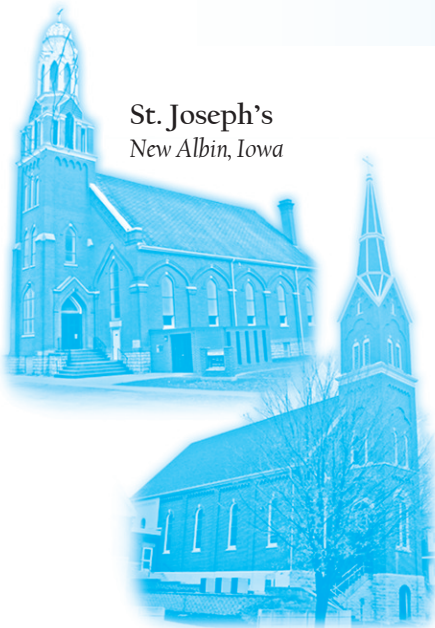


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St. Joseph's
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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & ST JOSEPH'S

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Mass Schedule for the week

Monday, Sept 14—Jim Shew @ I.C.—7:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Sept 15—Kerry Moore @ St. Joseph—8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept 16-Ray Mooney **Special Mass for the pilgrimage group
from Bettendorf Iowa @ I.C.—10:30 a.m.**

Thursday, Sept 17—Deceased of Mohn & Kernan families

@ Thornton Manor—9:45 a.m.

Friday, Sept 18—Edna & Vince Strub @ I.C.—7:30 a.m.

Saturday, Sept 19—Members of Chris Weber family @ I.C.—5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Sept 20—Carol Dougherty @ St. Joseph—8:30 a.m.

Mass for the Parish @ I.C.—10:00 a.m.

Schedule of Mass Helpers September 19 & 20

	5:00 p.m. 19th	8:30 a.m. 20th	10:00 a.m. 20th
Lector	Dave Moritz	Mary Kay Colsch	Derva Burke
Communion	Kevin Hogan Donna Hogan Kay Mettillie	Lawrence Mitchell Joan Reburn Howard Fitzpatrick	Connie Brown Peter Berns Don Peters
Servers	Arin Moritz Jillian Leppert	Rebecca Boland Tiana Kubitz	Rob Melde Hans Wagner
Ushers	Jim Rossi Dave Mooney Leo Garin Mike Manning	Lyndon Kubitz Mike Reburn Mike Mooney Ray Burke	John Delong Paul Wagner Bob Peters Bob Lowe
Offertory	Appointed by Ushers	Ushers Choice	Appointed by Ushers
Rosary		L. Beck	

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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

September 16th — St. Joseph Religious Ed Classes begin 6:30 p.m. @ St. Joseph, New Albin.

Catechetical Sunday September 20, at all Masses: The theme for 2009 Catechetical Sunday on September 20th is “*Catechesis & the Proclamation of the Word.*” Those who have been designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday “is a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.” Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicated themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

September 20th—3rd Sunday Loose Change Collection will be taken up for Nancy Hartley a member of St. Joseph Parish.

September 20th—Special Mass for Mental Awareness at St. Pius Church, Cedar Rapids. 2:00 p.m. This Mass is for anyone with a chronic mental illness.

September 23rd —I.C. Religious Ed Classes begin @ I.C. 6:45 p.m.

October 1st—“Father-Son Vocations Hour of Prayer Night”! This will be a time for all the Fathers and sons of the parishes to gather at Immaculate Conception and join in an hour of prayer for priestly vocations. We are thinking of gathering at 7 p.m. for this event that will consist of prayer (it is also All Night Adoration) before the Blessed Sacrament, readings from Scripture, quiet time, personal reflection and vocation testimony and end with a showing of a DVD along with chili etc.

October 1st—The Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is open for application for elderly and disabled individuals on October 1st and for other income eligible individuals starting **November 2nd**. Any questions call 568-4224.

October 2nd—I.C. Wexford Fish Fry: Menu: Fish, cheesy potatoes, potato salad, salad bar, dessert & roll. 4:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Adults \$8.50, Children (5-10) \$4.50 Under 5 Free.

Calendar of Events:

Sept 14—-I.C. Parish Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.

Sept 16—-St. Joseph Rel. Ed classes begin 6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.
St. Joseph Parish Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Sept 20— “3rd Sunday Loose Change Collection” for Nancy Hartley
Catechetical Sunday recognition of teachers at both Masses

Sept 23—I.C. Rel Ed starts 6:45 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Sept 24—St. Joseph Faith Formation Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Sept 26—Confirmation class retreat in I.C. Rel. Ed Center 10 a.m.— 5 p.m. Enrollment of I.C.
Confirmation students at 5 p.m. Mass

Sept 27—Enrollment of 1st Reconciliation & Confirmation students at St. Joseph at 8:30 a.m. Mass
Enrollment of 1st Reconciliation students at I.C. at 10 a.m. Mass

Needed: Someone to touch up the paint on some of the statues used in the Christmas Crib scene at I.C. Contact Fr. Knipper if you could do this.

Donations requested for Children's Games at the I.C. Fall Festival on October 19th. Each parish family is asked to donate 5-10 items for games. Please include at least one item of \$3.00 value. Total prizes should be valued at approximately \$10.00. If you would rather not purchase prizes, a cash donation will be accepted before **October 12th** and parish volunteers will purchase your prizes for you. Please label an envelope "children's games" and place in the collection or drop off at the Rectory or Rel. Ed Center. Younger children enjoy little toys, stickers, coloring and story books, etc. Older children enjoy pens, pencils, candy, chips, etc. Please no donations of pop as we do not want any spills in our new center.

I.C. Parish Festival: I.C. Parishioners your "Raffle Tickets" are in the back of the Church. You are asked to work hard at selling them or buying them your selves. We are asking parishioners to donate toward the cash prizes on the raffle ticket. Place your cash donation in an envelope with your name and "Raffle Prize" on the envelope and put it in the collection basket and we will take it from there. We will be looking for items for the **Farmers Market** so if you have items in your garden or are canning now, please save some back for us. Farmers market items & baked goods like **jams, jellies, tomatoes, carrots, pumpkins, squash, watermelon, onions, zucchini, grapes, apples, pears, sweet corn, canned beef, bread, rolls, cakes, cookies etc.**

Religious Education classes are about to begin! Three things that are very relevant and extremely important in relation to the program: 1) The child, as well as Mother and Dad, need to be going to Mass every Sunday-this is where it all starts with the Catholic faith. Without attendance at Mass the program loses all value and is a shame. There are some religions that accept "Sunday School attendance" as a substitute for worship-this is not true in the Catholic faith; 2) It is the primary duty of the parents, as they agreed to when the child was Baptized, to teach their child in the ways of the Catholic faith by going to Mass as a family, by teaching prayers in the home etc. The religious education program is there to supplement and help the child and not to be the sole provider for the child. It is amazing how many of the students do not know the Our Father, Hail Mary, Sign of the Cross etc. because nothing is done in the home but then the parents expect miracles to occur within a 60 minute classroom situation once a week for 32 weeks of the year-this is not possible! Note that the parents made the promise at Baptism, so do not blame anyone else for a child's lack of knowledge or practice of the faith. 3) Support the program by helping your child (grades 1 all the way through 9) with their religious education home work assignment! Again, it takes daily work at home to get across all the ideas that the child needs to know for a vibrant love of God. We were created to know, love and serve God! In order to love we need to know and that is why that word "know" is placed first in the list! Help with the program when the director calls for help in some of the projects that are going to occur during the year-keep God and knowing him first in life and then after God place money, sports, TV, computer, twitter etc. on down the list. We have a very good program but it would be a lot better if all the parents (not just a few) would fully work with and cooperate with the program and its many facets.

How much should I give?

It is the duty of every Catholic to support the work of the Church. If the word "tithe" comes up in a Catholic parish, typically it's explained like this: Tithing is good; it is biblically supported. If you plan to tithe, one option that many Catholics feel comfortable with is to give five percent to their parish, one percent to the diocese, and the four percent to their selected charities. Into that equation, one must also consider the gift of time and talent and prayer. The entire calculation may far exceed a straight 10 percent donation, but each component is vitally important to you as a good steward and to your parish faith community. Whatever we give will return to us a hundred-fold, maybe not always in the form of money, but in ways that we can only thank God for when we look back at the path our life has taken. Some people, if they are honest with themselves and God, should give more than 10 percent. Ten percent isn't really much, when you stop to think about it. But it's enough that it will make most of us squirm a little-and that's good because it means we're making a real sacrifice. We're saying to God, "Okay, here goes. Please help us make it without this money that we're giving away as an act of faith and trust in you!"

I.C. Painting Fund:

69 Parishioners have given so far out of 291.