

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sunday- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM (IC) Chris & Ida and Roger Becker

10:00 AM (IC) For the People

Monday- Weekday

NO MASS

Tuesday- The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 AM (SJ) Bob Conrad

Wednesday- Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

7:45 AM (IC) Bennett & Sandra Franken

Thursday- Weekday

8:00 AM (SJ) Beki Lavenz

First Friday- St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr *All School Mass*

1:00 PM (IC) Robert Rottinghaus

Saturday- Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM (IC) Jack McGee

5:30 PM (SJ) For the People

Sunday- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM (IC) Philip F. Delagardelle (Anniv)

10:00 AM (IC) Magdalen Frost (Anniv)

Meetings and Activities

Sunday, January 31

RCIA Class, 8:45 to 9:45 AM.....IC Grade School

Sunday, February 7

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Confirmation Class, following 10:00 AM Mass.....St. Mary Center

St. Joseph Parishioners- If you have not yet picked up your 2016 contribution envelope boxes you can now find them in the south east entrance of Immaculate Conception Church.

A note to all: We have had several complaints at the parish office concerning the handicap parking lot.

To use the parking lot you **MUST** have a **Persons with Disabilities Parking Permit** issued by the Iowa Department of Transportation which will provide a Sticker for your license plate, a Special License Plate or a Removable Windshield Placard for you to display.. Thank you for your cooperation.

Adult formation: *Psalms: The School of Prayer*

At the heart of the Bible are the Psalms, prayers from God that help us learn to pray. The Holy Spirit inspired them. Israel sang them. Christ himself prayed them, as did our Blessed Mother. These sacred hymns become our heartfelt response to God's loving and wondrous deeds for us. Their words captivate the imagination and draw us into a deeply personal encounter with God. Join Jeff Cavins, Sarah Christmyer, and Dr. Tim Gray, in their DVD series, as they show you how to establish a deeply personal dialogue with God through the Psalms. Join us for *Psalms: The School of Prayer* in Heritage Room of the Immaculate Conception Church, **Thursday evenings, February 18, 25 and March 3, 10 and 17**, for a duration of approximately two hours beginning at 6:30 p.m..

Daily Readings

Mon Feb 1 Reading - 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13
Psalm- 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Gospel- Mark 5:1-20

Tues Feb 2 1st Reading- Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm- 24:7, 8, 9, 10

2nd Reading- Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel- Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wed Feb 3 Reading- Romans 5:1-5

Psalm- 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7

Gospel- Mark 16:15-20

Thur Feb 4 Reading- 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12

Resp. Psalm- 1 Chronicles 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd

Gospel- Mark 6:7-13

Fri Feb 5 Reading- Sirach 47:2-11

Psalm- 18:31, 47 & 50, 51

Gospel- Mark 6:14-29

Sat Feb 6 Reading- 1 Kings 3:4-13

Psalm- 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

Gospel - Mark 6:30-34

Sun Feb 7 1st Reading- Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Psalm- 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8

2nd Reading- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11

Gospel- Luke 5:1-11

Your Sacrificial Offering

Previous Week

Immaculate Conception Parish

Budget	\$6,229.75
Youth	\$1.00
Offertory	\$578.00
Holy Day	\$.00
E-tithing	\$862.50
TOTAL	\$7,671.25
Needed Each Week	\$13,512.00

St. Joseph Parish

Budget	\$1,655.00
Youth	\$.00
Offertory	\$54.00
Holy Day	\$0.00
E-tithing	\$210.00
TOTAL	\$1,919.00
Needed Each Week	\$3,987.00

Stewardship Quote- "If you haven't got any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble."

~ Bob Hope

Pro Life Quote- What an irony that a society confronted with plastic bags filled with the remains of aborted babies should be more concerned about the problem of recycling the plastic.

~ Winifred Egan

Parishioners: Reminder of our new system for carrying the gifts at the 4:00 PM and 10:00 AM Masses at Immaculate Conception Church. The family of the loved one the intention of the Mass is for will carry up the gifts. It can be anyone in the family. If you have any questions you may call the parish office or check with the ushers when you arrive at Mass.

St. Joseph Parish Omelet Breakfast will be held on **Sunday, February 14th**. We will be serving from 8:00 AM until 12:00 noon. in Reuter Hall. Our cooks will be creating made to order omelets. Also serving hash browns, cinnamon rolls, juice, coffee, and milk. Adults \$8, children ages 4-11 \$5 and children 3 and under are free. If you can help with this breakfast, call Janan at 232-6251. If you would like to donate money to defray the expenses please put your donation in an envelope and mark it St. Joseph Omelet Breakfast and place it in the church collection basket at any weekend Mass. All help and donations are greatly appreciated.

"Heaven on Earth." We all want this, wishing for peace and tranquility in our lives and in our world. Find just that, Heaven on Earth, in visiting Our Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament at the Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Columbus High School, available at all times for anyone to make a visit to Him. Committed Adorers are also needed for Mondays at 3:00 AM, Saturday at 11:00 AM and once a month on Sundays at 1:00 AM. If interested, email cvadoration@adorationmanager.com or call Mike Strei at 801-920-9130 or William Brandle at 319-939-9000. To see our full schedule and more information about Eucharistic Adoration visit www.cedarvalleyadoration.com

On **February 1**, we have an opportunity to help *Feed the Hungry* by preparing and serving dinner at Catholic Worker House. If this is something you would like to be part of, please contact Paula at 319-822-4586 or pwinkers@dunkerton.k12.ia.us for more details. If you cannot join us, consider "feeding the hungry" by donating to a food bank, learning about world hunger issues, petitioning our politicians to make the fight against world hunger a higher priority, or researching then donating to a worthy charity that works to reduce the problem of world hunger. You can learn more about the Year of Mercy at <http://yearofmercy.org>, www.im.va and www.thedivinemercy.org

Bosco Catholic School System's Everyday: Sustaining the Bosco System Legacy Capital Campaign is now officially kicked off! To date, generous supporters have contributed \$600,000 to strengthen endowments, provide tuition assistance, allow for facilities improvements, and upgrade technology at Don Bosco Catholic High School and Immaculate Conception/St. Joseph's School! Over the next week or so, you will receive a packet from the school system which will include a Case Statement, which will outline this campaign's goals and the good that can be accomplished by meeting these goals, along with a letter asking your support. School and campaign leaders ask that you prayerfully consider what you and your family can do to support the school system. As the campaign continues, regular updates will be provided through Mass bulletins, emails, and on the school system's website. Volunteers are still needed to make this campaign as successful as possible. If you are interested in joining our efforts, or if you have any questions about the campaign, please contact our representative from the Steier Group, Christian Warneke, at (402) 981-5219 or cwarneke@steiergroup.com.

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast- Knights of Columbus Council #11192 will hold an all you can eat pancake breakfast on **Sunday, January 31** from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon in Scallon Hall.

COF Card Tournament will be **Sunday, January 31** at the American Legion Hall in Gilbertville. Doors open at 1:00 PM and start playing at 1:30. Cost is \$1.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members

The COF regular meeting will be at 7:00 PM on February 3 at St. Mary Center, Gilbertville. Please note this is a week earlier than normal due to Ash Wednesday falling on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Breakfast Buffet- Knights of Columbus Council #700, 1955 Locke Avenue, Waterloo will hold a Breakfast Buffet on **Sunday, February 7**. Serving from 8:00 AM to Noon. Everyone invited!

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY AT ST. PATRICK: God's Word of Mercy Fr. Colter will again offer a six-week bible study during the Lenten season. Sessions will be held from 6:30-7:30 (or whenever we are finished talking!). All are invited to any or all sessions. Bring a bible, any bible. The first session will be in the lower level church basement (youth center). Subsequent locations will be announced. Sessions will be **each Thursday February 11 through March 17**. This year is the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Accordingly, we will approach the bible this time from a *thematic* point of view. What does God tell us about mercy throughout the scriptures? (Note: our ongoing Tuesday morning bible study continues as usual. All are invited to this as well. At these sessions we examine and discuss the readings for the following Sunday. We meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Commons.)

WOMEN'S RETREAT – Feb. 12-14. American Martyrs Retreat House. "My Soul Proclaims the Greatness of the Lord" is the theme of this weekend retreat presented by Fr. James Starbuck. The retreat will focus on how to find true joy in the modern day world as we reflect on Mary's joy. The retreat begins at 8:00 p.m. Friday and concludes after lunch Sunday. Cost of the retreat is \$135.00. A \$25.00 deposit secures a reservation. For information contact the Retreat House at 319-266-3543 (email: dbqamrhsec@dbqarch.org).

Parish Nurse- Faith community nursing (also called parish nursing) is a recognized specialty practice that combines professional nursing and health ministry. Faith community nursing emphasizes health and healing within a faith community. Mercy Medical Center will offer the Foundations of Faith Community Nursing course on **April 5, 7, 9, 19, 21, and 23**. This course will provide the basic foundation for the nurse interested in practicing in the faith community nurse role in her/his faith community. For questions or to register, please call Melissa Cullum, Manager of Community Benefit and Mission Outreach Ministries at Mercy Medical Center, Cedar Rapids at 319-221-8568. If anyone from Immaculate Conception or St. Joseph parishes is interested in this ministry the cost of the course will be paid by the parishes.

Due to a cancellation, we currently have an opening for either a couple or one female willing to share a room for our Italy trip! The trip is in April and includes visits to Rome, Assisi, Florence and Siena. For the full itinerary, go to www.ConnectTheMap.com or contact Kim & John Huff at ConnectTheMap@gmail.com.