

## Contacts

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**Collections Sunday, February 26**

Tithes/Plate: \$479.00

ACH's: \$280.00

## Worship Schedule

### Sunday, February 26

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

22: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17 Rom 5:12-19  
or 5:12, 17-19 Mt 4:1-11

**7:30 AM Reconciliation**

**8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception**

**RECONCILIATION - IMMEDIATELY After Mass –**

**RE students, parents, parishioners**

Mass intentions: John Brommel

9:30am Mass at St. Augustine, Milo

### Monday, February 27

LENTEN WEEKDAY

224: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mt 25:31-46

### Tuesday, February 28

LENTEN WEEKDAY

225: Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 Mt 6:7-15

**5:00 – 6:00 PM – Adoration**

**5:30 PM Rosary at Immaculate Conception**

**6:00 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception**

Mass intentions:

### Wednesday, March 1

LENTEN WEEKDAY

226: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32  
8:00 am Mass – Adoration after Mass until 9:00 am at  
St Mary of the Assumption, Lacona

### Thursday, March 2

LENTEN WEEKDAY

227: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Mt 7:7-12

8:00 am Mass - Adoration after Mass until 9:00am at

St. Augustine, Milo

### Friday, March 3

LENTEN WEEKDAY

228: Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26

**Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm**

### Saturday, March 4

LENTEN WEEKDAY

229: Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48

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

### Sunday, March 5

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

25: Gn 12:1-4a Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 2 Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9

**7:30 AM Reconciliation**

**8:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception**

Mass intentions: Preston Pettit

9:30am Mass at St. Augustine, Milo



March 5, 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

### Gospel Reflection:

When God directs Abram to leave his homeland for a new land; and an encounter with God often leads to a journey. This journey represents a new spiritual discovery in the relationship with God. Just as we embark on our Lenten journey, it is a spiritual journey, an exercise of self-examination.

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The transfiguration of the Lord is an example of a biblical theophany. Jesus goes "up a high mountain" (Mt 17:1) accompanied by James and John. The details of the transfiguration event have echoes with other such theophanies, such as Moses' time on Mount Sinai when he received the Law and his face shone brightly (Ex 34:35) and when God spoke to him from a cloud (Ex 24:5-7). Similar events occurred at the baptism of Jesus as he began his ministry. These details signal that the mission of Jesus is rooted in the history of God's saving intervention. As Jesus and the apostles come down from the mountain, it is clear that this work of God will continue.

### Lent and Easter + Pastoral Schedules 2023:

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:

CCD Stations of the Cross at 1:45 PM

This is the schedule that we have been publishing in the bulletin for weeks –

Stations of the Cross will be at 6:00 PM with a soup supper to follow. The Stations of the Cross Schedule

March 1 – Milo                      March 8 – Lacona                      March 15 – Milo  
March 22 – Lacona                      March 29 – Milo                      April 5 - Lacona

Fridays and Fish Fries: St. Marys:

1. Fish Fries: Fridays during Lent, 5-7 PM, in March 3, 10, 17, 1st 24.
2. Stations of the cross on Fridays at 7:00

#### RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS:

The end-of-the-year party: Wednesday, March 8, at the Annex Building, Lacona, 2:15 pm.

Milo: March 15, 2023, @ 5:00 PM before Stations of the Cross at 6 pm.

Lacona: March 22, 2023, @ 5:00 PM before Stations of the Cross at 6 pm

St. Marys: March 26, 2023, immediately after the 8:00 AM Mass (will get an extra priest for this day)

### Annual Diocesan Appeal:

The Annual Diocesan Appeal or A-D-A will be conducted next weekend in our parish. The ADA provides more than \$4.8 million in essential support and almost 75% of ministry and operational needs on an annual basis. Please prayerfully consider how you, as an individual and a family, can support our Diocese as we Invite and Welcome People into Communion, Prepare Disciples for the Domestic Church, Draw Young People into Deeper Communion and Cultivate a Culture of Servant Leadership. Our parish goal is \$26,008. With 100% participation, this is very much attainable. Soon you will be receiving a letter in the mail asking you to give a gift to the ADA. I encourage your to prayerfully consider giving generously to this year's Appeal.

### 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



We would like to thank Michelle Fick and Joan Psocka for their work the last few months in maintaining our parish office and preparing the bulletin. It is greatly appreciated. We would also like to welcome our new Office Manager, Sarah Gehringer. Sarah starts on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. The new parish office hours will be Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

### REMINDER - Finance Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 after the 6:00 pm Mass in the Hall

#### 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:

#### More information about ashes and Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent and takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday. Ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance. (Catholic Online.org/clife/lent/ashwed.php). **What is the Annunciation? Look for the answer in the Sunday, March 26, bulletin. Enjoy your spring break!**

**Class Dates:** 3/5 Class | 3/12 & 3/19 NO CLASS – spring break | 3/26 – Class and 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade reconciliation | 4/2 – Class -Palm Sunday | 4/9 NO CLASS - Easter

#### Money Counters

**March 5:** Susan Matlage-Simms and Kayla Keller – Take to night drop box

**March 12:** Brenda Freeman and Eddie Vonnahme – Take to night drop box

#### 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.

#### Liturgical Assignments March 12

**Lector:** Jolene Schwery  
**Gifts:** Linda and Thelma Bussanmas Family  
**Euch. Min:** Johnnie Cassady  
**Ushers:** Brent Gavin and Frank Hawk  
**Servers:** Laura Knedler, Justin Knedler, Violet Knedler and Camille Hutton  
**Band of the Month:** Mark & Jackie Matlage

#### From the Diocese

#### Reminder:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are fast days for all Catholics who are 18-59 which means 1 regular meal, 2 snacks not equal to a meal and no meat. ALL the Fridays are days of abstinence (no meat) for all Catholics age 14+