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### Collections Sunday, April 16

Tithes/Plate: \$505.00

ACH's: \$345.00

## Worship Schedule

### Sunday, April 23

46: Acts 2:14, 22-23 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11 1 Pt 1:17-21

Lk 24:13-35

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception

Mass intentions: Dale Gavin

9:30am Mass at St. Augustine, Milo

### Monday, April 24

273: Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30

Jn 6:22-29

### Tuesday, April 25

555: 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89: 2-3, 6-7, 16-17

Mk 16:15-20

5:00 – 6:00 PM – Adoration

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

Mass intentions:

### Wednesday, April 26

275: Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a Jn 6:35-40

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

### Thursday, April 27

276: Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51

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

### Friday, April 28

277: Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1-2 Jn 6:52-59

### Saturday, April 29

278: Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-17 Jn 6:60-69

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

### Sunday, April 30

49: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 23:1-6 1 Pt 2:20b-25

Jn 10:1-10

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception

Mass intentions: Ken Croat

9:30am Mass at St. Augustine, Milo



April 23, 2023

## Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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### Parish Office

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Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
101 Saint James St., PO Box 88, St. Mary's IA 50241

**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

The Gospel reading contains a remarkable message for us. Like those disciples on the road to Emmaus, we encounter the presence of the risen Lord every time we gather to hear the Scriptures proclaimed and witness the bread of the Eucharist broken.

One of the most common scriptural images that is used to represent all of life, really, but most particularly the spiritual life, the life of grace, is the image of a journey. And it is an appropriate one. To go on a journey means to make a move. It means to leave something behind and set out for something else. Something that may be unfamiliar, may be uncertain, may even be frightening. But the only way to get there, the only way to eliminate the uncertainty and the fear, is to make the move.

In the Gospel, those travelers on the road to Emmaus must have been two very sad, disillusioned men. And then, as they go along, they are joined by a stranger. Naturally enough they began to talk to him about what is on their mind. At first it seems as though the conversation isn't going anywhere. It seems as though the stranger doesn't understand them, nothing he says helps all that much. But finally, little by little, the conversation becomes communication, and if nothing else, they become interested. And it is really at this point as they end their physical journey, they begin their spiritual journey. They begin to go through the painful process of leaving behind an old misunderstanding and opening themselves to the newness of truth.

Finally, the moment comes, as it inevitably does, when they are confronted with reality of Christ present in our lives and the true nature of his mission. They did, the reading says, recognize him. We, too, are travelers, just as were the two in the Gospel. And so many times we, too, can be disappointed and disillusioned on our journey. But just as they were, we are also called to recognize the companionship of Christ on the journey and to realize that in the light of that companionship, our own misdirection and misunderstandings don't really mean very much. No journey made in the company of Christ can ever possibly be a failure, even if we end up far from where we expected to be. As long as we end up where he calls us to be, the journey is worthwhile.

### *First Holy Communion*

Today we recognize the First Holy Communion of Finely W. Easton, son of Phil & Shannon Easton, and Ansen A. Swalla, son of Adam & Sarah Swalla. May God bless you today and every day and may you always live your faith with joy and sincerity!



*Following Mass this morning, 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.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Virginia Christian Church Chicken Dinner | April 23<sup>rd</sup> | 11AM – 1 PM at New Virginia Lions Hall**

**Madison Warren County Ecumenical Association Baccalaureate | April 26<sup>th</sup>**

All are welcome to attend a service for the graduating seniors of I-35 and MstM on Wednesday, April 26th at the Interstate 35 Auditorium in Truro. Service begins at 7:00 PM with refreshments to follow

**Holy Trinity's First Holy Communion | April 30<sup>th</sup> | 9:30 AM at Milo**

**Senior Mass | May 7<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us in recognizing our Immaculate Conception seniors, John Cassady, Lily Minor, and Maggie Vannahme

**Medora United Methodist Ladies Spring Fling & Silent Auction | May 11<sup>th</sup> | 11am to 1pm**

**Mother's Day | May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**New Virginia Methodist Memorial Day Picnic | May 29<sup>th</sup> | Serving 11 AM – 1 PM**

**Father's Day | June 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Marriage Ceremony | June 23<sup>rd</sup> | St. Marys**

**Mission Co-Operative Appeal | July 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> | St. Marys, Milo, and Lacona During regularly scheduled Mass**

**Chicken Dinner | August 6<sup>th</sup> | 12:30 – 5:30 PM at St. Marys**

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

### RE Schedule

4/23 – NO CLASS, First Communion | 4/30 – Class | 5/7 – Senior Mass and Reception for Seniors and

### 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 22 families who have already given or pledged \$9,910 to the Annual Diocesan Appeal! We are still \$16,973 dollars away from our parish goal of \$16,098. 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 [dmdiocese.org/giving](http://dmdiocese.org/giving). Thank you!

### MONEY COUNTERS

**April 23:** Mary Seibert (take to the night drop box) and Brenda Freeman

**April 30:** Susan Matlage-Simms (take to the night drop box) and Kayla Keller

### LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

#### APRIL 30

**Lector:** Jolene Schwery

**Gifts:** Nelson Family

**Euch. Min:** Nicole Kindley, Gary

Van Dyke, Pat Van Dyke

**Ushers:** Louis Vonnahme and

Ethan Nelson

**Servers:**

**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

MILO: 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