

Holy Name of Jesus Parish

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First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

Monday = Jewish Feast of Hannukah
Saturday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass times below....



Pastor Comments: ADVENT begins: Adveniat Regnum Tuum (Latin for "May your kingdom come) is an ancient prayer for this season. And a kingdom to come needs the birth of a king: Jesus. With the first Sunday of Advent the Church starts a new liturgical year....a month before the secular calendar does. I guess as Saturday night Mass begins the Lord's Day (Sunday) early, so we can start the whole year early. We rotate in a three year cycle a different featured Gospel of the year. This is Cycle C and will feature Luke's Gospel. Luke wrote two volumes, the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Some say that December is like the vigil of the winter solstice, our shortest day, December 21. Then the northern hemisphere begins to tilt toward the sun, new light, again by Dec. 25. Jesus is the Son which brings us new light and life. How great is your desire for the Son? *DESIRE:* In *Zorba the Greek* Zorba says the first time he heard the *santuri* (music) it took his breath away and he could not eat for three days. He had to learn it. Zorba took all his money he had saved for marriage and bought a *santuri*. He threw himself at the feet of Effendi, a Turk master, and begged him to teach even though he had no more money. "You are really crazy about that instrument"? the master asked. Zorba answered "yes." "Well, you can stay, my boy. No one has the money to purchase a great desire." It 'washes down' this way for us followers of Jesus: Our great desire is to have more of Him, love more of Him, understand more of Him." This brings us to the Eucharist, holy communion, each Sunday, and helps us to celebrate Christmas with ever greater desire.

—Sunday's Scriptures—

Jeremiah 33:14-16 "I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah."

Psalms 25 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 May you abound in love for one another and for all...so as to strengthen your hearts.

Luke 21:25-36 "Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."



GIVING UPDATE: Thank you for your gifts of \$9,869.05 this past weekend. Our year to date average is \$11,641.19. Please note that our parish receives an additional \$10,500.00 per month in automatic bank transfer giving, which is included in the weekly average. If you are interested in automatic giving, please contact Terri at 886-2628 or tlb.holyname@midconetwork.com

The end of the year is soon coming. Look to your 2018 contributions total so far. Maybe there is no longer the full tax advantage to charitable giving as before. But, if you have an IRA distribution possibility...that is fully tax advantaged if signed over to charity. Fr. M

DECEMBER 8: Holy Day of Obligation...the FEAST of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. Friday eve **Mass at 5:30 pm and Saturday 8 am.** ...thus Bible Study can begin at 9 am.

**Mass at Immaculate Conception: December 7, 5:15 pm
December 8, 9:00 am**

An ancient Buddhist story tells of a novice asking a monk about how his life has changed after receiving enlightenment. The monk replied: "Before enlightenment, I chopped wood and carried water. After enlightenment, I chopped wood and carried water." So it is with a Christian after Baptism and conversion of heart and a decision for the Lord Jesus. We continue with the same important duties of life but with a new peace, joy and love.

Our 6th Annual Holy Name Feed and Festival will take place Jan. 6, 11:30-2pm. We need donated Bingo prizes. We will give out Scrip for some of the prizes this year...so you can buy and donate a script card. Meal tickets for sale after the Masses. Sign up as one of our needed volunteers to pull this off.

**11th/12th grade class this Wed. 7 pm Angelus Center
Thursday is the Feast of St. Nicholas (Dec. 6)**

Masses & Sacraments

Weekend Masses: Sat. 4:30 pm ; Sun. 8:30 & 10:30 am
 Daily Masses: Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 am
 Confessions: Friday: 8:00-8:20 a.m. Saturday 3:30 –4:00 pm
 Baptisms: First Sunday of the month following the 10:30 Mass and third Saturday of the month following the 4:30 Mass. Pre-baptismal classes required; held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Contact the Parish Office to register.
 Marriage: At least 6 months pre-notice is required
 Immaculate Conception Masses:
 Weekdays– Monday-Friday: 7:15 am & Saturday 8:15 am
 Weekends: Sat.-4:30 pm & Sun. 9:00 & 11:00 am



12/4 Tuesday 8:30am †Cristina Mankey
 12/5 Wednesday 8:30 am Living and †Deceased members of the Joseph & Eleanor Mack Family
 12/6 Thursday 8:30 am †Lowell Maag
 12/7 Friday Holy Day Mass 5:30 pm †Alice Mack
 12/8 Saturday Holy Day Mass 8:00 am †John & Pauline Kranz
 4:30 pm Holy Name Parishioners
 12/9 Sunday 8:30 am †Dorothy Ostrander
 10:30 am †Bev Cozad

Serving the Assembly– December 8-9

Liturgical Ministers	4:30 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
Altar Servers	Joe & Hattie Dagle Will Rogers	Delanie Tschakert Grace McGregor Kodi Lund	Ryan Roby Curtis Sneden Mitch Olson
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike/Jennifer Bick Ray/Anne Ries Becky Weismantel Terri Bjerke	Barb Paulson Becky McGillivray Laurie Danforth Patty Hanson Jeff Buchholz Volunteer*	Dorothy Foss Cheri Beadnell Katy Roe Mike Miles Carla Roby
Ushers/Greeters	Mark/Donna Horsman Duane/Mary Meyer	Linda Maag Keith/Cindy Mack Philip Mittleider	Bill Jackie Rieffenberger Richard/Vergene Comes
Lectors	John Weismantel	Kari O'Connor	Paul Reisch
Gift Bearers	Dennis & Sue Paulsen	Jerry & Kathy Elshere	
Music Ministers	Laura	Donna & Kathy	Shalom
Sacristan	Mary 881-3096	Nancy 882-2254	Nancy 882-2254

January-February Liturgical Minister Schedules are in the making! Please notify the Parish Office with your dates of planned absences. DEADLINE: Monday, Dec. 17. Call Jane at 886-2628 or e-mail: jmr.holyname@midconetwork.com
 A Reminder: Ministers for Christmas /New Years liturgies will be by personal sign up in . Thank you

Religious Education News

11th & 12 grade meet with Fr. Mike, Wednesday, December 5, 7-8 pm in the Angelus Center.

Preschool/Kindergarten Christmas Program, Sunday December 9 after the 10:30 Mass, in the gym. Everyone is welcome!

Immaculate Conception School News

Immaculate Conception School has new Apparel on the website. www.icschoolwatertown.org/shop You will find t-shirts, sweatshirts, winter hats and more in multiple designs. If you want to have in time for Christmas the order has to be placed by Sunday, Dec 1.

If you aren't comfortable ordering on the website, email me at marketing@icschoolwatertown.org, or stop in to visit.

School Christmas Concert K-6 - Tuesday, December 11 in the school gym. K-3 will perform at 5:45pm and 4-6 at 6:15pm. All are Welcome

On November 6th, Election for the school Student Council were held. Participating in the Student Council election is the first experience our students have being involved in a campaign for an office. Students are required to write a 2-3 minute speech that is presented to the students in grades 3-6. Students also designed and hung their campaign posters. The students in 3-6 voted and the results are: President - Abigail Peterson, Vice President - Jack Socia, Secretary - Noah Dagle, Head Activities Coordinator - Silas Masar, Assistant Activities Coordinator -Lela Peterson, School Store Managers - Addy Tesch, Leyla Meester, Grace Flemming and Addison Mack. School Store Sales Staff - Brooklyn Milliron and Aralyn Jurens. Class Representatives: Grade 3 - Katie Socia, Grade 4 (TIE) - Jason Blankenship and Riley Fischer, Grade 5 - Dayna Garvey and Grade 6 - Layla Peterson. Congratulations to the students and great job campaigning.

Need a Christmas Gift idea? Stop by the SCRIP counter after Mass for gift cards. There are many retailers to choose from. To name a few: Target, Walgreens, Wal-Mart, Menards, Shopko, Starbucks, Bath & Body, Caribou, as well as gas and grocery stores. % goes back to IC School.

- 12/3 **Monday**– Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm
NAMI IC Parish Hall 7 pm
- 12/4 **Tuesday**– Baptism Class 7 pm– register by calling Parish Office
- 12/5 **Wednesday**–Shalom rehearsal 6:15
11th /12th Gr. Meet with Fr. Mike– Angelus Center
- 12/6 **Thursday** –Sharon’s Shawls 6:30 pm –Angelus Center
RCIA 7 pm
- 12/7 **Friday**–No **8:30 Mass** Holy Day Mass 5:30 pm
- 12/8 **Saturday**– **Holy Day Mass 8 am**
Bible Study with Fr. Mike 9 am Angelus Center

Please join us for our next meeting of the **Catholic Daughters St. Rita Court 534 on Tuesday, December 11, at 5.30 pm.** We will meet in the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall. This will be our Christmas party so please a dish to pass for a potluck supper. Don't forget to like our Facebook page at Catholic Daughters of the Americas St. Rita Court 534.



The Catholic Community Foundation is organizing another bus trip to **Christmas at the Cathedral** for Saturday, Dec. 15. Bus will leave Immaculate Conception Parish parking lot at 10:30 AM and return by 5 PM. Cost is \$65/person which includes the 1 PM concert, transportation and a box lunch. Please make checks payable to the 'Catholic Community Foundation'. Bus seating is limited to 56 people. Contact Marne Hult for more information 880-1460.



Parish Nurse News Letter

Dear Holy Name of Jesus Family and Friends,

December is National Hand Washing Awareness Month. The T Zone is the only portal of entry into the human body for ALL respiratory infections. For true Flu Prevention, practicing the 4 Principles of Hand Awareness behaviors will ensure you "stay well". 1. Do Not Touch the T Zone (eyes, nose and mouth) 2. Hand wash regularly 3. Don't hesitate to vaccinate.

Examples of respiratory illness are: flu, flu like-illness, adeno virus, RSV, common cold, conjunctivitis, pharyngitis, tonsillitis, bronchitis, bronchiolitis, pneumonia, Cox-sackie virus, Streptococcus, Pneumococcus, TB and more.

Wishing you a safe & healthy Christmas Season.
Barb Olson, RN



Winter Weather always poses a challenge for some of our parishioners . We have designed the new entrance for easier and safer accessibility to enter the church. Please use the sliding glass doors and the **Lift** so that no tumbles are taken. We will have one of our greeters in that area to encourage and help anyone in need of help/instructions in using the **Lift**. Please Be Safe!

Note on Prayer Line . If you have a prayer request you can call ANY of the three names at the right and the circle of prayer will begin. ⇨

Christmas Flowers 2018

Enclosed is my gift of _____
To help purchase Easter flowers for Holy Name.
In honor/memory of:

From: _____

We are calling on all Crocheters & Knitters to join Sharon's Shawls prayer shawl minister. If you were a recipient of a Prayer Shawl, then you know how much this ministry means to our community. Would you like to learn how to Crochet or Knit? One of our members can teach you. Sharon's Shawls meets the first Thursday of the month , Sept.-May. Upcoming gathering: Dec. 6, 6:30 pm Angelus Center.



Upcoming Event at Abbey of the Hills

Day of Recollection– December 11– The Best Gifts
Speaker: Deacon Paul Treinen
To register /purchase tickets or for more information:
visit: abbeyofthehills.org/upcoming-events



We offer our sympathy and promise of prayers to the Brad Heesch family on the death of his mother, JoAnn Heesch of Elkton and the to family and friends of Holy Name Parishioner, Tom Lesnar, whose funeral was at Holy Name on Wednesday. May eternal rest be theirs.



With joy we welcome the newly baptized at Holy Name : Emery Elizabeth, daughter of Jim and Mollie Liefert

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