



5th Sunday of Lent  
03 April 2022  
Immaculate Conception Parish  
Fairbank, IA 50629

*Today's Readings*

Isiah 43:16-21  
Psalm 126: 1-6  
Philippians 3:8-14  
John 8:1-11

## “Do Not Sin Any More.”

**A**t first reading of today's Gospel, one might think that those who brought the adulterous woman to Jesus were concerned about observance of the law. Halfway through the story, this error is corrected: “They said this to test him” (John 8:6). They thought that any answer he would provide would anger his audience. If he directed them to stone her, his teaching about mercy and forgiveness would sound hollow, and people would turn away from him. If he spoke against stoning, he would appear to be setting himself above the law, which required that particular punishment for adultery. They must have thought they had Jesus cornered.

Not to be undone by them, Jesus traced his finger on the ground. Was he listing the sins of the woman's accusers? Was he using silence to make them feel uncomfortable? Was he choosing his words carefully? Was he simply doodling? We don't know. But his words

cut to the core: “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her” (John 8:7). Who would dare step forward to execute the sentence? They left, beginning with the elders because the custom was to throw the stones according to age—eldest first.

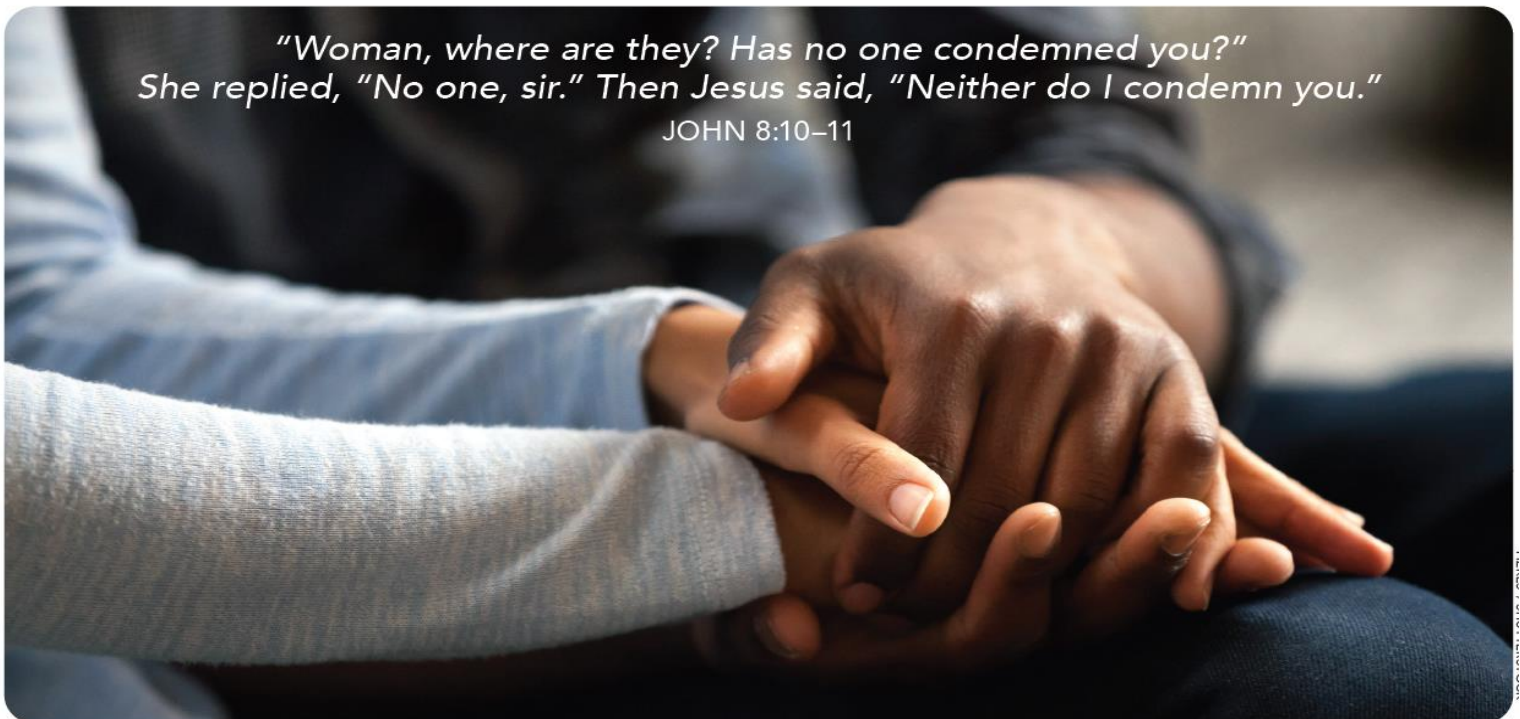
Had Jesus undermined his teaching about mercy and forgiveness? No. Had he denigrated the law? No. Did he leave the woman with the impression that her sin was not serious? No. He left her with this admonition: I will not condemn you to death, but you have to change your life.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR Reflection

- ★ *How quick are you to point out the failings of others? What good comes from it?*
- ★ *What in your life do you know you have to change? Why can't you do it?*

*“Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”  
She replied, “No one, sir.” Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you.”*  
JOHN 8:10-11



## Lord, We Lift Up to You in Prayer....

April Hicklin, Mary Lou Weepie, Brett Delagardelle,  
Charlie Corey Marci Willey, Ron Babinat,  
Diana Snyder, Jill Rourke, Michael McDonough,  
Dave Chase Mary Ellen Youngblut

Lindsey Ernst, Sherry Duffy, Don Brandt,

victims of hatred, racism, violence, natural disaster; terrorism,  
and all in our parish, our community, and our hearts who are  
suffering and in need of Christ's healing touch † May they  
know His loving Presence in the eyes, hands and hearts of those  
who give them care.

**May our prayers for help and healing rise like incense  
to our God of hope, love and mercy.**

### ►Communion To Our Sick Or Homebound Ministry:

contact Michelle Weepie 319-635-2428

### ►I C Parish Prayer Chain Hotline:

Please contact Vivian Rourke at 319-238-3225 (V) or 319-238-2083 (M)

### ►Sacrament Of The Sick ~ Anointing for the seriously ill or dying, call the Sacred Heart Parish Center 319-283-3743, or if having surgery speak with Father Atwood in the Sacristy before or after Mass

### ►Baptism Class For Parents:



All parents who wish to have their child baptized at Immaculate Conception parish are required to attend a baptism class prior to scheduling the baptism. Please contact Deacon Jim at 319-509-1210 for scheduling details.

### ►I C Cemetery – contact the parish office

### ►Funeral Dinners: Group #3 Sept, Oct, Nov, and Dec

We provide desserts & serve a catered meal

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~ Fr. Ray Atwood, Pastor ~

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## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

5th Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022

[CORRECTION: This article was meant for this weekend. I have included new material in it] We are rapidly approaching the most solemn and important week of the liturgical year, Holy Week. This Fifth Sunday of Lent is the beginning of Passiontide, which is the final two weeks of Lent. In preparation, I would like to highlight certain features of each day, and give you a better sense of their symbolic significance.

**PALM SUNDAY:** Palm Sunday is called this because of the palm branches we receive at the beginning of holy Mass. You will recall that the faithful spread palms across the road when Jesus entered the Holy City (see Lk. 19:36). These are symbols of our lives. As the faithful laid palm branches in honor of their Savior back then, so we symbolically lay down our lives as Jesus enters Holy Week with us. You will notice that Our Lord rode into Jerusalem on a mule. This is significant because military heroes often rode in on horses, but Jesus came in on a mule in order to symbolize the humility that characterized His mission on earth. He was not a mighty earthly king, but a humble Savior. The crowds who greeted Him on Palm Sunday were strong supporters, in contrast to the crowds that called for His death on Good Friday. The liturgy includes the blessing of palms, the reading of the Passion, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

**HOLY THURSDAY:** After the weekdays of Holy Week, we begin the Triduum or three solemn days of Holy Week itself. Two significant sacraments were instituted on this night (Holy Orders and Holy Eucharist). The faithful gather in the early evening to celebrate the institution of these two sacraments. Our Lord gathered the Apostles in the Upper Room and instituted the Eucharist (they will gather in the Upper Room again on Pentecost). At the end of the celebration, Jesus and the Apostles went into the Garden of Gethsemane, where He was arrested and bound in chains. We symbolically represent this arrest by carrying the Eucharist in procession to a side tabernacle. It remains there until Easter.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** The Lord's death is remembered every Good Friday. There is no Mass today. In fact, this is the only day of the liturgical year in which Mass is FORBIDDEN. We gather for a liturgy of the Word, veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. We hear John's account of the Lord's suffering and death. Then we come forward to venerate the holy Cross. You notice that the priest even removes his shoes to venerate the Cross. This is a solemn day of reflection on the death of Jesus. The tabernacle remains off to the side so the faithful may quietly adore the Lord.

**EASTER:** After forty long days, we celebrate Easter (first the vigil on Saturday night and then the day on Sunday). The church is lit with candles, and lovely lilies and mums decorate the altar. We sing the Gloria and Alleluia again! Jesus is risen! This is a day to celebrate the resurrection Jesus Christ from the dead, a key article of the Christian faith. An Easter fire (representing the fire of Mt. Sinai) is and Easter Candle (representing the risen Christ) are blessed at the Easter Vigil, several readings are read, and candidates for baptism and confirmation are brought into the Church. At all Masses, we recall our baptismal promises and are blessed with holy water. As we near Holy Week, please take time to pray, fast, and reflect on the mystery of our salvation in Christ. The more you put into Holy Week, the more you get out of it. God bless you.

God bless you. Father Ray Atwood [dbq151@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq151@dbqarch.org)

Homily Notes: What did I hear that I would like to remember or think about later?

## Parish Financial Support

Mar 27-31

Budget \$2605  
 Offertory \$234  
 Building Fund \$145  
 Easter \$100

**Ukraine Aid \$2156.00**

*thank you!*

**March 2022**

**Online Giving**

Budget \$1785  
 Building Fund \$70  
 Pledge Install \$233  
**Total \$2088**

## April 2022

Bible study Tuesday April 5, 12, 19 Parish Hall 9AM or 6:30PM

Sun Apr 3 Donut Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Sun Apr 3 Peanut butter Sunday

**Sun Apr 3 after 8:30 Mass Lenten Presentation:**

**"A Walk with Jesus through Holy Week"**

**Join us** for a personal slide presentation of the Holy Places that Jesus walked on his last days. We will visit the Upper Room where Jesus and the Apostles shared the last supper. See the Garden of Gethsemane, the garden across the Kidron Valley on the Mount of Olives where Jesus prayed just before his arrest. Visit the Church of All Nations on the Rock of Agony that Jesus knelt in prayer. Join us on the walk of the Via Dolorosa, the way of the Cross, to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Golgotha (Calvary) Hill, the Rock of Calvary and so much more.

Tues Apr 5 Card Bingo @ Assisting Living 1:30PM

Wed Apr 13 Mats for the Homeless 9:30AM Parish hall

**Wed April 13 9:30AM Spring Cleaning Church**

**Men and Women invited/bring gloves/pails**

Thurs Apr 14 Parish Life Mtg 9:30AM

Sat Apr 16 Easter Bunny visiting Gazebo Park 10-11AM

Wed Apr 20 Monthly Community Potluck – 11:30AM

Wed Apr 20 Pastoral/Finance Mtg 5:30PM

Wed Apr 20 Last class for Wednesday evening CCD classes

Sun Apr 24 Last class for Sunday morning CCD classes

Sun Apr 24 Donut Sunday featuring "Show and Tell Boards"

Created by each class showing what they learned over this year.

Please mark your calendars for this fun end of the year activity.

Tues Apr 26 Office closed Spring Pastoral Leadership Study

Wed Apr 27 Faith Formation Mtg 5:45PM

Thur Apr 28 Staff Mtg @ 2:00 office closes at 1:30PM

## \*The Religious Education program

will have several catechist positions to fill next year. PLEASE consider sharing your time, talent, and faith with the youth of our parish. To inquire, please contact Dan by phone or stop into the office. We will be glad to discuss this ministry with you



## April Congratulatory Celebrations

**Celebrating 80+ Birthdays**

April 5 John Woods

April 30 Roberta Clemons

April 30 Lenora Ott

**Celebrating 50+ Anniversary**

April 17 Brian & Teresa Corcoran

April 26 Bob & Kay Frame



## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sun	Apr 3	8:30 AM	IC	Sue & Allen Prieschofft
			M: Deacon Jim	EM: Pat Pint
			Lector: Kelly Cummings	
Sun	Apr 3	10:30 AM	SH	For the People
Mon	Apr 4	8:30 AM	SH	Betty Adams†
Wed	Apr 6	8:30 AM	IC	Mary Ann Ryan†
Thurs	Apr 7	8:30 AM	SH	For the Sick
Fri	Apr 8	8:30 AM	SH	Gene Heitz†
Sat	Apr 9	4:30 PM	SH	Deceased Stasi/Troupe Families †
Sun	Apr 10	8:30 AM	IC	For the People

*Palm Sunday* M: Deacon Jim EM: Michelle Weepie  
 Lector: Kevin Bodenstainer

Sun Apr 10 10:30AM SH Francis & Marguerite Kolb  
 Loretta Kolb Grist †

**Holy Thursday Apr 14 IC Church 7PM**

**Good Friday Apr 15 IC Church Noon**

M: Deacon Jim EM: Cheryl Kleitsch

Lector: Jean Bellis

**Easter Sunday, April 17 at 8:30 AM Mass**

M: Deacon Jim EM: Kelly Galleger

Lector: Lori Beierschmitt

**April Ushers and Greeters**

Bob Bellis, Mitch Sauerbrei, Richard Rundle,  
 Mike Buenzow, Adam Kaufman, Jerry Shannon



## FISH FRY

sponsored by IC Church

**Remember!**

**Friday, April 8, 2022**

**4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**Immaculate Conception  
 Parish Center, Fairbank**

**DINE IN & CARRY-OUT**

Cod, baked potato, baked beans,  
 coleslaw, roll, dessert

**ADULTS \$15 10-6 YRS \$7**

**5 & UNDER FREE**



## Frosted, Pecan and Carmel Roll Fundraiser

**St Joseph Parish, Raymond Order by April 15**

**\$3.00 ea or 6 rolls for \$15.00**

Preorder: <http://www.icsjchurch.com/Bulletins.htm>

Orders can be picked up April 23, Reuter Hall

313 E Central St Raymond between 4:30-6:30 PM.



## Faith Formation

**Question of the Week:** Who among your family and friends do you need to forgive so that you can heal a broken relationship and experience newness? Choose one of the following activities as a way to further reflect on the Sunday readings: (Copyright © 1996-2012, Our Sunday Visitor, Inc. All rights reserved.)

- Gather family members in a circle. Talk about how your Lenten observances help you grow in friendship with Jesus. Serve pretzels as a reminder of the need for fasting and prayer during Lent.
- The message from this Sunday's Gospel is that Jesus doesn't condemn us; rather he wants us to receive his forgiveness and love. Reflect on your family relationships. Write a brief letter to a member of your family that you have not forgiven.
- Jesus wants us to live in the freedom of his love. As a family, plan to spend time with someone who is feeling trapped physically or emotionally. This could be a young mother who needs time alone away from the kids, a homebound elderly neighbor, or a classmate who is trapped by put-downs, prejudice or poverty.

If you wish to make a donation toward the *Easter flowers* please complete the form below and put it in the collection, mail, or bring to the office no later than **Wed. April 13.**

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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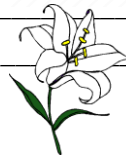
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Contact Name & PH: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark the envelope Easter Flowers



## Calendar

### Monday

APRIL 4

*Lenten Weekday*  
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17,  
19-30, 33-62  
or 13:41c-62  
Jn 8:12-20

### Tuesday

APRIL 5

*Lenten Weekday*  
Nm 21:4-9  
Jn 8:21-30

### Wednesday

APRIL 6

*Lenten Weekday*  
Dn 3:14-20,  
91-92, 95  
Jn 8:31-42

### Thursday

APRIL 7

*Lenten Weekday*  
Gn 17:3-9  
Jn 8:51-59

### Friday

APRIL 8

*Lenten Weekday*  
Jer 20:10-13  
Jn 10:31-42

### Saturday

APRIL 9

*Lenten Weekday*  
Ez 37:21-28  
Jn 11:45-56

### Sunday

APRIL 10

*Palm Sunday of the  
Lord's Passion*  
Lk 19:28-40  
Is 50:4-7  
Phil 2:6-11  
Lk 22:14-23:56  
or 23:1-49

## Holy Week Schedule

**Palm Sunday** – April 9 @ 4:30pm SH

April 10 IC Fairbank @ 8:30AM SH Oelwein @10:30AM

**Holy Thursday** - April 14 - 7pm at IC Church

**Good Friday** - April 15 - 12 noon at IC Church

5:30pm at Sacred Heart

**Holy Saturday** - April 16 - 8:30pm at Sacred Heart

**Easter Sunday** - April 17 - 8:30am at IC Church

10:30am at Sacred Heart

**Confessions can be heard during Holy Week**

Saturday, April 9 - 3:30 to 4:15pm Sacred Heart

Monday, April 11 - 5:30 to 6:30pm Immaculate Conception

Thursday, April 14 - Following Holy Thursday Mass at Immaculate Conception

Friday, April 15 - Following 5:30pm Mass at Sacred Heart

Saturday, April 16 - 11-12am at Sacred Heart



**1 CROSS  
2 NAILS  
4 GIVEN**



