kahler, Ellen Pontolilo, Phil Finck, and Janice Gavin

## ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER



Sunday, August 6th  
Doors open at 12 PM

Food is served 12:30 - 5:30 PM  
We are looking for additional help this year!  
Please contact Jill Gavin with inquiries  
jill44gavin@gmail.com

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to help celebrate our parishioners' birthdays and anniversaries! You can help us by filling out your name and special date on the provided sheet in the back of the church. Thank you to all those who have filled it out!

**Annual Spiritans' Retreat | June 12th – 16th | Passionist Retreat Center, Texas**

**Chicken Dinner Committee Meeting | June 15<sup>th</sup> | 4 PM | Parish Hall**  
*Wanting to join the committee? Email Jill Gavin! jill44gavin@gmail.com*

**Father's Day | June 18<sup>th</sup> | Donut Social immediately following Mass**

**Pastoral Council Meeting | June 20<sup>th</sup> | Immediately following 6PM Mass**

**Marriage Ceremony for Bill Yount and Annette Smith | June 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 3 PM | St. Marys**

**DMD Priestly Ordination | June 23rd | 5 PM | St. Ambrose Cathedral, Des Moines**

**Nigerian Event | June 24th | 10 AM | Rockford, IL**

**Mission Co-Operative Appeal | July 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> | St. Marys, Milo, and Lacona during our regularly scheduled weekend Masses**

### Vacation Bible School

**June 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> | 9 AM – 2 PM | Preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade | St. Thomas Aquinas, Indianola**  
\$10 Registration fee (\$30 max per family). Register today!  
<https://stthomasindianola.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1697700>

### Annual Diocesan Appeal:

Thank you to the 27 families who have already given or pledged \$11,610 to the Annual Diocesan Appeal! We are still \$14,398 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 [dmidiose.org/giving](http://dmidiose.org/giving). Thank you!

### MONEY COUNTERS

**June 11:** Susan Matlage-Simms (take to the night drop box) and Mary Seibert

**June 18:** No Money Counters, Father's Day

**Collections Sunday, June 4**  
Tithes/Plate: \$366.00  
ACH's: \$1,065.00

### LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS JUNE 18

**Lector:** Lee Dentlinger  
**Gifts:** Thompson Family  
**Euch. Min:** Krisha Schauf, Gary & Pat Van Dyke  
**Ushers:** Brock & Lance Thompson  
**Servers:** Laura, Justin & Violet Knedler  
**Band of the Month:** Dick & Jean Wadle

## Celebrate!

### June Birthdays

17<sup>th</sup> – Dorothy Gavin  
27<sup>th</sup> – Don Gavin

### June Anniversaries

23<sup>rd</sup> – Jim & Dorothy Gavin