



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

MONDAY—FEBRUARY 22

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

7:30 a.m. Eucharist [Thomas D. Cooper+] - Menville

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

TUESDAY—FEBRUARY 23

Second Tuesday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Menville

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

7:00 p.m. WFCC Parish Life Team Meeting - Menville

WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 24

Second Wednesday of Lent

6:30 a.m. MMA Lenten Breakfast - ICC

8:00 a.m. Eucharist [Farrell W. Wright+] - 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—FEBRUARY 25

Second Thursday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Menville

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

FRIDAY—FEBRUARY 26

Second Friday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Menville

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Kingsley

SATURDAY—FEBRUARY 27

Second Saturday of Lent

4:00 p.m. Reconciliation - Menville

5:00 p.m. Eucharist [Bernice O'Tool+] - Menville

6:00 p.m. ICC Youth Ministry Dinner - Menville

SUNDAY—FEBRUARY 28

Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Reconciliation - Kingsley

9:00 a.m. Eucharist [Robert/Patricia Stratton+] - 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> LIKE US ON **FACEBOOK!** Search for West Fork Catholic Community.

21 February 2016

Second Sunday of Lent

The Transfiguration took place only a short time before Jesus entered into his Passion. He knew the trials and temptations his disciples would soon experience, and moved to strengthen them for their pending ordeal. The effect of the Transfiguration on the Apostles wasn't that, from that moment on, they were only faithful and never wavered. After all, at the foot of the Cross, John alone remained. God's grace, always available to us, doesn't automatically override our human inclinations. The Apostles were still human, and despite their many privileged encounters with God, they were quite capable of failing to follow the Lord.

In our lives, we can experience the same thing. God reveals himself to us in some unmistakable way and in that encounter all doubt is cast aside. Then, almost in the blink of an eye, we find ourselves struggling once again and unsure of whether God is even there. It's in those times, down in the valleys, that we must remember the experience of the mountain top.

It's hard to even imagine what the Transfiguration was like. We're told that "Jesus' face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white," but surely, any description of this scene must fall short. Even with our imagination, we can only, at best, get some sense of what an overwhelming experience it must have been. But even more, joining the Transfigured Lord were Moses and Elijah. Don't miss the symbolism here: Moses, the giver of the Law and Elijah, the great Prophet whose return was prophesized before the coming of the Messiah. The Law and the Prophets find their fulfillment *and their perfection* in the person of Jesus Christ. Together on the mountain top, they personally speak with him of his coming Passion. Indeed, it is on the Cross that Christ would perfectly reveal the Father's love and accomplish our salvation.

And this is where the whole scene of the Transfiguration becomes even more spectacular for, indeed, *we have something far greater before us right here*. At every Mass, on the Altar, Jesus comes to us in a way that surpasses even his transfigured human body. In the Most Holy Eucharist he comes to us and says once again, "Take and eat... take and drink." Not only Moses and Elijah, but all of heaven joins our glorified Lord at the Mass. Of course, the difficulty is that we can't see this reality. We cannot look upon the Eucharist with our eyes and comprehend its realism, precisely because it so surpasses our earthly reality. So we must look through the eyes of faith, which tell us that what Jesus Christ has promised, he can and does provide. When we truly comprehend that reality, then we, like Peter, will also say, "Lord, it is good that we are here."

In this gift, made available to us as often as we come to Mass, we receive the same gifts the Apostles did that day, and even more. We, like them, are fortified against the assaults of temptation. We, like them, are powerfully assisted in bearing the daily crosses of life. We, like them, receive a foretaste of the heavenly joy promised to us. But we do not need to climb a distant mountain to see that great promise come to fulfillment. We have only to ask for the grace to see what has already been given to us, and that we have the great privilege of coming to Mass to receive.

Fr. Brad Pelzel

EXPLORE RSM has been rescheduled for February 24, at 5:30. Come to the Open House for parents and students. Learn about financial assistance and student activities. No RSVP necessary, use the Remsen St. Mary's Gym entrance. Call [712-786-1324](tel:712-786-1324), for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: Sr. Marie Hesed will speak on Apr. 3rd Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Danbury. Sr. Hesed has spent 27 years working for the Missionaries of Charity, founded by Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta. She is now a member of the SOLT Sisters and lives at the Domus Trinitatis retreat center near Willey, IA. For more information on Sr. Marie Hesed go to www.homeofthetrinity.com or [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) for her talks. Watch for more details to come later on Sr. Marie Hesed speaking on Divine Mercy Sunday in Danbury.



MINISTERS' ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28 9:00 A.M.

- Altar Servers:** Gabby Boustead, Jackson Boustead, Hannah Koch
- Reader(s):** Katherine Martensen, Jan Meister
- Cantor:** Amanda Seuntjens
- Organist:** Volunteer
- Gifts:** Becky Sitzmann Family
- Communion:** Corrine Leekley, Sheryl Koch, Shari Seuntjens
- KNH:** Alice Seuntjens
- Greeters:** Tim & Debbie Dirksen
- Ushers:** Jon Neumann, Randy Plendl
- Collection Counters:** Volunteer, Becky Sitzmann

INCOME/EXPENSES LAST WEEK

Adult Envelopes	\$1,336.00 (43 Envelopes)
Youth Envelopes*	\$60.00 (14 Envelopes)
Loose	\$490.25
Aid to World-Wide Churches	\$17.00 (3 Envelopes)
Black/Indian Mission.....	\$288.00 (13 Envelopes)
Candles	\$24.00
Farm Income.....	\$3003.56
Total Income	\$2,215.25
Needed Each Week.....	\$2,877.89
Total Expenses	\$2,285.73

*Time/Talent quotes from youth envelopes: none

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:	\$88,918.65

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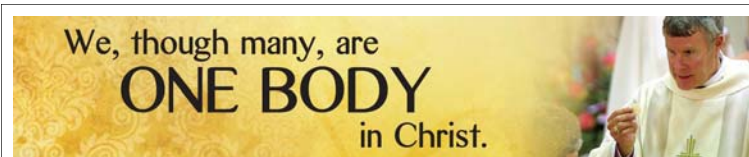
**SMC SANCTUARY LIGHT [FEBRUARY 21-27] burns for the People of WFCC.
Weeks available until December 25.**

FROM THE DESK OF BARB SITZMANN, DRE:

- Wednesday, March 9th 4:30 pm- 1st graders will be presenting Living Stations in the church.
- Wednesday, March 9th 7 pm- 8th, 11th and 12th graders will be presenting Living Stations in the church. All evening students are to attend.
- Wednesday, March 9th- 3rd BCC class from 5:30-6:30 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, 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!
- Wednesday, March 16th- Communal confessions in the church at 4 pm and 7 pm.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23RD- NO FF CLASSES AT ST MICHAEL- EASTER BREAK!
- Wednesday, March 30th- 4th BCC class from 5:30-6:30 at the FF Center. If you are a catechist and need this class yet, please plan to attend. A light meal will be provided
- Wednesday, March 30th 7pm- IC in Merville will be having Adoration.
- Wednesday, March 30th- CONFIRMATION STUDENTS- ALL MASS REPORTS AND SERVICE HOURS ARE DUE.
- Monday, April 4th- 4-7 pm- 1st Communion Learning Stations at the FF Center. Come and go event lasting approximately 1-1 1/2 hours. All 2nd graders and their parents are to attend.
- Wednesday, April 6th- 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.
- 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.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP will be Friday, March 11. If you are planning to send your child to Kingsley-Pierson CSD for Kindergarten in the fall 2016, please contact Barb Sitzmann at the Kingsley School, 378-2861. We are scheduling for a morning and an afternoon roundup session.

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	2014	2015
\$ Goal:	\$11,000.00	\$12,000.00
\$ Pledged:	\$9,009.00	\$8,317.50
\$ Given:	\$9,009.00	\$7,403.75
Pledges Goal:	168	166
Participants:	103	90
Participant Rate:	63%	54%



MINISTERS' ASSIGNMENTS

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27 5:00 P.M.

Altar Servers: Charlee Petersen, Brayden Sanford, Volunteer

Reader(s): Cindy Hesse

Cantor: Gene Handke

Organist: Laura Krajceek

Gifts: Preschool Class

Communion: Chris Hoelker, Volunteer, Volunteer

CharMac: Elaine Ketelsen

Ushers: Alicia Jenness, Helen Coulter

Collection

Counters: Connie Brockhaus, Julia Brockhaus

INCOME/EXPENSES LAST WEEK

Adult Envelopes \$1,445.00 (49 Envelopes)

Youth Envelopes* \$35.50 (19 Envelopes)

Loose \$402.00

Aid to World-Wide Churches ...\$48.00 (6 Envelopes)

Black & Indian Mission \$337.00 (12 Envelopes)

Interest Income \$3.15

Total Income \$2,270.65

Needed Each Week.....\$2,859.23

Total Parish Expenses..... \$1,510.98

***Time/Talent quotes from youth envelopes:** "I helped Mom and Dad", "Helped my sister", "cleaned my bedroom"

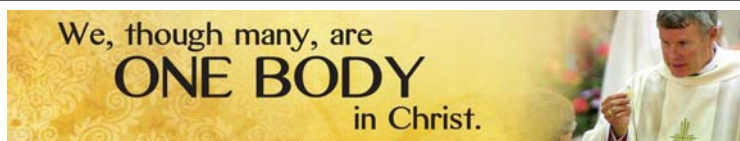
BUDGET REPORT 2015-2016

Income needed by 30 June 2016: \$148,679.57

Income needed each week: \$2,859.23

Income received since 1 July 2015: \$86,175.90

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	2014	2015
\$ Goal:	\$10,000.00	\$11,000.00
\$ Pledged:	\$10,770.50	\$8,412.50
\$ Given:	\$10,465.50	\$7,732.00
Pledges Goal:	154	151
Participants:	119	87
Participant Rate:	79%	58%

LENTEN BOOK STUDY Want to REDISCOVER JESUS during Lent? Please join Connie Brockhaus on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. or Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the IC Church Library. Please read a chapter daily from the book Rediscovering Jesus and come ready to share your thoughts.

SINGERS WANTED Looking for individuals, 5th grade through adults, who would love to join a choir at IC. We are looking at holding practices once a week and performing one Saturday a month to begin with. If you are able and willing to sing in the choir please contact Angie Duffy at the Parish Office.

FROM THE DESK OF ANGIE DUFFY, DFF:

- Wednesday, **February 24** CICC class.
- Saturday, **February 27** Youth Ministry Fund Raiser Spaghetti Dinner following 5:00 p.m. Mass. Free will donation with all proceeds going to the youth attending Religious events. Students wanting to earn money to put towards Church camps are encouraged to help with the dinner. **Please speak to Angie Duffy about helping.**
- Wednesday, **March 9** Communal Reconciliation at 4:00 p.m. for grades 2-5 and 7:00p.m. for grades 6-12. Attendance required by all Faith Formation students including CICC.
- Wednesday, **March 9** the 3rd BCC class is scheduled from 5:30-6:30 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.
- Wednesday, **March 30** Stations of the Cross and Adoration for both 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Faith Formation students. CICC students are to be in attendance.
- **Wednesday, April 6** 5:30-6:30 pm at the Kingsley FF Center. If you are a catechist and need this class yet, please plan to attend. A light meal will be provided.
- **Monday, April 11** 6:30-8:00 p.m. First Communion Learning Stations at IC Church. All 2nd graders and their parents are to attend.
- **Wednesday, April 13** Confirmation Practice at 5:45-6:45 followed by Potluck meal for grades 6-12 Faith Formation Students and families.
- **Saturday, April 23** First Holy Eucharist practice at 10:00 a.m. 2nd grade Formation Faith students and parents are **required** to attend.
- **Sunday, April 24** First Holy Eucharist Mass at 1:30 p.m. at IC Church.
- **Wednesday, April 27** Last night for Faith Formation classes. CICC students are required to attend.
- **Saturday, April 30** Baccalaureate Mass at 5:00 p.m. at IC Church.
- Looking for individuals who would love to share their Faith with our youth. We are in need of Catechists for the school year 2016-2017. Please take time to pray about being a Catechist and possibly accepting Jesus' invitation to be a Catechist.

LADIES GUILD SILENT AUCTION, is planned for March 18, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus fish fry. 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, Don Kennedy, Millie Kisting, Harold Kloewer, Veronica Koebel, Joan McCain, Patricia McConnell, Kay Miller, Beverly Petekavich, Bob/Patricia Rogers, Kay Sands, 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

- 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 2, 6:30 a.m.: Lenten Breakfast [UM]
- March 2, 10:00 a.m.: Eucharist [KNH]
- March 3, 7:00 p.m.: WFCC Baptism Class [M]
- March 5: Women’s Conference [Carroll]
- March 8, 7:00 p.m.: Eucharist [M]
- March 8, 7:30 p.m.: KC8232 Meeting [M]
- March 9, 6:30 a.m.: Lenten Breakfast [TLC]
- March 9, 11:00 a.m.: Eucharist [CharMac]
- 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 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, 6:30 a.m.: Lenten Breakfast [NH]
- March 16, 4:00 p.m.: Reconciliation [K]
- March 16, 7:00 p.m.: Reconciliation [K]
- March 18, TBA: KC8232 Fish Fry [M]
- March 18, 7:00 p.m.: ICC Guild Silent Auction [M]
- March 24, 7:00 p.m.: Eucharist [K]
- March 24, 8:00-9:30 p.m.: Adoration/Night Prayer [K]
- March 25: OFFICES CLOSED
- March 25, 1:00 p.m.: Good Friday Service [M]
- March 26, 9:00 p.m.: Eucharist [M]
- March 27: EASTER SUNDAY
- March 27, 7:00 a.m.: Eucharist [M]
- March 27, 9:00 a.m.: Eucharist [K]
- March 28: OFFICES CLOSED
- March 30, 4:00 p.m.: Adoration [M]
- March 30, 7:00 p.m.: Adoration [M]
- March 30, 7:00 p.m.: CICC [M]
- April 4, 4:00-7:00 p.m.: SMC First Eucharist Learning Stations [K]
- April 6, 10:00 a.m.: Eucharist [KNH]
- April 9, 6:00 p.m.: Fellowship Dinner (Guild) [M]
- April 11, 6:30-8:00 p.m.: ICC First Eucharist Learning Stations [M]
- April 12, 7:00 p.m.: Eucharist [M]
- April 12, 7:30 p.m.: KC8232 Meeting [M]
- April 13, 11:00 a.m.: Eucharist [CharMac]
- April 13, 5:45 p.m.: ICC Confirmation Rehearsal [M]
- April 13, 7:00 p.m.: CICC [M]

WEST FORK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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

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Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper: Alicia Jenness

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH: 712-873-3644

Director of Faith Formation: Angie Duffy

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

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: 4:00-4:45 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.