



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

MONDAY—JANUARY 18

Second Monday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Eucharist [*Marvin/Millie Wycoff*]

- Menville

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (II) - Kingsley

TUESDAY—JANUARY 19

Second Tuesday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Menville

8:00 a.m. Eucharist [*Robert/Patricia Stratton+*]

- Kingsley

7:00 p.m. ICC Pastoral Council Meeting - Menville

WEDNESDAY—JANUARY 20

Second Wednesday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Eucharist [*Jim/Faunelle Cox*] - Menville

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Kingsley

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

4:00 p.m. Faith Formation [PS-5] - Menville

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

7:00 p.m. Faith Formation [6-9] - Menville

7:00 p.m. CICC - Menville

THURSDAY—JANUARY 21

Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Menville

8:00 a.m. Eucharist [*Robert/Patricia Stratton+*]

- Kingsley

FRIDAY—JANUARY 22

Say of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Menville

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Kingsley

SATURDAY—JANUARY 23

Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

4:00 p.m. Reconciliation - Menville

5:00 p.m. Eucharist [*Walt/Virginia Kabish*]

- Menville

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner (KC8232) - Menville

SUNDAY—JANUARY 24

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Reconciliation - Kingsley

9:00 a.m. Eucharist [*Robert/Patricia Stratton+*]

- Kingsley

4:00 p.m. SMC First Reconciliation - Kingsley

**WHAT'S HAPPENING
IN OUR PARISH**

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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17 January 2016

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Since this week's gospel deals with marriage, I would like to share a joke from a book on the subject:

A couple has just gone to bed when they hear a strange noise coming from downstairs. When they go to investigate, sure enough, they discover a burglar. Caught red-handed, he pulls out a gun and says, "This means I have to kill you." Before pulling the trigger, he pauses and asks the wife, "What's your name?"

Trembling, she says, "Elizabeth." "Oh no," he says, "That was my mother's name. I can't kill you." Aiming his gun at the husband he asks, "And what's your name?" The man answers, "My name is Jack... but everyone calls me Elizabeth."

To find out how this joke relates to marriage, I encourage you to get *Rediscovering a Pearl of Great Price: The Surprising Sacrament of Matrimony* by Fr. Tom Vandenberg. It's well worth reading - and I don't have to tell you how timely the topic is.

Few things are more important to Jesus than marriage, as indicated by Jesus inaugurating his ministry on a nuptial note. Jesus loves marriage. He particularly loves young married couples. Why does Jesus love marriage so much? The answer is found in our first reading: "*As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.*" Consider the joy of a groom. After months, maybe years, of courting his bride, of doing all he can to win her, finally the moment arrives when she is his. Is there any moment of greater joy? The same is true of the union of God with his people, of Jesus with his bride, the Church.

St. Paul says the reason God made us male and female is to foreshadow that union. (Eph 5:32) I could go into greater detail - but you get the idea. Jesus' love for us is not distant and "spiritual." It involves his whole heart, mind and being - and requires ours in response.

Our whole being: today people think they can do whatever they want with their bodies as long as their "heart" is right. It doesn't work that way. You and I come to Jesus with all we are - heart, mind, soul... and body. The image of Jesus as bridegroom makes that clear. Like a bridegroom his love for us is all-consuming, exclusive, and sacrificial.

There is an irony in all this. People today hold back from marriage thinking it will limit their freedom. In a similar way people hold back from Jesus. But the truth is this: Only in Jesus and by following how he calls us to live and love will we find real freedom and happiness.

Today we see how much Jesus loves marriage - and why. He comes as the Bridegroom who rejoices in his bride.

Fr. Brad Pelzel

Regarding your marriage, do you feel lost, alone or fed up? Are feelings of frustration, hurt or anger with your spouse a chronic problem? Are you considering separation or divorce? If your answer is YES to any of these questions, please know that there is excellent assistance available. Counseling is available through Catholic Charities in Sioux City (712) 252-4547. If you are at the point where you are considering separation or divorce but want help for your marriage, visit www.helpourmarriage.com. If you have any questions please contact Fr. Brad.

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MARY'S CHOICE NEEDS YOUR HELP AND PRAYERS In addition to offering free pregnancy tests, limited ultrasounds, baby supplies, and clothing, a primary ministry of Mary's Choice is praying next door outside of Planned Parenthood (4409 Stone Ave., Sioux City, IA 51106) on designated abortion days for the safety and protection of unborn babies, their mothers, and all involved. We ask for you to consider joining us on the next abortion day, **Friday, January 22 from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** Whether you stay for a few minutes or the entire time, your support is appreciated. Please help in creating a culture of life in Siouxland. Thank you!"



MINISTERS' ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY JANUARY 24 9:00 A.M.

- Altar Servers:** Emerson Benson, Boe Harvey, Ben Sitzmann
- Reader(s):** Rachel Bohle, Karen Malm
- Cantor:** Angie Haggin
- Organist:** Volunteer
- Gifts:** Shelly Bohlke Family
- Communion:** Jan Meister, Cindy Beelner, Linda Schlotman
- KNH:** Alice Seuntjens
- Greeters:** Ann Dunne, Ann Plendl
- Ushers:** Loren Koch, Jamie Sitzmann
- Collection**
- Counters:** Becky Sitzmann, Coleen Bainbridge

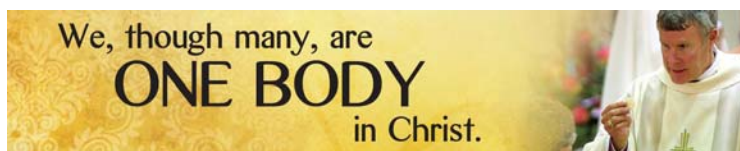
INCOME/EXPENSES LAST WEEK

Adult Envelopes\$2,193.00 (36 Envelopes)
 Youth Envelopes*\$47.05 (9 Envelopes)
 Loose\$902.00
 Candles \$22.30
Total Income \$3,164.35
 Needed Each Week..... \$2,877.89
Total Expenses\$0.00
***Time/Talent quotes from youth envelopes:** "I cleaned my room without being asked", "Helped Dad scoop snow"

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: \$79,703.17
 1/15/2016

SMC SANCTUARY LIGHT [JANUARY 17-23] burns for the People of WFCC.
Weeks available after December 25.



	2014	2015
\$ Goal:	\$11,000.00	\$12,000.00
\$ Pledged:	\$9,009.00	\$6,775.00
\$ Given:	\$9,009.00	\$5,988.75
Pledges Goal:	168	166
Participants:	103	77
Participant Rate:	63%	46%

LADIES GUILD: is having Coffee/Juice/Rolls after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday the January 17.

FROM THE DESK OF BARB SITZMANN, DRE:

- If any youth in grades 3rd-12th grade, from either parish, are interested in selling waffle tickets to earn money to use toward church camp, retreats, conferences etc... please contact myself or Jacque Beelner at 378-2157 or 712-870-1357.
- Sunday, January 17th the Kingsley Knights of Columbus will be hosting an elementary (K-4th grade) movie night from 6-8 pm in the church hall. The movie will be "Mom's Night Out". Parents are also encouraged to attend. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets for a fun evening. Snacks will be provided but if you want to bring snacks to share, you are more than welcome. Contact Barb or Jamie Sitzmann for more info.
- January 20th will be the 1st Basic Catechist Certification class from 5:30-6:30 pm at the FF Center. If you are a catechist and need this class yet, please plan to attend. A light meal will be provided.
- Sunday, January 24th will be First Reconciliation for 2nd graders and their parents at 4 pm at the church. Please plan to attend.
- Wednesday, January 27th will be the First Communion meeting for 2nd grade parents at 7 pm at IC in Merville. Please plan to attend.
- Sunday, January 31st the Kingsley KC's will be hosting a middle school (5-8th grade) movie night from 6-8 pm in the church hall. The movie is TBA. Parents are also encouraged to attend. More info to come.
- Sunday, February 7th will be our annual Dad's Belgian Waffle breakfast, serving from 8:30-12:30 at the Kingsley Community Center. PLEASE SUPPORT THE YOUTH OF OUR PARISH BY ATTENDING! We are planning some new and exciting things for this year's fundraiser! Church camp dates are NOW SET- there will be 2 sessions- July 31st-August 2nd for 4th-6th graders and August 2nd-4th for 7-12th graders.
- Wednesday, February 10th, 4:45 pm Ash Wednesday Prayer Services and 7 pm Ash Wednesday Mass .
- Wednesday, February 17th- 2nd Basic Catechist Certification class from 5:30-6:30 pm at the FF Center. If you are a catechist and need this class yet, please plan to attend. Light meal will be provided.
- Sunday, March 13th the Kingsley KC's will be hosting a high school (9-12th grade) movie night from 6-8 pm in the church. The movie is TBA. More info to come. Mark your calendars for an evening of fun!
- 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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THE DWELLING TEEN CENTER BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER assisted by the KCAC serving Pancakes, French Toast, Omelets, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, and Biscuits & Gravy. Sunday, January 24' 8:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m. at the K-P High School Commons. Bake Sale also! Free will offering.



MINISTERS' ASSIGNMENTS

SATURDAY JANUARY 23 5:00 P.M.

- Altar Servers:** Ryan Bormann, Paige Glackin, Volunteer
- Reader(s):** Brady Meister, Nick Hytrek
- Cantor:** Gene Handke
- Organist:** Laura Krajicek
- Gifts:** Gabe Weaver Family
- Communion:** Richard Sands, Volunteer, Volunteer
- CharMac:** Elaine Ketelsen
- Ushers:** Butch Grell, Jim Gries
- Collection**
- Counters:** Julia Brockhaus, Pam Cooper

INCOME/EXPENSES LAST WEEK

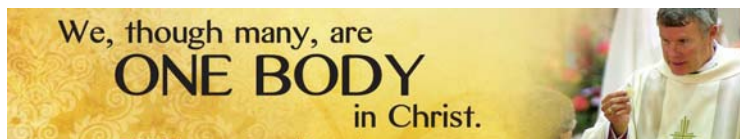
Adult Envelopes	\$1,816.00 (46 Envelopes)
Youth Envelopes*	\$9.53 (10 Envelopes)
Loose	\$884.26
Catholic Charities.....	\$5.00 (1 Envelope)
Total Income	\$2,714.79
Needed Each Week.....	\$2,859.23
Total Parish Expenses.....	\$191.88

*Time/Talent quotes from youth envelopes: "I love God"

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:	\$76,686.19

1/15/2016



	2014	2015
\$ Goal:	\$10,000.00	\$11,000.00
\$ Pledged:	\$10,770.50	\$7,377.00
\$ Given:	\$10,465.50	\$6,997.00
Pledges Goal:	154	151
Participants:	119	72
Participant Rate:	79%	48%

ICC SANCTUARY LIGHT [JANUARY 17-23] burns for William 'Bill' Kisting+ the request of James & Cindy Hesse. Weeks available after January 24.

ATTENTION COMMUNITY MEMBERS! Are you looking for help with errands, outdoor work, etc? ICC Confirmation candidates are looking to help out. If you are in need of help, please contact the Parish Office and make a request.

MUSICANS WANTED would love to form a choir at IC; in order to do so, I am in search of individuals who would be willing to accompany the choir with music. If you are able and willing to share your talent please contact Angie Duffy or Alicia Jenness at the parish office.

FROM THE DESK OF ANGIE DUFFY, DFF:

- Sunday, **January 17** is **First Reconciliation** for 2nd graders and their parents at 4:00 pm at IC Church. Please plan to attend.
- **January 20th** will be the 1st Basic Catechist Certification class from 5:30-6:30 pm at the FF Center in Kingsley. If you are a catechist and need this class yet, please plan to attend. A light meal will be provided.
- **January 20th** is the next **CICC** class.
- Wednesday, **January 27th** is the **First Communion Parent meeting** for 2nd grade parents at 7:00 p.m. at IC Church. Please plan to attend.
- If any youth in grades 3rd-12th grade are interested in selling waffle tickets or helping with the breakfast to earn money to use toward church camp, retreats, conferences etc. please contact Barb Sitzmann 712-251-8567 or Jacque Beelner at 712-870-1357.
- Wednesday, **February 10 is Ash Wednesday.** The 4:00 p.m. Faith Formation students will be attending Mass. The 7:00 p.m. Faith Formation students will be attending a prayer service. Attendance at Faith Formation is required.
- **Wednesday, February 17th**- 2nd Basic Catechist Certification class from 5:30-6:30 pm at the FF Center. If you are a catechist and need this class yet, please plan to attend. Alight meal will be provided.

"WINE AND ROSES" SILENT AUCTION, sponsored by the Guild, is planned for February 12, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus fish fry. All the women of the parish are members of the Guild, and everyone is expected to participate in this fund raiser by donating items to auction, or cash, or helping in some other way, such as setup, etc. You should be contacted by your circle leaders. Please be generous with your time and treasures. Items/cash need to be dropped off at the church office before February 7. If you have questions, contact JoAnne Jenness, 873-3785.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Ella Bahmer, Leonard Beaver, Juanita Beaubien, Jim Berens, Rose Brown, Tom/Donna Clark, Virginia Connelly, Hulda Dragoo, Mary Drevs, Pauline Dugan, Kara Funk, Charlotte Honkomp, Virginia & Walt Kabisch, Millie Kisting, Harold Kloewer, Joan McCain, Patricia McConnell, Kay Miller, Beverly Petekavich, Bob/Patricia Rogers, Judy Schroeder, Sylvesta Slota, Dan Strachan, Bernice Timmins, Marcella Thomas, Jeune Vondrak, Gerry Weinriech, Emmet Woltman, Millie Wycoff, and the men and women serving in the military and police.

IMPORTANT DATES

- January 26, 7:00 p.m.: WFCC Finance Council Meeting [M]
- January 27, 7:00 p.m.: WFCC First Eucharist Parent Meeting [M]
- February 3, 10:00 a.m.: Eucharist [KNH]
- February 7, TBA: Waffle Breakfast [K]
- February 9, 7:00 p.m.: Eucharist [M]
- February 9, 7:30 p.m.: KC8232 Meeting [M]
- February 10: ASH WEDNESDAY
- February 10, 11:00 a.m.: Eucharist [CharMac]
- February 10, 4:00 p.m.: Eucharist [M]
- February 10, 4:00 p.m.: Prayer Service [K]
- February 10, 7:00 p.m.: Prayer Service [M]
- February 10, 7:00 p.m.: Eucharist [K]
- February 10, 7:00 p.m.: CICC [M]
- February 10, 7:00 p.m.: SMC Guild Meeting [K]
- February 12, TBA: KC8232 Fish Fry [M]
- February 12, 7:00 p.m.: ICC Guild Silent Auction Ends [M]
- February 13, 6:00 p.m.: Fellowship Dinner (Guild) [M]
- February 23, 7:00 p.m.: WFCC Parish Life Team Meeting [M]
- February 24, 7:00 p.m.: CICC [M]
- February 27, 6:00 p.m.: Fellowship Dinner (KC8232) [M]
- March 1, 7:00 p.m.: SMC Parish Council Meeting [K]
- March 1, 7:00 p.m.: ICC Guild Meeting [M]
- March 1, 8:00 p.m.: SMC Finance Council Meeting [K]
- March 8, 7:00 p.m.: Eucharist [M]
- March 8, 7:30 p.m.: KC8232 Meeting [M]
- March 9, 4:00 p.m.: Reconciliation [M]
- March 9, 7:00 p.m.: Reconciliation [M]
- March 9, 7:00 p.m.: CICC [M]
- March 9, 7:00 p.m.: SMC Guild Meeting [K]
- March 10, 7:31 p.m.: ICC Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Team Meeting [M]
- March 12, 6:00 p.m.: Fellowship Dinner (Guild) [M]
- March 15, 7:00 p.m.: ICC Pastoral Council Meeting [M]
- March 15, 8:00 p.m.: ICC Finance Council Meeting [M]
- March 16, 4:00 p.m.: Reconciliation [K]
- March 16, 7:00 p.m.: Reconciliation [K]
- March 18, TBA: KC8232 Fish Fry [M]
- March 25: OFFICES CLOSED
- March 27: EASTER SUNDAY
- March 28: OFFICES CLOSED
- March 30, 4:00 p.m.: Adoration [M]
- March 30, 7:00 p.m.: Adoration [K]
- April 4, 4:00-7:00 p.m.: SMC First Eucharist Learning Stations [K]
- April 9, 6:00 p.m.: Fellowship Dinner (Guild) [M]

WEST FORK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY INFORMATION

ADMINISTRATOR/PASTOR: Fr. Brad Pelzel 712-873-3644

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FAITH FORMATION CENTER: 712-378-2021

Director of Faith Formation: Barbara Sitzmann

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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: 4:00-4:45 p.m.-Moville

Sunday: 8:00-8:45 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.