

## Contacts

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 Immaculate Conception Catholic Church – St. Marys, IA

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## Worship Schedule

### Sunday, July 16

103: Is 55:10-11 Ps 65:10-14  
Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass

Mass intentions: †Ken Croat

### Monday, July 17

389: Ex 1:8-14, 22 Ps 124:1-8 Mt 10:34 -11:1

### Tuesday, July 18

390: Ex 2:1-15a Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34  
Mt 11:20-24

5:00 PM Adoration

5:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Mass

Mass intentions: †Ken Croat

### Wednesday, July 19

391: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 Ps 103:1-4, 6-7  
Mt 11:25-27

### Thursday, July 20

392: Ex 3:13-20 Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27  
Mt 11:28-30

### Friday, July 21

393: Ex 11:10-12:14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-18  
Mt 12:1-8

### Saturday, July 22

603: Sg 3:1-4a or 2 Cor 5:14-17 Ps 63:2-6, 8-9  
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

### Sunday, July 23

106: Wis 12:13, 16-19 Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16  
Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

7:30 AM Reconciliation

8:00 AM Mass

Mass intentions: †Dale Gavin



# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

July 16, 2023



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## Church

101 Saint James St., Saint Marys, IA 50241

### *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

One of the things that always strikes me as I read through the Gospels is how close a parallel there so frequently is between the teaching of the Gospel and the most basic principles of emotional and mental health. Just the simple fact that, emotionally at least, each one of us lives in the world that we build for ourselves, that ultimately no one can make us feel anyway at all, not happy, not sad, not satisfied, not frustrated. Each one of us is ultimately responsible for the course of our own lives and the emotional flavor of those lives.

Today's Gospel reading is probably one of the clearest instances of that message in all of Scripture. The action of God, the spreading of the seed, was of equal force in each case described. The one thing that made the difference between success or failure from place to place, or from person to person, was the openness, the willingness of the one that received the seed, the Word. That is a very simple message, really. There is nothing, no system, no person, no thing, that will remove the personal challenge of growth and present us with satisfaction as a finished product, all wrapped up and ready to enjoy.

Here are a few things that nobody packages, things which demand a personal involvement in their own creative processes.

**Morality.** No one can really teach morality to anyone else. We can and must offer an understanding of the difference between right and wrong in any number of situations. But if that is ever to become something more than simply a list of dos and don'ts, a fundamental goodness must be created and nurtured in each individual.

**A sense of purpose.** There is no one who can convince any of us that our individual lives are worthwhile, if we are unwilling to create that purpose ourselves.

**A sense of identity.** It is almost fashionable to spend a lot of time and energy agonizing of the questions, "Who Am I? Who is the real me?" There is only one answer, and it is the same for everyone. Who do you want to be? We are what we do.

**Faith.** Actually, a lot of things could fit in here. It is easy for us to believe that it is the role of the Church to provide us with faith, in about the same way a grocer provides us with food. Faith doesn't depend on the Church, or on its leaders, or its practices, or anything else. Faith depends on God's word being taken in to one's life. As the Gospel says, the seed has been sown, and it continues to be, every day of our lives. There is no guarantee that it will grow. But there is the promise that if we want it to, it can.

Excerpts taken from *Seasons in The Word*

### Request:

Parishioners, thank you for your generous giving each week. We kindly ask you to consider signing up for ACH payments rather than tithing via cash or check. We currently have several families utilizing this feature already. Parishioners can choose the amount to be given, and the frequency in which it occurs, without ever having to remember to bring their wallet or checkbook to church.

What is ACH? ACH transfers are electronic, bank-to-bank money transfers processed through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) Network.

How Can I Get Started? Pick up an ACH form at the back of the church and return to the parish office or drop it in the tithing basket. Sarah Gehringer will process the paperwork.

**Please contact Sarah with any questions!**

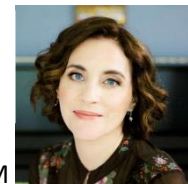
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pastoral Council Meeting | August 8<sup>th</sup> | Immediately following Mass**

**Finance Council Meeting | August 9<sup>th</sup> | 5PM**

**An Evening with Sarah Heart | August 26<sup>th</sup> | 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 6:30PM



 **ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER** August 6<sup>th</sup> | 12:30 - 5:30 PM  
Doors open at 12 PM  
Mass on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 PM  
Adults \$15 | Children \$5 | Takeout Available

### Chicken Dinner Raffle:

If you have items to donate for the Chicken Dinner raffle, please let **Brenda Freeman** ([ronbrendafreeman@gmail.com](mailto:ronbrendafreeman@gmail.com)) or **Jonna Mitchell** ([mitchell5470@gmail.com](mailto:mitchell5470@gmail.com)) know as soon as possible. Thank you!

**Flyers:** The **pink flyers** in the back of the church can be picked up for those wishing to help distribute and place in businesses around the surrounding communities. Individual letters will be sent to surrounding churches. Thank you for helping us spread the word about this event!

### 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 \$12,610 to the Annual Diocesan Appeal! We are still \$13,398 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 [dmidiose.org/giving](http://dmidiose.org/giving). Thank you!

### MONEY COUNTERS

**July 16:** Susan Matlage-Simms (take to night drop box) & Kayla Keller

**July 23:** Mary Seibert (take to night drop box) & Brenda Freeman

### Collections Sunday, July 9

Tithes/Plate: \$748.00  
ACH's: \$1,435.00

### LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS JULY 23

**Lector:** David Psotka

**Gifts:** Lippold Family

**Euch. Min:** Tom Brommel, Krisha

Schauf, Susan Matlage-Simms

**Ushers:** Jim Donohue & Brent Gavin

**Servers:** - - -

**Band of the Month:** Ron & Brenda Freeman

*Celebrate!*

### July Birthdays

3rd – Susan Thompson

8th – Joanne Gavin

11th – Lee Dentlinger

27th – Hannah Dentlinger