

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday, March 23rd, 2025

# IMMACULATE CATHOLIC CHURCH CONCEPTION

## IC PARISH FAITH REVIVAL 2025 March 23rd, 24th and 25th



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Please join us for a three-night presentation from Pat Millea, a dynamic speaker, a gifted musician and a faith filled youth ministry leader. Pat brings energy, passion, and substance to every experience!

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*\*Celebrate 5:15 pm Mass on Monday and Tuesday.*

*\*Enjoy supper at 6 pm each evening in the Social Hall:*

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**Monday: Taco/Nacho Bar**

**Tuesday: Pulled Pork & Sides**

*Free will offering will go toward the  
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### MISSION STATEMENT

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Please contact the parish office.  
(641) 228-1071

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### WEEKEND MASSES

are Broadcast on Facebook

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TIMES: Please see calendar inside.

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30-4:15 PM

Thursday 5:45-6:15 PM

Friday 7:00-7:45 AM

Please call to schedule an appointment. (641) 228-1071

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# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Weekly Schedule ©LPI

### MONDAY, MARCH 24TH

Lenten Weekday

2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

**5:15 PM Mass**.....Diane Houdek

**6:00 PM**.....Meal in the Social Hall

**7:00 PM**.....Parish Revival in the Church

### TUESDAY, MARCH 25TH

The Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

**9-10:30 AM**.....Bible Study: Year of Luke (SH)

**5:15 PM Mass**.....Mona Staudt

**6:00 PM**.....Meal in the Social Hall

**7:00 PM**.....Parish Revival in the Church

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26TH

Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

**9:15 AM Mass**.....Paul Field

**NO Faith Formation Classes**

### THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH

Lenten Weekday

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

**5:15 PM Mass**.....Denny Shollenbarger

**5:45-6:15 PM**.....*Confessions*

**6:30 PM**.....Lenten Book Study (SH)

**6:30 PM**.....Finance Committee Meeting (PCR)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 28TH

Lenten Weekday

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

**7-7:45 AM**.....*Confessions*

**8:00 AM Mass**.....Bob Hrdlicka & Lisa Wamboldt

**8:30 AM**.....Stations of the Cross

**5:00 PM**.....KC Fish Fry (CC)

**5:15 PM**.....Stations of the Cross

### SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH

Lenten Weekday

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

**4:30 PM Mass**.....Jane Frisbie

**6:30 PM Mass**.....Mass at St. Michael in Nashua



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
*this week is for the Krall Family.*



## NEXT BAPTISM CLASS

A Baptism Class will be held at I.C.

**on Monday, April 14th, 2025,**

**at 7:00 p.m. in the**

**Parish Conference Room.**

A Baptism Class is required if you are having your first child baptized or it has been 5 or more years since your last child was baptized.

Please call the I.C. Parish Office at

**641-228-1071 to pre-register for this class.**



### SUNDAY, MARCH 30th

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**8:00 AM Mass**.....Yvonne Kisch

**Coffee & Rolls following Mass (SH)**

**9 AM-10 AM**.....Men's Group (**PCR**)

**10:30 AM Mass**.....People of the Parish

**11:30-12:30 PM**.....Liturgy Renewal (SH)

**1:30 PM**.....Lenten Confession Service (Church)

**4-5:00 PM**.....Holy Hour (Church)



## **2025 I.C. Parish Liturgy Renewal Update for ALL Liturgical Ministers:**

*Those serving and those who wish to serve.*

**Sacristan/Lector (Daily/Weekend)**

**Usher - Eucharistic Minister - Music Ministry**

**Choose the time that is better for you:**



**Sunday, March 30th,**

**11:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m.**

**OR**

**Wednesday, April 9th,**

**from 6:30 p.m. till 7:30 p.m.**



**Contact Sr. Diana 641-228-1071 ext. 3  
or text Sara Hrdlicka at 641-220-4659  
if you have any questions or concerns.**

## ***Join Our Journey as the Coordinator of Volunteers***

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Charles City, IA, is seeking a faith-filled and organized Coordinator of Volunteers to serve our parish community. This part-time role involves recruiting, scheduling, and training volunteers, especially liturgical ministers - while supporting various administrative and ministerial tasks. The ideal candidate will approach this position as a ministry, bringing enthusiasm, excellent organizational skills, and a deep commitment to the Catholic faith to enhance the spiritual and practical life of our parish. This position is more than a job, it is a ministry. Go to: [iccharlescity.com](http://iccharlescity.com) for full job description and application or they are also available at the parish office during business hours.

**Application Deadline is April 18th!**

## **SUNDAY SCRIPTURE to PONDER**

**March 23: Luke 13:9** *“Sir, leave it for this year also - it may bear fruit in the future.”* What spiritual fruits (peace, kindness) will you share?

## **GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**Sunday, March 23rd, 2025**

**3rd Sunday of Lent**

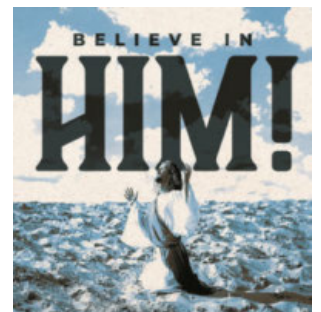
**Luke 4:5-42**

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was “hiding” in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, *“For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me”* (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, this Lent, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

**Lenten challenge:** Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

— Father John Muir



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH



Become **"PILGRIMS of HOPE"** this Lent by writing your intention on one of the **DOVES** to be placed on our parish Lenten cross. List one or more ways that you will strive to bring HOPE to your family, community or our world through prayer, fasting, almsgiving or serving others.

Doves are available at each of the church entrances.



## Fill The Carts

each week in Lent with specific Messiah Food Pantry needs.



**This Week, March 23rd: SOUP it UP:**

soup, crackers, chili, noodles,  
peanut butter, muffin mix.

Place your donations in the grocery carts located at each of the church entrances.



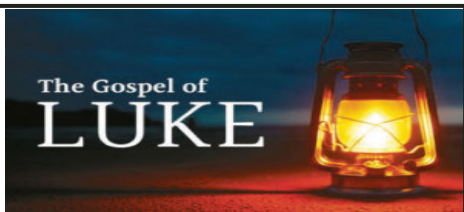
## LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

at Immaculate Conception Church  
Sunday, March 30th, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

*"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who  
tire of seeking his mercy."*

-Pope Francis

## Lenten Bible Study



**"Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled"**

9-10:30 AM on Tuesday mornings:  
March 25th & April 1st, 8th & 15th  
in the Social Hall.

Contact Sr. Diana (641-228-1071 ext. 3)



Rice Bowls  
are still  
available at  
the church  
entrances.

## Lenten Book Study

*Explore the beauty  
& healing power  
of the Sacraments.*

Thursday evenings  
at 6:30 p.m. in the  
IC Social Hall.



## 2025 Lenten Eucharistic Adoration: Holy Hour

Every Sunday during Lent  
from 4-5 p.m. in the Church.



## Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent  
at 8:30 AM and 5:15 PM

## LENTEN LUNCHEONS

at St. Michael in Nashua on Wednesdays  
at 11:30 a.m. followed by Scripture Service  
at 12 Noon. Donation is \$3.00

## Men's Lenten Bible Study

***"Living by Faith"***

by Fr. Columba Jordan

Sundays from 9 a.m. till 10 a.m.

**This Sunday** the group will meet in the  
Social Hall. **Next Sunday, March 30th**,  
they will meet in the Parish Conference  
Room next to the Parish Office.

**All men are Welcome!**

**Come for rolls, coffee and fellowship.**

For more information, contact  
David Sinnwell at 641-512-5957.

## CRS RICE BOWL Nutritious Meals Help Children's Growth.

Ana Belen and her husband, Jose, have four children. They live in a small house in Santa Maria Chiquimula, Guatemala. In their community, malnutrition affects over half of the population mainly because people can't afford to put food on the table. Even after COVID-19 pandemic, things never went back to normal. Food prices became twice as expensive. Bad weather made things worse.

Now the family participates in a Catholic Relief Services project that helps fight hunger where people do not have enough food. Ana Belen's family now eats nutritious meals every day.



### CHURCH SUPPORT

March 15th & 16th, 2025

Attendance: 582

Budget Envelopes.....137.....\$ 7,705.75

Offertory.....\$ 722.61

March Elect. Giving....62.....\$ 7,875.00

2024-25 fiscal year, an average of \$12,761 is needed each weekend in budget contributions.

	AMOUNT	LONG/SHORT	YTD
	RECEIVED	WEEKEND TOTAL	LONGSHORT TOTAL
02/23	18,872.00	6,111.00	(80,347.50)
03/02	13,510.00	749.00	(79,598.50)
03/09	6,223.00	(6,538.00)	(86,136.50)
03/16	15,580.75	2,819.75	(83,316.75)



### March 23rd, 2025 3rd Sunday of Lent

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of Kindness and generosity!

Forms will be in next weekends bulletin to order Easter season flowers in memory of loved ones.



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Stoking the Lenten Fire

I think we all can acknowledge that there's a certain fatigue that comes over us all as we near the end of the Lenten season. Next week is Laetare Sunday, and I find that as soon as those pink vestments start coming out of storage, our collective motivation begins to wane.

I get that. Maybe you're fatigued — I am, too. Maybe you're doing well in your resolutions and devotions but you're in danger of coasting. Or maybe, like many of us this year or in past years, you don't feel that you have even really begun your Lenten journey.

Either way, chances are that the fire that was in your belly on Ash Wednesday is burning a bit low. All fires eventually do, once they consume whatever fuels them. So here we would do well to remember what fuels our Lenten fire.

Sometimes we make resolutions that have the appearance of being spiritual, but also have an earthly motive. We give up chocolate hoping to lose weight. We stop gossiping so our friends may like us more. There is nothing wrong with these sacrifices — just with their motivations.

As Moses removes his sandals to approach the burning bush, he sees that the fire burns brightly, strongly — but does not consume. It is propelled by something inexhaustible, something which is not of this world.

Is your Lenten fire fueled by God? Are you daily surrendering yourself to the same voice that boomed from the bush in Genesis — the voice that commanded the Israelites to do what seemed like the impossible? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

 **NOTICE**

IC is hosting a Treasure Trove/Garage Sale.  
We are in need of the following clean items:  
INFANT through TEEN sized clothing  
Home goods/ furnishings and furniture

ABSOLUTELY NO appliances, electronics or  
adult clothing will be accepted.  
Items may be dropped off on  
Friday, April 25  
2pm to 6pm  
Columbus Club



Amy Staudt 641-330-6289  
Alan Powell 641-330-3037

## *Prayer for Spring...*

*Loving God,  
As Spring awakens the earth,  
renew our hearts with your grace.  
Help us to turn toward you,  
to nurture what is good,  
and to bear fruit in love and mercy.  
Amen.*



## *Our Deepest Sympathy & Prayers*

*are extended to the family and friends  
of Gerry Kennedy, mother of Dan Kennedy  
of our parish, who passed away recently.  
May God grant her eternal peace.*



## IC'S TREASURE TROVE GARAGE SALE

# SALE

8am - 2pm  
Columbus Club  
502 Clark St.



## Saturday 26th of April

## Archdiocese of Dubuque CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE



Join other men from throughout  
the Archdiocese of Dubuque to be  
inspired in your faith at the **29th Annual Catholic  
Men's Conference on Saturday, March 29th, 2025,**  
at **St. Pius X Church in Cedar Rapids.** The keynote  
speaker will be Michael Gormley. Learn more and  
register at [www.ArchMensConference.org](http://www.ArchMensConference.org).

## Buy & Use SCRIP

SCRIP is available to purchase  
following the weekend Masses in the  
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## St. Therasas's Gift Shop

Help your children understand Lent with books, activity books & resurrection eggs!

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(For the individual asking for prayer cards of "The Lord's Prayer", they are now in stock.)

*From the Novena Prayer of the Annunciation*

*O Mary, Blessed Mother of God, when the angel greeted you you were surprised and fearful; yet, in wonder you listened and opened your heart to the divine message.*



*Mother of Our Savior, help me to open my heart to the Father's will in my life. Pray for me to the Lord God as I pray to Him.*

*Generous and loving God, like your daughter Mary, help me to know and do your will in this life and in the next.*

*Grant me a grateful heart and help me to always pray as Mary prayed.*

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