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 Immaculate Conception Catholic Church – St. Marys, IA

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Worship Schedule

Sunday, September 17

130: Sir 27:30-28:7 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Rom 14:7-9
Mt 18:21-35

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass

Mass intentions: †Emily Marie Pontolilo, †Jim
Brommel

Monday, September 18

443: 1 Tm 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7-9 Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 19

444: 1 Tm 3:1-13 Ps 101:1-3, 5-6 Lk 7:11-17

5:00 PM Adoration

5:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Mass

Mass intentions:

Wednesday, September 20

445: 1 Tm 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-6 Lk 7:31-35
see 642A: Wis 3:1-9 or Rom 8:31b-39 Lk 9:23-26

Thursday, September 21

643: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13

Friday, September 22

447: 1 Tm 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-10, 17-20 Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, September 23

448: 1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1-5 Lk 8:4-15

see 737-742, esp. Gal 2:19-20 (740.5)

Mt 16:24-27 (742.6)

[see Notitiae 435 vol. 38 (2002) - Num 10, p. 551]

Sunday, September 24

133: Is 55:6-9 Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Mt 20:1-16a

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass

Mass intentions: †Shirly Brommel, †John Brommel,
†Lori Jordan



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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

The Scripture readings for today lay out for us a quality that is perhaps as much as any other, unmistakably Christian, even uniquely Christian. And that is the quality, the virtue of forgiveness.

The teaching of the Gospel is pretty clear. Peter questions Christ as to how much is enough? Where is the breaking point? Just how far is a person reasonably expected to go with forgiveness?

And Christ's answer is simply, "There are no limits." The quality of forgiveness is to be brought into play just as often as it is needed. The Hebrews of Christ's time made wide use of numbers as symbols, and for a wide range of reasons, seven was a mystical number, the number of limitless perfection. So to multiply something by seven meant to remove the limits from that something, to place it on a spiritual plane.

And that is so because no matter what we are asked to forgive one another, it is nothing compared to the forgiveness that God is constantly willing to offer us. Really, the Father's constant readiness to forgive is the reason why we are called to forgive one another. Forgiveness is never a business deal. I'll forgive you if you do such and such. It is simply there, asking of us only that we accept it. In the same way the forgiveness, the opportunity for reconciliation that we offer to one another, can never be a business deal. There are no ifs, no conditions. We must offer it to others as freely and as lovingly as it is offered to us.

I think that one of the problems that a lot of people have with this quality, the virtue of forgiveness, is really just not knowing what it means. So often we can find ourselves in the position of saying, "I know I should forgive so and so, but I just can't put it out of my mind."

Well, really, forgiveness has nothing much to do with putting something out of your mind. As with any virtue, forgiveness is not primarily a way you feel. It is primarily a decision you make. A decision to the effect that I will not let an injury I have received be the motive for the way that I will act toward the one who has hurt me. I won't let what has been done to me dictate or color the way that I act toward that person.

Our readiness to forgive one another is a clear and dependable measure of our readiness to accept Christian revelation as a model for life. And it is not beyond the reach or the ability of any one of us. Because each of us has more than likely already been forgiven far more than we shall ever be asked to forgive.

Excerpts taken from *Seasons in The Word*

Madison/Warren Ecumenical Association Fall Kickoff | September 24th | Truro City Park

Everyone is invited for food fellowship with other churches.

Enjoy music by Grateful Hearts at 3:00pm.

Food at 4:00pm- Grilled Burgers, Hot Dogs, Salads, desserts, and drinks all provided. Free will donation appreciated. Hope to see you there!

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Finance Council Meeting | September 20th | 5:00 PM

Coffee & Donut Social | October 8th | Immediately following Mass

Reminder, October's Band of The Month is responsible for set up & clean up

Parish Liturgy Committee Meeting | October 24th 6:30 PM

Parish Directory Pictures | October 24th & 25th 2 PM - 8 PM

We will have a professional photographer set up in the hall on Tuesday, October 24th & Wednesday, October 25th to take directory photos. This is a complimentary service and all families will receive a free directory and 8x10 portrait. More information to come!

RE News – Michelle Fick

At this time, there are no first graders and only one kindergartener. If anyone is aware or know of any four/five-year-old children in the parish; please let me know, hopefully we can organize a program for them. You can call 641.297.2223 or email joro23@juno.com.

Class schedule: Sept 10 – Class, Sep 17 – Class, Sep 24 - Class

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, Mary Long, Chase Sanders, Jim Kahler, Ellen Pontolilo, Phil & Crystal Finck, Janice Gavin, and Mel Stills.

Annual Diocesan Appeal:

Thank you to the 34 families who have already given or pledged \$14,635 to the Annual Diocesan Appeal! We are still \$11,373 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 dmdiocese.org/giving. Thank you!

MONEY COUNTERS

Sept 17: Eddie Vonnahme & Kayla Keller (take to the night drop box)

Sept 24: Susan Matlage-Simms (take to the night drop box) & Mary Seibert

Collections Saturday, Sept. 17

Tithes/Plate: \$512.00

ACH's: \$425.00

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS SEPTEMBER 24

Lector: Lee Dentlinger

Gifts: Thompson Family

Euch. Min: Sara Hawk, Gary & Pat Van Dyke

Ushers: Garrett & Jeff Thompson

Servers: Ira & Lincoln Hawk, Brantley Brown

Band of the Month: Mark & Lesa Dembinski

A few shots from our Parish Potluck last week. Thanks for everyone who could make it!



Celebrate!

September Birthdays

9th – Sharon Dentlinger

23rd – Kathy Lippold

September Anniversaries