

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday- Vigil: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM (IC) Bertin and Bernice Schmitz

5:30 PM (SJ) Reynold & Marie Schmitz

Sunday- Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM (IC) For the People

10:00 AM (IC) Bev Schmit, Chuck Schmit and Dillon Schmit

Monday- Weekday

8:30 AM (FRH)

Tuesday- Weekday

8:00 AM (SJ) Beki Lavenz

Wednesday - St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, and companions

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

Thursday- St. Matthew, Apostle *Grades K & 1*

8:00 AM (SJ) Mike Driscoll

7:00 PM (IC) Institution of Lector for Deacon Formation

Friday- Weekday *Grades 2-12*

7:45 AM (IC) Living and deceased members
of the John Riha family

Saturday- Vigil: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM (IC) Living and deceased members of the
Walter & Valeria Schmitz family

5:30 PM (SJ) Phyllis Fischels and Janet Fischels Paulsen

Sunday- Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM (IC) Ralph & Maxine Keifer

10:00 AM (IC) For the People

Meetings and Activities

Sunday, September 17

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

Monday, September 18

Harvestfest meeting, 7:00 PM.....Heritage Room

Wednesday, September 20

I.C. Parish Council meeting 7:00 PM.....Heritage Room

Thursday, September 21

Institution of Lector for Deacon Formation, 7:00 PM..I.C. Church

Sunday, September 24

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

Baptism Class, 8:45 AM.....Heritage Room



"Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness or difficulty of our actions, but at the love with which we do them." (St. Therese of Lisieux) Simply for love of God, visit the Perpetual Adoration chapel located at Columbus HS. Drop-in or consider becoming a committed adorer. Specific needs at this time are for Fridays at 12:00 AM and Sundays at 1:00 AM once a month.

If interested email cvadoration@adorationmanager.com or call William Brandle at [319-939-9000](tel:319-939-9000).

The **Our Call to Share Collection**, which is taken up in our parish this weekend, supports the efforts of the Catholic University of America, The Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministry, Black and Indian Missions, Catholic Home Missions, and World Missions. Please be as generous as possible, using the envelope you received in the mail this past week. If you forgot your envelope, please bring it next weekend or drop it off at the parish office. Thank you for your prayerful and financial support of these important efforts.

Daily Readings

Mon Sept 18 Reading - 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Psalm.- 28:2, 7, 8-9

Gospel- Luke 7:1-10

Tues Sept 19 Reading- 1 Timothy 3:1-13

Psalm- 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6

Gospel- Luke 7:11-17

Wed Sept 20 Reading- 1 Timothy 3:14-16

Psalm- 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Gospel- Luke 7:31-35

Thur Sept 21 Reading- Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

Psalm- 19:2-3, 4-5

Gospel- Matthew 9:9-13

Fri Sept 22 Reading- 1 Timothy 6:2c-12

Psalm - 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20

Gospel - Luke 8:1-3

Sat Sept 23 Reading- 1 Timothy 6:13-16

Psalm - 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5

Gospel- Luke 8:4-15

Sun Sept 24 1st Reading- Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm.- 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

2nd Reading- Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel- Matthew 20:1=16a

Your Sacrificial Offering

Previous Week

Immaculate Conception Parish

Budget	\$7,447.47
Youth	\$1.00
Hurricane relief	\$6,651.69
E-tithing	\$1,422.50
TOTAL	\$15,522.66
Needed Each Week	\$13,512.00

St. Joseph Parish

Budget	\$1,155.00
Hurricane relief	\$1,465.35
E-tithing	\$540.00
TOTAL	\$3,160.35
Needed Each Week	\$3,987.00

Preparation Class for Baptism will be next Sunday, **September 24th** at 9:00 AM in the Heritage Room at IC. It is recommended that parents attend the class before the baby is born. Expectant parents or parents of newborns, please call the rectory at 296-1092 between 8:00 and 4:00 weekdays to register. Expectant parents who have not attended a Baptism Preparation class within three years are required to attend.

Institution of Lector - Kevin Hagarty from our parish is a member of the diaconate formation process for the Archdiocese of Dubuque. His next step is Institution of Lector, which will be celebrated this **Thursday, September 21**, here at Immaculate Conception Church, at 7:00 PM. Archbishop Jackels will preside at this special Mass for all of the diaconate class. We hope to see you at the celebration and thank you for your continued support of these men as they journey toward Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. A reception will follow at St. Mary Center. Everyone is welcome!

HARVESTFEST- Harvestfest meeting change – Meeting will be **Monday September 18** instead of Wednesday September 20 at 7:00 PM in the Heritage room. Still not too late to come and join us, we had a few new faces last meeting which we were excited about, would like to see a few more. Sign-up sheets will be available last weekend in September and weekend Masses for October 7th and 8th, more to come on that later.

Book Sale – books can be dropped off at Bob & Rosie Bloes 719 12th Avenue, Gilbertville, during the day, please put them inside the garage door.

Decorations- We will also be needing small pumpkins and gourds for decorations and for the kids games, if anyone has any extra that they could drop off on Saturday morning, October 14, the day of set up.

HARVESTFEST RAFFLE TICKETS: Please pick up your Harvestfest raffle tickets in the back of church to avoid mailing expenses. Also, please return all sold and **unsold** raffle tickets either in the church collection basket, to the Rectory during normal business hours, or to the raffle booth at Harvestfest at St. Mary Center the day of the event, Sunday, October 15.

NOTE that the price of **each ticket is \$2.**

Prizes include:

Handcrafted Black Walnut Grandmother Clock – donated by Ron Pint in memory of Dwywan Pint

\$600 Gift Certificate Bundle (\$250 Gilbertville Locker, \$150 Casey's, \$150 Menards, \$50 10th Inning)– donated by Sunday Morning Breakfast Group (Mike/Joli Becker, Laverne/Sue Bovy, Randy Mangrich, Tom/Sue Mangrich, Dennis/Carla Sue Reuter, Dale/Leigh Anne Schares, Allen/JoAnn Weber, and Jr./Jeanne Weber)

Oak Curio Hutch – donated by Gilbertville Carpet & Furniture

\$150 Scrip Dollars of your Choice – donated & Mark & Pam Schares

\$150 Scrip Dollars of your Choice – donated by Joe & Donna Girsch

5 - \$100 Scrip Dollars of your Choice – donated by Recycled Greeting Card Group

4 - \$50 Scrip Dollars of your Choice – donated by Dick & Mary Schmitz

Thank You Notes

The family of Marv Schares would like to send their deepest appreciation to our family, friends and community in helping us through this most difficult time. Your generosity, kindness and concern were very humbling. To Father Huber, thank you for visiting dad in the ICU at Covenant and for the commemorative homily. Many thanks to the Resurrection Choir, Rosary Society and Legionnaires in helping to honor dad with a beautiful Mass, delicious meal and gravesite tribute. He loved this community was very proud to call it home.
Nancy Schares and family

Thank you to the Bertch Cabinet employees who baked cookies for the Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph School Open House. Our school is blessed to have Bertch as our Partners in Excellence.

Bosco Catholic School System is looking for someone to work a few hours weekly with the Hot Lunch Program. If interested please contact Jeanne Weber at [319-296-1089](tel:319-296-1089) x2111.

St. Joseph Parish Harvest Breakfast-Our Harvest Breakfast / Silent Auction / Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, October 22 in Reuter Hall. More details to follow in the upcoming bulletins. Have you called the parish office to give them your cell number if you don't have a land line? St. Joseph Parish Breakfast Community needs your cell number for your breakfast. Please call the parish office at 319-296-1092 or Michelle Stroh at 319-429-3293.

St. Joseph Parish-The new pews will be delivered to St. Joseph Church on Thursday, September 28th and Friday, September 29th. We will have Mass as usual on Tuesday, September 26 but please note that the Thursday morning Mass, will be in Immaculate Conception Church.

Anyone who would like one of the old pews is asked to pick them up at St. Joseph Church on Tuesday evening from 6:00 – 7:30 PM. If you cannot come at that time, please call Janan Weber at [319/232-6251](tel:319-232-6251) to arrange another time. Thank you to all who have already donated to the fund for new pews and to those who will be contributing in the near future.

St. Joseph Parish Council is in need of a new School Board member, we thank Bruce Schmitz for his time serving St. Joseph Parish. If you are interested in a position on the School Board please contact Fr. Huber at the parish office. 319-296-1092

Caramel Apple Sale-This year again we will have a caramel apple sale. All proceeds will go to Immaculate Conception Church for the parish library and the purchase of a piano light. The sale will be on Saturday, September 30, after 4:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday, October 1 after 8:00 & 10:00 AM Mass. Caramel apples will be \$4 each and caramel apples with nuts will be \$5. If anyone would like to pre-order, please contact Francie Kavalier at [319-296-0408](tel:319-296-0408) or email kavalierf@hotmail.com.

If anyone would be interested in helping to make the apples on Saturday, September 30, at 9:00 a.m., or again after 2:00 p.m. or assisting with selling the apples after any of the Masses, please contact Francie. Also, if anyone would like to contribute toward the cost of supplies (a large can of caramel is approximately \$20 per can, which includes the shipping - we have purchased 18 cans). Please make your check out to Immaculate Conception Church and mark it "Caramel Apple Sale" and let Francie know.

Attention Parents of School Age Children: If you have school age child or children who are NOT enrolled in the Bosco Catholic School K - 12 System and you are a member of Immaculate Conception or St. Joseph Parish we need you to call or email the parish office at 319-296-1092 or DBQ092sec@dbqarch.org to inform us where your child attends school and/or a Religious Education Program. This request is to comply with our Archdiocesan Reports and to assist in your child's Sacraments. Even if your children have attended a different school district for many years and are assuming we are aware of this, please call or email so that we have the most current information.
Grandparents- If you think your children may have overlooked this bulletin notice, please make them aware. We thank you for your time and cooperation.

Booster Club Gold Cards now Available - Gold Cards are available for purchase at the Don Bosco High School Office for \$20.00. This year's gold cards contain many discounts and deals from various businesses that can be used throughout the year. You can easily get your money back with all the great deals on the card ~ Hy-Vee and Fareway both have \$10 off a purchase of \$100, Subway has buy one sub get one free and many more! This is one of Booster Clubs biggest fundraisers of the year! The Booster Club supports sports, drama, band and all extra-curricular activities with the funds we raise. Booster Club is also responsible for purchasing new equipment, uniforms, and many other things that are needed throughout the year.

If interested, please stop in the high school office or you can send your money to school in an envelope marked "gold card" and we will send the card(s) home with your student.

The Booster Club would also like to thank all of the local businesses that helped make this possible.

Thank you for supporting the Booster Club!

Getting Ahead in the Cedar Valley is a program that focuses on assisting persons get out and then stay out of poverty. The candidates meet for training Monday and Thursday evenings for 9 weeks from mid-September to mid-November. Prior to class, the candidates enjoy a meal and fellowship. We are seeking support from IC parishioners to fill at least one time slot for the fall session be volunteering to prepare and/or serve a meal for 35-40 or financially by donating to cover the expense of the meal. Please consider this program and how you can help. Contact Brenda Dudley, 319-230-2660 for more details. Also visit www.ahaprocess.com for more information about the program.

Breakfast-St. Athanasius Church in Jesup is sponsoring a Breakfast on **September 17th**, serving from 8:30 - 12 Noon. Menu includes Ham & Scrambled Eggs, Hashbrowns, Sweet Rolls, Coffee, Juice and Milk. Adults \$6; Ages 6-12 \$4; Ages 3-5 \$3; Ages 2 and under are FREE. Everyone is Welcome!

Town Hall Meeting-Sheriff Tony Thompson's next monthly town hall meeting is Tuesday, **September 19th** at the Gilbertville American Legion Hall at 6:30 p.m.

The American Martyrs Retreat House is sponsoring "Coming Home – A Healing Retreat Program for Military Veterans," September 22-24, 2017. For many soldiers, life, including their spiritual life, has been forever changed by the experience of military service, deployment, and mobilization. The Veterans' Retreat is a Christian-based program designed to help military men and women come to spiritual healing and reconciliation with God and one another. It specifically addresses the issue of Post-Traumatic *Spiritual* Stress Disorder.

Coming Home is a two-night weekend retreat offered at no cost to veterans and their significant other (should they wish to attend) in a place of safety, respite, and support. Retreat leader, Sr. Linda McClenahan, a veteran herself, served as a communications Sergeant in the III Corps area of Vietnam. She is now a Dominican Sister and Licensed Professional Counselor and Therapist whose ministry involves helping veterans deal with trauma. Sr. Linda is assisted by Augie Sisco, Major, USMC (Ret.).

To register for the retreat contact Mayslake Ministries at 630-852-9000. If you would like to help sponsor a veteran to attend please send your donation to: American Martyrs Retreat House, 2209 N. Union Road, Cedar Falls, IA 50613. Questions call 319-266-3543 or email dbqamrh@dbqarch.org

Please help us to give back to those who have given so much for all of us.

Fall Festival-St. John Catholic Church in Independence, Iowa will hold its annual Fall Festival on Sunday, September 24, 2017 in the St. John Multi-purpose room at St. John School. The festival dinner features turkey and dressing, potatoes, vegetables, salads, pies, & beverages and serving from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. A special items auction will begin at 2:00 pm. Dinner tickets are: Adults, \$9.00; Children ages 5 - 11, \$4.00; and children 4 and under, free.

Running Free Because of the Brave—Join us for a 5K run/walk Saturday morning **September 30**. The run/walk will begin at 8:00 A.M. starting at the Don Bosco plaza, 405 16th Ave. Gilbertville. Entries forms are available at Farmer State Bank locations and the "Stars and Stripes" Facebook page. All proceeds will go to support the local Honor Flight. Start your day off right, come join us for a morning of fun, good exercise, and supporting a good cause. For any questions contact Taylor Hogan at 19thogan@cvcatholic.org or Amy Etringer at aletringer055@hotmail.com.

Strong Catholic Marriage Workshop – Saturday, October 14, 2017 Married and engaged couples are invited to "*Essential Elements for a Strong Catholic Marriage*," a workshop for couples interested in improving communication, experiencing healing and forgiveness, exploring the role of service and prayer, and cherishing the marriage intended by God. The workshop will take place at St. Gabriel, Reinbeck on Saturday, October 14th from 9:00 am to 4:00 PM. The presenters will be Greg and Julie Alexander, founders of the Alexander House, a non-profit apostolate dedicated to the education and enrichment of marriage and family life. The cost for the day is \$75 per couple, including lunch. For more information, to download the flyer, and to register online for this event, go to: www.dbqarch.org/marriage-event; or contact Matt Selby, Director of Family Life for the Archdiocese of Dubuque, at (563) 556-2580, Ext. 233 or m.selby@dbqarch.org. **Registration is due by Friday, October 6th.**

NCYC Help - Don Bosco High School has 30 students attending the National Catholic Youth Conference this November in Indianapolis. It is the premiere event for young Catholics, gathering over 20,000 people for a weekend of prayer, worship, songs, speakers, and experiences that connect them to their church and each other. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have several students who have run into financial need in order for them to still go to NCYC. Their need averages about \$250 per student in need, for a total of \$1000. The total cost of the trip is \$550, so they are already committed to covering a little more than half of their fee. If you would like to make a contribution towards the students in need, please contact Thomas Kesten, Don Bosco Campus Minister at TKesten@boscocatholic.org or Kim Huff at ConnectTheMap@gmail.com. Donations can be sent to Don Bosco, attention Thomas Kesten, NCYC. Thank you so much for your support!