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 Immaculate Conception Catholic Church – St. Marys, IA

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Worship Schedule

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

Monday, June 19

365: 2 Cor 6:1-10 Ps 98:1-4 Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday, June 20

366: 2 Cor 8:1-9 Ps 146:2, 5-9a Mt 5:43-48

5:00 PM Adoration

5:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Mass

Mass intentions: Ken Croat

Wednesday, June 21

367: 2 Cor 9:6-11 Ps 112:1-4, 9 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

See 583: 1 Jn 5:1-5 Mt 22:34-40

Thursday, June 22

368: 2 Cor 11:1-11 Ps 111:1-4, 7-8 Mt 6:7-15

Friday, June 23

369: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30 Ps 34:2-7 Mt 6:19-23

Saturday, June 24

587: Is 49:1-6 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15

Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80

Sunday, June 25

94: Jer 20:10-13 Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

Rom 5:12-15 Mt 10:26-33

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass

Mass intentions: Dale Gavin



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June 18, 2023



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Church

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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

There are few feelings more uncomfortable than the feeling of being pointless. It's unsettling because, deep down, we know it's not right. We know that human life is not meant to be pointless. If you look at the characters that are considered great in any society's history, they all have one thing in common, they were people with a mission. They had a clear idea of what they had to do, and they set themselves to do it.

We feel attracted to those who seem to have been able to see their lives in the light of the bigger picture, those who have gotten beyond just living from day to day, and have managed to give some real direction to their energies. And we feel that somehow, we would like to experience that. We'd like to be in that position, to have a mission, a purpose, and a message.

But we are in that position. Each of us. We have been given a message that is far too big, and far too important, to apply simply to each one of us as individuals. We have been given the knowledge of some of the most fundamental and basic truths of human nature. The only way we can respond authentically to those truths is to speak them out clearly and to pass them on and make them real in the lives of those around us.

The Gospel reading shows that the apostles, those to whom Christ first preached, did not consider themselves any sort of closed community, tightly gathered around the world they had received. Rather, hearing the truth was for them, an experience of being sent out, of becoming truly men with a mission. And the first reading, taken from the Old Testament book of Exodus, contains the same idea. It was not enough that the people came to know the fact that God was with them and they had been saved. The announcement of the truth is followed by a commission, "You shall be to Me a kingdom of priests," a people sent out to mediate this saving presence of God to the rest of the world.

This is our mission as well. In every contact with Christ that we experience, in Scripture, in Sacraments, and in prayer, we are being sent out to bring his presence into all the areas of life in which he is not yet felt. In jobs, schools, politics, family, and community living, this message must constantly be repeated and Christ's presence constantly renewed.

We have all been sent by Christ. We have been commissioned by his message of salvation, and we have been pointed toward one another. If the words of the Gospel fail to change and improve our society, it won't be because the message is false. It will be because the messengers never went out.

Excerpts taken from *Seasons in The Word*



We are thankful for the fathers of our parish this Father's Day weekend. With much gratitude for the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, we pray that they will forever receive divine blessings.



Reminder, we will have coffee, drinks, and donuts following Mass this morning to celebrate Father's Day

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!

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

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



ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER

August 6th | 12:30 - 5:30 PM

Doors open at 12 PM

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

Vacation Bible School

June 19th-23rd | 9 AM – 2 PM | Preschool – 8th Grade | St. Thomas Aquinas, Indianola

\$10 Registration fee (\$30 max per family). Register today!

<https://stthomasindianola.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1697700>

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 Pontolillo, 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 dmidiose.org/giving. Thank you!

MONEY COUNTERS

June 18: No Money Counters, Father's Day

June 25: Kayla Keller (take to night drop box) & Brenda Freeman

Collections Sunday, June 11

Tithes/Plate: \$488.00

ACH's: \$435.00

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS JUNE 25

Lector: Max Schauf

Gifts: Chip & Darlene

Euch. Min: Lee & Sharon Dentlinger and Johnnie Cassady

Ushers: Jeff Thompson & John Cassady

Servers: Lucy & Ben Vonnahme, and Haven Cassady

Band of the Month: Dick & Jean Wadle

Celebrate!

June Birthdays

17th – Dorothy Gavin

27th – Don Gavin

June Anniversaries

23rd – Jim & Dorothy Gavin