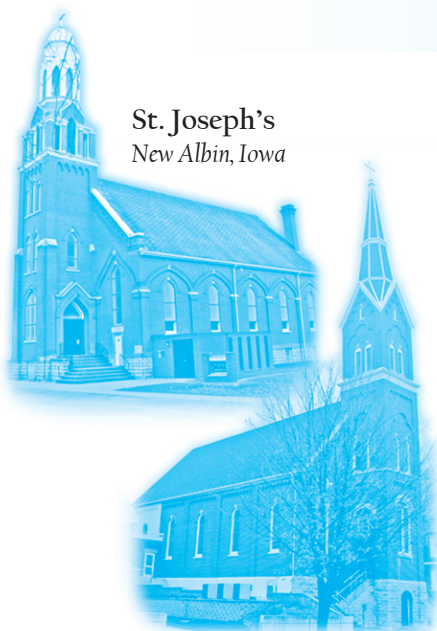


October 20, 2008



St. Joseph's
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Mass Schedule for the week

Monday, Oct 20—Robert & Clara Guider @ I.C.—7:30 a.m.
 Tuesday, Oct 21—Vivian Hosch @ St. Joseph—8:00 a.m.
 Wednesday, Oct 22—Tom Schwartzhoff @ I.C.—7:30 a.m.
 Thursday, Oct 23—Ray Mooney @ Thornton Manor—9:45 a.m.
 Friday, Oct 24—Jim Houlihan @ I.C.—7:30 a.m.
 Saturday, Oct 25—Mary Kay Geers & Scott Hawes @ I.C.—5:00 p.m.
 Sunday, Oct 26—Ray Zoll @ St. Joseph—8:30 a.m.
 Mass for the Parish @ I.C.—10:00 a.m.

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Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception

Saturday 5:00 pm &

Sunday 10:00 am

St. Joseph's

Sunday 8:30 am

Confessions

1/2 hour before all Masses

weekdays as well as

4:00—4:45 pm on Saturday &

8:00—8:15 am Sunday

**October is a month dedicated
to Mary. Pray the Rosary!**

Schedule of Mass Helpers October 25 & 26

	5:00 p.m. 25th	8:30 a.m. 26th	10:00 a.m. 26th
Lector	Donna Hogan	Max Marzen	Toni Monat
Communion	Kevin Hogan Donna Hogan Greg Conway	Jan Hammell Barb Mauss Howard Fitzpatrick	Tony Monat Gerti Monat Karen Weber
Servers	Brandon Conway Colin Brennan	Dylan Mauss Adam Burke	Olivia Staheli Julia Staheli
Ushers	Jim Rossi Andy Stein Dave Moritz Andy Welsh	Mike Kubitz Dave Carroll Gary Mauss Jake Imhoff	Bud Hawes Dennis Reppe Steve Zahn Fred Walleser
Offertory	Appointed by Ushers	Damon Olson	Appointed by Ushers
Rosary		K. Moore	

Communion to the Shut -In: Don & LeaAnn Peters

October 19th—The “Oct. 3rd Sunday Loose Change Collection” will be taken up for Rick Schulte—the person who does the meat for St. Joseph Parish Festival. His wife is awaiting a heart & kidney transplant. She was in Rochester for a couple months awaiting the transplant but then was sent home to regain her strength for the operation. At the present time she is on a special pump to keep things going. She goes to Rochester 3 times a week for clinic visits. All of this takes a lot of gas money and Rick is not able to get a lot of work in on the days that remain in a week. Come with extra cash in your pocket for this collection.

October 23rd—The ACCW Convention will be held at Tama. For more information call Phyllis Einwalter @ 563-534-7413.

October 26th— Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church Harvest Dinner @ New Albin Community Center from 10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Menu: Pork Loin, scalloped potatoes, carrots, baked beans, salad bar, dinner rolls, pies & beverage. Adults through 11 \$9.00, 6-10 \$5.00 5 & Under Free.

November 1st— The feast of All Saints is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. However, since it is such an important day in the liturgical year that I am going to have Mass on that Saturday morning at **10 a.m.** @ I.C. in Lansing. I hope that many of you with your family will come to that Mass & celebrate the lives of the saints who have provided us with so many insights into the spiritual life and show us how we are able to live our faith thereby attaining our heavenly reward. We read about the intercession of the saints in paragraph 956 in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: “Being more closely united to Christ, those who dwell in heaven fix the whole Church more firmly in holiness.. They do not cease to intercede with the Father for us, as they proffer the merits which they have acquired on earth through the one mediator between God and man, Christ Jesus. So by their fraternal concern is our weakness greatly helped.” (1Tim2:5) In paragraph 957 we read, “..our communion with the saints joins us to Christ, from who as from its fountain & head issues all grace, and the life of the people itself.” (Eph.4:1 -6) As you prepare your children for “trick or treating” dress them as their patron saint for that is what Hallow (Holy) een (eve) is suppose to be all about—celebrating a Holy Eve in which we recognize who our patron saint is and what we are to be a virtuous, faith filled and generous person!

November 2nd— Is the feast of “All Souls”. We will have the commemoration of those who have died during the past year in our parish at Mass. It is on this day that we especially pray for the souls of the faithful departed that they might enter heaven after the time of proper purgation. We know that there are three states to which our soul may go & they are: heaven, hell & purgatory. In the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* paragraphs 1030-1032 we read the following: (10:30) “All who die in God’s grace & friendship but still imperfectly purified are indeed assured of their eternal salvation: but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter heaven. (1031) The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The Church formulated her doctrine of faith especially at the councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain Scripture speaks of a cleansing fire.” (I Cor. 3:15; 1 Peter 1:7) On this day it is the custom to visit the grave of friends, relatives and those who are unknown to us and pray for their soul by saying 5 Hail Marys, 5 Our Fathers and 5 Glory Bes. Take your family with you and pray for the souls and then relate to them who these people were as you knew them - a wonderful tradition to continue within our families or a wonderful tradition to begin if you do not already do so. It is also a time to go to the cemetery and clean up around the grave sites of our friends & relatives.

Calendar of Events:

Oct 19— I.C. Fall Festival

3rd Sunday Loose Change collection will be taken up for Rich Schulte

Oct 20— Social Concerns Meeting @ I.C. Rectory 8:15 a.m.

I.C. Parish Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.

Oct 22— St. Joseph Parish Council Meeting **CANCELED**

Oct 23— St. Joseph Faith Formation Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Oct 26— BINGO @ I.C. Church Hall 6:30 p.m.

Oct 27— Grief Support Meeting @ I.C. Rel. Ed. 6:30 p.m. Call 538-3933 for more information

November 9th—"OBEY YOUTH THIRST" is the theme for the Archdiocese Youth Rally to be held Sunday, Nov. 9th at Five Sullivan Brothers Civic Center in Waterloo. The rally is open to teens in grades 9-12. For more information, the registration, or to reserve your spot on the bus contact Karen Weber

Thanks to all who made the "I.C. Festival" a success—this includes those who worked it and those who supported it by attendance & donations. As always the dinner was grand!!!

There is much appearing in the media about the teaching of Jesus through the Catholic Church on the issue of abortion. There are also many comments being made by politicians telling us what Jesus teaches through his Church and often they are incorrect. In order to help you know what is the true and correct teaching I quote an August 25th statement made by Cardinal John Rigali of Philadelphia and Bishop William E. Lori of Bridgeport, Conn, "The Church since the first centuries has affirmed the moral evil of every abortion. The teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law.. The Church teaches that from the time of conception (fertilization), each member of the human species must be given the full respect due to a human person, beginning with the respect for a fundamental right to life." You should also read paragraphs 2270-2275 in the Catechism of the Catholic Church along with the footnotes to these paragraphs. The following is a statement by Archbishop Burke that should make all of us look at our own conscience and state of grace and also understand the role of the Church, Bishops, priests and lay people, in protecting the integrity and sacredness of the Eucharist and receiving it properly. **Catholics who support abortion should not receive communion, says Archbishop Burke:** Rome The perfect of the Apostolic Signature, Archbishop Raymond Burke said in August that Catholics, especially politicians, who publicly defend abortion should not receive Communion, and that ministers of Communion should be responsibly charitable in denying it to them if they ask for it, until they have reformed their lives." In an interview with the magazine, "Radici Christiane," Archbishop Burke pointed out that there is often a lack of reverence at Mass when receiving Communion. "Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ unworthily is a sacrilege," he warned. "If it is done deliberately in mortal sin it is a sacrilege." To illustrate his point, the head of the Vatican's Supreme Court referred to "public officials who, with knowledge and consent, uphold actions that are against the divine and eternal moral law." He then gave the example of politicians who "support abortion, which entails the taking of innocent and defenseless human lives. A person who commits sin in this way should be publicly admonished in such a way as to not receive Communion until he or she has reformed his life, the archbishop said. "If a person who has been admonished persists in public mortal sin and attempts to receive Communion, the minister of the Eucharist has the obligation to deny it to him. Why? Above all, for the salvation of that person, Preventing him from committing a sacrilege," he added. "We must avoid giving people the impression that one can be in a state of mortal sin and receive the Eucharist." He explained that when the person is allowed to receive Communion, a second form of scandal exists, "leading people to think that the public act that this person is doing," a sin," which until now everyone believed was a serious." " If we have a public figure who is openly and deliberately upholding abortion right and receiving the Eucharist, what will the average person think? He or she could come to Believe that up to that up to a certain point it is okay to do away with an innocent life in the mother's womb," he warned.

(Continued next week).

October is a month dedicated to Mary who leads us to her son Jesus. During this month make a special effort to pray the Rosary in your home and also come to Mass as a family about 20 minutes early to pray the Rosary with other parishioners. Mary has terrific intercessory powers with her Son – take advantage of them.

Married Couples: Skip the lottery this month and treat yourself to a Worldwide Marriage. Cedar Falls — February 13-15, Dubuque — May 29-31. To register or for more information call Roger & Marsha Luensman @ 563-927-4352.

**Stewardship of Treasure
Sunday, October 12, 2008**

I.C.	2007	2008
Adults	\$1598.00	\$1365.00
Children	\$ 8.70	\$ 6.45

St. Joseph	2007	2008
Adults	\$1241.00	\$1299.00
Children	\$ 3.00	\$ 7.00