



# WEST FORK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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## 20 September 2015

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**WFCC MISSION STATEMENT:** WE, the members of **Immaculate Conception Parish of Merville** and **St. Michael Parish of Kingsley**, being clustered in the Diocese of Sioux City, Iowa, ARE a Catholic Christian people, living the Paschal Mystery, united in creed, worship, and love for each other.

**Our Mission is:** ...to worship and praise our God. ...to educate and promote spiritual growth of our people of all ages. ...to serve each other within the Church, helping all members grow in their relationship with God and with one another. ...to live the Gospel through a ministry of hospitality with all our sisters and brothers in the global community.

**VISIT** <http://www.westforkcatholiccommunity.org> to find more information about both parishes, to read and/or download this weekly bulletin, to read the latest news, and to learn more about our faith.

As many of you know, the largest “group” of Christians in the United States is us - Roman Catholics. The second-largest is closely related to us - former or “fallen-away” Catholics. Why so many? There are a variety of reasons: anger, resentment, hurt, misunderstandings, political or social views contrary to church teaching, apathy, etc. But I believe with all my heart that the real reason is because these brothers and sisters of ours who have left do not truly understand what it is that we are and believe. That is why the sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ and the sharing of the teachings and precepts of His Church is so important and necessary. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen once said, “There are not one hundred people in the United States who hate The Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be.”

The third Sunday of September is celebrated as Catechetical Sunday in order to acknowledge, appreciate and commission those who are catechists, that is, those who perform a special service of sharing our faith with our young people. Of course we know that Parents are the first and most important teachers of our faith to our kids, but this weekend we especially recognize and thank all those who so generously assist our parents. To our catechists and all those involved in our religious education programs I extend my sincerely thanks and appreciation!

Before I became a seminarian, the parish I was attending needed catechists and I was approached and asked to become one. I declined as I knew that there were too many ways where I either wasn't living out our faith as I ought or that I didn't know our faith as well as I should. My parish priest persisted and I eventually agreed, and it was one of the best decisions of my life. Sometimes we need a nudge to move beyond our comfort zone, to let go of our hesitancy, face our hypocrisies and take substantial action to become the people that God created us to be and we really want to be. Even if you are not ready to volunteer to be a catechist, I challenge you to work at growing in your faith. It is my understanding that in the past we have utilized Bible Study, Symbolon and other programs for our RCIA, religious education and other programs. I will be sharing more information about what programs we will have available for you and how you can access and utilize them. In the meantime, have a blessed week!

*Fr. Brad Pelzel*

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL [DAA]** begins today. This is Bishop's annual appeal and request to assist in the funding of this ministry to the Diocese of Sioux City. Every REGIS-

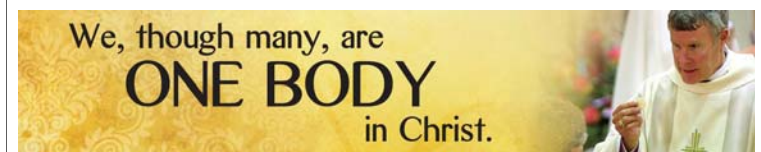
TERED FAMILY of the parish will receive a letter in the mail from the Bishop asking for your financial assistance. Please pray about making a pledge and/or donation and RETURN your pledge card and donation in the envelope in the WEEKLY COLLECTION BASKET or drop it off at the parish office. Please do not mail these to the Diocese as these pledges need to be recorded here in the parish office before being forwarded to the Diocese.

### DINNERS/BREAKFASTS:

- **Salem's Annual Port Chop Dinner** sponsored by Salem Lutheran Fellowship Group. Sunday, September 20, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Adults: \$9.00, Children (4-10): \$6.00, Carryouts: \$9.00. Serving grilled pork chops, cheesy hash brown potatoes, baked beans, cole slaw, applesauce, bread, dessert and beverages.
- **Bazaar and Chicken Dinner** sponsored by St. Joseph Church – Salix. Sunday, September 27, 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Adults: \$9.00; Children (4-10): \$3.00. Many raffle items to take chances on. Serving chicken, potatoes, gravy, salads and desserts.

**WFCC USHERS** Fr. Brad has asked the Ushers at every Mass complete a Mass Count and write the number of people at Mass in the Ordo located in the Sacristy. Any question please contact Fr. Brad.

**WELCOME COFFEE AND ROLLS FOR FATHER BRAD** after Sunday mass on September 27. Sponsored by the St. Michael Ladies Guild. We would like everyone to join us in welcoming Father and join in fellowship. This is also a great time for everyone to see the newly remodeled church hall.



### 2015 Diocesan Annual Appeal

	MOVILLE	KINGSLEY
\$ Goal:	\$11,000.00	\$17,000.00
\$ Pledged:	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$ Given:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pledges Goal:	151	166
Participants:	0	0
Participant Rate:	0%	0%

**Thank you to Everyone who has returned a Pledge Card!**

# ST. MICHAEL CHURCH—KINGSLEY

Est. 1888

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The mission of St Michael's Parish is to respond to our baptismal call, serve God, congregation and community with our talents and resources. With the leadership of our pastor, our values of prayer, liturgy, stewardship, family, education and evangelization shall be the focus of this parish.

## FROM THE DESK OF BARB SITZMANN, DRE:

- There is a Joint WFCC MANDATORY Confirmation parent meeting on September 23 at 7:00 p.m. at IC Church in Moville. Please make plans to attend this meeting with your child.
- 11th/12th Community Service Work will be at Marilyn Puttmann's home on September 23. Please turn in separate permission slips before event.
- Confirmation sponsor forms are due in the Faith Formation office by Friday, October 2. These will be given out at the meeting on September 23.
- Server training will be Wednesday, October 14 at 4:00 p.m. at the church. All 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be attending. If your 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade child is interested in serving or would like a refresher class, please let me know and plan on them attending the training.
- All high school students will be going to Planned Parenthood to pray during the 40 Days for Life on Wednesday, October 14, leaving at approximately 6:15 pm from the Faith Formation Center. We will also be going to Mary's Choice located next to Planned Parenthood and returning around 8:30 pm. Signed permission slips will be required for each student attending. Permission slips will be handed out in the near future.
- Alice Seuntjens will be starting a book/bible study on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 am. The book being used will be Confessions of a Mega Church Pastor by Allen Hunt. Call Alice at 378-2242 if you are interested in attending.

- All students attending Faith Formation must be registered for classes. If you did not register your child last Wednesday, please contact me for forms.
- Contact info: St. Michael FF Center 378-2021, Barb's cell 712-251-8567, home phone 378-2052, work phone 378-2861. Emails- FF [stmikedre@gmail.com](mailto:stmikedre@gmail.com), home [barbsitzmann@yahoo.com](mailto:barbsitzmann@yahoo.com), work [bsitzmann@k-pcsd.org](mailto:bsitzmann@k-pcsd.org).

**MEMBERS OF LADIES GUILD** please call Marilyn Puttmann at 378-2191 or Jan Meister at 378-2368 with updated cell phone numbers. Many ladies have new numbers and/or have discontinued land lines and the Guild is unable to reach them. Thank you.

### INCOME/EXPENSES LAST WEEK

Adult Envelopes ..... \$3,260.00 (31 Envelopes)  
 Youth Envelopes\* ..... \$7.00 ( 5 Envelopes)  
 Loose ..... \$461.00  
**Total Income ..... \$3,728.00**  
 Needed Each Week ..... \$2,877.89  
**Total Expenses..... \$1,758.06**

\*Time/Talent quotes from youth envelopes: ""

### BUDGET REPORT 2015-2016

**Income needed by 30 June 2016:** \$143,090.78  
**Income needed each week:** \$2,751.75  
**Income received since 1 July 2015:** \$23,396.66

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# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH—MOVILLE

Est. 1892

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Immaculate Conception Parish strives to make the Catholic Christian life available to the people of God within the parish by opening up the rich heritage of the teachings of Jesus Christ, thus enabling them to experience more fully the presence of God in their lives and the peace, love and the joy of following him.

## FROM THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE:

- We are in need of a **second grade catechist** for the 2015–2016 Faith Formation year. If interested, please contact Fr. Brad at 873-3644.
- During Faith Formation classes on Wednesday afternoons and evenings, the **north entrance doors** are kept locked for safety and Safe Environment Program reasons.

**CHURCH CUSTODIAN WANTED:** for Immaculate Conception Parish – Moville starting 7 September 2015. Applicant must be familiar with general cleaning skills including cleaning of floors, carpets, bathrooms, kitchens, windows, etc. along with the use of general cleaning equipment including vacuum cleaners, etc. Work needs to be completed before weekend and special [weddings, funerals, etc.] liturgies. Applicants must be able to pass a background check [criminal and credit] and be in compliance with the Safe Environment Program within six-months of hire. Applications are available from the WFCC office. Position is open until filled.

**PARISH DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION or PASTORAL MINISTER [FULLTIME]** - Immaculate Conception Church of Moville, IA is seeking a faith-filled Catholic in good standing for the position of Director of Faith Formation (DFF) or Pastoral Minister [depending on qualifications]. This position will be primarily responsible for the administration, assessment and implementation of the Faith Formation Programs and Sacramental Preparations. The DFF will also provide leadership, vision and have an active role in the Youth Ministry Programs and Adult Evangelization. Additional responsibilities will be with RCIA for the parishes of the West Fork Catholic Community

[Immaculate Conception-Moville and St. Michael-Kingsley]. Previous experience with a Faith Formation program or as a catechist is a plus. Salary is dependent upon level of education and experience. This position is available immediately and will remain open until filled. Application available at [www.westforkcatholiccommunity.org](http://www.westforkcatholiccommunity.org). Please send application to Fr. Brad Pelzel, PO Box 802, Moville, IA 51039-0802.

### INCOME/EXPENSES

Adult Envelopes ..... \$1,056.00 (30 Envelopes)  
 Youth Envelopes\* ..... \$5.00 ( 8 Envelopes)  
 Loose ..... \$104.75  
 Interest Income ..... \$3.48  
 Retired Priest/Sister ..... \$5.00 ( 1 Envelope)  
**Total Income ..... \$1,174.23**  
 Needed Each Week ..... \$2,859.23  
**Total Parish Expenses..... \$1,392.03**

\*Time/Talent quotes from youth envelopes: "played with my little brother", "prayed for my grandpa", "Set the tabel :)", "mass server"

### BUDGET REPORT 2015-2016

**Income needed by 30 June 2016:** \$148,679.57  
**Income needed each week:** \$2,859.23  
**Income received since 1 July 2015:** \$40,677.67

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## ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

### **MONDAY—SEPTEMBER 21**

#### ***Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist***

7:30 a.m. Eucharist [*People of WFCC*] - Moville  
8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (I) - Kingsley

### **TUESDAY—SEPTEMBER 22**

#### ***Twenty-Fifth Tuesday in Ordinary Time***

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Moville  
8:00 a.m. Eucharist [*People of WFCC*] - Kingsley  
7:00 p.m. ICC Building/Grounds Team Meeting - Moville

### **WEDNESDAY—SEPTEMBER 23**

#### ***Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest***

7:30 a.m. Eucharist [*Bernice O'Tool+*] - Moville  
8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Kingsley  
4:00 p.m. Faith Formation [PS-4] - Kingsley  
4:00 p.m. Faith Formation [PS-5] - Moville  
7:00 p.m. Faith Formation [5-12] - Kingsley  
7:00 p.m. Faith Formation [6-9] - Moville  
7:00 p.m. CICC - Moville  
**7:00 p.m. WFCC Confirmation Parent Meeting  
- Kingsley**

### **THURSDAY—SEPTEMBER 24**

#### ***Twenty-Fifth Thursday in Ordinary Time***

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Moville  
8:00 a.m. Eucharist [*Rev. Msgr. Nicholas Ruba+*]  
- Kingsley  
12:30 p.m. PieceMakers - Moville  
7:00 p.m. PieceMakers - Moville

### **FRIDAY—SEPTEMBER 25**

#### ***Twenty-Fifth Friday in Ordinary Time***

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Moville  
8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Kingsley

### **SATURDAY—SEPTEMBER 26**

#### ***Twenty-Fifth Saturday in Ordinary Time***

4:30-4:45 p.m. Reconciliation - Kingsley  
5:00 p.m. Eucharist [*Thomas D. Cooper+*] - Moville  
6:00 p.m. KC8232 Dinner - Moville

### **SUNDAY—SEPTEMBER 27**

#### ***Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

8:30-8:45 a.m. Reconciliation - Kingsley  
9:00 a.m. Eucharist [*Robert/Patricia Stratton+*]/Baptism  
(Collins) - Kingsley  
10:00 a.m. Coffee/Juice/Rolls - Kingsley

### **A PRAYER FOR HEALING IN THE CHURCH**

*Holy Spirit, comforter, advocate, and guide, inspire a new spring-time of holiness and apostolic zeal for the Church.*

*May our sorrow and our tears, our sincere effort to redress past wrongs, and our firm purpose of amendment bear an abundant harvest of grace for the deepening of the faith in our families, parishes, schools, and communities, for the spiritual progress of society, and the growth of charity, justice, joy, and peace within the whole human family.*



*To you, Holy Trinity, confident in the loving protection of Mary and all the saints, do we entrust ourselves, our children, and the needs of the Church in the world. Amen.*

## MINISTERS' ASSIGNMENTS

### **Immaculate Conception, Moville**

**SATURDAY SEPTMEBER 26 5:00 P.M.**  
**Altar Servers:** Paige Glackin, Suzanne Putze  
**Reader(s):** Aidan O'Mara, Jason O'Mara  
**Cantor:** Angie Williams  
**Organist:** Laura Krajicek  
**Gifts:** Judy Gruis  
**Communion:** Allyson Bennett, Shelly Byers, Mike Byers  
**CharMac:** Kay Sands  
**Ushers:** Jim Gries, Volunteer  
**Collection**  
**Counters:** Alicia Jenness, Connie Brockhaus

### **St. Michael, Kingsley**

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27 9:00 A.M.**  
**Altar Servers:** Rachel Bohle, Abbie Martensen  
**Reader(s):** Carter Bohle, Rita Conry  
**Cantor:** Alice Seuntjens  
**Organist:** Volunteer  
**Gifts:** Volunteer  
**Communion:** Bill Langel, Jeanine Haggin, Lisa Langel  
**KNH:** Janice Meister  
**Greeters:** Verlyn & Charlene Nafe  
**Ushers:** Mitchell Bohle, Marv McDermott  
**Collection**  
**Counters:** Amber Schweitzberger, Barb Sitzmann

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH

## **IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BECOME A LITURGICAL MINISTER?**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to serve as:

**Altar Server** 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.

**Cantor** 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.

**Gift Bearer** 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.

**Musician** 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.

**Instrument** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reader** 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.

**Usher** 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.

(Please circle the time(s) you would be available to serve)

Drop this form in the collection basket or at the office.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Ella Bahmer, Leonard Beaver, Juanita Beaubien, Jim Behrens, Tom/Donna Clark, Virginia Connelly, Mary Drevs, Pauline Dugan, Kara Funk, Charlotte Honkomp, Virginia & Walt Kabisch, Wes Keller, Millie Kisting, Joan McCain, Max/Jo McConnell, Patricia McConnell, Kay Miller, Shirley Neustrom, Denny Robeson, Bob/Patricia Rogers, Judy Schroeder, Sylvesta Slota, Dan Strachan, Bernice Timmins, Marcella Thomas, Jeune Vondrak, Gerry Weinrich, Emmet Woltman, Chuck Wilcox, Millie Wycoff, and the men and women serving in the military and police.

**ICC SANCTUARY LIGHT [SEPTEMBER 20-26]** burns for the *People of WFCC*.

**Weeks available until December 13.**

**SMC SANCTUARY LIGHT [SEPTEMBER 20-26]** burns for *Joe/Virginia Otterpohl+* at the request of *Ricki, Susie & Nikki Ahlquist*.

**Weeks available until December 31.**

### IMPORTANT DATES

- September 28: Diocesan Ministries Conferences [Gehlen]
- October 1, 11:00 a.m.: Eucharist [CharMac]
- October 2, 10:00 a.m.: Eucharist [KNH]
- October 4, 9:00 a.m.: Baptism (Spooner) [K]
- October 7, 4:00 p.m.: ICC Altar Server Training [M]
- October 10: Hall Rental [M]
- October 10, 6:00 p.m.: ICC Ladies Guild Dinner [M]
- October 11: Bishop's Dinner [SC]
- October 13, 6:30 p.m.: Eucharist [M]
- October 13, 7:00 p.m.: KC Steak Fry/Meeting [M]
- October 14, 4:00 p.m.: SMC Altar Server Training [K]
- October 17, 10:00 a.m.: Community Basket Distribution [Pierson]
- October 19-22: Presbyterate Retreat [Schayler]
- October 20, 7:00 p.m.: SMC Parish Council Meeting [K]
- October 24, 6:00 p.m.: KC8232 Dinner [M]
- October 27, 7:00 p.m.: WFCC Finance Council Meeting [K]
- October 27, 7:00 p.m.: WFCC Parish Life Team Meeting [M]
- October 28, 4:00 p.m.: ICC Reader Training [M]
- October 28, 7:00 p.m.: SMC Reader Training [K]
- November 3, 7:00 p.m.: ICC Guild Meeting [M]
- November 6, TBA: Wedding Rehearsal [M]
- November 7, 2:00 p.m.: Wedding (Hancock/Livermore) [M]
- November 14-15, All Masses: Holy Land Olive Art
- November 17, 7:00 p.m.: ICC Pastoral Council Meeting [M]
- November 21, 10:00 a.m.: Community Basket Distribution [Kingsley]
- November 25: No Faith Formation Classes [M/K]
- December 2, 4:00 p.m.: Reconciliation [M]
- December 2, 6:00-8:00 p.m.: Family Potluck [M]
- December 2, 7:00 p.m.: Reconciliation [M]
- December 13, 7:00 p.m.: Maranatha [M]
- December 16, 4:30 p.m.: ICC Advent Program [M]
- December 19, 10:00 a.m.: Community Basket Distribution [Moville]
- December 22, 7:00 p.m.: SMC Parish Council Meeting [K]
- December 23: No Faith Formation Classes

### WEST FORK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY INFORMATION

**ADMINISTRATOR:** Fr. Brad Pelzel 712-873-3644

**Email:** icmville@wiatel.net

**Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper:** Alicia Jenness

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH:** 712-873-3644

**Director of Faith Formation:** Vacant

**Custodian:** Vacant

**ST. MICHAEL CHURCH HALL:** 712-378-2722

**FAITH FORMATION CENTER:** 712-378-2021

**Director of Faith Formation:** Barbara Sitzmann

**Email:** stmikedre@gmail.com

**Custodian-Church:** Jan Meister

**Assistant Custodian-Church:** Jolene Spooner

**Custodian-FF Center:** Sonya Hamman

**Groundskeeper:** Jerome Gollhofer

**WFCC [MOVILLE] OFFICE HOURS:**

**Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.** 8:15 a.m.-noon, 1:00-4:15 p.m.

**Wed.** 8:15 a.m.-noon, 1:00-5:30 p.m., 6:30-8:45 p.m.

Other times by appointment

**EUCCHARIST:**

**Saturday:** 5:00 p.m.-Moville

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m.-Kingsley

**Monday, Wednesday:** 7:30 a.m.-Moville

**Tuesday, Thursday:** 8:00 a.m.-Kingsley

**RECONCILIATION:**

**Saturday:** 4:30-4:45 p.m.-Moville

**Sunday:** 8:30-8:45 a.m.-Kingsley

Other times by appointment

**MORNING PRAYER:**

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 a.m.—Moville

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 a.m.—Kingsley

**BAPTISM** is to be arranged with the pastor in order to prepare for the child's baptism after completion of Baptism Class held quarterly (March, June, September, December).

**MARRIAGE** preparation is to begin 6-12 months before the wedding day. Please contact the pastor so that all preparations can be completed in time for the wedding and marriage.

**Remember, a wedding is just a day,  
a marriage is a LIFETIME!**

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** By appointment; last Sunday of October during Sunday Masses.

**PERSONS WISHING TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**, whether baptized in another faith or unbaptized and over the age of seven [7], should contact the pastor to begin the process known as RCIA at anytime of the year.

**THOSE DISCERNING GOD'S CALL to be a priest, deacon, sister, or brother**, may speak with the pastor or call the Diocesan Vocation office at 712-255-7933.