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Collections Sunday, May 21

Tithes/Plate: \$305.00

ACH's: \$1,295.00

Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 28

63: Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception

Mass intentions: Ken Croat

9:30am Mass at St. Augustine, Milo

Monday, May 29

572A: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 Ps 87:1-3, 5-7
Jn 19:25-34

Mass intentions: Ken Croat

Tuesday, May 30

348: Sir 35:1-12 Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23 Mk 10:28-31

5:00 – 6:00 PM – Adoration

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

Conception Mass intentions:

Wednesday, May 31

572: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 (Ps) Is 12:2-3,
4bcd, 5-6 Lk 1:39-56

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

Thursday, June 1

350: Sir 42:15-25 Ps 33:2-9 Mk 10:46-52
see 574: 1 Cor 1:18-25 mt 5:13-19

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

Friday, June 2

351: Sir 44:1,9-13 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Mk 11:11-26

Saturday, June 3

352: Sir 51:12cd-20 Ps 19:8-11 Mk 11:27-33
See 576: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14 Mt5:1-12a
5:30 pm Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption, Lacona

Sunday, June 4

164: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 (Ps) Dn 3:52-55 2 Cor 13:11-13
Jn 3:16-18

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception

Mass intentions: Ken Croat

9:30am Mass at St. Augustine, Milo



May 28, 2023

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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

Rev. Fr. Eze Venantius Umannakwe, 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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WEEKEND HOMILIES

Today is the Solemnity of Pentecost, when we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the disciples and their sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ with the world. This day is acknowledged as the birth of the Church, since it is the day when the frightened and confused disciples emerged from the upper room, boldly proclaiming the mighty acts of God through the crucified and risen Lord.

This day began with a picture of frightened people, crippled and imprisoned by fear. Fear of a very deadly sort, a kind of quiet dread that gnaws away at us. So quiet in fact, that we may not even be able to give it a name. Far from prodding us to fight or run, this sort of fear does quite the opposite. It drags us down and ties weights to our hands and feet. It tells us, as it told the apostles, "Lock yourselves in your room. Find a corner and stay there. Don't try anything, because nothing you try is going to work out. You don't have the ability, the strength, or charm to accomplish anything valuable. Make no effort, take no risk, because if you do, you will fail." Had the event described for us in this first reading not happened, that would have been the history of all of humankind. But it did happen. With the weakness of human nature, God merged the strength of his own divine nature. With the coming of the Holy Spirit, the apostles and all believers were given the ability to go beyond themselves, to draw on more than they ever thought they had. We, too, have that Spirit of courage and that ability to go beyond ourselves. We are called, just as were the apostles, to a deep experience of the presence of the Spirit in our lives. We are called to let him work wonders through us. And he does. Any time we make an investment of ourselves in someone else's welfare, and do so certain there will be no reward, perhaps not even any gratitude... any time we ask God for help, and keep on asking, even though there seems to be no help coming... any time we say with confidence that God is indeed Lord of the world, that he gives it purpose and meaning, even though it can be hard to see sometimes... any time we make a real act of faith and let ourselves go, completely, perhaps even desperately, into God's hands, and experience that surrender as a victory, then we are truly caught up in the movement of the Spirit. We are going far beyond what human beings can do on their own. As the Gospel this morning tells us, God has indeed breathed on us, and we have been filled with the Holy Spirit.

Excerpts taken from 2023 Sourcebook and Seasons in the Word

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Monday, May 29 | 10:30 AM
St. Marys Cemetery
Mass will be in the Church in case of inclement weather



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
jjill44gavin@gmail.com



In Loving Memory of Lori Jordan

Our deepest condolences go out to the friends and family of Lori Jordan who passed away on May 20th, 2023 at the age of 59. Lori will be greatly missed. Please remember her, as well as her family, and keep them in your prayers.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebration of Life for Lewis McLaughlin | May 28th | Mass at 11:30 AM with lunch to follow @ St. Patricks Catholic Church, Irish Settlement

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.

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

DMD Priests' Annual Retreat | June 4th – 8th | Conception Abbey, Missouri

Ordination of Transitional Deacons | June 9th | 5 PM | Christ the King Parish, Des Moines

Father's Day | June 18th

Pastoral Council Meeting | June 20th | Immediately following 6PM Mass

Marriage Ceremony for Bill Yount and Annette Smith | June 23rd @ 3 PM | St. Marys

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

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

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, 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 26 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 dmdiocese.org/giving. Thank you!

MONEY COUNTERS

May 28: No Money Counters, Memorial Day

June 4: Eddie Vonnahme and Rebecca Albers (take to the night drop box)

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS MAY 28

Lector: Larry Bertrand
Gifts: Knedler Family
Euch. Min: Susan Matlage-Simms, Tom Brommel, Jill Gavin
Ushers: Larry Bertrand & Jim Donohue
Servers: Laura, Justin, & Violet Knedler
Band of the Month: Larry & Becky Bertrand

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: Tuesdays @ 5:00 PM followed by 6:00 PM Mass

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS MAY 29

Lector: Eddie Vonnahme **Euch. Min:** Katie & Maggie Vonnahme **Servers:** Lucy & Ben Vonnahme