

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

**Saturday- Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00 PM** (IC) Mick Weber

**5:30 PM** (SJ) For the People

**Sunday- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM** (IC) Deceased members of the  
 Becker and Steimel families

**10:00 AM** (IC) Ben Rottinghaus

**Monday - Saint Agatha**

**NO MASS**

**Tuesday - St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs**

**8:00 AM** (SJ) Ida Phillips (Anniv)

**Wednesday - Weekday**

**7:45 AM** (IC) Philip F. Delagardelle

**Thursday- Weekday** *Grades K & 1*

**8:00 AM** (SJ) Nick & Alma Sadler

**Friday- Weekday** *Grades 2-12*

**7:45 AM** (IC) Bob Becker family and Don Wagner family

**Saturday- Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00 PM** (IC) Lucy Mangrich

**5:30 PM** (SJ) Merle & Marie Sachs

**Sunday- Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM** (IC) For the People

**10:00 AM** (IC) August, Gloria and Annamae Girsch

**Meetings and Activities**

**Sunday, February 4**

RCIA Class, 8:45 - 10:00 AM.....I.C. School

**Sunday, February 11**

RCIA Class, 8:45 - 10:00 AM.....I.C. School

Confirmation Class, 11:00 AM.....St. Mary Center



*"He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God." (St. Faustina)*  
 Finding it hard to forgive someone? Consider seeking the grace you need in the presence of God. Visit the Perpetual Adoration Chapel located at Columbus HS. Available 24/7. Specific

needs at this time are Wednesdays at 1:00 am.  
 Contact [cvadoration@gmail.com](mailto:cvadoration@gmail.com) or call Mike Strei at 801-920-9130.

**Congratulations!** We are pleased to announce that Paula Even has been selected to receive the Bronze Pelican Award from the Archdiocese of Dubuque Catholic Committee on Scouting. This award is given to those who have made a significant contribution to Scouting and our Catholic Faith. Paula has dedicated many years of service to the efforts of Catholic Scouting. Very few within our Archdiocese have been selected to receive this coveted award. Paula was given the Bronze Pelican Award last Sunday at St. Raphael's Cathedral in Dubuque. Congratulations Paula!

**Daily Readings**

**Mon Feb 5** Reading - 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13  
 Psalm- 132:6-7, 8-10  
 Gospel- Mark 6:53-56

**Tues Feb 6** Reading- 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30  
 Psalm- 84:3, 4, 5 & 10, 11  
 Gospel- Mark 7:1-13

**Wed Feb 7** Reading- 1 Kings 10:1-10  
 Psalm - 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40  
 Gospel- Mark 7:14-23

**Thur Feb 8** Reading- 1 Kings 11:4-13  
 Psalm- 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 & 40  
 Gospel- Mark 7:24-30

**Fri Feb 9** Reading- 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19  
 Psalm - 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15  
 Gospel - Mark 7:31-37

**Sat Feb 10** Reading- 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34  
 Psalm- 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22  
 Gospel- Mark 8:1-10

**Sun Feb 11** 1st Reading- Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46  
 Psalm- 32:1-2, 5, 11  
 2nd Reading- 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1  
 Gospel- Mark 1:40-45

<b>Your Sacrificial Offering</b>	
Previous Week	
<b>Immaculate Conception Parish</b>	
Budget	\$6,566.00
Youth	\$2.00
Offertory	\$542.00
Holy Day	\$1.00
E-tithing	\$1,147.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,258.50</b>
Needed Each Week	\$13,512.00
<b>St. Joseph Parish</b>	
Budget	\$1,895.00
Offertory	\$122.00
E-tithing	\$275.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,292.00</b>
Needed Each Week	\$3,987.00

**Perfectly Yourself....**

Let's review...how are you doing so far?

Applying the First Lesson:  
**CELEBRATE YOUR PROGRESS.**

- 1) Make one resolution at a time.
- 2) Acknowledge your effort when you make a decision in the direction of your resolution
- 3) Be mindful of "first things" and actively seek "first things"
- 4) View failure as part of success and learn from the experience.
- 5) Each morning ask yourself: What do I need to focus on today? Each evening ask yourself: Am I better today than I was yesterday?

**St. Joseph Omelet Breakfast:** Treat your Valentine to a delicious breakfast next Sunday, **February 11th**. We will be serving from 8:00 AM until 12:00 noon in Reuter Hall. Menu includes 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. Please join us for a delicious breakfast.

## School News

### Bosco Catholic School System

[www.boscocatholic.org](http://www.boscocatholic.org)

**PARENTS-** As we prepare for the 2018-2019 school year, we are gathering numbers for our incoming kindergarten and preschool classes. If you have a child who will be entering kindergarten or preschool next year, or if you know of someone who has a child, please call the school office at [319-296-1089](tel:319-296-1089).

Thank you to the generous donors who have helped the Don Bosco Appalachian Mission team get closer to reaching our goal of covering all project expenses. We are just \$300 short of raising all the funds needed to cover the 2 floors and 1 ceiling replacement we are scheduled to do this March in Kentucky. If you would like to help us, please contact Kim Huff at [ConnectTheMap@gmail.com](mailto:ConnectTheMap@gmail.com) or talk to any one of the 19 students and adults going on this year's trip.

Last call for Italy! Our Italian Getaway in April only has 2 spots remaining! We will be in Rome, Sorrento, Pompeii and Capri, with private tours and transportation, a bilingual host, and a Wednesday audience with Pope Francis. Our July trip to Scotland and Ireland still has plenty of space available. To see either itinerary, go to [www.ConnectTheMap.com](http://www.ConnectTheMap.com), visit Map Connections on Facebook, or contact John or Kim Huff at [ConnectTheMap@gmail.com](mailto:ConnectTheMap@gmail.com) We would love to have you along!

## THANK YOU

The Red Cross Gilbertville Community Blood Drive was very successful this past Tuesday. 63 units of blood were donated! Thank-you all who gave of your time to help others. Thank you also to Tom Schaefer, Brenda Dudley, Eileen Delagardelle and Joli Becker who helped with the drive and baked treats. The next area blood drives will be at Don Bosco **April 3**, then back at the Gilbertville Legion **June 12**.

Sister Rita Menart, a licensed mental health counselor with Catholic Charities, offers counseling in the Waterloo office in English and Spanish. For an appointment call [319-272-2138](tel:319-272-2138).



Our Children's Religion Program for children ages 3 to 6 will be held next Sunday, **February 11** at St. Mary Center in Gilbertville.

Children may be dropped off at the Center 15 minutes before the 10:00 Mass at Immaculate Conception Church.

# Area Events

The COF regular meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, **February 7th**, at St. Mary Center, Gilbertville. Please note that this is a week earlier than normal since the second Wednesday of the month is Ash Wednesday.

**It's a Cinch!** Looking for something to do that keeps you out of the cold? come to the Dunkerton Public Library on **Friday, February 9, 10:30 - noon**, to do a little sewing! We will be making cinch bags to share with Lutheran World Relief; it's a very simple project. All materials are provided; you just need to bring a sewing machine and scissors. There is no cost to attend, but *please call the library to let them know you plan to join us.* (319-822-46610) If you have questions, contact Paula Winkers at [pwinkers@dunkerton.k12.ia.us](mailto:pwinkers@dunkerton.k12.ia.us). Hope to see you there!

Catholic Order of Foresters card tournament will be Sunday **February 11th** at the American Legion Hall in Gilbertville. Will start playing at 1:30. Cost is \$1 for COF members and \$5 for guest. All COF members and their families are invited. You will have your choice of playing rummy or pepper. For more information contact Gene Even 230-7378 or Dave Even at 827-1156.

**Join Worldwide Marriage Encounter in Celebrating World Marriage Day on Sunday Feb. 11, 2018.** Mass at 2 pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Waterloo. The Mass will meet Sunday obligation and feature music provided by Agnus Dei. A special blessing for couples will be offered and a reception, sponsored by Waterloo Catholic Parishes, will follow in the parish hall. Married couples and families of any faith are invited to attend

### ST. PATRICK SPRING 2018 BIBLE STUDY - Fr. Colter THE PROPHECIES OF HOLY SATURDAY

At the liturgy for the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, we begin in darkness and recall the history of our salvation by reading some important bible passages, from creation to the Resurrection of Jesus, the culmination of the whole story. It is then that we traditionally initiate new members into the Church. The problem is that there are seven long passages, which we generally call the "prophecies" and, together with baptisms, confirmations, and the rest of Mass, these readings prolong the service beyond most people's endurance!

Accordingly, the Thursday night Bible Study sessions this spring will focus on those readings. We can thus reflect on them without having to do them all at once! We will meet in the church basement at 6:45pm (allowing time for the Eucharistic Adoration service in the church, which is 5:30-6:30). All are welcome. Bring a bible, any bible. After the seven "prophecies," we will also reflect on the readings for the Mass of the Resurrection. Here, then, are the dates and scripture passages:

**February 15-** Genesis 1:1-2:2. The Six Days of Creation

**February 22-** Genesis 22:1-18 and Exodus 14:15-15:1.

Sacrifice of Isaac & Passage through the Red Sea

**March 3- No session**

**March 8-** Isaiah 54:5-14 and Isaiah 55:1-11. The Promise of Redemption and Come to the Water!

**March 15-** Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4 and Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28. God's Wisdom and God Will Recreate Us

**March 22-** Romans 6:3-11 and Mark 16:1-7 (and parallels).

He Is Risen and We Are Baptized into His Life

**Franciscan Common Venture** – a volunteer program sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque, Iowa, provides the opportunity for persons age 20+ to contribute their time, commitment and talent in service among people who are poor. There are multiple service opportunities from quilting to a food bank's community garden. Long-term service is also available. If interested, contact **Sr. Michelle Balek, OSF**; 3390 Windsor Ave; Dubuque IA 52001; Phone: [563-583-9786](tel:563-583-9786); e-mail: [balekm@osfdbq.org](mailto:balekm@osfdbq.org); OR visit our website: [www.osfdbq.org/commonventure](http://www.osfdbq.org/commonventure)

**A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** has something in it for every married couple. The Weekend has value for couples married one year on up to 50 years or more. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on Mar. 9-11 in La Crosse, Apr. 20-22 in Dubuque. Early registration is highly recommended. For information and to register go to [iowa-wwme.org](http://iowa-wwme.org) or call [563-608-3305](tel:563-608-3305) or email: [JLJwwme08@Gmail.com](mailto:JLJwwme08@Gmail.com)

### **Cautions about Iowa's Living Will**

The standard language for Iowa's living will (Declaration Relating to the Use of Life-Sustaining Procedures) as given in the Code of Iowa and the Iowa State Bar Association form is not consistent with Catholic moral teaching on the issue of providing medically assisted nutrition and hydration to permanently unconscious patients. This is explained at length in the Medical-Moral Commission's backgrounder "Should a Catholic Use Iowa's Living Will?" available at <http://www.dbqarch.org/advance-directives>. Please share this information not only with parishioners in general but especially with lawyers in your parish/cluster as lawyers often provide advance directive forms to clients. Among the advance directive forms provided by the Iowa State Bar Association, only the Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care form by itself should be used by Catholics.