

## Contacts

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**Collections Sunday, March 5**

Tithes/Plate: \$741.00

ACH's: \$1155.00

## Worship Schedule

### Sunday, March 12

Third of Lent

28: Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15,  
19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**7:30 AM Reconciliation**

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

**IMMEDIATELY After Mass – Reconciliation**

**RE students, parents, parishioners**

Mass intentions: Preston Pettit

9:30am Mass at St. Augustine, Milo

### Monday, March 13

237: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab Pss 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 Lk 4:24-30

### Tuesday, March 14

238: Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4-9 Mt 18:21-35

**5:00 – 6:00 PM – Adoration**

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

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

Mass intentions:

### Wednesday, March 15

239: Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19

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

### Thursday, March 16

240: Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Lk 11:14-23

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

### Friday, March 17

241: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17 Mk 12:28-34

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

### Saturday, March 18

242: Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab Lk 18:9-14

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

### Sunday, March 19

31:1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23:1-6 Eph 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**7:30 AM Reconciliation**

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

Mass intentions: Jim Brommel

9:30am Mass at St. Augustine, Milo



March 12, 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:

Today we celebrate Laetare Sunday. Rose vestments are worn today to remind us to rejoice, even in this time of penance and conversion. For that reason, we will also be taking part in an initiative called Safe Haven Sunday. This is responsive to St. Paul's invitation to "live as children of the light", to expose the "fruitless works of darkness" and to awake from slumber. This weekend is an opportunity to discuss internet safety and how to avoid and address pornography. We are drawing your attention to a resource from Covenant Eyes called *Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture*. *Equipped* speaks about screen accountability software, supports and structures in the home, and how to have the Christian message speak louder than the various dark messages of society. It can be downloaded at <http://learn.covenanteyes.com/equipped-shs/> or you can start a free 7-day email challenge by texting SECURE to 66866. If there is one thing we should "give up" during Lent, we should give up sin and never return to it. Jesus, who said that He is the light of the world, didn't say it only about Himself. In Matthew's Gospel, He says to each one of us: "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). So, with St. Paul, I say: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light" (Ephesians 5:14).

### 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, and 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:

Thank you to the families who have already made a gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal! Ongoing commitments to the ADA help us to sow the seeds that sustain the Catholic Church in southwest Iowa. We prepare disciples for the domestic church, invite and welcome people into communion, draw young people into deeper communion and cultivate a culture of servant leadership as one diocesan family committed to serve and protect one another and bring each other to Christ. Your contribution cards 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).

### 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



### 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+

Our deepest condolences go out to the Lippold family, for the death of **Eugene Lippold**, who's funeral will be celebrated Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 1:00 PM, preceded with a rosary at 12:00 PM. Burial will follow the Mass at the St. Marys' Cemetery followed by a luncheon and memorial at the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall. He will be greatly missed. Please remember him, as well as his family in your prayers.

### 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:

**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 | 4/16 Class | 4/23 NO CLASS, First Communion at the 8:00 Mass

### Money Counters

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

**March 19:** Mary Seibert and Rebecca Albers – 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 19

**Lector:** Larry Bertrand

**Gifts:** Oberbroeckling Family

**Euch. Min:** Nicole Kindley

**Ushers:** Sam Vonnahme and Ethan Nelson

**Servers:** Lucy Vonnahme, Haven Cassady, Brantley Brown, and Clara Oberbrockling

**Band of the Month:** Mark & Jackie Matlage

### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please, submit your bulletin announcement(s) by Tuesday, 1:00 pm so they can be in the upcoming Sunday bulletin. You can email to: [immacula@myomnitel.com](mailto:immacula@myomnitel.com), call 641.297.2359 or drop them off at the office. Thank you.