

Holy Name of Jesus Parish

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Second Sunday of Advent

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December 12: Feast of Our Lady of GuadalupeMass with Spanish songs and responses at I.C School Fri. 9 am



Pastor Comments: We honor Mary twice in a span of a few days. Yesterday was the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the official American feast day for Mary. The bishops in the early history of our country dedicated the country to Mary's protection under that title. We have a national shrine to the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. ...the largest Catholic Church in America and one of the most beautiful. On Wednesday, though not a holy day of obligation, we have the feast of our Lady of Guadalupe so important to our Hispanic people. Under this title she is the patroness of all the Americas (north, south, and central). She appeared in 1531 to the Aztec Juan Diego as a pregnant (with Jesus) Aztec maiden and when he picked a bouquet of miraculous roses in winter time, which he put in his cactus fiber cloak to show the bishop. But when he opened his cloak, no roses...just an image of the vision. The fibers of that cloak always deteriorate within 20 years...but this image and cloak has not deteriorated in nearly 500 years. It is called the tilma and hangs in Mary's shrine in Mexico City. It continues to be miraculous. A Jewish professor at Harvard converted to Catholicism recently, helped by his vision of Mary. His name is Roy Schoeman and you can hear his story on youtube. He asked Mary what prayer she liked best which he should pray. He heard: "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." He asked what her favorite title was and she told him: "Beloved daughter of the Father, and mother of the Son." After his earlier life in Judaism he thought science led him to be an atheist but two miracles confounded his science: the Shroud of Christ and the Tilma of Mary.

—Sunday's Scriptures—

Baruch 5:1-9 "Behold and see your children...rejoicing that they are remembered by God."

Psalms 126 **The Lord has done great things for us: we are filled with joy.**

Philippians 1:4-11 I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.

Luke 3:1-6 Prepare the Way of the Lord, make straight his paths, all flesh shall see the salvation of God."



GIVING UPDATE: Thank you for your gifts of \$16,077.99 this past weekend. Our year to date average is \$11,999.32. 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.

The end of the year is soon coming. Look to your 2018 contributions to your church family and plan accordingly. Some say that there is no longer the full tax advantage to charitable giving as before (which makes us more altruistic when we give). But, if you have an IRA distribution possibility...that is fully tax advantaged if signed over to charity. Also, always account each year for inflation in giving. Fr. M

Parish Finance Council meeting this Tuesday 6:30 pm

Thursday if the feast of St. Lucy, patron saint of vision and eye problems.

There are not one hundred people in the United States who hate the Catholic Church," the late Bishop Fulton Sheen famously said, "but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be." And unfortunately even Catholics get caught up in some of the presumptions of media and associates. Study the meaning of everything we believe in so you can explain your faith as well as understand it better.

Communal Penance Service next Sunday at 1:30 pm. Many priests will be here to hear your confession.

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.

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



12/11 Tuesday 8:30am † Colette Mahowald
 12/12 Wednesday 8:30 am † Marilyn Schulte
 Care and Rehab Center 10:15 am † Jane Lucille Mack
 12/13 Thursday 8:30 am † Emily E. Flakus
 12/14 Friday 8:30 am † Jeanne & Zenos Hanson
 PLH Chapel
 12/15 Saturday 4:30 pm Holy Name Parishioners
 12/16 Sunday 8:30 am † Ilene Crom
 10:30 am † Gloris Denhert

Serving the Assembly– Dec. 15-16

Liturgical Ministers	4:30 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
Altar Servers	Mia Franken Hailey Crom Miley Bruning	Joe Decker Addy Tesch Xane Fligge	Siri, Koehn & Emeri Kranz
Eucharistic Ministers	Katie Chida Mary/Maggie Triplet Mark Horsman Elaine Peterson Lori Wensing	Pastel Fligge Jeff Buchholz Elaine Lesnar Philip Mittleider Nancy Decker Patty Hanson	Stan/Jan Winkels Matti Kranz Dave/Mary Petersen
Ushers/ Greeters	Dan/Sarah Reiffenberger Steve/Nancy Hulscher	Ryan/Maxine Moyer Jon/Laura Hegge	Mike Steinhoff Steve/Kari Gales Mike Miles
Lectors	Ruth Swenson	Valery Jaspers	Lee Schoenbeck
Gift Bearers	Michael & Kelly Pesek Family	Time & Donna Dettmann Family	Steve & Renee Meland Family
Music Ministers	Laura	Choir	Kathryn & Chris
Sacristan	Sue 881-5508	Lisa 520-7700	Lisa 520-7700

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

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

No Religious Ed classes Wednesday, December 19, 26 or January 2 or Sunday, December 23, 30 or January 6.

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

Immaculate Conception School News

Holiday SCRIP Contest - You can find a Larger Order form of numerous options from our Nation Scrip Vendor at the Scrip counter. We couldn't possibly stock inventory of all the Vendors, and this will give you the opportunity to see some of the vendors that are available. The School is running a Contest with a goal of \$30,000 in Sales. If you would like to take a look at the Large Order Form ask the Scrip Seller and they can help you out. All Orders must be pre-paid and if placed this weekend, you will be able to pick up next weekend after Mass in the SCRIP Box. If this is something everyone likes, we may continue to offer it on a regular basis.

Tom Roberts was in the school Friday, November 30th to read to the students. The students loved his presentation. Tom is very humorous in his presentation with different voice sounds to enhance the story, plus the rhyming phrases it almost makes one feel they are listening to Dr. Seuss. Tom's newly published book is titled, On That One Christmas Eve. His books are for sale in the school office. They are \$20 each and the proceeds go to the Children's Home Society. On that One Christmas Eve will be available for purchase along with 3 of his previously published books: The Greatest Gift, The little Lost Sock, It was the Night Before Christ.

New Location for the Christmas Program - K-6 grade Christmas Program will be located at Immaculate Conception Church on Tuesday December 11. K-3rd grade Program begins at 5:45pm and 4-6 grade begins at 6:15pm.

Congratulations to a Student of the Month for November, Ava Mack in 7th Grade at Watertown Middle School. She is an alumnus of IC School. Her parents are Mark and Michelle Mack and they attend Holy Rosary in Kranzburg.

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.

- 12/9 **Sunday**-Preschool Christmas Program after 10:30 Mass
 12/10 **Monday**- Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm
 12/11 **Tuesday**- Finance Council 6:30 pm
 12/12 **Wednesday**-Shalom Christmas choir rehearsal 6:15
 12/13 **Thursday** - RCIA 7 pm meet at the Church
 12/15 **Saturday**-Serra meets at I.C. Rosary 7:45 am, Mass /Meeting
 Bible Study with Fr. Mike 9 am Angelus Center
 12/16 **Sunday** - Communal penance Service 1:30 pm

Sounds of the Season Free Concerts

Sun. Dec. 9, 3 pm and 7 pm at First United Methodist Church, Wauertown. Featured groups will be the Glacial Lakes Harmonizers, the First United Methodist Handbell Choir, Strings Noel, the 60-voice Wauertown Community Choir, and Dolce Diva. Donations of non-perishable food items or cash will be given to the Salvation Army food pantry. Come and enjoy beautiful Christmas music.



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 bring 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.

Reminder- **Fudge** recipe for the Prison Inmate Christmas sacks is on the reading table. Please note deadline for drop off is Dec. 11-14 at the Multi Cultural Center.

New Horizon gifts due to the church by December 13. **PACH** items need to be dropped off at the Church, not at a store. (misprint on the back of the Traditions sheet)

Christmas Nativities from around the world -Benedictine Multicultural Center December 6-20. Mon.-Fri. 2:00-4:00 pm
 Dec. 15: 10:00 am-4:00 pm & Dec. 16, 1:30 pm-4:30 pm

Gathering for Widows and Widowers

The Divine Mercy Remembrance Group invites you to
 Cocoa and Cookies -Dec. 18th, 1:30 pm -I.C. Parish Hall
 Join us for a time of prayer, fellowship and friends!

Please invite anyone who has lost a spouse and bring a dozen
 of your favorite treats to share if you'd like



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!

Looking ahead:

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 Flowers 2018

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

From: _____

Deadline December 18.

GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A SPOUSE Six Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm – 8:30 pm. **January 8-February 12, 2019** at Catholic Family Services, 523 N Duluth, Sioux Falls. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran. This program is for adults who have lost a spouse and are trying to cope with the pain of separation and loss. Role change and loneliness are secondary losses which can complicate the grieving process. The program will offer assistance in coping with this change and making healthy readjustments. Non-denominational- Cost -Donation.

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 family and friends of Joanita Meyer whose funeral was at Holy Name on Wednesday, to Lori Cloos and family on the death of her mother, Marie Scott of Ortonville and also to Jeanne Sheehan and family on the death of her father, Merle Bruner. May eternal rest be theirs.

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