

# Holy Name of Jesus Parish

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4th Sunday & Christmas Bulletin

Christmas Masses: December 24, 4 pm  
and 7 pm—our candlelight Mass: Carols begin at 6:30 Christmas Day 9 am



**Pastor Comments:** It is one of the shortest of fourth weeks of Advent ever. We speed dial forward in less than 24 hours toward our greatest birthday celebration ever: Christmas! Let us recall the name of the day is from Christ & Mass. Rejoice in Bethlehem (i.e. Jesus comes again) on the altar every Sunday in the Mass of the Lord's Day. Among world religions Christianity is unique in that we believe in the Incarnation, God becoming flesh, and God proved to be a God of peace and not one to hand out arbitrary punishment and violence.

"Allah Akbar!" God is Great! Too often this has been heard before terrorists strike or do their suicide bombing. What a contradiction of God's design for His world, a design for peace and for love among brethren. Christians say "GOD IS LOVE!" and Jesus is the Prince of Peace. And our unique faith is that this God became human to save us, not to bomb us to eternity. A nugget of our Christian faith is that God so desired to become embodied on our earth, in our history, that He became flesh: to live as a body, to love in a body, to die in a body. God did not remain far off, but drew near. And draw near he did as a human body so that He could see and be seen, hear and be heard, touch and be touched. God desired this because our human family desperately needed the healing touch of divine love. And now we need that healing touch more than ever. There are demons within that all of us struggle with—demons of passions almost uncontrolled, demons of fear, guilt, bitterness, self-doubt, self-hatred....and no matter how long we struggle or gain partial victories the demons always seem to lurk somewhere beneath the surface. And when we look outside ourselves, wherever we look, there are also struggles that seem insurmountable. War looms on the horizon, the next gun violence any moment...taking the faces of persons we seem to know.

In the face of those struggles...within and without...we make Isaiah's prayer our own: "*Come down, Lord!*"

**Fourth Sunday Advent: Micah 5:1-4** Thus says the Lord: You, Bethlehem-Ephratha, too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come one who is to be ruler in Israel.

**Hebrews 10:5-10** When Christ came into the world he said he took a body prepared for him & to do the Father's will. **Luke 1:39-45** "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

## Christmas Scriptures

Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 (Readings from Christmas Mass during the night)

**Responsorial Psalm 96: Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**



**GIVING UPDATE:** Thank you for your gifts of \$8,944.28 this past weekend. Our year to date average is \$12,726.26. 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. Contact Terri in the parish office if interested.

As the end of the year comes do review your 2018 contributions to your church family. If you have an IRA distribution possibility...that is fully tax advantaged if signed over to charity. Account each year for inflation in giving. Fr. M

**Our 6th Annual Holy Name Feed and Festival will take place Jan. 6, 11:30-2pm. We are in need of donated bingo prizes. Scrip is a very good prize option this year...so you can buy and donate a script card. Just inform the SCRIP sales person that you would like to do this. Meal tickets fare or sale after the Masses. Sign up as one of our needed volunteers to pull this off.**

## The Catechism's 6 Precepts as a practicing Catholic:

1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (CCC #2042).
2. You shall confess your sins at least once a year (CCC #2042).
3. You shall humbly receive your Creator in holy communion at least during the Easter season (CCC #2042).
4. You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence (CCC #2042). *This comes during Lent even though all Fridays of the year should be a day of penance.*
5. You shall support the works of the Church in alms and stewardship gifts (CCC #1969, 1434, 2101, 2447).
6. You shall observe the marriage laws of the Church (CCC #1621-1658).

CCC numbers above stand for the paragraph number in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

## 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



12/24	Monday	4:00 pm	†Gene Williams
		7:00 pm	†Ryan & Becky Frost
12/25	Tuesday	9:00 am	†John Foley
12/26	Wednesday	8:30 am	NO MASS
12/27	Thursday	8:30 am	NO MASS
12/28	Friday	8:30 am	Special Intention
12/29	Saturday	4:30 pm	†Nick & Helen Weber
12/30	Sunday	8:30 am	Holy Name Parishioners
		10:30 am	†John Foley

## Serving the Assembly– Dec. 29-30

Liturgical Ministers	4:30 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
Altar Servers	Bret, Ben & Izzy Griffin	Amelia Thoennes Silas Masar Volunteer*	Sierra Stanton Peyton Roe Jaelyn Nelsen
Eucharistic Ministers	Dan/Sarah Reiffenberger Karla Dagal Brian Pellish Volunteers**	Laurie Danforth Barb Paulson Kathy Elshere Mary Thoennes Becky McGillivary	Bill Rieffenberger Paul Reisch Kathy Roe Rose Steen Mattie Kranz
Ushers/ Greeters	Tom Holmes Scott Dagal Bill/Sue Crawford	Coletta Buchholz Dave/Theresa Weigel Lee Syring	Scott/Shelly Turbak Jim/Annette Roby
Lectors	Lisa Lane	Philip Mittleider	Jeff Buchholz
Gift Bearers	Jason & Sheila Schroeder	Becky McGillivary Family	Stan & Jan Winkels
Music Ministers	Donna & Kathy	Choir	Laura
Sacristan	Mary 881-3096	Judy 868-1020	Judy 868-1020

The Liturgical Ministry Schedules have been sent out for the months of January /February. Please notify this office if you are a minister & did not receive one. Welcome to the new ministers that signed up this past Fall. We have a need for more Altar Servers for the 4:30 and 8:30 Masses!

## Religious Education News

No Religious Ed classes Wednesday, December 26 or January 2 or Sunday, December 23, 30 or January 6.

11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade will meet with Fr. Mike, January 2 at Pizza Ranch at 6:30 pm.

## Immaculate Conception School News

Immaculate Conception School would like to wish everyone a very Blessed Christmas!

11th Annual IC Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre  
DEATH BY DISCO  
Friday, January 25 and Saturday January 26  
At 2nd Street Station  
5:30 Social 6:30 Dinner & Show  
\$500 premium table of 8 - each addition up to 12 \$60  
\$50 General Admission - Pre-arranged seating only available with the purchase of a table.  
Come Dressed in your DISCO best!

Tickets available at the SCRIP table after Mass, Holy Name Parish, IC School/Parish or call the school at 886-3883

Are you a Business Owner and looking to Sponsor with one of our Advertising Packages ? Call 886-3883 or email [marketing@icschoolwatertown.org](mailto:marketing@icschoolwatertown.org)

SCRIP -  
Don't forget to purchase your SCRIP after weekend Masses during Christmas break!

Congratulations to the 5th grade Class for being the top sales Class during the Holiday Scrip Contest. They sold a total of \$6822.50. They will receive a Pizza Party. Congratulations to Jessalyn and Jaydi Zimprich for being the top sales family. They sold a total of \$4475. They earned a \$25 gift card.

### Advent Projects

Each year the classes at IC do a project for Advent. This year both Preschool classes collected children's books for the Beacon Center. Kindergarten, 1st Grade and 4th Grade collected baby items to donate to Prairie Lakes Hospital. Second grade both classes made Christmas cards for the residents at Jenkins Living Center Reflections Unit. 3rd grade collected items for the Animal Shelter. 5th grade collected Winter Weather Gear for children in our community. And 6th grade painted the Christmas scenes on the windows at the High Rise building.

Sacred Singers sang Friday, December 14 at Dakota Bank for their Open House. They will also be singing at the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Service at Immaculate Conception Church.

- 12/24 **Monday**– Christmas Eve– Parish Offices closed
- 12/25 **Tuesday**– Christmas Day– Parish Offices Closed
- 12/26 **Wednesday**–No Shalom rehearsal tonight
- 12/27 **Thursday** – No RCIA
- 12/29 **Saturday**– NO Bible Study with Fr. Mike today

Reconciliation opportunity:  
Monday, December 24th 9-10 am




*Holy Name Christmas Eve Masses:*  
4:00 & 7:00 pm  
*Christmas Day Mass 9:00 am*  
*Immaculate Conception*  
*Christmas Eve: 4:00 & 10:00 pm*  
*Christmas Day : 9:00 & 11:00 am*


Christmas Day Mass (9:00 am) will be broadcast on KXLG (99.1 FM) radio. Thank You Bob Faehn and for this gift. Pass the word.

 **Enjoy the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas at the Cathedral on KELO TV on Christmas Day**


If you were unable to attend the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas at the Cathedral in person, we invite you to watch a taped rebroadcast on Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on KELO TV.





Looking Ahead: New Years Masses  
Mary Mother of God  
Holy Name of Jesus: Dec. 31st at 5:15 pm  
Jan. 1st at 8:30 am  
Immaculate Conception : Dec. 31 at 4:30 pm  
Jan. 1st at 9 :00 am

The Rosary Makers annually ship out over 12,000 hand made rosaries to missionaries throughout the world. This is done totally free of charge to the recipients. The Rosary Makers, through generous donations are able to purchase rosary supplies and pay for shipping the rosaries to their destinations.  The Rosary Makers currently have enough finances to pay for one more shipment. We are asking that you please remember our ministry during this Christmas season and share with us what you can financially. All donations are sincerely appreciated. Please place donations in the collection clearly marked to the Rosary Makers, or mail them to Jan Stricherz at 604 6th Street SE, Watertown, SD 57201 or drop them off at the school.

Our diocesan **Catholic Family Services** had a counseling office once upon a time in Watertown. They now have a counselor on staff who comes to Watertown and Webster monthly if he has appointments. His name is Justin Falon. He spoke to our deanery group of priests a few weeks ago and was very impressive. His skills are wide ranging and he does individual, marital and family counseling. He is especially adept at suicide prevention or post-vention care.....abuse issues, men's issues, trauma, anxiety, depression, etc. You can call for an appointment with him when he is in Watertown through The Catholic Family Services Office in Sioux Falls: 1 800 700 7867 or 605 988 3775.

 We offer our sympathy and promise of prayers to the family and friends of Lynne Rick, whose funeral was Friday at Holy Name. May eternal rest be hers.

 With joy we welcome the newly baptized at Holy Name : Marlee Marie daughter of Sean and Sarina Coyle

**Holy Name Festival update**   
January 6, 2019  
Soup served from 11:30 -1:30  
Bingo, Raffle, Silent Auction 12 noon– 2 pm  
We are in need of Bingo Prizes all new condition no White Elephants. (scrip is a fine prize contribution) . Volunteer sign up sheets are on the sacristan counter. There is still time to plan a Silent Auction item. See suggestions at the sign up location. Our parish family is ready to celebrate our feast day! It would be appreciated if every one gets involved and participates in some way.

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