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Collections Sunday, April 2

Tithes/Plate: \$492.00

ACH's: \$365.00

Worship Schedule

Sunday, April 9 (Easter Sunday)

1st: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 • Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

2nd: Col 3:1-4; 4 • Gospel: Lk 24:13-35

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception

IMMEDIATELY After Mass – Reconciliation

RE students, parents, parishioners

Mass intentions: Ken Croat

9:30am Mass at St. Augustine, Milo

Monday, April 10

261: Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 11

262: Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 Jn 20:11-18

5:00 – 6:00 PM – Adoration

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

Mass intentions:

Wednesday, April 12

263: Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 Lk 24:13-35

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

Thursday, April 13

264: Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab, 5-9 Lk 24:35-48

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

Friday, April 14

265: Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a Jn 21:1-14

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 15

266: Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-21 Mk 16:9-15

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

Sunday, April 16

43: Acts 2:42-47 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception

Mass intentions: Jim Brommel

9:30am Mass at St. Augustine, Milo



April 9, 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 5:00 PM, followed by a 6:00 PM Mass

WEEKEND HOMILIES

Rejoice! This is the day that the Lord has made. God's love and mercy have been poured out for all and to all. By his sacrifice on the cross, Jesus has conquered sin and defeated death. No longer do sin and death have power over us. A new day dawns, for new life has dawned for all of us: A life in God's tender loving care that survives sin and overcomes death.

Jesus Christ, the son of God, who died and was buried, has risen from the dead. And in his resurrection all of creation is made new. The followers of Christ who saw him die and mourned his death returned in the early hours of the morning to where he had been buried, and they found an empty tomb. And there they heard the words of God's messenger, "He is not here. He is risen. Look for him among the living." And for two thousand years those same joyful words, "He is risen," have echoed from a million other tombs. Hatred, greed, violence, fear, all of the tombs in which we bury ourselves and one another have been broken open. They have no power to hold anyone. These tombs, too, are just empty shells.

God's word is sent to us, as it was to Mary Magdalene, "Do not be afraid." And it is true, we have nothing to fear. God became like us. He lived a human life. He did the things we do, he felt the things we feel. He took upon himself the wages of all human sin and human failure. He took upon himself the worst human weakness, greed, violence, and hatred. And finally he took upon himself the ultimate violence, the ultimate human absurdity, death itself. But this tomb too he left empty, so that with what St. Paul would later call the great foolishness of Christianity, we can say that even death has lost its terror. All of life has been made new. Everything that happens to us has been revealed in a new light. And we can see clearly now there is no challenge so great that it cannot be met, no burden so heavy that it cannot be borne. We are all called to take up a share in the risen life of Christ. May the promise of the Resurrection fill us with hope, enliven our lives, and lead us to life eternal. Alleluia!

Have a blessed Easter!



HOLY WEEK: YEAR A: March 31, 2023

CHRISM MASS @ SS PETER AND PAUL PARISH, ATLANTIC: 5:00 PM

PALM (PASSION SUNDAY): April 2, 2023:

Lacona: 5:30 PM | **Milo:** 9:30 AM | **St.**

Marys: 8:00 AM

Readings:

1. Mt.21:1-11(Procession);
2. 1st:Is.50:4-7
3. Resp. Ps 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
4. 2nd: Phil 2:6-11
5. Gospel (Passion Narrative): Mt. 26:14-27:66

HOLY THURSDAY: April 6, 2023:

Lacona: 4:00 PM | **Milo:** 6:00 PM | **St.**

Marys: 7:00 PM

Readings:

1. 1st: Ex12:1-8, 11-14
2. Ps116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18
3. 2nd: 1 Cor 11:23-26
4. Gospel: Jn 13:1-15

GOOD FRIDAY: April 7, 2023:

Lacona: 3:00 PM | **Milo:** 7:00 PM | **St.**

Marys: 5:00 PM:

Readings:

1. Is. 52:13-53:12
2. Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25
3. 2nd: Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
4. Gospel (Passion Narrative): Jn 18:1-19:42

HOLY SATURDAY (EASTER VIGIL MASS):

April 8, 2023:

Milo: 7:00 PM | **St. Marys:** 7:00 PM

Readings:

1. 1st: Gen 1:1-2:2. Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 3
2. Gen. 22:1-18. Ps.16:5, 8-11
3. 3rd: Ex 14:15-15:1. Ps Ex 15:1-6, 17-18
4. Rom 6:3-11. Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
5. Gospel: 28:1-10

EASTER SUNDAY: April 9, 2023:

Lacona: 8:00 AM | **Milo:** 10:00 AM | **St.**

Marys: 8:00 AM

Readings:

1. 1st: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
2. Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
3. 2nd: Col 3:1-4
4. Gospel: Lk 24:13-35

REMINDERS:

Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 11th following mass (~ 6:30 PM)

First Holy Communions

- ICCC, St. Marys: April 23, 2023 @ 8:00 AM

Following Mass on the 23rd, the Knights of Columbus will provide a full pancake breakfast in the parish hall to celebrate the first communicants and their families. Everyone is welcome to attend and free will donations will be accepted.

- Holy Trinity: April 30, 2023 @ Milo @ 9:30 AM

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 Pontolilo, Phil Finck, and Janice Gavin

Annual Diocesan Appeal:

Thank you to the 18 families who have already contributed \$8,615 to the Annual Diocesan Appeal! We are still \$17,393 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 dmioocese.org/giving. Thank you!

Every dollar we raise above our annual appeal goal is refunded back to our parish. **We received a \$909.00 refund check from last year's appeal.** Thank you to all who helped us exceed last year's goal!

RE News from Michelle Fick:

4/2 – Class, Palm Sunday | 4/9 – NO CLASS, Easter | 4/16 – Class | 4/23 – NO CLASS, First Communion | 4/30 – Class | 5/7 – Senior Mass and Reception for Seniors and Confirmandi

MONEY COUNTERS

April 9: No Money Counters - Easter

April 16: Eddie Vonnahme & Kayla Keller (take to the night drop box)

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

APRIL 16

Lector: Max Schauf

Gifts: Thompson Family

Euch. Min: Susan Matlage-Simms

Ushers: Garrett & Jeff Thompson

Servers: Haven Cassady

Band of the Month: Steve and Jolene Gehringer

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT

YEAR ROUND

LACONA: Weekly, after 8:00 am

Mass until 9:00 am

MILLO: Weekly, after 8:00 am

Mass until 9:00 am

ST. MARYS: Weekly, on

Tuesdays, @ 5:00 pm, followed

by a 6:00 pm Mass