

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

#### Sunday- Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

**10:00 AM** (IC) Jerome "Buss" Becker (Anniv)  
Exposition and Adoration following  
Mass and continuing all day

**4:00 PM** (IC) Communal Penance

**7:00 PM** (IC) Speaker: Fr. Kyle Digmann  
Benediction following talk

#### Monday- Lenten Weekday

**7:45 AM** (IC) Deceased Alumni of Bosco System *Grades 2 - 12*  
Exposition and Adoration following  
Mass and continuing all day

**7:00 PM** (IC) Speaker: Fr. Kyle Digmann  
Benediction following talk

#### Tuesday- Lenten Weekday

**5:30 PM** (SJ) Stations

**6:00 PM** (SJ) Willie & Marcella Breuer and Jim Kreger

#### Wednesday- Lenten Weekday

**5:00 PM** (IC) Stations

**5:30 PM** (IC) Bob Becker and Laurence Weber families

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

**8:00 AM** (SJ) Sue Tisue and Tom Delagardelle

#### Friday- Lenten Weekday

**7:45 AM** (IC) Tom Ament

#### Saturday- Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

**4:00 PM** (IC) Cletus & Irene Thome

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

#### Sunday- Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

**8:00 AM** (IC) James P. Blunt

**10:00 AM** (IC) Doug Reiter

#### Meetings and Activities

##### Wednesday, March 16

RCIA Class, 6:30 to 7:30 PM.....IC Grade School  
Soup Supper, following 5:30 PM Mass... ..St. Mary Center

##### Thursday, March 17

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

##### Sunday, March 20

RCIA Class, 8:45 to 9:45 AM.....Heritage Room

#### 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 Thursday evening March 17, for approximately two hours beginning at 6:30 PM.

## 13 HOURS

Fr. Kyle Digmann will preach at our **Lenten 13 Hours** today, **Sunday, March 13** and tomorrow **Monday, March 14**. Exposition will begin following the morning Mass on Sunday and Monday. Fr. Digmann will talk at 7:00 PM both evenings and conclude each evening with benediction.

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

### Daily Readings

**Mon Mar 14** Reading - Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62  
Psalm- 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
Gospel- John 8:12-20

**Tues Mar 15** Reading- Numbers 21:4-9  
Psalm- 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21  
Gospel- John 8:21-30

**Wed Mar 16** Reading- Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95  
Resp. Psalm- Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56  
Gospel- John 8:31-42

**Thur Mar 17** Reading- Genesis 17:3-9  
Psalm- 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
Gospel- John 8:51-59

**Fri Mar 18** Reading- Jeremiah 20:10-13  
Psalm- 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7  
Gospel- John 10:31-42

**Sat Mar 19** 1st Reading- 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16  
Psalm- 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29  
2nd Reading- Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22  
Gospel - Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

**Sun Mar 20** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading- Isaiah 50:4-7  
Psalm- 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading- Philippians 2:6-11  
Gospel- Luke 22:14-23:56

### Your Sacrificial Offering

Previous Week

#### Immaculate Conception Parish

Budget	\$14,850.08
Youth	\$1.00
Offertory	\$542.00
Easter	\$250.00
E-tithing	\$1,072.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,715.58</b>
Needed Each Week	\$13,512.00

#### St. Joseph Parish

Budget	\$4,120.00
Youth	\$1.00
Offertory	\$75.00
Easter	\$0.00
E-tithing	\$240.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,436.00</b>
Needed Each Week	\$3,987.00

**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.

**Agnus Dei Ministry** will have their final presentation of *Lenten Lessons and Prayers: A Musical Journey with Christ* on Palm Sunday, March 20 at St. Edward Church, Waterloo at 6 p.m. For more info go to [www.waterloocatholics.org/agnus-dei-ministry](http://www.waterloocatholics.org/agnus-dei-ministry) We are expecting a large crowd so you may want to arrive early!

Join us in this Wednesday at St. Mary Center for our last **Lenten Soup Supper** following the Wednesday, 5:30 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception Church.

## Are You Comfortable?

Maybe you are at a place where life has become pretty comfortable. The mortgage is paid off, you have enough money and time to spend most weekends at the river, the kids are all grown, or maybe there are no kids yet and you have freedom to spend every weekend as you choose, with not one single baseball game or track meet to go to! It's not *bad* to be comfortable, but Jesus doesn't want us to get *too* comfortable here; he wants us to remain aware that this is NOT our true home. "We are just passing through this world... When we get comfortable we start to behave as if we are going to live on this earth forever – and we are not." (Taken from Rediscover Jesus, page 158) Have you done a good job this Lent of denying yourself? Work to "develop the habit of denying yourself in small ways a dozen times a day. Each time you deny yourself is a spiritual exercise that strengthens the soul. This allows the soul to increasingly respond to grace and choose what is good, true, noble, and just in every situation." (page 159)

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**Fr. Ralph Simington will celebrate his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with an Open House TODAY Sunday, March 13**, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Waterloo, from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

**The Catholic Order of Foresters youth members** & their families are invited to a family pizza party at St Mary's Center TODAY, Sunday, **March 13** from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. The pizza & soda will be provided. COF youth members can bring along your favorite drawing materials and make a poster, Christmas card, and/or turn in your photo for the COF Christmas Card/Poster/Photo contest. COF will provide the poster paper & cards.

**Gilbertville Days-** Gilbertville Days meeting number two..... A lot of good ideas were discussed but we need more help to make it work. Come Join us Monday **March 14**, at 6:30 at City Hall. If we do not get more interested we will not be able to proceed. Come join us to help create some fun.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Pius X #1714**  
Meeting **March 14th** at 7:00 PM, St. A's Parish Center, Jesup

**Fish Fry** - The Gilbertville American Legion will hold a Fish Fry on Friday **March 18**. Serving times will be 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM.

**The St. A's PTO is hosting a fish supper** in the school cafeteria on Friday, **March 18**, 2016, from 4:15 pm-7:00 pm. The menu includes: baked fish, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, coleslaw, homemade rolls, dessert and beverage. Carry outs are available. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$5 for children 4-12, and \$1 for children 3 and under.

**On Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> the Catholic Order of Forester youth members** Easter Egg Hunt is at 1:30 PM at St Mary Center in Gilbertville. Each child will hunt for candy and plastic eggs. The children will also receive a toy

**Fish Fry** at the Knights of Columbus, Waterloo. Every Friday during Lent. Served from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

**Fish Fry** at the Izaak Walton League every Friday during the Lenten Season. Serving times will be 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

## Thank You Notes

Immaculate Conception Parish would like to express our sympathy to the family of Betty Brustkern. Betty included Immaculate Conception Parish as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy. We thank Betty and her family for this generous donation to our parish. May God bless you.

Thanks to all who helped with the services of our daughter Elicia Ross. Fr. Huber for the wonderful Mass and homily, the altar servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Sue Davis along with the Resurrection Choir for the beautiful music. Also a special thank you to those who prepared and served the lunch at the Am. Legion Hall and all those who provided the wonderful salads and deserts. We are truly grateful. Mike & Rhonda Gleason Family Ken Ross Family

## EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

### Am I attentive to God's presence in prayer and worship?

Do I pray daily?

Do I receive the sacraments regularly?

Do I keep Sundays and holy days sacred?

Do I fulfill my commitments as a member of my faith community?

What is my attitude toward the sacrament of reconciliation?

Have I tried to grow in the life of the Spirit through prayer and the reading of the word of God?

Do I trust God's goodness and providence, even in times of crisis and doubt?

### In my daily living, do I act as a child of God?

Do I respect my own body as a gift from God?

Do I control my vices, including abuses of food and drink?

Have I made good use of the gifts God has given me?

Do I work too hard and too long?

Do I neglect my family and health?

Have I been lazy and given too much time to leisure or entertainment?

### Do I reflect the mercy of God in my relationship with others?

In my household, have I contributed to the well-being and happiness of the rest of my family? Am I patient? Am I loving?

Do I treat my parents with respect?

Am I ever angry with those I love?

Have I been faithful in my relationships?

Have I imposed my will on others without respecting their freedom and rights?

Am I intolerant of other's ideas or needs?

Have I perpetuated racism, prejudices and stereotypes?

Do I treat people with disabilities with respect?

### Do I bring the love of God to the world?

Do I share my time and my treasure with others in need?

Do I fail to speak out on behalf of the poor or the oppressed?

Have I accepted suffering as a share in the suffering of Christ?

Have I indulged in reading, conversation, or entertainments that are contrary to Christian decency and respect for human life?

Do I use the earth's resources wisely?

Do I purchase material goods that I don't really need?

### Will I accept the forgiveness of God and change my way of life?

Am I ever afraid to act in a Christian manner, afraid of what others might think?

Is the hope of eternal life my inspiration for all I do?

Do I sincerely want to be set free from sin, turn again to God, and resolve to begin again?

Do I forgive others who have offended me?

**Bosco Catholic “Lock-In” Save the Date – Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>** – Join the Bosco “Lock-In” and help support the Waterloo Catholic Worker House! We are locking ourselves in to raise money to help purchase another property to support the homeless in Waterloo. You and your friends can attend the Bosco Lock-In on Friday, **April 1, 2016** from 6-11pm at St. Mary Center in Gilbertville. Open to grades 3 and up. Your \$15 admission will support this cause and include pizza, drinks, snacks, games, prizes, and a dance from 9-11pm! We also need volunteers to help with this event. If you are willing to help chaperone and/or help with games and activities please contact Dylan Rottinghaus at [\(319\) 939-8222](tel:3199398222) or Kim Rottinghaus at [\(319\) 239-1672](tel:3192391672). If you are interested in making a monetary donation to this project, please send your donation to IC Church Attn: Dylan Rottinghaus. All proceeds will go directly to the Waterloo Catholic Workers House for future maintenance, repairs, utilities, etc. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**