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Collections Sunday, January 29

Tithes/Plate: \$649.00

ACH's: \$165.00

Worship Schedule

Sunday, February 5

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

73: Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-9 1 Cor 2:1-5

Mt 5:13-16

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception

Mass intentions: John Brommel & Preston Pettit

9:30am Mass at St. Augustine, Milo

Monday, February 6

SAINT PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS

329: Gn 1:1-19 Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35 Mk 6:53-56

see 528: Gal 2:19-20 Mt 28:16-20

Tuesday, February 7

330: Gn 1:20-2:4a Ps 8:4-9 Mk 7:1-13

5:30 PM Rosary at Immaculate Conception

6:00 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception

Adoration – after 6:00 PM Mass to 7:00 PM

Mass intentions:

Wednesday, February 8

331: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 Ps 104:1-2, 27-30 Mk 7:14-23

8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's of the Assumption, Lacona

Thursday, February 9

332: Gn 2:18-25 Ps 128:1-5 Mk 7:24-30

8:00 am Mass at St. Augustine, Milo

Friday, February 10

SAINT SCHOLASTICA

333: Gn 3:1-8 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 Mk 7:31-37

see 530: Sg 8:6-7 Lk 10:38-42

Saturday, February 11

334: Gn 3:9-24 Ps 90:2-6, 12-13 Mk 8:1-10

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

Sunday, February 12

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

76: Sir 15:15-20 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 1 Cor 2:6-10

Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception

Mass intentions: Jim Brommel & Preston Pettit

9:30am Mass at St. Augustine, Milo



February 5, 2023

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Mass Times: Sunday 8:00 AM & Tuesday 6:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sunday 7:30 AM

Rosary: Tuesday 5:30 PM

Adoration: Tuesday following 6:00 PM Mass to 7:00 PM



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, February 5, 2023 **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A**

First Reading: *Isaiah 58:7-10*, In the work of justice, light shall break through darkness.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 112:4-9*, The just person will be a light in the darkness.


Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 2:1-5*, Paul shows that he came to Corinth preaching Christ crucified.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5:13-16*, Jesus teaches that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Background on the Gospel Reading: Following upon the teaching of the [Beatitudes](#), Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual [Works of Mercy](#). When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

Mardi Gras

The Religious Education Students are having a Mardi Gras Celebration! in preparation for Lent. Please join them for the festivities! The celebration is Sunday, February 19, after the 8:00 Mass. We will be serving pancakes, a typical Fa  id, and there are activities you may participate in.

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Italian Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

Adults \$8.00 - Children 5-10 \$4.00 - Carry out available

Silent Auction & Raffle

Churchville Assumption Shrine Hall, 870 West St. Churchville, Iowa
Located 2 miles Northwest of Martensdale, Iowa

Knights of Columbus and the American Legion – Fish Fry Fridays

Fridays – March 3, 10, 17, & 24 – serving from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Adults - \$12.50, children under 12 - \$5.00, immediate Family - \$30.00



Please keep them in your prayers:

Charlie Stills, 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 Pontolilo, Phil Finck, and Janice Gavin

RE News from Michelle Fick:

Why is the Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas, and Purification of Mary on February 2?

Each name highlights a particular aspect of the day.

According to the Mosaic law a mother who had given birth to a man-child was considered unclean for seven days; moreover, she was to remain three and thirty days "in the blood of her purification." When the forty days was over the mother was, to "bring to the temple a lamb for a holocaust and a young pigeon or turtle dove for sin"; if she was not able to offer a lamb, she was to take two turtle doves or two pigeons; the priest prayed for her and so she was cleansed. Forty days after the birth of Christ, Mary complied with this precept of the law. She redeemed her first-born from the temple and was purified by the prayer of Simeon, in the presence of Anna, the prophetess. (Luke 2:22-40)

This day may be thought of as a festival of light. We see it in the candles that are blessed and carried; the light of Christ himself, our salvation and life.

It is customary on Candlemas to bless candles; the candles carried in the procession, the candles used throughout the liturgical year, and candles given to the congregation to take home. (The candles are to be made from bee's wax)

St. Anselm invites us to consider three aspects of the blessed candles; "the wax signifies the virginal flesh of the Divine Infant, the wick figures His soul, and the flame His divinity.

What festivities happen on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday? The answer in next week's bulletin

Class Cancellations

If Class is being cancelled due to inclement weather, please, refer to the RE Handbook 2022 - 2023

Class Dates: 1/29 | 2/5 | 2/12 | 2/19 – Mardi Gras – Family Activity | 2/26 Class & 2nd grade First Eucharist Preparation Centers

- OFFICE MANAGER POSITION -

PART TIME – 20 hours a week at \$15.00/hr.

Thanks in advance and may God bless all of us and beloved, forward-looking, and dynamic parish-family. The interested applicant/s should, please, send in their application/s and resumes via parish e-mail immacula@myomnitel.com and to me, Rev. Fr. Eze Ummakwe C.S.Sp., e-mail eponvu@yahoo.com, my telephone number is 660.215.0757

IGNITE! CAMPAIGN

Thank you to our volunteers and parishioners who have helped make the Ignite Campaign successful!!

GOAL: \$100,000 RAISED: \$98,440.00 @98.4%

If you have not made a gift, you can pledge online at: <https://www.dmdiocese.org/giving/ignite/give-now>

Liturgical Assignments January 29

Lector: Jolene Schwery

Gifts: Oberbroeckling family

Euch. Min: Sara Hawk

Ushers: Frank Hawk & Jeff Thompson

Servers: Ira Hawk, Jack Rezac, Haven Cassady, and Clara Oberbroeckling

Band of the Month: Kayla Keller

Money Counters

January 22: Kayla Keller and Susan Matlage-Simms

Take to night drop box

January 29: Max and Krisha Schauf and Rebecca

Albers – Take to night drop box