



Immaculate Conception/St. Joseph Newsletter

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The Bosco Catholic School System provides students and families with academic, spiritual, moral, and sacramental formation so that they are prepared to be faithful disciples who are the light of Christ in the world.

Conference Sign Up Ends Sunday

The online conference scheduler will be live through Sunday, October 8 at midnight. Instructions for scheduling your conferences online may be found in last week's newsletter.

After scheduling your conferences, please print or write down your conference schedule. You will not be able to go back to the scheduler after October 8 at midnight.

No Waterloo Buses Thursday, October 12. Parents will need to provide transportation for their students. The transfer buses will run to and from Raymond and to ABC.

Hot Lunch Reminder

Reminder that if your lunch account goes below negative \$6.00 per federal guidelines your student will receive a cheese sandwich and milk in place of the regular lunch. If you have questions on your lunch balance please call the high school office 296-1692.

Picture retakes will be Tuesday, October 17.

Information Updates

If throughout the school year you need to make updates (address, phone #, e-mail address, emergency contact info, medical/medication info) please log in to PowerSchool to make the changes. By doing this, SchoolMessenger is automatically updated and the school will be notified of the updates made.

If your child is sick we use the numbers listed in PowerSchool to contact parents. If we cannot reach a parent we then call the emergency contact you have listed in PowerSchool.

Please be sure the information in PowerSchool under What to do in the event of early dismissal is very detailed. Do not just list a name. Examples: Jane will be picked up by grandma in Raymond. Or, Jane will ride the bus to Gilbertville and be picked up by mom or dad.

Archery Informational Meeting

There will be a parent/informational meeting about our Archery team in the St. Mary Center commons on Tuesday, October 17 at 6:00pm. Anyone interested in archery this year should attend the meeting with their parents.



The following homerooms met their Box Tops goal and earned a jean day with their spirit or uniform shirt Wednesday, October 11. Mrs. Neverman, Mrs. Ownby, Ms. McMaster, Mrs. Wellman, Mrs. Olson.

STO News

65% Iowa Tax Credit as an Iowa Catholic taxpayer, you can help families with demonstrated financial need attend any Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Dubuque through a contribution to the Our Faith School Tuition Organization (STO). Each contribution will receive an Iowa tax credit equal to 65 percent of the donation. The amount you contribute also qualifies as a charitable deduction on your federal tax return. Visit www.OurFaithSto.org or call the Archdiocese of Dubuque at 800-876-3546 ext. 219 or 307 to learn more.

Book Fair

IC-St. Joseph will be having a Scholastic Book Fair during conferences on Tuesday & Thursday, October 10 & 12. All profits from the Book Fair go to purchasing books for our libraries.

Special Presentation at Bosco Catholic

The Bosco Catholic School System is excited to have Jeff Veley (see bio below) come on Wednesday, Oct. 11 to talk about bullying. Jeff will provide skills and strategies to help students, staff, and parents. To learn more visit <http://www.jeffveley.com/about/> The parent session is 6:30 - 8:00pm.

Please send all newsletter items to icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org by 3:00pm on Wednesday, October 11.

When to Keep Your Child Home

Our first goal is to keep children in school. That is what their job is. They are here to learn. That being said, it is difficult to know when to keep them home or when they should return to school if they have been ill. We do not want children in school that have vomited or had diarrhea in the past 24 hours. That means if they vomit or have diarrhea at 10:00am they should not be in school until after 10:00am the following day. If they have a fever greater than 100 they should not return to school until their fever is below 100 for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication. So if they ran a fever at 9:00pm on Sunday we would not expect them to be at school until Tuesday and not have had any fever reducing medication (Ibuprofen or Tylenol). If a child is started on an antibiotic they should remain at home until they have been on the antibiotic for 24 hours and be able to participate in class. Illnesses are passed quickly in our small closed in spaces. Please be considerate of other children and staff and do not send your child to school ill or recovering from an illness that may be contagious.

Nurse's Notes

Do you pack lunches? Trying to figure out what to send can be a challenge. Make sure and try to send the right amount. The amount your child eats on the weekend is a good start. Try to avoid products packaged for children. They often contain too much sugar and sodium. Read the ingredient labels. Include a good protein source to help your child feel fuller longer. Often there are too many carbohydrates which may lead to feeling sluggish in the afternoon. Be sure to include vegetables as well as fruits. Make the meal appealing. Your child will go for the first thing that catches their eye. The food is only good for your child if they really do eat it. Marianne Hickey RN

Immaculate Conception Harvestfest is Oct. 15, 2017

Plan to attend the IC Parish Harvestfest Sunday, October 15.

Enjoy a delicious breakfast then check out the Bake Sale, Craft Sale, Silent Auction, Book Sale and Children's Games. Play BINGO and don't forget to purchase your Raffle Tickets. This is a huge fundraiser for our parish, please support it.

Family Matters E-newsletter

<http://mailchi.mp/6add42062fb7/family-matters-newsletter-september-edition-57799?e=0a5784190b>

St. Joseph Catholic Church Harvest Breakfast

St. Joseph Catholic Church will be hosting their Harvest Breakfast, silent auction, and bake sale on Sunday, October 22, 2017, from 8:30am to 12:00pm, at Reuter Hall, 313 E. Central Street, Raymond.

The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage patties, homemade cinnamon rolls, hash browns, juice, coffee, and milk. The cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for youth ages 4 to 12, and children under 3 are free. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Sunday's Word - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Synopsis

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?' Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

One-Minute-Homily

- Have you ever offered someone an opportunity which they obviously did not appreciate? On such occasions we are inclined to withdraw the opportunity and offer it to someone else who will appreciate it.
- In today's Gospel, Jesus warns us that God offers us the opportunity to experience God's love, generosity, and compassion, but the offer is not exclusive. If we reject the opportunity, it will be offered to others who are willing to accept it.
- The challenge to us as disciples is to realize that salvation is not ours to possess, defend or protect -- it is a gift, an opportunity, which God offers to anyone and everyone who is willing to appreciate and accept it.
- We sometimes confuse the Eucharist as being all about what we are offering to God; it's really all about what God is offering to us.

For Reflection or Discussion

Question for Children: Can you think of a gift someone gave you which you didn't like or didn't take good care of?

Question for Youth: These years are filled with opportunities; do you appreciate only those that benefit you or the ones you can share with others?

Question for Adults, Families and Faith Communities: Do people get the impression that we think salvation is an opportunity freely shared by God with all, or something offered only to the "chosen few" like us?



YOU'RE INVITED TO:

Essential Elements For A Strong Catholic Marriage

God's Plan For Marriage

- IMPROVE YOUR COMMUNICATION
- EXPERIENCE HEALING & FORGIVENESS
- EXPLORE THE ROLE OF SERVICE & PRAYER
- CHERISH THE MARRIAGE INTENDED BY GOD FOR YOU



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FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:

WWW.THEALEXANDERHOUSE.ORG



DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017

PLACE: ST. GABRIEL PARISH CENTER

21275 U AVENUE

REINBECK, IA 50669

TIME: 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

COST: \$75 PER COUPLE (INCLUDES LUNCH & SNACKS)

TO REGISTER ONLINE:

[HTTPS://WWW.DBQARCH.ORG/MARRIAGE-EVENT](https://www.dbqarch.org/marriage-event)

CONTACT PERSON:

MATT SELBY, DIRECTOR OF FAMILY LIFE

(563)556-2580 EXT. 233 OR M.SELBY@DBQARCH.ORG

PLEASE REGISTER BY OCTOBER 6, 2017

Schedule:

- 8:30 CHECK-IN
- 9:00 ABSOLUTE TRUTH ABOUT MARRIAGE
- 9:30 COUPLE EXERCISE
- 10:00 LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX
- 10:30 COUPLE EXERCISE
- 11:00 FORGIVENESS AND HEALING
- 11:30 EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE
- 12:00 LUNCH
- 1:00 FORGIVENESS EXERCISE
- 1:30 HOW CAN I SERVE YOU?
- 2:00 COUPLE EXERCISE
- 2:30 CAN WE TALK?
- 3:00 COUPLE EXERCISE
- 3:30 CLOSING REMARKS AND COUPLE PRAYER

**PLEASE SEND COMPLETED
REGISTRATION WITH PAYMENT TO:
FAMILY LIFE OFFICE
ARCHDIOCESE OF DUBUQUE
P.O. BOX 479
DUBUQUE, IA 52004**

LAST NAME: _____ HUSBAND: _____ WIFE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

PARISH: _____ DATE: _____

PAYMENT: _____ CASH _____ CHECK _____ CREDIT CARD _____ VISA _____ MASTERCARD _____ DISCOVER

CREDIT CARD #: _____ EXP.: ____ / ____ CSC: _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DUBUQUE. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.