



Welcome

FRIENDS & FAMILY

A Journey Through Lent

4th Sunday of Lent

27 March 2022

Immaculate Conception Parish

Fairbank, IA 50629

Today's Readings

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 34:2-7

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Luke 15:1-32

*Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come. And all this is from God.*

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-18A



Rejoice!

Today is **Laetare Sunday, the Lenten Sunday to rejoice.** We are encouraged to rejoice, not because Lent is half over, but because something extraordinary has occurred. All three readings for today applaud some wondrous and joyous occasion.

The reading from Joshua notes the end of the Israelites' grueling Egyptian and wilderness experience. They settled in Canaan and now celebrated the anniversary of their deliverance by offering to God in gratitude the fruits of their own harvest. The people who once were landless have now been made anew. This is surely a reason to rejoice.

Paul's words to the Corinthians were reason for great rejoicing. He assured them that, because of the death and resurrection of Jesus, their sinfulness was not held against them. Instead, they were now reconciled with God. They were a new creation. This too is reason to rejoice.

Jesus' story about the merciful father touches every

life. The young son turned away from his home and his family, yet it was the father's actions that brought about the reconciliation. The story did not explicitly say that he simply forgave his son. More than that, it says that he was filled with deep compassion for him—a compassion that restored the bond between them. This compassion brought the son who was dead back to life. There is no greater reason for rejoicing.

God has brought us into a new land, has made each of us a new creation, has brought us back to the embrace of our Father. And so, we rejoice.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *Think of a time when a severed relationship was repaired. Be grateful.*
- ★ *What might you do to repair a situation of alienation in your life?*

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

4th Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

We are rapidly approaching the most solemn and important week of the liturgical year, Holy Week. This Sunday 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. We read one of the accounts of the Lord's Passion (Matthew, Mark, or Luke) and receive Holy Communion at Mass. We have begun our journey to the Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. As a note, please dispose of your palms by burning, burying, or putting them behind a picture in your house because they are blessed.

HOLY THURSDAY: After the weekdays of Holy Week (Wednesday of which is called "Spy Wednesday" because Scripture tells us it is the day Judas betrayed our Lord (Mt. 26:14-16), 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 the Eucharist. At Mass, the priest says, "On the night he was betrayed . . ." meaning on the night in which Judas led the soldiers to arrest Jesus, Our Lord gathered the Apostles in the Upper Room (which we saw in Deacon Jim's powerful presentation last weekend) and instituted the Eucharist. 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. We gather for a liturgy of the Word, veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. There is no Mass this day. No bells are rung and the holy water stoups or fonts are emptied. 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. The church is lit with candles and beautiful lilies and mums decorate the altar. We sing the Gloria and Alleluia again! Jesus is risen! This is a day to celebrate the greatest miracle ever done, the raising of Jesus Christ from the dead. 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. As we near Holy Week, please take extra 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. Father Ray Atwood dbq151@dbqarch.org
Homily Notes: What did I hear that I would like to remember
or think about later?

Parish Financial Support

Mar 20-24

Budget	\$2779
Offertory	\$194
Building Fund	\$35
In Memory of Jerry Plaster	
Parish Center	\$710

Thank You



March 2022

Sun Mar 27 After 8:30 Mass Anointing Of The Sick



We are celebrating this Sacrament this weekend. Anyone seven years and older may be anointed if they have a serious health condition or facing surgery. Please move to the front of the church after Mass.

Sun Mar 27 Communal Penance Service 4-6pm SH

April 2022

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

Sun Apr 3 Donut Sunday (5th 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

Fri Apr 8 IC Parish Hall 2022 Fish Fry 4:30-7:30PM

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

Thurs Apr 14 Parish Life Mtg 9:30AM

Wed Apr 20 Monthly Community Potluck – 11:30AM

Wed Apr 20 Pastoral/Finance Mtg 5:30PM

Wed Apr 27 Faith Formation Mtg– 5:45PM

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

!!Second Collection Today!!

Please help our brothers and sisters in Ukraine by making a donation to Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the international relief agency of the Catholic Church. CRS is on the ground preparing across Ukraine and in bordering countries, ready to provide safe shelter, hot meals, hygiene supplies, transport to safe areas, counseling support, and more.

Donate securely online: <https://support.crs.org/donate/donate-ukraine>. Please be sure to write "Ukraine Aid" in the Special Request section. Send checks to: Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21297-0303. Please write on the check "Ukraine Aid." **Let us pray for peace!**

NCYC Can Redemption Thank you for your continued support. It would be very much appreciated if you could sort cans, plastic and glass bottles to help with the process of sorting and less handling.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sun	Mar 27	8:30 AM	IC	Al Matthews, †
	M. Deacon Jim	EM: Kelly Galleger		Frances Trebon Allen
		Lector: Dan Cutsforth		
Sun	Mar 27	10:30 AM	SH	For the People†
Mon	Mar 28	8:30 AM	SH	Mary & John Hernandez†
Wed	Mar 30	8:30 AM	IC	Diane Wengert†
Thurs	Mar 31	8:30 AM	SH	Wallace & Alberta Brecht †
Fri	Apr 1	8:30 AM	SH	Rob Casey †
Sat	Apr 2	4:30 PM	SH	Paul Strawn†
Sun	Apr 3	8:30 AM	IC	Sue & Allen Prieschoff†
		M: Deacon Jim	EM: Pat Pint	
		Lector: Kelly Cummings		

Sun Apr 3 10:30AM SH For the People †



Sunday, April 10 at 8:30 AM Mass

M: Deacon Jim EM: Michelle Weepie

Lector: Kevin Bodensteiner

March Usher and Greeters

Joe & Dianne Rubino, John Even

John W Even, Chad VanDaele, Jerry Shannon

April Ushers and Greeters

Bob Bellis, Mitch Sauerbrei, Richard Rundle,

Mike Buenzow, Adam Kaufman, Jerry Shannon

****We are in need of volunteers to be lectors****

and distribute communion. Please contact the office.

Signup sheets are in the east entrance

VOLUNTEERS
MAKE A DIFFERENCE
SIGN UP TODAY!

Fri April 8 Fish Fry
IC Parish Hall

Serving 4:30 to 7:30 PM

Adults \$15.00 10-6 yrs \$7 5 & Under Free

Dine In and Carry Out Available

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

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.**

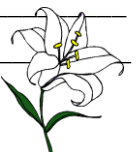
In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Contact Name & PH: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Please mark the envelope Easter Flowers





Faith Formation

Question of the Week: Is it difficult for you to say "I'm sorry" when you hurt another or get off track in your own life? Why or why not? 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.)

- The Gospel reading for Sunday is one of the most familiar stories in the Bible. Read with your family the story of the return of the prodigal son, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32. After the reading, list the steps of reconciliation identified in the story.
- Prepare your family's favorite meal. Before the meal, ask family members to share stories about a time when they were grateful for the gift of forgiveness that someone in your family offered them.
- Talk about your experiences of forgiveness and reconciliation in the family. Discuss: What does a falling out between family members do to our home environment? What signs do we use to ask forgiveness? What signs do we use to tell one another that we forgive them?
- Agree, as a family, to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation together with the Parish family during Lent. Check to see that everyone is comfortable and remembers how to participate in the sacrament. Plan a family treat after the celebration.

Provided by Faith Formation: *Altaration: The Mystery of the Mass Revealed, Today following Mass...* **March 27th.** Father Mike Schmitz leads the video and the focus is to get adults and teens "to appreciate the awesome beauty and mystery of the Mass, and to actually look forward to attending and participating."

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



Calendar

Monday

MARCH 28

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21

Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

MARCH 29

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

MARCH 30

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

MARCH 31

Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14

Jn 5:31-47

Friday

APRIL 1

Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

APRIL 2

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20

Jn 7:40-53

Sunday

APRIL 3

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21

Phil 3:8-14

Jn 8:1-11

The
Joy
of the Lord is my
strength.

