



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

MONDAY—SEPTEMBER 12

Twenty-Fourth Monday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Eucharist [Paul Loutsch+] - Menville

TUESDAY—SEPTEMBER 13

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30 a.m. Rosary - Menville

8:00 a.m. Eucharist [Rev. Msgr. Nicholas Ruba+] - Kingsley

6:30 p.m. Eucharist [People of WFCC] - Kingsley

7:00 p.m. KC8232 Steak Fry/Meeting - Menville

WEDNESDAY—SEPTEMBER 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:30 a.m. Eucharist [Mary Drevs+] - Menville

11:00 a.m. Eucharist [Shirlee Williams+] - CharMac

4:00 p.m. SMC Server Training - Kingsley

4:00 p.m. Faith Formation [PS-4] - Kingsley

4:00 p.m. Faith Formation [PS-4] - Menville

7:00 p.m. SMC Ladies Guild Meeting - Kingsley

7:00 p.m. Faith Formation [5-12] - Kingsley

7:00 p.m. Faith Formation [5-8] - Menville

7:00 p.m. CICC - Menville

THURSDAY—SEPTEMBER 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

7:30 a.m. Rosary - Menville

8:00 a.m. Eucharist [Dale Leekley+] - Kingsley

8:30 a.m. Bible/Book Study - Kingsley

12:30 p.m. PieceMakers - Menville

FRIDAY—SEPTEMBER 16

Saint Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Rosary - Menville

SATURDAY—SEPTEMBER 17

Twenty-Fourth Saturday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Reconciliation - Kingsley

5:00 p.m. Eucharist [Joe & Virginia Otterpohl+] - Kingsley

SUNDAY—SEPTEMBER 18

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Reconciliation - Menville

9:00 a.m. Eucharist [Rick Schorg+] - Menville

10:00 a.m. Coffee/Juice/Rolls (Guild) - Menville

1:00 p.m. BCC Session 3 - Kingsley

2:00 p.m. BCC Session 4 - Kingsley

3:00 p.m. BCC Session 5 - Kingsley

6:00 p.m. Virtus Training - Menville

Please visit the WFCC website 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.

<http://www.westforkcatholiccommunity.org>

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11 September 2016

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

After many incidents, and more anxious and sleepless nights than she could count, the mother of a gang member told her son that she could not bear it anymore and, if he continued to get into trouble he could not count on her help. Shortly thereafter, the young man was arrested and jailed, and he did not dare to call his mother. When she found out, she hurried to the prison and asked him why he had not let her know. "How could you think I wouldn't help you?" she asked. "Am I not your mother?"

Many people had told her that she shouldn't do anything more for him and that what was needed to straighten him out was a lesson delivered with "tough love". They gave her 1000 reasons why it was better for him to face the consequences of his actions without her assistance; and to each one of their reasons, she would respond, "I know that and I have told myself the same thing many times; but if a mother won't believe in her son and be there for him, who will?"

In today's readings we see the same kind of stubborn loyalty in God love for us. In spite of the lack of gratitude and the unfaithfulness of the people of Israel, in spite of St. Paul's initial intention to wipe out Christianity, God cannot stop being God. Whether it is Moses and the ancient Israelites receiving God's forgiveness even though they did not deserve it or St. Paul receiving God's love and mercy without being able to explain why, over and over and over again, God shows the depth of his love for us.

The shepherd who leaves the 99 sheep behind cannot stop caring about the one gone astray. The nature of God is such that, as St. Paul says in another one of his letters, "If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, since he cannot deny himself." God cannot stop being who he is; just like the mother of the gang member couldn't stop being his mother, no matter how many mistakes he made. His mother's friends would say that he no longer deserves her caring and kindness -- which by the way could also be said about the Israelites and about each of us on many occasions -- but a mother is a mother and our God is our God. A person who does not love could perhaps be more objective and rational. This is not to say that love makes those who love blind, unwise and irrational, but love sees with different eyes. Those who love know that only love can bring back those who are lost. Moses reminds God of this and God answers by forgiving the Israelites again, and again, and again; and they eventually respond to that. The faithfulness of God lasts forever.

Just as the Israelites in the desert, St. Paul in the early Church, or the lamb that leaves the herd to wander, we too sometimes get lost, following our own plans and chasing after things that we believe will bring us happiness - that ultimately will not. Because of our mistakes, we may feel that it is not possible for us to be forgiven and impossible for us to return. But such feelings are in error. All we need to do is to repent and God will forgive us and restore us to being members of His Kingdom. Unconditional faithfulness and forgiveness may seem strange and even extravagant; but they are the nature of God, for God is love.

Fr. Brad Pelzel

BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. BRAD - Learn how the key people, places, and events in the Bible fit together to reveal God's plan for you as you study the Bible from a Catholic perspective and see how our faith is rooted in Sacred Scripture. Each session is approx. 2 hours long with a discussion of the readings, Q & A by Fr. Brad and a video on the readings. For more information contact Fr. Brad.

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MINISTERS' ASSIGNMENTS

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17 5:00 P.M.

- Altar Servers:** Kaylinn Seuntjens, Carson Seuntjens, Sydney Seuntjens
- Reader(s):** Madison Wurth, Val Sitzmann
- Cantor:** Amanda Seuntjens
- Organist:** Jolene Spooner
- Gifts:** Dustin Beelner Family
- Communion:** Bill Sitzmann, Corey Sitzmann, Doris Seuntjens
- KNH:** Janice Meister
- Greeters:** Marie Benedix, Anne Dunne
- Ushers:** Randy Plendl, Marv McDermott
- Collection Counters:** Becky Sitzmann, Shelly Krieg

INCOME/EXPENSES LAST WEEK

Adult Envelopes	\$0.00
Youth Envelopes*	\$0.00
Loose.....	\$0.00
Total Income.....	\$0.00
Needed Each Week	\$2,877.89
Total Expenses	\$0.00
*Time/Talent quotes from youth envelopes: none	

BUDGET REPORT 2016-2017

Income needed by 30 June 2017:	\$150,234.37
Income needed each week:	\$2,889.12
Income received since 1 July 2016:	\$27,239.42

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SMC SANCTUARY LIGHT [SEPTEMBER 11-17] burns for the People of WFCC.

Weeks available until December 25.

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PRAYER AND SOLIDARITY:

- Flooding in southern Louisiana has devastated homes, businesses, and parishes. As waters recede, the need for immediate relief, for clean-up, and for beginning reconstruction remains significant. Please pray generously for those affected! If possible, donations for Louisiana flood relief can be made through the website of the Diocese of Baton Rouge, www.diobr.org, and click on the "donate" tab.
- A magnitude 6.2 earthquake, and numerous strong aftershocks, have toppled buildings throughout central Italy, killing hundreds. The need for assistance for immediate relief and for rebuilding is very high. Please pray generously for all those affected, especially the souls of the dead, and those who mourn loved ones. If possible, donations for the Italy earthquake relief can be made through Catholic Relief Services, on their website, www.crs.org/stories/emergency-response, and click on "donate" under "Earthquake in Central Italy."

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FROM THE DESK OF BARB SITZMANN, DRE:

- Alice Seuntjens has started a new book/bible study on Thursdays. The book is Beautiful Mercy by Matthew Kelly (Dynamic Catholic) and others. Sessions will meet at 8:30 am weekly. Please contact Alice at 378-2242 if you are interested in participating.
- During the month of September, PS-12th grade FF students will be having a can good drive for the Dwelling Food Pantry in Kingsley. Please bring any items to the FF building through September 28th. On the 28th, the 10th, 11th and 12th grade students will be taking the collected items to the Dwelling and organizing the food pantry.
- For catechists needing to take certification classes, Sunday, September 11th from 1-2 pm will be class #1 and from 2-3 pm will be class #2. These classes will be held at the FF Center. Please let me know if you plan to attend.
- Wednesday, September 14th from 4-5 pm, Fr. Brad will be doing server training. All 4th graders and any other students wishing to become servers need to attend. Middle school students wanting to attend need to take transportation from the middle school to the church that afternoon. Please plan accordingly.
- The weekend of September 17th and 18th is Catechetical Sunday. All catechists please come forward during the Mass you attend that weekend, to be recognized.
- For catechists needing to take certification classes, Sunday, September 18th from 1-2 pm will be class #3, 2-3 pm will be class #4 and from 3-4 pm will be class #5. These classes will be held at the FF Center. Please let me know if you plan to attend.
- Sunday, September 18th from 6-8 pm at the Movable Church, Father Brad will be presenting a Virtus class. Any new catechists, new sub teachers, parents interesting in helping with events and driving, and any seniors in high school interesting in helping with the youth are encouraged to take this class. Any seniors that are 17 years old that would like to take the class are needing written parental permission. Please contact me for a permission slip.
- Sunday, September 25th from 10:30 am-7pm will be Diocesan Youth Rally held at Sacred Heart Church in Spencer. This event is open for any middle school and high school students. Registration will be done through the parishes and the deadline to register is September 19th. Cost for the event is \$30. Forms have been sent home with all students. Please return forms to me ASAP if you are attending.
- Wednesday, September 21st at 7 pm at St. Michael Church will be a MANDATORY First Reconciliation parent meeting for parents of 2nd grade FF students.
- Wednesday, September 28th, the 5th-7th FF students will be going to Trinity Heights with driver certified chaperones. They will be leaving the FF Center at approximately 6:15 pm and return around 8:30 pm. Students have been given permission slips for this event. Please return them to me ASAP so I know how many drivers to line up.
- Reader training will be held Wednesday, October 5th in the church. Any middle school or high school students are encouraged to participate.
- 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, home barbsitzmann@yahoo.com, work bsitzmann@k-pcsd.org.

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MINISTERS' ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18 9:00 A.M.

- Altar Servers:** Madelyn Schultz, Erika Kuntz, Jacob Kuntz
- Reader(s):** Brynn Kuntz, Pam Kuntz
- Cantor:** Sally Schultz
- Organist:** Laura Krajcick
- Gifts:** Jim Gries Family
- Communion:** Mary Schultz, Carol Nelson, Eric Nelson
- CharMac:** Elaine Ketelsen
- Ushers:** Butch Grell, Volunteer
- Collection Counters:** Pam Cooper, JoAnne Jenness

INCOME/EXPENSES LAST WEEK

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1,726.00 (35 Envelopes)
Youth Envelopes*.....	\$3.50 (3 Envelopes)
Loose.....	\$509.00
Sanctuary Light.....	\$50.00
Building Fund.....	\$112.50
Total Income.....	\$2,401.00
Needed Each Week	\$2,859.23
Total Parish Expenses	\$1,189.20
*Time/Talent quotes from youth envelopes: "played with my little brother"	

BUDGET REPORT 2016-2017

Income needed by 30 June 2017:	\$150,548.91
Income needed each week:	\$2,895.17
Income received since 1 July 2016:	\$49,312.96

9/9/2016

ICC SANCTUARY LIGHT [SEPTEMBER 11-17] burns for **Ed & Secret Plendl** at the request of **Bud & Eilene Foster**.

Weeks available after January 22.

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THE GLOBE Read about the canonization of Mother Teresa in The Catholic Globe! Got news? Email news@scdiocese.org or call (712) 255-2550 or (800) 352-9035.

SECULAR CARMELITES will have a retreat with Fr. Ralph Reyes, OCD at the Carmelite Monastery, Sioux City on Saturday September 17, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Lunch provided. Free will offering accepted. Contact Wavie Greigg 712-276-3614 or wagocds@gmail.com.

DINNERS/BREAKFASTS:

- **Famous Roast Beef Dinner** Sunday, September 11, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church-Ellendale. Adults: \$9.00; Children (4-10): \$4.50. Serving roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, home grown corn, tomatoes, pickles, homemade pies and desserts.

CHURCH CUSTODIAN WANTED: for Immaculate Conception Parish – Menville 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.

FROM THE DESK OF ANGIE DUFFY, DFF:

- New catechists needing take certification classes, here is the schedule: **Sunday, September 11** class #1 from 1:00-2:00 p.m.; Class #2 from 2:00-3:00; **Sunday, September 18** class #3 from 1:00-2:00; Class #4 from 2:00-3:00; Class #5 from 3:00-4:00. All classes will be held at Kingsley FF center. Please contact Barb (712-251-8567) if you plan to attend. THESE CLASSES ARE REQUIRED OF NEW CATECHISTS.
- First day of Faith Formation classes will be on Wednesday, **September 14**, PS-4th grades will attend from 3:50-5:00 p.m. and 5-8th grades will attend class from 7:00-8:10 p.m.
- **CICC classes** for the month of September will be the 14th and 28th starting at 7:00 p.m. High School students (9-12) are asked to attend the CICC Formation classes. Fr. Brad will be the lead catechist. His focus this year is Rediscovering Jesus. Looking forward to seeing you there.
- **September 18** at 6:00 p.m. at IC parish hall Fr. Brad will present the **VIRTUS training** class for new catechists, new substitute catechists, or parents interested in helping with the youth are asked to attend this training. To get registered please contact Alicia at the parish office 873-3644.
- **Parents of 2nd grade** Faith Formation students there will be a Parent Reconciliation meeting on September 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kingsley Faith Formation center. It is **important that you attend**.
- **Diocesan Youth Conference**, Sept. 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish in Spencer, IA. Students in grades 6-8 would attend the Middle School track session and students in grades 9-12 would attend the High School track session. If interested in attending please contact me, Angie, at 873-3644 or go to the Sioux City Diocese website, www.scdiocese.org, to learn more information and register.
- **Exorcism Talk !!!**
October 26, at 7 pm there will be a guest speaker on the topic of exorcism in the parish hall. Ever wonder if ghosts are real? Is the stuff in exorcism movies correct? Do we have exorcisms in our diocese? Come find out!
- **SEARCH RETREATS** for high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors have been set for November 11-13 at Sacred Heart School in Early, IA and March 3-5 at Spalding Catholic School in Granville, IA. Please think about attending a Search Retreat. It is a wonderful and moving experience. More details to come in the future.
- **Contact info:** Immaculate Conception Office 712-873-3644; Angie's cell 712-560-2593; email icmvilleddff@wiatel.net

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- **Omelet Benefit Breakfast** Sunday, October 2, from 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. At St. Michael-Sioux City. This is a benefit for longtime parishioner and Knights of Columbus Mike Boggs. If you're unable to attend the breakfast, please prayerfully consider donating to his GoFundMe account at gofundme.com/boogsbrigade2016 or donate to any of the following: Items for Silent Auction, Raffle Prizes, Pies of Sale, Slightly Used Books for Sale. All money raised will go toward Mike's long-term care. Mike's wife, Pat, who has been a teacher at Holy Cross for 28 years. Email questions to boggsbrigade2016@gmail.com.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Leonard Beaver, Juanita Beaubien, Jim Berens, Rose Brown, Tom/Donna Clark, Virginia Connelly, Hilda Dragoo, Pauline Dugan, Kara Funk, Charlotte Honkomp, Virginia & Walt Kabisch, Millie Kisting, Harold Kloewer, Veronica Koebel, Joan McCain, Patricia McConnell, Beverly Petekavich, Bob/Patricia Rogers, Jim Roger, Kay Sands, Judy Schroeder, Sylvesta Slota, Harlan/Fairy Steffe, Bernice Timmins, Marcella Thomas, Jeune Vondrak, Gerry Weinriech, Emmet Woltman, and the men and women serving in the military and police.

IMPORTANT DATES

- September 18: Catechetical Sunday
- September 18, 10:00 a.m.: Coffee/Juice/Rolls (Guild) [M]
- September 18, 1:00 p.m.: BCC Session 3 [K]
- September 18, 2:00 p.m.: BCC Session 4 [K]
- September 18, 3:00 p.m.: BCC Session 5 [K]
- September 18, 6:00-8:00 p.m.: Virtus Training [M]
- September 20, 6:30 p.m.: ICC Pastoral Council Meeting [M]
- September 20, 8:00 p.m.: ICC Finance Council Meeting [M]
- September 21, 4:00 p.m.: ICC Server Training [M]
- September 21, 7:00 p.m.: WFCC First Reconciliation Parent Meeting [K]
- September 22, 8:30 a.m.: Bible/Book Study [K]
- September 25: Diocesan Youth Conference [TBA]
- September 25, 10:00 a.m.: Full Breakfast (KC8232) [M]
- September 28, 7:00 p.m.: CICC [M]
- September 28, 7:00 p.m.: SMC 5th-7th grades to Trinity Heights [K]
- September 29, 8:30 a.m.: Bible/Book Study [K]
- September 30, TBA; Wedding Rehearsal (Uhl/Lehmann) [M]
- October 1, TBA: Wedding (Uhl/Lehmann) [M]
- October 2, 6:00 p.m.: Bible Study with Fr. Brad [M]
- October 5, 10:00 a.m.: Eucharist [KNH]
- October 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: ICC Field Trip [Trinity Heights]
- October 5, 7:00 p.m.: SMC Reader Training [K]
- October 6, 8:30 a.m.: Bible/Book Study [K]
- October 7, TBA: Wedding Rehearsal (Felts/Walsh) [K]
- October 8, TBA: Wedding (Felts/Walsh) [K]
- October 8, 6:00 p.m.: Fellowship Dinner (Guild) [M]
- October 9, 6:00 p.m.: Bible Study with Fr. Brad [K]
- October 11, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: OFFICES CLOSED
- October 11, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.: Diocesan Business Day [TBA]
- October 11, 7:00 p.m.: Eucharist [M]
- October 11, 7:30 p.m.: KC8232 Meeting [M]
- October 12, 11:00 a.m.: Eucharist [CharMac]
- October 12, 7:00 p.m.: CICC [M]
- October 12, 7:00 p.m.: ICC Reader Training [M]
- October 12, 7:00 p.m.: SMC Guild Meeting [K]
- October 13, 8:30 a.m.: Bible/Book Study [K]
- October 16, 6:00 p.m.: Bible Study with Fr. Brad [M]
- October 20, 8:30 a.m.: Bible/Book Study [K]
- October 23, 6:00 p.m.: Bible Study with Fr. Brad [K]
- October 25, 7:00 p.m.: WFCC Parish Life Team Meeting [M]
- October 26, 7:00 p.m.: CICC [M]
- October 26, 7:00 p.m.: SMC 8th-12th grades to Planned Parenthood and Mary's Choice [K]
- October 27, 8:30 a.m.: Bible/Book Study [K]
- October 30, 6:00 p.m.: Bible Study with Fr. Brad [M]
- November 1: OFFICES CLOSED
- November 1, 7:00 p.m.: ICC Guild Meeting [M]
- November 2, 10:00 a.m.: Eucharist [KNH]
- November 3, 8:30 a.m.: Bible/Book Study [K]

WEST FORK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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Custodian-Church: Connie Brockhaus / **Custodian-Rectory:** Judy Gruis

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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.-Fri. 8:15 a.m.-noon, 1:00-4:45 p.m.
Other times by appointment

EUCHARIST:
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.-Menville
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.-Kingsley
Monday, Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.-Menville
Tuesday, Thursday: 8:00 a.m.-Kingsley

RECONCILIATION:
Saturday: 4:00-4:45 p.m.-Menville
Sunday: 8:00-8:45 a.m.-Kingsley
Other times by appointment

MORNING PRAYER:
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 a.m.—Menville
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.