

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sunday- Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM (IC) For the People

10:00 AM (IC) Robert Rottinghaus (Anniv)

Monday- Lenten Weekday

NO MASS

Tuesday- Lenten Weekday

5:30 PM (SJ) Stations

6:00 PM (SJ) Arlene Weber

Wednesday- Lenten Weekday

5:00 PM (IC) Stations

5:30 PM (IC) Robert, Catherine and Donald Becker

Thursday- Lenten Weekday *Grades K & 1*

8:00 AM (SJ) Maxine Even (Anniv)

First Friday- Lenten Weekday *Grades 2 & 12* 

7:45 AM (IC) Living and deceased members of the Don & Agnes Mangrich family

Following Mass, Exposition & Adoration

11:30 AM (IC) Benediction

Saturday- Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM (IC) Bob Becker and Lawrence Weber families

5:30 PM (SJ) For the People

Sunday- Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM (IC) Genevieve McBride

10:00 AM (IC) Joe Larson (Anniv)

Meetings and Activities

Sunday, February 28

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

Wednesday, March 2

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

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

Sunday, March 6

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

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

First Friday Adoration. We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 7:45 AM Mass on March 4. Adoration until Benediction at 11:30 AM. Come if you can and spend some time and offer a prayer and adoration.

Adult formation: Psalms: The School of Prayer

Join us for **Psalms: The School of Prayer** in the Heritage Room of the Immaculate Conception Church. We will meet Wednesday evening March 2, and Thursday evenings March 10 and 17, for approximately two hours beginning at 6:30 PM.

SERVICE MUSIC during Lent can be found in the Music Issue. We will be using the Chant Mass beginning with the Sanctus on page # 850. The Memorial Acclamation is page 96 of Today's Missal, Save Us, Savior of the world. The Amen # 852 and Agnus Dei # 854 in the Music Issue.

**Communal Penance for
Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph
Parishes will be Sunday March 13 at 4:00 PM**

Communal Penance at area Churches: St. Athanasius, Jesup- Saturday, March 5 at 10:00 AM

Daily Readings

Mon Feb 29 Reading - 2 Kings 5:1-15ab

Psalm- 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4

Gospel- Luke 4:24-30

Tues Mar 1 Reading- Daniel 3:25, 34-43

Psalm- 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9

Gospel- Matthew 18:21-35

Wed Mar 2 Reading- Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9

Psalm- 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20

Gospel- Matthew 5:17-19

Thur Mar 3 Reading- Jeremiah 7:23-28

Psalm- 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Gospel- Luke 11:14-23

Fri Mar 4 Reading- Hosea 14:2-10

Psalm- 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 & 17

Gospel- Mark 12:28-34

Sat Mar 5 Reading- Hosea 6:1-6

Psalm- 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab

Gospel - Luke 18:9-14

Sun Mar 6 1st Reading- Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Psalm- 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

2nd Reading- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel- Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Your Sacrificial Offering

Previous Week

Immaculate Conception Parish

Budget	\$9,012.88
Youth	\$2.00
Offertory	\$505.00
Holy Day	\$0.00
E-tithing	\$962.50
TOTAL	\$10,482.38
Needed Each Week	\$13,512.00

St. Joseph Parish

Budget	\$1,755.00
Youth	\$0.00
Offertory	\$83.00
Holy Day	\$0.00
E-tithing	\$210.00
TOTAL	\$2,048.00
Needed Each Week	\$3,987.00

"I believe; help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24). Have we not all uttered this prayer at times? There is no better place to ask Our Lord to strengthen our faith, then spending time with Him who is present in the Blessed Sacrament at the Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Columbus High School. Please visit at any time. Committed adorers are also needed on Sundays at 3am, Sundays once a month at 2am, and Saturdays twice a month at 11pm. If interested email cvadoration@adorationmanager.com or call Mike Strei at 801-920-9130 or William Brandle at 319-939-9000.

Stewardship Quote- "A lot of people are willing to give God the credit, but not too many are willing to give Him the cash."

Thank You Notes

Immaculate Conception Parish would like to express our sympathy to the family of Kenny Youngblut. We thank them for remembering Immaculate Conception with their generous donation to our parish. May God bless you.

Join us in St. Mary Center for our Lenten Soup Suppers following the 5:30 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. This week enjoy soups in which ham is the common denominator, homemade bread, fresh hot coffee and an assortment of treats. Everyone is welcome!

AREA EVENTS

Gilbertville Days- Away for a few years but wanting to return. There has been recent interest shown in bringing back Gilbertville Days. Come join us for an informational meeting on **Sunday February 28** at 6:00 PM in the Gilbertville City Hall. Bring your friends and ideas ready to discuss. If there is an interest we will proceed.

Fish Fry - The Gilbertville American Legion will hold a Fish Fry on the following Friday nights during Lent: **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 Knights of Columbus, 1955 Locke Ave. Waterloo. Every Friday during Lent: **March 4, 11, 18, & 25**. Served from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

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

Knights of Columbus Omelet Breakfast will be **Sunday, March 6** serving from 8:00 AM until noon at the American Legion in Gilbertville. This is a fundraiser for the KC scholarships.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet, 1955 Locke Ave., Waterloo. **Sunday, March 6**, serving 8:00 AM until noon. Open to the public.

Fr. Ralph Simington will celebrate his 80th birthday with an Open House on **Sunday, March 13**, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Waterloo, from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Food, coffee, pop will be provided. Cash bar. Live music for your enjoyment.

Agnus Dei Ministry will again present **Lenten Lessons and Prayers: A Musical Journey with Christ** during the Lenten season. Presentations are 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. More info can be found at www.waterloocatholics.org/agnus-dei-ministry

Marriage Encounter- In today's gospel it says, "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is May 13 – 15 in Dubuque IA. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: www.iowa-wwme.org or call 563-927-4352.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

On December 22, 2014 Pope Francis met with the behind-the-scenes Vatican employees. After thanking them for their dedication, he encouraged them to examine areas of their lives. The following words are adapted from his remarks.

Care for your spiritual life, your relationship with God."

- Am I a Christian who is not nourished by prayer and the sacraments?
- Do I study the Word of God?

"Care for your family life..."

- Do I give my family time, attention, and love?
- Do I care for their daily needs?

"Heal the wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness..."

- Have I forgiven others who have hurt me?
- Have I said "I'm sorry" to those whom I have hurt and have I tried to make amends?

"Watch how you speak..."

- Do I need to purify my everyday language from offensive words, vulgarities, and phrases used in the worldly decadence?
- Do I gossip about others or tell false truths?

"Care for your work..."

- Do I work with enthusiasm and passion?
- Am I humble enough to thank the Lord for my accomplishments?
- Do I use my God-given skills and talents in the service of others?

"Avoid envy, lust, hatred, and negative feelings..."

- Are my thoughts and actions destructive toward my relationships, especially with those whom I love?
- Do my thoughts destroy my inner peace?
- Do I say insulting things when it would be better to remain silent?
- Do I surround myself with angry or destructive people?

"Reach out to those who need you... this is how you will be judged."

- Do I assist the weak, the elderly, the sick?
- Do I stand up for foreigners or for those who are oppressed?
- Do I feed the hungry and shelter the homeless?

"Let go of..."

- "The bitterness that brings us to revenge"
- "The laziness that leads to existential euthanasia"
- "The finger-pointing that leads to pride"
- "The complaining that leads to despair"