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Collections Sunday, April 30

Tithes/Plate: \$1,518.00

ACH's: \$440.00

Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 7

52: Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception

Mass intentions: Ken Croat

9:30am Mass at St. Augustine, Milo

Monday, May 8

285: Acts 14:5-18 PS 115:1-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 9

286: Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a

5:00 – 6:00 PM – Adoration

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

Mass intentions:

Wednesday, May 10

287: Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8

8:00 am Mass – Adoration after Mass until 9:00 am at St Mary of the Assumption, Lacona

Thursday, May 11

288: Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11

8:00 am Mass - Adoration after Mass until 9:00am at St. Augustine, Milo

Friday, May 12

289: Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-10, 12 Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, May 13

290: Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1-3, 5 Jn 15:18-21

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

Sunday, May 14

55: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception

Mass intentions: John Brommel

9:30am Mass at St. Augustine, Milo



May 7, 2023

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

101 Saint James St., PO Box 88, Saint Marys, IA 502411

Rev. Fr. Eze Venantius Umunnakwe, C.S.Sp., Pastor

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Mass: 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

Parish Office

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Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM ; 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

121 Saint James St., PO Box 88, St. Mary's, IA 50241

WEEKEND HOMILIES

The nature of the Church's ministry emerges in the first reading from Acts. In response to the continued growth of the early Church, the apostles choose seven men, filled with the Holy Spirit, to share their ministry of service. The role of deacon (from the Greek word *diakonein*, "to serve") emerges. Preaching (leading people in worship of God) and service (caring for people) are the two foundational pillars of ministry.

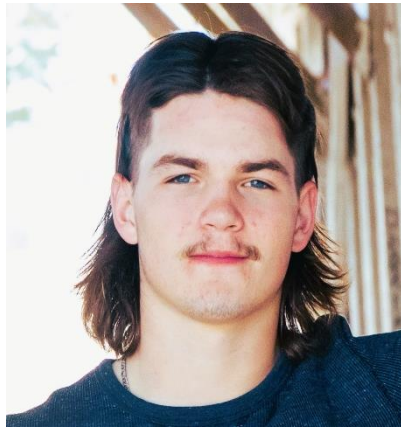
In his first letter, Peter identifies the risen Lord as "a living stone" (2:4), chosen by God the Father, as the cornerstone of a spiritual house where we, his followers, become "living stones." In spiritual unity with the risen Christ, we are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own" (2:9).

The context for the Gospel reading is Jesus' discourse with his followers at the Last Supper. Jesus refers to himself as "the way and the truth and the life (Jn 14:6). We are followers of the Way (Jesus) that leads us to the Father. Jesus reveals his intimate relationship with the Father: he is in the Father, as the Father is in him. Jesus' words are the Father's words, and Jesus' works are the Father's works. United with him, Jesus promises his followers that they too will do great works.

From these readings emerge a deeper understanding of Jesus and our identity. Jesus is the human face of God, as Pop Benedict XVI described him in his encyclicals *Saved in Hope* and *Charity in Truth*. As God's chosen race, we follow Jesus, the Way, to our eternal home. Jesus' earliest followers after his resurrection were called "Followers of the Way". Jesus is the only direction we need and will lead us to him.

Excerpts taken from 2023 Sourcebook

Senior Recognition



Johnnie Cassady

Johnnie plans to attend Iowa State University and major in Criminal Justice



Lily Minor

Lily plans to attend DMACC with a focus on nursing



Maggie Vonnahme

Maggie plans to attend Creighton University and major in Business

Congratulations, seniors! May God guide you and bless you in the years to come.

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.
- We received a check for \$7,832.50 from the second quarterly remittance of the IGNITE! Campaign. 50% of gifts collected for this campaign get returned to us for exceeding our goal of \$100,000 dollars raised

Donut Social | May 7th

Following Mass. Everyone is welcome! Coffee, drinks, and donuts provided

Medora United Methodist Ladies Spring Fling & Silent Auction | May 11th | 11am to 1pm

Mother's Day | May 14th | Coffee and donuts will be served following Mass to celebrate Mother's Day

New Virginia Methodist Memorial Day Picnic | May 29th | Serving 11 AM – 1 PM

Father's Day | June 18th

Marriage Ceremony | June 23rd | St. Marys

Mission Co-Operative Appeal | July 1st & 2nd | St. Marys, Milo, and Lacona During our regularly scheduled weekend Masses

Chicken Dinner | August 6th | 12:30 – 5:30 PM at St. Marys

Mass on Saturday, August 5th @ 4:00 PM

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 Pontolillo, Phil Finck, and Janice Gavin

Annual Diocesan Appeal:

Thank you to the 24 families who have already given or pledged \$10,885 to the Annual Diocesan Appeal! We are still \$15,123 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

May 7: Rebecca Albers (take to the night drop box) and Max & Krisha Schauf

May 14: No Money Counters, Mother's Day

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

MAY 14

Lector: Larry Bertrand

Gifts: Mark Matlage Family

Euch. Min: Sara Hawk, Jill Gavin, Nicole Knidley

Ushers: Frank Hawk & Brent Gavin

Servers: Ira & Lincoln Hawk, & Haven Cassady

Band of the Month: Larry and Becky Bertrand

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: Tuesdays @ 5:00 PM

followed by 6:00 PM Mass