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 Immaculate Conception Catholic Church – St. Marys, IA

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Worship Schedule

Sunday, August 20

118: Is 56:1, 6-7 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass

Mass intentions: †Jim Brommel

Monday, August 21

419: Jgs 2:11-19 Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44
Mt 19:16-22

see 626: 1 Thes 2:26-8 Jn 21:15-17

Tuesday, August 22

420: Jgs 6:11-24a Ps 85:9, 11-14 Mt 19:23-30
see 627: Is 9:1-6 Lk 1:26-38

5:00 PM Adoration

5:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Mass

Mass intentions: †Ken Croat

Wednesday, August 23

421: Jgs 9:6-15 Ps 21:2-7 Mt 20:1-16

Thursday, August 24

629: Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-13, 17-18 Jn 1:45-51

Friday, August 25

423: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 146-16, 22 Ps 146:5-10
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday, August 26

424: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 Ps 128:1-5 Mt 23:1-12

Sunday, August 27

121: Is 22:19-23 Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8 Rom 11:33-36
Mt 16:13-20

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass

Mass intentions: †Ken Croat



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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 Gospel reading for today gives us what to my mind is one of the strangest images of Christ in all of Scripture. In fact he even seems, at first, to be outright offensive. Christ is approached by a woman whose daughter is ill. And she, as hundreds of others had done, asked Christ for his help to cure the girl.

But Christ says to the woman, "My concern is not with you. Only with the people of Israel." But the woman does not give up, she presses her plea. And then Christ says something that seems very harsh. He says, "It would not be right for me to take something that belongs to God's chosen people, the Jews, the sons and daughters, and throw it to the dogs, to someone like you."

The woman was a Canaanite, a member of one of the tribes that the Jews had conquered when they took over the Promised Land. And that ugliest of human emotions, outright prejudice, was the force at work in this Gospel scene. In the minds of the apostles, the woman was not one of the chosen people, she was not "one of us," and as such she had no right to even make a request of God, let alone assume that he would do anything about it. And so Christ's attitude, the role that he seems to be playing, was really much more directed toward the apostles than it was toward the woman. By himself being so much a man of his time and culture, by recognizing, even verbalizing, the prejudicial attitude of his followers, Christ sort of picks up this intolerance and holds it up in front of their faces and, then, by his final loving acceptance of the woman, condemns it, contradicts it, begins to turn it around.

But the smug, self-satisfied righteousness of the Hebrews was a deeply ingrained thing, and the controversy between those who believed that Christianity should be a sect of Judaism, such as Peter, at first, and those who believed that the Church must move to the world, open new horizons, be in fact missionary.

I suppose that that word, "missionary," for most of us, conjures up exotic images of South America, or Africa, or Asia. It is too bad that the word doesn't sometimes conjure up images of our own dinner tables, our own living rooms, our schools, our business places, the streets of our own town. There is a great deal of missionary work to be done right in our own community. To be missionary means to find the places where Christ is not known, or not known well, and to bring him there. And doing that is not the kind of missionary work that is done by teaching Christianity. Rather that is the kind of missionary work that is done by being Christian.

Excerpts taken from *Seasons in The Word*

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 Pontolillo, Phil & Crystal Finck, Janice Gavin, and Mel Stills.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Evening with Sarah Heart | August 26th | 5:30 PM | St. Thomas Aquinas

St. Thomas Aquinas in Indianola will be hosting *An Evening with Sarah Hart* on Saturday, August 26th. Dinner will be served (free-will donation) directly following Mass around 5:30 PM. Sarah Hart will be leading a night of faith-filled music and fellowship starting at 6:30 PM



Family Potluck | September 10th | 11:30 AM

Let's share a meal and have some fun! Kickball, cornhole, and delicious food. We will eat inside the hall and then move outside for games. In the event of rain, we will have indoor games.

Please bring your own:

Table service

Drinks

Lawn chairs

Gloves/bat/ball for those that would like to play baseball

Please bring a dish to share according to your Band of the Month:

January-March: Meat

April-June: Veggies/Potato

July-September: Fruit/Side salad

October-December: Dessert

Pastoral Council Meeting | September 12th | 6:30 PM

Finance Council Meeting | September 20th | 5 PM

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

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!

Annual Diocesan Appeal:

Thank you to the 32 families who have already given or pledged \$13,310 to the Annual Diocesan Appeal! We are still \$12,698 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

Aug 20: Mary Seibert (take to the night drop box) & Eddie Vonnahme

Aug 27: Rebecca Albers (take to the night drop box) Max & Krisha Schauf

Collections Saturday, August 13

Tithes/Plate: \$1,356.00

ACH's: \$145.00

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS AUGUST 27

Lector: Eddie Vonnahme

Gifts: Vonnahme Family

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

Ushers: Louis Vonnahme & Ethan Nelson

Servers: Ira & Lincoln Hawk, Haven Cassidy

Band of the Month: Frank & Helen Gavin

Celebrate!

August Birthdays

6th – Ben Schauf

9th – Jeff Thompson

August Anniversaries

17th – Jerome & Kathy Lippold