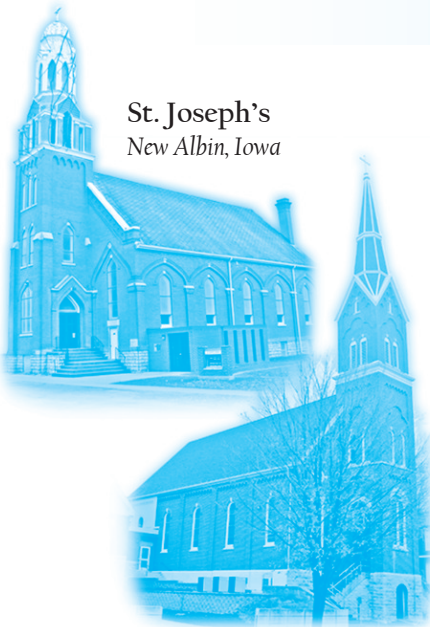


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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & ST JOSEPH'S

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Mass Schedule for the week

Monday, Mar 24—**No Mass @ I.C.**

Tuesday, Mar 25—**No Mass @ St. Joseph**

Wednesday, Mar 26—**No Mass @ I.C.**

Thursday, Mar 27—Arnold Klug @ Thornton Manor—9:30 a.m.

Friday, Mar 28—David Hagen @ I.C.—7:30 a.m.

Saturday, Mar 29—Harold & Frances Wellendorf @ I.C.—5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Mar 30—Floyd Pottratz @ St. Joseph—8:30 a.m.

Mass for the Parish @ I.C.—10:00 a.m.

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Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception

Saturday 5:00 pm &

Sunday 10:00 am

St. Joseph's

Sunday 8:30 am

Confessions

1/2 hour before all Masses

weekdays as well as

4:00—4:45 pm on Saturday &

8:00—8:15 am Sunday

Schedule of Mass Helpers March 29 & 30

	5:00 p.m. 29th	8:30 a.m. 30th	10:00 a.m. 30th
Lector	Sam Kuhn	Dave Mitchell	Jim Wellendorf
Communion	Sam Kuhn Kay Mettille Pat Connelly	Max Marzen Joan Reburn Dan Becker	Connie Brown Barb Lee Ken Steiber
Servers	Melanie Kuhn Alison Moritz	Rebecca Boland Anne Mauss	Jillian Leppert Justin Leppert
Ushers	Jim Rossi Ralph Mettille Dave Moritz Tom Callahan	Jim Burg Glen Buege Gary Mauss George Mauss	Bud Hawes Cyril Mohn Terry Hennessy Mike Ferring
Offertory	Appointed by Ushers	Lyle Pohlman	Appointed by Ushers
Rosary		G. Teff	
Communion to the Shut -In:	Leo Garin		

HAPPY EASTER

Parish Council Elections: On the third Sunday of May we will have parish council membership elections in both parishes. If you are interested in being a council member please contact Fr. Knipper before May 5th. The criteria for a members are: **1).** A practicing Catholic. **2).** Willingness to acquaint themselves with the responsibilities of a council member. **3).** Willingness to work with the pastor who is the leader of the parish community. **4).** Willingness to work with the whole parish community rather than advocating one point of view (an axe to grind view is not good) **5).** Willingness to be actively involved in and attend meetings. **6).** An understanding that the council is a consultative body. **7).** And understanding that decision making is done through consensus.

Anyone going on class trips, vacations etc. are still obliged to attend Mass on the weekend, make sure your moderator, school personnel and/or tour guide make arrangements for attendance at Mass. Parents please follow up on this as well!

An anonymous donor has given our parishes 1000 copies of a booklet entitled “Confessions of a Roman Catholic” written by Paul Whitcomb. Paul tells about his conversion journey to the Catholic faith in this booklet. It is not about the sacrament of Confession but about a journey of conversion. Copies are available at the entrances to the Church.

Cemeteries: All Christmas decorations & other decorations not located in **approved** holders must be removed from the cemetery by **April 13th! Do not** discard in the cemetery take them home with you!

Those who are receiving the “Economy Incentive Check” from the government are asked to give some of that to your parish. God have given us 100% should we not then give back at least 10% ? That still leaves us with 90%!

We welcome and congratulate these parishioners who were commissioned on Holy Thursday evening into various ministries. Usher—Lyndon Kubitz, St. Joseph. Servers: Brandon Conway, David Richards, Sam Hisel, Theresa Schwartzhoff & Ryan Kuhn for Immaculate Conception. Molly Walleser and Tiana Kubitz from St. Joseph. Lectors —Cheryl Kuhn, Jeanine Hisel, Linda Manning, Toni and Dustin Monat for Immaculate Conception. Communion Ministers: Cheryl Kuhn, Jeanine Hisel, & Linda Manning for Immaculate Conception. Choir—Mike & Devin Brennan for Immaculate Conception. Communion for the home – bound: Linda Manning, Immaculate Conception. God Bless you in these ministries!

When requesting a **Baptism Certificate** it is appropriate to donate \$2.00 for the cost of the certificate etc.

Calendar of Events:

Mar 23— Easter Sunday

Mar 27— St. Joseph Faith Formation Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Mar 30— St. Charles School “Spring Carnival”, Genoa, WI 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

April 3 — All Nigh Adoration @ I.C. 6 p.m. Confessions 6:30-7:00 p.m.

April 7— Social Concerns Meeting @ I.C. 8:15 a.m.

April 10—I.C. Faith Formation Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.

K of C Meeting 7:30 p.m.

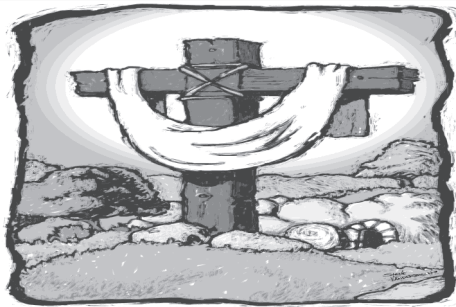
April 14—Clean I.C. Church after Mass

April 16—St. Joseph Parish Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.

April 20—3rd Sunday Loose Change Collection

April 21—I.C. Parish Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.

Marriage Guidelines: Cleanup Concern: Ushers and members of the families of the bride and groom should see that all is in order before leaving. Ushers: Please note that an elevator is available for those who have need for it. Ushers are asked to begin seating guests early on so that the ceremony will begin at the scheduled time. Ushers should familiarize themselves with exits from the church and with the location of restrooms and water fountains. Ushers are to be in the church during the ceremony. Liturgical Expenses: Sharing what we have with others is an important part of Christian life. Being generous to the church and to the poor at the time of weddings sets a tone for married life. Some couples specify a percentage of the wedding costs to be contributed to the Church. Some couples give an additional offering to the poor to symbolize their unconditional marital love. The contribution usually given by the wedding couple to the parish is for the use of the church facilities during the wedding ceremony, the rehearsal, and the picture taking time. This donation also helps in defraying other costs incurred by the parish and is not given to the priest. The suggested minimal donations are as follows: For a parishioner the minimum donation to the Parish is 10% (tithe) of the total costs of the wedding or minimum of \$150.00. For a non-parishioner the minimum donation to the parish is 10% of the total cost of the wedding or \$250.00 The couple is to make a financial agreement with the musician at the time that the musician is contracted. Growing in Love: The time of your engagement, and especially the months approaching your wedding should be a time of really growing in an unselfish & reverential love for each other. The love required for a happy committed life together in marriage cannot grow in a selfish relationship. Remember "God is Love." Build your love before and after marriage on God's love and then you will truly love one another. A couple grows in love by helping each other to develop a love-relationship with God. Co-habitation grates against this very concept of love and the commandments that reinforce our love for God and one another. If you live in a cohabitating relationship other living arrangements must be sought and followed! That we love God with our whole heart, soul, strength, and mind is the first and greatest Commandment. God is the number one priority in our life. The next priority relationship for the married couple is to each other. Prayer is a key to a good relationship with God & indeed with one another (the family that prays together stays together). Pray together. Help each other to live in God's love and life of grace. Deepen your love for each other through the intimate union with Christ that can be yours in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Attend Mass together. With the help of God's grace and your unselfish efforts prepare well for the very important day of your wedding. Remember that good people with plenty of help and support build good marriages. I encourage and strongly recommend parish involvement and participation in supportive Christian marriage, and in your lifetime together preparing for the eternal marriage feast! God bless you during these days and months of preparation. Fr. Knipper



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Tax Time: Many of you will be going to your lawyer or tax consultant during the coming weeks. This is a good time to review your will or make a will if you do not have one. Please remember your parish in your will!



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ALLELUIA**