

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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

Monday- Weekday

8:30 AM (FRH)

Tuesday- Weekday

8:00 AM (SJ) Marie Schmitz (Anniv)

Wednesday - Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

7:45 AM (IC) Joseph Chappell

Thursday- Weekday

8:00 AM (IC) Living and deceased members
 of the Cletus & Irene Thome family

Friday- Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangel

7:45 AM (IC) Arnold & Camilla Weber *Grades 2-12*

Saturday- Vigil: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM (IC) Merlin Thies

5:30 PM (SJ) For the People

Sunday- Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM (IC) Paul & Barbara (Anniv) Schares

10:00 AM (IC) John Vieth

Meetings and Activities

Sunday, September 24

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


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

Thursday, September 21

Adult Formation, 7:00 PM.....Heritage Room

Sunday, October 1

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

 *Heaven must be our goal.* (Jon Leonetti, Catholic author) If heaven is our goal, then spending time at the Perpetual Adoration Chapel is a holy practice to aid us in that goal. Located at Columbus HS. Open 24/7/365. Drop-in anytime or consider becoming a committed adorer. Specific needs at this time are Fridays at 12 am and Sundays once a month at 1 am. If interested email cvadoration@adorationmanager.com or call Mike Strei at [801-920-913](tel:801-920-913)

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.

Daily Readings

- Mon Sept 25** Reading - Ezra 1:1-6
 Psalm.- 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6
 Gospel- Luke 8:16-18
- Tues Sept 26** Reading- Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20
 Psalm- 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5
 Gospel- Luke 8:19-21
- Wed Sept 27** Reading- Ezra 9:1-6
 Resp.- Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8
 Gospel- Luke 9:1-6
- Thur Sept 28** Reading- Haggai 1:1-8
 Psalm- 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b:2-3, 4-5
 Gospel- Luke 9:7-9
- Fri Sept 29** Reading- Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
 Psalm - 138:1-2ab,2cde-3, 4-5
 Gospel - John 1:47-51
- Sat Sept 30** Reading- Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a
 Resp. - Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13
 Gospel- Luke 9:43b-45
- Sun Oct 1** 1st Reading- Ezekiel 18:25-28
 Psalm.- 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
 2nd Reading- Philippians 2:1-11 *or* 2:1-5
 Gospel- Matthew 21:28-32

Your Sacrificial Offering	
Previous Week	
Immaculate Conception Parish	
Budget	\$9,218.00
Youth	\$2.00
Offertory	\$502.00
E-tithing	\$1,172.50
TOTAL	\$10,894.50
Needed Each Week	\$13,512.00
St. Joseph Parish	
Budget	\$1,130.00
Offertory	\$62.00
E-tithing	\$275.00
TOTAL	\$1,467.00
Needed Each Week	\$3,987.00

Quote of the week: *"And every day, when your heart especially feels the loneliness of life, pray."*
 ~ St. Padre Pio

Immaculate Conception Parish has a job opening for grounds keeper. This position includes lawn mowing for Immaculate Conception Church, school and St. Mary's Cemetery. Also weed-trimming, seeding and fertilizing when necessary. Averaging approximately 20 hours per week in the summer months. Must also be available for snow-removal in the winter using a shovel and tractor mounted snow blower. Early hours before morning Mass a must. All equipment provided by parish. For more information or if you wish to apply please call the parish office at 296-1092 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM

Harvestfest Sign-up will be at weekend masses this Saturday/Sunday September 23 & 24, September 29 & October 1 in the Heritage Room before and after masses. We need over 180 people to help fill out these time slots. PLEASE BE GENEROUS with your time. It only involves 1 hour or 1 ½ hours per shift, this is THE ONLY parish function that we ask for volunteers. We have plenty of parishioners between the ages of 25 – 60 that should be able to fill these time slots. High school help is always welcome as well and there are many students who are helping in the games that we don't see. We have many parishioners that have been helping for years and continue to help and we appreciate their time. As we say every year with a parish this size of men and women there should be NO PROBLEM filling these openings and hoping we don't have to take the time to make phone calls.

Book Sale drop off – Bob & Rosie Bloes, 719 12th Street, Gilbertville. Drop can be Saturday morning October 14th at St Mary Center from 8:00 – 12:00 or at Bob & Rosie's, please set inside their garage.

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, day of set up.

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.**

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 send email to kavalierf@hotmail.com.

If anyone would be interested in helping to make the apples on Saturday, September 30, beginning at 9:00 a.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.

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. Visit www.ahaprocess.com for more information about the program.

40 Days for Life Kickoff Rally- Wednesday, September 25 at 6:00 PM Join us as we will meet outside of Planned Parenthood in Cedar Falls at 6pm for prayer. Then we will go to Valley Lutheran School where our guest speaker Sue Thayer, former director of P.P., now active pro-life speaker will tell of how to defeat the abortion industry. From September 27 to November 5, our community will unite with hundreds others around the world for a major simultaneous pro-life mobilization – the 40 Days for Life campaign. Faithful believers are praying that these efforts will mark the beginning of the end of abortion. During these 40 days we will be praying outside Planned Parenthood in Cedar Falls everyday, for 12 hours a day. If you interested in joining and praying contact Kie at [319-231-5711](tel:319-231-5711) or faithluth@aol.com.

St. Joseph Parish Harvest Breakfast

Sunday, October 22 is the date for our Harvest Breakfast. The St. Joseph Parish Society is in charge of the breakfast and hosting it. If anyone would like to make a cash donation to help defray expenses of the breakfast please call Michelle Stroh at 319-429-3293, or you may also place your donation in an envelope marked St. Joseph Breakfast and place it in the church collection basket/ Please call Michelle if you have a specific shift you want to work or someone will be calling you. Please remember this is the only Parish Society Breakfast we have for the Year! We will also be having an all parish Silent Auction and - all parish Bake Sale both held upstairs in Reuter Hall. Both will be the same time as the breakfast: 8:30 AM through noon. You may call Diane at 235-9242 with your Silent Auction items. Any NEW item, no matter the cost is very much appreciated. SCRIP is always a good choice to donate so the school benefits also.

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

Adult Formation - Paul's letters: Philippians / First Corinthians bible studies

Dr. Timothy Gray is a nationally renowned Bible scholar and Catholic speaker. As the President of the Augustine Institute, he has advanced the renewal of Catholic education through graduate studies in Scripture, Theology, and the New Evangelization. A short description of his two studies follows:

Philippians: Towards the end of his life, under arrest and awaiting trial in Rome, Saint Paul writes a short but powerful letter to the Philippians. Paul's affection for the Christian community at Philippi is apparent from his opening words. The Philippians were not only Paul's sons and daughters in the Faith but also his partners in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. At the heart of this letter is Paul's eloquent hymn of Christ's total gift of self, the model for Paul's life. With his words and the example of his life, Paul exhorts the Philippians to have the mind of Christ, to live a life worthy of the Gospel, and, by God's grace, to gain Christ.

First Corinthians: The conflicts of the early Christians in Corinth are in many ways similar to our struggles today as Christians. They, too, witnessed division, scandal, immorality, persecution and other trials. In response, St. Paul taught the Corinthians about the Church as the Body of Christ, introducing them to the most powerful gift of all: the Eucharist.

Join us for the DVD video presentation of Paul's letters: Philippians and First Corinthians, at 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room of the Immaculate Conception Church beginning Thursday September 28 and continuing each Thursday through November 16. A topical schedule is enclosed in the bulletin.

Thank You Notes

Jesup Knights of Columbus Council #8227 would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Intellectual Disabilities Tootsie Roll Collection two weeks ago. A total of \$736.25 was collected at our four parish Masses. Thank-You

Care items wanted- Please drop off any hotel sized care items in the Don Bosco Office for the Bosco Campus Ministry. We are doing service work by packing ziplock bags with the essential care items of shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc. In the past, we have shared them with the Iowa City Ronald Mc Donald house, Mats for Veterans, and just last week through The Salvation Army for the victims of the Hurricane Harvey in Texas.

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.

Bosco Catholic School System is excited to have Jeff Veley come on **Wednesday, October 11** to talk about bullying. Jeff will provide skills and strategies to help students, staff, and parents. To learn more visit <http://www.jeffveley.com/about/> There is a parent session from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the Don Bosco High School Gym. Help spread the word and we hope to see you there!

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!

Can you identify hidden grief? -- Wednesday, October 4 from 7:00-8:30 PM. COR at 220 E. 4th St. You or someone you know could be grieving and not know it. Often, the delayed effects of a serious loss like the death of a loved one, divorce, loss of a job, or serious illness show up months or years later in relationship problems, emotional distress, or substance abuse. In this discussion grief counselor Maureen Doherty will examine the signs of delayed, hidden or unconscious grief and what people can do about it. A Community Forum presentation of the Catholic Parishes in Waterloo. Open to the public

Strong Catholic Marriage Workshop – Saturday, October 14 - 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. 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.**

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, and fixings. 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.

Steak Fry- American Legion, Gilbertville will have a Steak Fry next **Saturday, September 30**. Doors open at 5:00 PM, serving from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

St. Francis Church, Barclay Annual Parish Dinner- 7837 East Airline Highway, Dunkerton invites everyone to attend their parish dinner on **Sunday, October 1** from 11:00 AM until 1:30 PM. The menu includes roast beef, ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, salad and desserts. Country store and raffles also.

Catholic Daughters/Women’s Retreat October 6-8
American Martyrs Retreat House, Cedar Falls, Iowa
Theme “**Live Successfully with Faith, Hope and Charity.**”
With these three virtues active in our life we will find that our life will be filled with a success that supersedes all that we might find in worldly goals and ambitions. Fr. Dan Knipper was ordained in the Archdiocese of Dubuque by Archbishop James J. Byrne in June of 1967. Since then he has served the Archdiocese in a variety of ways including parishes, high schools and grade schools in St. Raphael Cathedral, Bellevue, Gilbertville, Holy Cross, North Buena Vista, Cresco, Plymouth Rock, director of American Martyrs Retreat House, University of Northern Iowa, Dike, Waterloo, Lansing, New Albin, Harpers Ferry, Cherry Mound & Wexford all within the Archdiocese of Dubuque. He has also been very active in liturgy and especially liturgical music on a diocesan and national level. At present he is retired in Decorah and continues to carry on his priestly ministry through parish coverage in the North East Iowa area.

All are invited to attend a special day at the 57th Annual ACCW convention/85th Birthday celebration, Saturday - October 21, 2017 hosted by St. Patrick Parish in Tama, IA. Archbishop Michael Jackels will celebrate Mass along with other priests. Special guest speakers Barbara Heil and Mary Pedersen will enlighten us with their talks. Enjoy a delicious home cooked meal, silent auction, and much more. The cost of the event is \$20. Early bird price by Oct. 1st is \$15. Send payment to: Mary Esther Pullin 2185 W Shaulis Road Waterloo, IA 50701. For more information, check out the fliers at the entrances of your church, or go online to the events page at: <https://www.dbqarch.org/offices/council-of-catholic-women/events/> For questions call ACCW president, Sheila Rassman 563-569-8387