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Collections Sunday, February 5

Tithes/Plate: \$772.00

ACH's: \$1,155.00

Worship Schedule

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

Monday, February 13

335: Gn 4:1-15, 25 Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 14

SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS

336: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 9c-10

Mk 8:14-21 see 532: Acts 13:46-49 Lk 10:1-9

5:30 PM Rosary at Immaculate Conception

6:00 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception

Adoration – 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Mass intentions:

Wednesday, February 15

337: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22 Ps 116:12-15, 18-19 Mk 8:22-26

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

Thursday, February 16

338: Gn 9:1-13 Ps 102:16-18, 19-23, 29 Mk 8:27-33

8:00 am Mass at St. Augustine, Milo

Friday, February 17

339: Gn 11:1-9 Ps 33:10-15 Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday, February 18

340: Heb 11:1-7 Ps 145:2-5, 10-11 Mk 9:2-13

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

Sunday, February 19

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

79: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception

Mass intentions: Jim Brommel & Rosa George

9:30am Mass at St. Augustine, Milo



February 12, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass – Ash Wednesday – February 22, 2023 at 7:00 PM

If you have old palms from previous Palm Sundays, please bring them to church by Sunday, March 19. They will be used to make ashes for Ash Wednesday

Stations of the Cross – Fridays in Lent at 7:00 PM



February 12, 2023, The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three-part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead, it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires. The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

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 Fat Tuesday food, and there are activities you may participate in.



ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Italian Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

Sunday, February 26

11:00 AM to 2:30 PM

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



St Ambrose Cathedral to Host Monthly Healing Service

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month

Beginning at 5:30 PM

"Come to me, all you are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

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:

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:

What festivities happen on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday?

Mardi Gras (Tuesday Fat) is a French word translated to English is Fat Tuesday. Mardi Gras is thought to be a hedonistic event; however, its roots lie in the Christian calendar as the last hurrah before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Mardi Gras came to the new world in 1699 when a French explorer arrived at the Mississippi river and named the spot Point Du Mardi Gras because he knew the holiday was being celebrated in his native country. Mardi Gras was celebrated until the mid-1700s when the Spanish government banned the celebration. The celebration resumed in 1827. Also known as **Shrove Tuesday** from "to shrive" or hear confessions.

Or **Pancake Tuesday**, the custom of making pancakes comes from the need to use up fat, eggs, and dairy before fasting and abstinence of Lent begins.

The official colors for Mardi Gras are: PURPLE – symbol of justice, GREEN – representing faith, and GOLD – to dignify power.

What is the significance of ashes on Ash Wednesday? Find 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: 2/12 | 2/19 – Mardi Gras – Family Activity | 2/26 Class & 2nd grade First Eucharist Preparation Centers | 3/6 – Class | 3/12 & 3/19 – NO Class – Spring Break

- 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 Umunnakwe 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:** \$100,040.00 @ 100%

Immaculate Conception received a check for \$19,454.50; this is 50% of the gifts collected.

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

Liturgical Assignments February 19

Lector: David Psotka

Gifts: Chris Brown family

Euch. Min: Katie Vonnahme

Ushers: Eddie Vonnahme & Sam Vonnahme

Servers: Brantley Brown, Damen Van Waus

Band of the Month: Kayla Keller

Money Counters

February 12: Brenda Freeman and Mary Seibert - Take to night drop box

February 19: Max and Krisha Schauf and Susan Matlage-Simms – Take to night drop box