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Collections Sunday, May 28

Tithes/Plate: \$820.50

ACH's: \$480.00

Worship Schedule

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

Monday, June 5

353: Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8 Ps 112:1-6 Mk 12:1-12
See 577: Acts 26:19-23 Jn 10:11-16

Tuesday, June 6

354: Tb 2:9-14 Ps 112:1-2, 7-9 Mk 12:13-17

5:00 – 6:00 PM – Adoration

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

Mass intentions:

Wednesday, June 7

355: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a Ps 25:2-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9
Mk 12:18-27

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

Thursday, June 8

356: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a Ps 128: 1-5
Mk 12:28-34

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

Friday, June 9

357: Tb 11:5-17 Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10 Mk 12:35-37

Saturday, June 10

358: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20 (Ps) Tb 13:2, 6 efg, 7-8
Mk 12:38-44

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

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 at Immaculate Conception

Mass intentions: Dale Gavin



June 4, 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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WEEKEND HOMILIES

One of the forces over the long history of Revelation that gave shape and character to the Hebrew people was a strong sense of their own uniqueness. Unlike the religions that sprang up around the nature gods of other cultures, the worship of the Hebrews was a free response to a God who freely revealed himself and drew close to his people. At the heart of their uniqueness lay the fact that there was no guesswork in their religion. They knew their God, and he knew them. One of the most fundamental credal formulas for the Hebrews was the phrase, "Our God is a God who speaks, who makes himself known." This revelation gave rise to something else new and unique. It fostered a quality of bond between God and his people that no other people had ever experienced. Their relationship with God was based on trust, confidence, truth, and strangest of all, on affection. The people were beginning to realize that their God was acting toward them and asking for their response in a way that could best be described as love.

The relationship gave rise to a third reality, a bond of love. But that was only the beginning. It took the revealing presence of Christ to give fullness to the great mystery of the Trinity. St. Augustine gave us the formula we use most commonly: Three Persons in one nature. Those words help, but they are not perfect. It would be more accurate to say that God is *something like* Three Persons in one nature.

But the inadequacy of language doesn't really matter. The truth is that the constant flow of life, creative power, and love that make up the inner nature of God is not a closed circle. It has been broken open, and all of humankind has been included in it. We are not only God's creatures, we are his sons and daughters, we share in his own life. And that means that it is not only God's nature to know and to love creatively, it is our nature as well. If humankind is ever to become fully what the Father intended it to be, then we must live out our likeness to God.

Excerpts taken from *Seasons in the Word*.

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

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



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DOCTRINE ON THE

BLESSED TRINITY: Trinity from the Catechism of the Roman Catholic Church

261 The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and of Christian life. God alone can make it known to us by revealing himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

262 The Incarnation of God's Son reveals that God is the eternal Father and that the Son is consubstantial with the Father, which means that, in the Father and with the Father the Son is one and the same God.

263 The mission of the Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in the name of the Son (Jn 14:26) and by the Son "from the Father" (Jn 15:26), reveals that, with them, the Spirit is one and the same God. "With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified" (Nicene Creed).

264 "The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father as the first principle and, by the eternal gift of this to the Son, from the communion of both the Father and the Son" (St. Augustine, De Trin. 15, 26, 47: PL 42, 1095).

265 By the grace of Baptism "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit", we are called to share in the life of the Blessed Trinity, here on earth in the obscurity of faith, and, after death, in eternal light (cf. Paul VI, CPG § 9).

266 "Now this is the Catholic faith: We worship one God in the Trinity and the Trinity in unity, without either confusing the persons or dividing the substance; for the person of the Father is one, the Son's is another, the Holy Spirit's another; but the Godhead of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is one, their glory equal, their majesty coeternal" (Athanasian Creed: DS 75; ND 16).

267 Inseparable in what they are, the divine persons are also inseparable in what they do. But, within the single divine operation each shows forth what is proper to him in the Trinity, especially, in the divine missions of the Son's Incarnation and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Catechism of the Roman Catholic Church
Rev. Fr. Eze V. Umunnakwe, C.S.Sp. (Pastor).

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.

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

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

Chicken Dinner Committee Meeting | June 15th | 4 PM | Parish Hall

Wanting to join the committee? Email Jill Gavin! jill44gavin@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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



In Lovina 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.



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 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 dmidiocese.org/giving. Thank you!

MONEY COUNTERS

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

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

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS JUNE 4

Lector: Larry Bertrand

Gifts: Kindley Family

Euch. Min: Susan Matlage-Simms, Sara Hawk, Nicole Kindley

Ushers: Brent Gavin and Jim Donohue

Servers: Ira & Lincoln Hawk, and Haven Cassidy

Band of the Month: Dick & Jean Wadle

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