

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sunday- First Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM (IC) Jim, Marge and Peggy Youngblut

10:00 AM (IC) For the People

Monday- Lenten Weekday

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Tuesday- Lenten Weekday

5:30 PM (SJ) Stations

6:00 PM (SJ) Pete & Shirley Schaefer

Wednesday- Lenten Weekday

5:00 PM (IC) Stations

5:30 PM (IC) Bernice Schmitz

Thursday- Lenten Weekday *Grades K & 1*

8:00 AM (SJ) Randy Synder

Friday- Lenten Weekday  *Grades 2-12*

7:45 AM (IC) Tom Ament

Saturday- Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM (IC) Deceased members of Charles & Dorothy Schoellen family

5:30 PM (SJ) Reynold & Marie Schmitz

Sunday- Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM (IC) For the People

10:00 AM (IC) Rex Brice

Meetings and Activities

Sunday, February 14

Rite of Elect, 10:00 AM.....St. Edward, Waterloo

St. Joseph Omelet Breakfast, 8:00 - noon..... Reuter Hall

Tuesday, February 16

IC Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 PM.....Heritage Room

Wednesday, February 17

Soup Supper, following 5:30 PM Mass.....St. Mary Center

Thursday, February 18

Adult Faith Formation, 6:30 PM.....Heritage Room

Sunday, February 21

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

Our Christmas Gift to you....Rediscover Jesus

Remember at Christmas Mass when the parishes offered each family a little purple book called Rediscover Jesus? Well, Lent is starting, and that makes a perfect time for you to pick up that book which may have been set aside and forgotten about. It's set up with 40 very short readings, one for each day during the season of Lent, followed by a verse, question to consider and a prayer. The book begins with a chapter called "New Beginnings", which is what we are offered with each Lent – the chance for a new beginning. "In what area of your life is God inviting you to experience a new beginning?" Read on; you just might discover what it is!

St. Joseph Omelet Breakfast - Treat your Valentine to a delicious breakfast TODAY, Sunday, **February 14th**. We will be serving from 8:00 AM until Noon in Reuter Hall. The menu includes made to order omelets, hash browns, cinnamon rolls, juice, coffee and milk. Cost for Adults is \$8, children ages 4-11 \$5 and Children ages 3 and under are FREE

Daily Readings

Mon Feb 15 Reading - Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18
Psalm- 19:8, 9, 10, 15
Gospel- Matthew 25:31-46

Tues Feb 16 Reading- Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalm- 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19
Gospel- Matthew 6:7-15

Wed Feb 17 Reading- Jonah 3:1-10
Psalm- 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
Gospel- Luke 11:29-32

Thur Feb 18 Reading- Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Psalm- 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8
Gospel- Matthew 7:7-12

Fri Feb 19 Reading- Ezekiel 18:21-28
Psalm- 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8
Gospel- Matthew 5:20-26

Sat Feb 20 Reading- Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Psalm- 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
Gospel - Matthew 5:43-48

Sun Feb 21 1st Reading- Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Psalm- 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14
2nd Reading- Philippians 3:17-4:1
Gospel- Luke 9:28b-36

Your Sacrificial Offering	
Previous Week	
Immaculate Conception Parish	
Budget	\$7,563.00
Youth	\$2.00
Offertory	\$471.00
Holy Day	\$0.00
E-tithing	\$962.50
TOTAL	\$8,998.50
Needed Each Week	\$13,512.00
St. Joseph Parish	
Budget	\$2,610.00
Youth	\$0.41
Offertory	\$84.00
Holy Day	\$0.00
E-tithing	\$210.00
TOTAL	\$2,904.41
Needed Each Week	\$3,987.00

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 the Heritage Room of the Immaculate Conception Church. We will meet Thursday evenings February 18 and 25, Wednesday evening March 2, and Thursday evenings March 10 and 17, for a duration of approximately two hours beginning at 6:30 PM.

Join us in St. Mary Center for our Lenten Soup Suppers beginning this Wednesday, February 17 following the 5:30 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. This week we will be dishing up big bowls of steaming, delicious chicken noodle soup! Everyone is Welcome!

Box Tops update - Did you know: So far this year Immaculate Conception/St. Joseph School earned \$1,908.90. Last year we earned \$3,289.70 and our schools estimated lifetime earnings from Box Tops is \$31,523.65. Please continue to save those Box Tops!

Bosco Catholic School System - Parents of children who will be entering kindergarten in the 2016-2017 school year are invited to a Kindergarten Parent Meeting on **Monday, February 15** at 6:00 PM in St. Joseph Church, 313 E Central St., Raymond. At this meeting, you will hear about our school system and our kindergarten program, meet the teacher and ask questions. Registration materials will be distributed and the registration process will be explained. Please call 296-1089 to let us know you will attend the meeting so materials will be ready for you.

2016-2017 Preschool for 3 and 4 year olds- We are gathering numbers for our incoming preschool classes. If you have a 3 or 4 year old child who will be entering preschool in the fall, please call the school office at 319-296-1089.

Eucharistic Holy Hour? What's that? How do I do it? If you've had these questions and felt intimidated about visiting the Perpetual Adoration Chapel located at Columbus High School (available 24/7/365) slip into the chapel and at the back is a pamphlet titled, "How to Make a Holy Hour." Feel free to take one and learn to "Become present to the One who is present," even if for only 10 minutes. Committed adorers are also needed for once a month on Sunday's at 1:00 a.m..

If interested email cvadoration@adorationmanager.com or call Mike Strei at 801-920-9130 or William Brandt at 319-939-9000. To see our full schedule and more information about Adoration visit www.cedarvalleyadoration.com

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.)

Mission- Queen of Peace in Waterloo will be hosting a mission **Feb 27- March 1** with Fr Dennis Koopman OFM preaching on the Year of Mercy He is a Franciscan priest from Garavillo IA. Sunday Feb. 27 at 6:30 PM will be the opening session "Living in the embrace of God's love. On Monday Feb 29 at 6:30 PM "Forgiveness as a path to Peace' with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Tuesday March 1 at 6:30 PM "Healing the Human Heart' with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Agnus Dei Ministry will again present **Lenten Lessons and Prayers: A Musical Journey with Christ** during the Lenten season. Presentations are Feb. 19 at Blessed Sacrament Church, Waterloo, at 7:30 PM; Feb. 21 at St. Mary's Church, Waverly, at 3 PM; Feb. 28 at Holy Name Church, West Union, at 2 PM; Mar. 6 at St. Mary's Church, Marshalltown at 3 p.m.; and on Palm Sunday, Mar. 20 at St. Edward Church, Waterloo at 6 p.m. Presentations are free and open to the public. Members of Agnus Dei from I.C. parish include Nichole Knepper, Jody Schares, Mitchell Stover and Laurie Thome. More info can be found at www.waterloocatholics.org/agnus-dei-ministry

Thank You Notes

St. Joseph Parish would like to express our sympathy to the family and friends of John "Jack" Weber. We thank them for remembering St. Joseph Church with their generous donation to our parish. May God bless you.

BOSCO CATHOLIC BOOSTER CLUB RAFFLE: The Bosco Catholic Booster Club would like to thank everyone who participated in the Booster Club raffle this year. The Booster Club received a profit of \$19,800! The winners are as follows: \$1,000 – Diane Thoma, \$750 – Sandy Etringer, \$500 – Maureen Ellingson, \$250 – Barb Weber, \$100 – Janie Schmit, Gerald Halverson, Lynette Delagardelle, Ralph Kraus, Gary & Loni Wordehoff, \$50 – Margaret Falk, Brian Smith, Chuck & Wendy Delagardelle, Olivia Schmit, Joe & Carolyn Breuer, Terry Schares, LaVonne Armstrong, Robert Niichel, Janet Schupbach (4 times), Peg Gilchrist, Andy Temeyer (2 times) Thank you again to all who support the Bosco Catholic Booster Club!

Can Redemption: We had another very successful year in 2015! Our profit was \$4,693.35. It's amazing what a few cans and bottles can add up too. Thank you to everyone that is continuing to drop off their redeemable cans and bottles to the white shed across from the Farmers State Bank parking lot. We have R's Redemption in Waterloo picking them up every Monday and sending that check to school. Remember all glass bottles should be placed outside the shed in the white barrel. Thanks again, PTO.

AREA EVENTS

COF Youth Event - All COF youth under age 21 can participate in a Basketball Shoot-Out on **February 21** at St. Mary Center Gym from 4 PM to 5 PM. One division for boys and one division for girls, competition will be by age groups. All youth will receive a bag of chips, a candy bar and a soda. For more information call Donna Delagardelle at 319-239-9945 or 319-827-1609

COF Youth may attend a hockey game between the Waterloo Blackhawks and Sioux City at Young Arena in Waterloo on **Friday, February 26th**. Tickets must be ordered in advance by Tuesday February 23rd. COF youth member tickets are \$3, all adults tickets are \$7. Game time is 7 PM. Please call Donna Delagardelle at 319-827-1609 or 319-239-9945 for prearranged tickets.

COF Bean Bag Tournament will be Sunday **February 21st** at St. A's School Gym. It will start at 1:00 and cost is \$5.00 per two-person team. Open to all COF members 12 and older. For more information contact Gene Even: 230-7378.

Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of America Breakfast Buffet and Bake Sale at Knights of Columbus in Waterloo on Locke Ave., on **Sunday, February 21** 8:00AM to noon

Fish Fry - The Gilbertville American Legion will hold a Fish Fry on the following Friday nights during Lent: **February 26, March 4 and March 18**. Serving times will be 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM. The cost is Adult \$8, ages 6-9 \$3.50 and under 6 are free. Everyone is welcome!

Fish Fry at the Izzak Walton League every Friday during the Lenten Season. Serving times will be 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Everyone is welcome - Adults \$8; children \$4 and under age 5 will be FREE

Fish Fry at the Knights of Columbus, 1955 Locke Ave. Waterloo. Every Friday during Lent: **February 19, 26, March 4, 11, 18, & 25**. The meals will be served from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

CDA Scholarship – The local Catholic Daughters of the Americas are offering two scholarships at \$150 each. They will be awarded to Catholic individuals (male or female) who wish to continue their education (high school to college, college to college, or adult to college). Scholarship applications are available at St. Athanasius Parish, St. Francis Parish Dunkerton, I.C. Parish Gilbertville, Don Bosco and Jesup High School. If you have any questions, please call Monica Bengston at 319-415-5275.