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 Immaculate Conception Catholic Church – St. Marys, IA

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## Worship Schedule

### Sunday, July 9

100: Zec 9:9-10 Ps 145:1-2, 8-11 13-14

Rom 8:9, 11-13 Mt 11:25-30

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass

Mass intentions: †Dale Gavin and †John George

### Monday, July 10

383: Gn 28:10-22a Ps 91:1-4, 14-15 Mt 9:18-26

### Tuesday, July 11

384: Gn 32:23-33 Ps 17:1-3, 6-8, 15

Mt 9:32-38 *see 597: Pr 2:1-9 Mt 19:27-29*

5:00 PM Adoration

5:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Mass

Mass intentions: †Ken Croat

### Wednesday, July 12

385: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a

Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 Mt 10:1-7

### Thursday, July 13

386: Gn 44:18-21, 236-29; 45:1-5 Ps 105:16-21

Mt 10:7-15

### Friday, July 14

387: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40

Mt 10:16-23 *see 731-736*

### Saturday, July 15

388: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a Ps 105:1-4, 6-7

Mt 10:24-33 *see 600: Eph 3:14-19 Mt 23:8-12*

### Sunday, July 16

103: Is 55:10-11 Ps 65:10-14

Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass

Mass intentions: †Ken Croat



# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

July 9, 2023



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## Church

101 Saint James St., Saint Marys, IA 50241

### *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

Scriptural scholars call this Gospel passage the “Hymn of Jubilation” because in it, Christ quite literally rejoices in the Father’s plan for salvation. He praises the Father’s decision to hide himself from the learned and the clever and reveal the greatest truths first to the merest children. The word that is translated here as “children” means “the little ones.” It refers not so much to age as to status, the poor, the unimportant, the weak, those who are most certainly not the movers and shakers or the shapers of society.

Now certainly ignorance, in any field, is not a good thing. Quite the contrary, it is a thing to be combatted. For centuries the Church has insisted on the value of learning, of the best possible scholarship. In the same way, neither is it a good thing to starve...to have no clothes, no shelter. We completely misunderstand Christ’s identification with the poor if we allow ourselves to grow indifferent to the great suffering that poverty causes.

Meekness and humility are hardly virtues if we use them as a way to hide from responsibility, an excuse for doing nothing, never involving oneself in the God-given mission to create the world and make something good of it. Rather, Christ praises a sense of poverty, of “littleness,” that makes us realize that ultimately there isn’t very much difference between having much and having nothing much. That whatever we have is never really ours, it is from God, and sooner or later, it will have to be given back to him.

Christ praises a sense of meekness and humility that teaches us not to deny our powers and skills, not to retreat from them, but teaches us rather not to make more of them than they really are. Not to become so taken up with what we can do by our design, that we lose sight of what we must do, by God’s design. That is the littleness that saves, that ultimate reliance on God, and a readiness to be directed by his will, even when, especially when, that may seem, for no good reason at all, to contradict our own.

And of course, the great thing is that it works. Reliance on God brings happiness. In the last few lines of the Gospel Christ promises, “Do what I do, be little, as I am, and you will find peace. My yoke is easy, my burden is light.” Once a person learns that sort of humility and simply stops trying to be influential, powerful, capable, once a person stops trying to direct the flow of people and things and events, something which can’t be done anyway, a real burden of anxiety is lifted. For such a person, as for Christ in the Gospel, no matter what else may be going on, suddenly there is room enough in one’s life for rejoicing.

Excerpts taken from *Seasons in The Word*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pastoral Council Meeting | August 8<sup>th</sup> | Immediately following Mass**

**Finance Council Meeting | August 9<sup>th</sup> | 5PM**

**From the Diocese: 4 Diocese Cycling4Christ**

In the spirit of the national Eucharistic Revival initiative, the four Dioceses of Iowa will offer a fuel for the soul during RAGBRAI this year with a Mass at each overnight stop. On July 26 – during the overnight stop in Des Moines -- RAGBRAI riders and their support teams can attend 5 p.m. Mass at St. Ambrose Cathedral. Check out the map with all the Mass times and locations: <https://www.lumenmedia.org/ragbrai-2023.html>



## ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER

**August 6<sup>th</sup> | 12:30 - 5:30 PM**

**Doors open at 12 PM**

**Mass on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 PM**

**Adults \$15 | Children \$5 | Takeout Available**

**Chicken Dinner Raffle:**

If you have items to donate for the Chicken Dinner raffle, please let **Brenda Freeman** ([ronbrendafreeman@gmail.com](mailto:ronbrendafreeman@gmail.com)) or **Jonna Mitchell** ([mitchell5470@gmail.com](mailto:mitchell5470@gmail.com)) know as soon as possible. Thank you!

**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 28 families who have already given or pledged \$12,610 to the Annual Diocesan Appeal! We are still \$13,398 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](http://dmidiocese.org/giving). Thank you!

### MONEY COUNTERS

**July 9:** Rebecca Albers (take to night drop box), Max & Krisha Schauf

**July 16:** Susan Matlage-Simms (take to night drop box) & Kayla Keller

**Collections Sunday, July 2**

Tithes/Plate: \$1,127.00

ACH's: \$165.00

### LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS JULY 16

**Lector:** Lee Dentlinger

**Gifts:** Chip & Darlene

**Euch. Min:** Sarah Hawk, Gary & Pat Van Dyke

**Ushers:** Larry Bertrand & Frank Hawk

**Servers:** Ira & Lincoln Hawk, Haven Cassady

**Band of the Month:** Ron & Brenda Freeman

*Celebrate!*

*July Birthdays*

3rd – Susan Thompson

8th – Joanne Gavin

11th – Lee Dentlinger

27th – Hannah Dentlinger