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 Immaculate Conception Catholic Church – St. Marys, IA

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Worship Schedule

Sunday, June 25

94: Jer 20:10-13 Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

Rom 5:12-15 Mt 10:26-33

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass

Mass intentions: †Dale Gavin

Monday, June 26

371: Gn 12:1-9 Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22 Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 27

372: Gn 13:2, 5-18 Ps 15:2-4b, 5 Mt 7:6, 12-14

5:00 PM Adoration

5:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Mass

Mass intentions: †Ken Croat

Wednesday, June 28

373: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 Mt 7:15-20

See 589: 2 Tim 2:22b-26 Jn 17:20-26

Thursday, June 29

591: Acts 12:1-11 Ps 34:2-9 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18

Mt 16:13-19

Friday, June 30

375: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22 Ps 128:1-5 Mt 8:1-4

Saturday, July 1

376: Gn 18:1-15 (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-55 Mt 8:5-17

Sunday, July 2

97: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a Ps 89:2-3, 16-19

Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 Mt 10:37-42

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass

Mass intentions: †Dale Gavin and †Ken Croat



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June 25, 2023



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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

All three of the Scripture readings selected for today seem to focus on one element of the Christian response. Simply enough, that element is confidence. A fairly calm, peaceful, even joyous, acceptance of whatever it is that the unfolding of our lives may have in store for us.

No matter what the situation may be in which we find ourselves, we must never give in to the temptation to let our experience be the one standard by which we judge the meaning or value of that situation. We must, rather, be constantly open to a higher meaning, another interpretation that may not agree at all with what our experience has been. And for the authors of these three readings today, there is no doubt at all as to just what this unknowable force at work in our lives may be. It is the hand of God protecting, directing, and guiding our lives along the lines of his plan for the development of humankind. That's easy enough to believe when our experience of a situation is a pleasant one. Pleasant experiences fit in very readily with our notion of what God's plan should be. However, that's not the case when our experience of a situation is unpleasant, painful, or even tragic. It can become very difficult to see God's plan at work, and very difficult to experience the confidence of which the scriptural authors speak.

And I think there are two steps toward making such a beginning. The first step is to resist the temptation to write the script. The temptation to play God by mapping out ahead of time just what his plan should be and what lines humanity should develop. That is true of our interaction with other human beings, and it is certainly true of our interaction with God. That is a difficult step because it involves living always in the presence of mystery.

The second step is to resist the temptation to expect God to act in our lives the same way as do the other forces we experience around us. The presence of God is a very different sort of force. Its effects are experienced not from the outside, but from within. God's protective hand which so encouraged Jeremiah in the first reading is seen not so much in what goes into making up the situation in which we find ourselves, but rather in the way in which human beings react to, cope with, and ultimately, overcome the situation, however challenging or demanding it might be.

In the gospel Christ speaks to us some of his most appealing words. They are simply, "Don't be afraid. You will not be destroyed." No matter what happens, humankind, and each individual human person can and will if they choose, at a time and in a way that we simply cannot predict, overcome.

Excerpts taken from Seasons in The Word

A Note from the Catholic Tuition Organization

We are half way through the year and with only six months left to reach our goal of \$4.5 million again, we need your help! The mission of CTO is to provide essential tuition assistance to families right here in the Diocese of Des Moines. CTO helped a little over 2,000 kids last year, and the financial need has increased drastically this year for families.

If you've already contributed or pledged this year, thank you so much! Please share the amazing tax benefits you'll receive with friends and family!

If you haven't made your gift, do so now! Donations can be made online at www.CTOiowa.org. Or mail your check or credit card info with a donation form to CTO at 601 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309. Stock instructions can be found here: <https://ctodsmdiocese.org/pdf/2022/2022TransferInstructions.pdf>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Collection Today, Sunday, June 25th, for Peter's Pence

Please, consider giving to this collection as a sign of mercy to those who suffer around the globe and in support of the ongoing work of the Holy See. By doing so, you help build up the Church so that it will continue to minister to all for generations to come.

Mission Co-Operative Appeal | July 1st & 2nd | St. Marys, Milo, and Lacona during weekend Masses

Fr. John Brobbey will be joining us to do Mission Appeals on behalf of his home diocese of Techiman in Ghana. His Bishop's name is the Most Rev. Dominic Yeboah Nyarko. Fr. John Brobbey has been living and working as an Associate Pastor at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, West Des Moines, for a couple of years now. He will be celebrating the week-end Masses for and at our three locations and talk about his diocese and their project. Please, let us receive him very well and help his bishop and diocese to effectively execute their diocesan project with our generous donations.

Pastoral Council Meeting on August 8th following Mass | Finance Council Meeting on August 9th at 5PM

 **ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER** August 6th | 12:30 - 5:30 PM
Doors open at 12 PM
Mass on Saturday, August 5th @ 4:00 PM

Chicken Dinner Raffle:

If you have items to donate for the Chicken Dinner raffle, please let **Brenda Freeman** (ronbrendafreeman@gmail.com) or **Jonna Mitchell** (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 \$12,110 to the Annual Diocesan Appeal! We are still \$13,898 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 dm-diocese.org/giving. Thank you!

MONEY COUNTERS

June 25: Kayla Keller (take to night drop box) & Brenda Freeman

July 2: Mary Seibert (take to night drop box) & Eddie Vonnahme

Collections Sunday, June 18

Tithes/Plate: \$542.00

ACH's: \$1,295.00

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS JULY 2

Lector: Larry Bertrand

Gifts: Knedler Family

Euch. Min: Lee & Sharon Dentlinger and Susan Matlage-Simms

Ushers: John & Johnnie Cassady

Servers: Laura, Justin, & Violet

Knedler

Band of the Month: Rob & Brenda

Freeman

Celebrate!

June Birthdays

17th – Dorothy Gavin

27th – Don Gavin

June Anniversaries

10th – Lee & Sharon Dentlinger

23rd – Jim & Dorothy Gavin