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Collections Sunday, February 19

Tithes/Plate: \$339.00

ACH's: \$1,295.00

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



February 26, 2023

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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:

On the First Sunday of Lent, we hear stories about temptation and sin. Yet rarely do we experience sin in such dramatic and straightforward ways.

The story of creation ends with the temptation and sin of Adam and Eve. This dramatic event sets the tone for the many more stories of God's intervention in human events – an intervention that is merciful despite human weakness.

Today we sing one of the familiar penitential psalms, a cry for God's mercy we have all voiced. The psalmist does not pray as one without hope. This prayer trusts in the compassion of God and it would be suitable for every day of Lent.

In Scripture, the desert is a place of testing and isolation; there Jesus encounters the devil. Like all temptations, this one appeals to Jesus' self-identity. The devil begins with the phrase, "If you are ..." (Mt 4:3, 6). He is inviting Jesus to flaunt his identity and his mission, perhaps even challenging its genuineness.

Matthew places this event right after Jesus' baptism, when he was called "beloved" by the heavenly voice and from there began his ministry. Lent becomes for us a time to remember who we are: baptized in the Lord for the work of the Lord.

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, 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)

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



ALL YOU CAN EAT!
Italian Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

11:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Adults \$8.00 - Children 5-10 \$4.00 - Carry out available

Silent Auction & Raffle

Churchville Assumption Shrine Hall, 870 West St. Churchville, Iowa

Located 2 miles Northwest of Martensdale, Iowa

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 significance of ashes on Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance, and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy (Holy) Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. **More information about ashes in next week's bulletin**

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

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+

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 5

Lector: Eddie Vonnahme

Gifts: Rezac Family

Euch. Min: Susan Matlage-Simms

Ushers: Brock Thompson and Garrett Thompson

Servers: Louis Vonnahme, Jack Rezac, Ty Rezac, and Mac Rezac

Band of the Month: Mark & Jackie Matlage

Money Counters

February 26: Max and Krisha Schauf, and Rebecca Albers – Take to night drop box

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