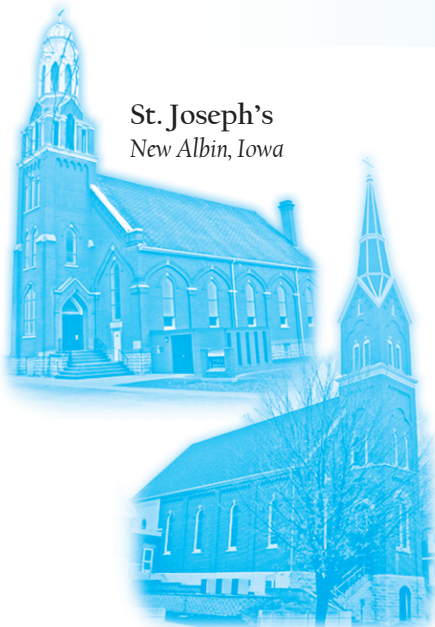


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Mass Schedule

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

Mass Schedule for the week

Monday, Feb 2——Jim Houlihan @ I.C.——7:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb 3——Arnold Klug @ St. Joseph——8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb 4--Gerald Manternach @ I.C. ——7:30 a.m.

Thursday, Feb 5——Delores Connors @ St. Joseph——9:45 a.m.

Poor Souls @ I.C. ——6:00 p.m.

Friday, Feb 6——Norbert & Helen Spinner@ I.C.——7:30 a.m.

Saturday, Feb 7——Funeral Mass for Evangeline McKena

@ St. Joseph——11:00 a.m.

Mary Cleta Scholtes @ I.C.——5:00 p.m.

Followed by Prayer, Adoration & Benediction

Sunday, Feb 8——L. Peter Colsch @ St. Joseph——8:30 a.m.

Followed by Prayer, Adoration & Benediction

Mass for the Parish @ I.C.——10:00 a.m.

Followed by Prayer, Adoration & Benediction

Schedule of Mass Helpers February 7 & 8

	5:00 p.m. 7th	8:30 a.m. 8th	10:00 a.m. 8th
Lector	Dave Moritz	Youth Mass	Toni Monat
Communion	Leo Garin Karen Weber Kay Metille	Joan Reburn Tom Walleser Max Marzen	Tony Monat Gerti Monat Barb Lee
Servers	Alison Moritz Arin Moritz	John Reburn Trent Walleser	Dustin Monat Hans Wagner
Ushers	Jim Rossi Jim Keenan Tom Callahan Jim Metille	Youth Mass	Bud Hawes Steve Zahn Joe Strobel Kenny Becker
Offertory	Appointed by Ushers	Youth Mass	Appointed by Ushers
Rosary		K. Darling	
Communion to the Shut -In:	Mary & Dan Scholtes		

February 15th—New Albin Firemen Pancake & Sausage Breakfast –7:30 –12:30 at the N.A. Fire station; Adults \$5.00; ages 8-15 \$3.50; 7 and under Free.

February 18th—Immaculate Conception & St. Joseph's Parishes are working together to offer a preparatory Lenten Spiritual Event. This event will be held on Feb. 18 from 6:45-8:00 p.m. and will be hosted at Immaculate Conception Parish. The committee working on this event is Kathleen Heidersheit, Tammy Cooper, and Karen Weber. The people helping with this event are all of the catechists from Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph's Parishes.

This event is open to every parishioner from Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph's Parishes. We encourage parishioners to bring friends outside of the parishes. This event takes the place of the Rel. Ed classes from I.C. & St. Joseph & all students are to be there. Even if you do not have any children or if your children are grown we strongly encourage you to attend to renew yourself spiritually for the preparations of your Lenten journey.

We are not asking people to make their reservations for this evening. We are asking for everyone to come together and join in fellowship with one another as we begin our spiritual journey.

February 20-22nd—Sign up for a Christian Experience Weekend (CEW). The men's CEW will be held at St. Patrick's Parish School in Waukon on Feb. 20-22. The women's CEW will be held at Village Creek Bible Camp near Waukon on **February 27– March 1**. For registration forms or any questions men contact Jerry Regan at 563-568-3689 women contact Patti Hastings at 563-586-2159.

February 22nd—(three days before Ash Wednesday) Immaculate Conception Parish is sponsoring a "Fat Sunday Sausage & Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale" in the Church Hall at 648 Main St., Lansing. Write this on your calendars so that you are able to attend and/or help work it. The "Parish Life Committee" suggested that the old tables in the Church hall be replaced with the new white plastic type of table. Many of the old tables are in rather dilapidated conditions. The new ones costs about \$50.00 each and there are a total of 20 tables that need replacing. The old ones will be sold at prices considering their condition. This will be done with about 3 months or so! The proceeds from this breakfast will go toward the purchase of new tables.

February 20-22nd—Who are the Capuchins? The Capuchin Franciscan friars will be holding a weekend in the Milwaukee area for men (ages 17-49) who are interested in learning about religious life and seeing how Capuchins live as Franciscans in our world and in the Church today. The weekend is **February 20-22. If you would like to attend, have questions, or want recommend someone for the weekend, call 773-475-6206.**

March 22nd—Decorah Diocese (Diocesan Council of Religious Educators) are offering a Youth Rally In Service for the 9th—12th grade youth in our Diocese. Registration 9:00-9:25 a.m., rally 9:30 –closing with a Mass at 3:30 p.m. Our main speaker for the rally is "Leap of Faith". Confirmation candidates from I.C. & St. Joseph mandatory attendance of all this is their retreat.

"Leap of Faith" is a contemporary Christian band from Iowa City. They aim their ministry towards growth in faith life. Especially the growth in faith life for high school aged students. Being they are only college students themselves, they feel their message has the potential to reach high school students on a more personal level. It's from their own experiences entering college that they realized the unmistakable gap and sometimes void that is created in many students' lives. That gap being the loss of faith life. During their ministry program, they play a variety of well-known praise and worship songs, as well as original songs. They also incorporate witness/testimonial presentations during the program from each band member.

Calendar of Events:

- Feb 2— Social Concerns Meeting @ I.C. Rectory 8:15 a.m.
- Feb 4— Clean I.C. Church after Mass
- Feb 5— All Night Adoration @ I.C. 6 p.m. Confessions 6:30-7:00 p.m.
- Feb 7— Night with St. Paul @ I.C. after 6 p.m. Mass
- Feb 8— St. Joseph Youth Mass
Coffee & Rolls after Mass @ St. Joseph
- Feb 9— I.C. Parish Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Feb 12— K of C Meeting
- Feb 15— 3rd Sunday Loose Change Collection
New Albin Firemen Breakfast
K of C District Free throw @ EACS 12:00 p.m.

There is a need for more lectors, Communion ministers, ushers and Rosary Society leaders at St. Joseph in New Albin. Anyone who is interested should contact Fr. Knipper.

Please contact your U.S. representatives and senators concerning FOCA. Follow the suggestions given in the insert a couple weeks ago of what FOCA is about, who to contact and how to contact. This legislation will be coming into the U.S. House and Senate soon so doesn't wait. Act now.

The committee formed to work on the painting of the Immaculate Conception Church interior has been working for the past number of months. They continue to contact Church interior painting contractors for preliminary bids, paint colors and design suggestions etc. Once all of the ideas have been forwarded then a meeting must be held with the Archdiocesan Worship Commission to gain their input and approval and then a formal bid letter will be issued to anyone interested in the project. Brian Guthrie is donating his time in helping us formulate and write up the bidding process. All that is being considered at this time is painting — the carpet will be considered after the painting is finished! This all takes a lot of time!! In the process of painting the outside window sills last fall Fr. Knipper found that the sill itself on all the windows was in bad shape with rotting and warping of portions of the sill to the extent that water is running toward the window instead of away from it. This is the cause of water damage to the plaster around the interior of the stained glass windows. Contractors and stained glass companies have been contacted to give suggestions on how to solve this problem. This outside work needs to be done before interior painting or else the interior painting will be useless because the damage will occur again in a very short time.

Anyone new to the area who would like to register @ I.C. or St. Joseph please call the rectory @ 563-538-4171 and talk with Fr. Knipper.

Use the following form to register in the parish. Fill it out, cut it out & drop in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Address: _____

P.O. Box: _____

City: _____

Telephone #: _____

Living Abundantly in Difficult Financial Times: 7 steps to becoming Financially free, Have a plan: Have a spending plan and stick with it, Track your spending for 30 days, and then look for creative ways to reduce expenses such as carpooling or riding a bike to work, monitoring cell phone usage, & packing lunches instead of eating out. Most of us would be shocked at how much money we spend on things like lattes, fast food, and spur-of-the moment entertainment. Cutting out the "small splurges" can add up to big savings without a feeling of deprivation. (Continued next week).

ASH WEDNESDAY February 25th!

I.C. is looking for a person to shovel snow. Please contact Fr. Knipper for a job description if you are interested!

Marriage Thought: The prince isn't going to come!

Does your honey remember what you gave him/her for Valentine's Day last year? Do you? Why not do something really special and give each other the gift of a satisfying and intimate relationship? The next weekend is in Cedar Falls Iowa Feb 13-15. To register contact Roger & Marsha Luensmann at 563-927-4352.

Moses told the people, "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kinsmen." God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

Stewardship of Treasure Sunday, February 1, 2009

I.C.	2008	2009
Adults	\$2244.00	\$ 1315.68
Children	\$ 7.00	\$ 16.31

St. Joseph	2008	2009
Adults	\$ 997.00	\$ 415.00
Children	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.00