#### Liturgical Ministers March 18 - March 19

**Immaculate Conception** St. Peter St. Francis Sunday 8:30 am Sunday 8:30 pm Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 10:30 am Lector Ralph Schultz Sue Massman Gary McIntyre Chad Ingels **Eucharistic** Clem Schemmel Sue Massman Karleen Baumler Rudy Kraus Steve Knoploh Ministers Tom Miller Craig Kleve Kim Reichter Pat Duffy Lori Waskow Georgia Klein Marion Broghammer Kurt Wood Gifts Pat Duffy Bruce & Sharon Kleve Merle & Eileen Lahey Lori Waskow / Irma Kime **Ushers** Tom Miller Bruce & Sharon Kleve Mark Baumler Ray Gavin Jerry & Peggy Becker Ron Schute Allan Kuennen Marie Kuennen Mike McFadden Greeters Steve Corcoran Lucy & Sophia Durnan Jereme & Shanda Miller Family Servers Carter Matt Peyton Lehmann Abby Reichter Colin Gavin Anderson Matt Sophia Durnan Blake Reichter Mikaela Kime Cael Reichter Spencer Matt Money Gary Schmitz Gary & Melissa Lehmann Bernice Holthaus Mary Kauten **Counters** Bill Meyer Linda Matthiesen Cindy Einck

Please remember in your Masses and prayers people from our cluster who are sick or ailing, we have lightly pray that all will have firm faith and improved health:

**From Immaculate Conception:** Juliana Blaylock, Nick Christensen, Michelle Heidemann, Betty Humpal, Barb Hyman, Joan Jergens, Leo Jones, Terri Kuethe, Noreen Miller, Peggy Pagel, Don & Pauline Rader, Fr. Jude Rochford, Mary Rochford, Rhonda Rochford, Rita Schmitz, Joyce Teeling, and Jonathan Wirkler.

**From St. Francis of Assisi:** Urban Berkes, Darwin Dean, Addie Hollenrake, Rita Manderfield, Larry Riley and Charlie Schott.

**From Holy Name:** Michael Baumler, Mary Dunt Buenzow, Steve Dunt, Steven Franzen, Hayden Grimm, Dale Halverson, Bea Heffernen, Bernice Holthaus, Jill Krambeer, Gerald Kramer, Eileen Lahey, Kathy Langreck, Pat Loomer, Bonnie Maiers, Brenda McDanel, Jessica McDanel, Roger Michael, Marilyn Miller, Raelonna Patrick, Fr. Rausch, Julie Schute, Betty Scott, Gary Steinlage, Leona Streif, and Carl Wagner Jr.

**From St. Peter:** Elizabeth Goddard, Erik Johnson, Ellen Kneeland, Rosemary Lehmann, Julia Martin, Albert Matt, Adeline Meier, Lloyd Meier, Pat Monroe, Jonathan Oakland, and Ken Wagner, Jr.

Rest in Peace: For those in our parishes who have died and for our families who have lost loved ones. Daniel Otting (Waukon), father of Kathy Wenthold of Holy Name Parish. Daniel's funeral was held Saturday, March 4th at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Waukon. Robert Meyer (Readlyn), brother of Joel Meyer of Immaculate Conception Parish. Robert's funeral was held on Monday, March 6th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Readlyn. Joan Jergens (Sumner), wife of Bob Jergens of Immaculate Conception Parish. Joan's funeral was held Wednesday, March 8th at Immaculate Conception Parish in Sumner. May God bring peace and healing to their families.

## Happening Around Our Area

Friday, March 17, St. Aloysius Parish, Calmar, Fish Fry. Serving 4 - 8 pm. Menu: Cod Fish, Homemade Tartar Sauce, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Bread & Bars. Carry-outs available with adult tickets only. Cost of the tickets are: \$10 in advance & \$11 at the door, Children Tickets 6 - 12, \$5 at the door, & Children 5 & under - FREE. (dine in only. Tickets are available at State Bank in Calmar.

# March 12, 2017 Second Sunday of Lent

St. Joseph the Worker Cluster - The Catholic parishes of Immaculate Conception, Sumner, St. Francis of Assisi, Fayette, Holy Name, West Union, and St. Peter, Clermont.

**Masses & Intentions** 3/13/17 - Monday 9:00 am, HN A Helen Molumby 3/14/17 - Tuesday 7:30 am, IC Word & Communion 9:00 am, HN No Mass 3/15/17- Wednesday 9:00 pm, **Maple Crest Manor** Word & Communion 3/16/17 – Thursday 7:00 pm, SP Norma Bloomer  $\boldsymbol{C}$ 3/17/17 - Friday 9:00 am, **Hillcrest Nursing Home** Word & Communion 1 9:00 am. HN JoAnn Ries 3/18/17 - Saturday T 7:30 am, IC No Mass

5:00 pm, HN

8:30 am, IC

8:30 am, SP

Richard Klein

10:30 am, SFA

Eugene Hruska

For the People

3/19/17 - Sunday

MISSION STATEMENT: Celebrating parish identity as we work to become one family of God and strive to serve in the name of Christ.



Regulations for fasting and abstinence in the Roman Catholic Church

- 1) Abstinence is required on all the Fridays of Lent, and on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Abstinence means that no meat may be consumed on these days. Catholics 14 years and older are bound to abstain from meat. The aged and infirm, as well as, pregnant and nursing mothers are excused.
- 2) Fasting is required on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means having only one full meal to maintain one's strength. Two smaller, meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs, but they should not together equal the one full meal. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics from age 18 through age 59 are bound to fast. Again, the aged and infirm, as well as, pregnant and nursing mothers are excused.
- 3) Friday Abstinence Outside of Lent. It should be noted that Fridays throughout the year are designated days of penance. The Code of Canon Law states that Friday is a day of abstinence from meat throughout the year. The American Bishops have allowed us to choose a different form of penance rather than abstaining from meat, but there must be some form of penance, for this is the day we commemorate Christ's suffering and death. The bishops stress that "among the works of voluntary self-denial and personal penance...we give first place to abstinence from flesh meat" (Pastoral Statement on Fasting and Abstinence).



Special Intention (RK)

## Holy Name, West Union

The family of Ann Minger would like to thank Fr. Rausch and Fr. Brokman for her funeral Mass and wake service. Also, thank you to parish participants, organist, soloist, ushers & servers. Thank you to the Catholic Daughters for the rosary and attendance Mass and to ladies who served the lunch. Ann's faith and membership in the parish was a big part of her life. Thank you again for your service, it was greatly appreciated.

**Stations of the Cross -** Every Friday after 9:00 am Mass at Holy Name.

**Wednesday, March 29,** Stations of the Cross will be presented by the 7th grade class at 7:30 p.m. All parish members are welcome to attend.

Parish Center Cleaning: It is cleaning time of the year again! Cleaning will take place on Friday, March 17, 3:30 - 6:00 pm. The Holy Name Rosary Society needs its members to volunteer to help. Bring buckets, rags, and your favorite cleaning supplies. The more members that are to help, the faster we'll get done. Even if you can only come for a short time, your assistance would make a great difference.

**Sunday, March 19,** Decorah KC's Annual Spring Dinner at St. Benedict Church Hall. Yankee Beef Pot Roast, hot vegetable, real mashed potatoes, salad & dessert. Serving 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased by a parish member in advance or at the door.

"Project Giving Hope" March is Condiments Month. Suggested items are: Ketchup, mustard, honey, mayo, pickles & etc.

Sacrificial Giving 3/5/17 Total: \$2,769.35

Adult Envelopes	2,494.00
Youth Envelopes	13.25
Offertory	191.10
Bldg. & Repairs	72.00

Attend Mass while on vacation: Learn Mass times across the United States. Visit www.masstimes.org or by calling 1-305-598-7490 to speak to a live operator, available Tue., Thurs., Sat., 12:00 - 4:00 PM.

Archdiocesan web site is: http://www.dbqarch.org/

Crisis Pregnancy Center- # 1-800-395-HELP and lowa website: www. heartbeatinternational.org

## St. Peter, Clermont

**Food Shelf donations** for the last quarter were 103 pounds of food and \$175. Thanks to those who donated.

If you are looking for a way to give more for Lent please consider giving a donation to the Northeast lowa Food Bank. Through the end of April all donations made will be matched and every dollar donated can provide 4 meals. Envelopes are available in the entryway and can be placed in the collection basket. Food donations will also be appreciated and can be placed in the food basket in the back of church.

Sacrificial Giving 3/5/17 Total: \$1,247.50

Adult Envelopes	1,091.00
Youth Envelopes	17.00
Offertory	129.50
Social Justice	10.00
Social Justice	10.00

## Stewardship Quote

"Bear your share of the hardship for the Gospel," St. Paul tells Timothy in today's second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?

## Pope's Intention for March

## Support for Persecuted Christians

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.



Fish Fry Friday, April 7th Clermont Fire Station 5:00 - 8:00 pm

#### Read about these stories in the March 12 Witness

- Articles will delve into the growing problem of pornography and the Catholic response to it. We have talked to local priests, deacons and others who are helping raise awareness of this issue and minister to people struggling with an addiction to this.
- St. Henry Parish in Marshalltown is involved in LAST Watch a program to fight human trafficking
- Chaplains at the nation's airports provide a great ministry to those on the go an article explores their work at the Houston airport; other national and international stories on news in the church.

## <u>Immaculate Conception, Sumner</u>

**Thanks to all** of the excellent volunteers who helped make our annual Fish Fry another great success. We served 522 meals, 121 of those being carry-outs.

**Sunday, March 12, Girl Scout Sunday.** We recognize these Scout Leaders: Ann Egan, Kelly Egan & Kelly Matt as well as the following Scouts: Neva Brockmeyer, Anna Egan, Claire Egan, Anna DeSlover, Emerson Smith, Greyson Smith, Hayley Vierkant and Laura Rae Wyatt.

The IC Youth going to NCYC will have a meeting following Mass on Sunday, March 12th to discuss our fundraisers. Parents are asked to join us. Please contact Pam Rochford with any questions.

**Did you know..** that our parish (through Divine Mercy members) sends cards to the sick from our parish? We need you to contact us so we know of the need. Please call Deanna Joebgen at 563-578-8712

"His Hands Food Pantry" Requested March donations: Paper Towel, Toilet Paper, Hand Soap, Cleaning Products & Etc.

Sacrificial Giving 3/5/17 Total \$1,632.56

Adult Envelopes	1,555.00
Youth Envelopes	11.56
Offertory	56.00
Fish Fry	10.00

### **Opening Prayer**

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



## SCAG'S ANNUAL FISH FRY

Friday, March 17, 2017

American Legion Hall, Sumner

Serving 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Adults: \$10.00 - Children 6 - 12: \$6.00,

5 & Under Free

Carry-Outs Available

Proceeds go toward Youth Rec Program

## St. Francis of Assisi, Fayette

**Attention:** Letters have been sent out to all parishioners of St. Francis concerning the Roof Project that will be taking place. If you did not receive a letter, please notify Cindy Jacob at the church office at Immaculate Conception in Sumner @ 563-578-8227.

**"Sharing Gifts from God"** March is Condiments Month. Suggested items are: Ketchup, mustard, honey, mayo, pickles & etc.

Sacrificial Giving 3/5/17 Total: \$3,635.64

Adult Envelopes	607.00
Youth Envelopes	13.00
Offertory	77.64
Coffee & Rolls	38.00
Roof Project	2,900.00

#### **Cluster Announcements**

Good Word from Fr. Jim - Hi to everyone and thank you for all your prayers!!

There will be no First Friday or Saturday Masses at 7:30 am at IC until further notice. There is Word and Communion on Fridays in the chapel at 9:00 am at Hillcrest Nursing Home. All are welcome.

**Sunday, March 12,** First Eucharist Parent/Child Meeting, 4:00 pm at Holy Name, West Union. Contact Pam Rochford with any questions.

**Tuesday, March 14,** Cluster Faith Formation Meeting, 7:00 pm at St. Francis of Assisi, Fayette.

Thursday, March 16, Cluster Social Justice Meeting, 7:00 pm at St. Francis of Assisi, Fayette.

Tuesday, March 21, Cluster Liturgy Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm at St. Francis of Assisi, Fayette.

Forever Family Series - Fun Nights to Help Strengthen Families will start the week of Spring Break on March 20<sup>th</sup> at the NFV High School & March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the West Union Elementary. The sessions will begin with a meal at 5:30 pm followed by the program and activities; free child care available for younger siblings. The 2 hour Strengthening Families 10-14 program is geared toward families of 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders and offers goal setting, fun interactive games, and role playing to help kids learn how to manage peer pressure and families strengthen communication. The remaining sessions in the series are scheduled for Sunday afternoons 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/23, 4/30 beginning at 3:30 with a meal at 5:30 to be held at the West Union Elementary.

We are also in need of volunteers to make meals and teens or adults willing to help with child care. To register or volunteer contact Deb Kahler at ISU Extension, Fayette at 563-425-3331. (Note: If Spring Break is not an option for your family, registration for the series is still an option, give us a call.)