

# Holy Name of Jesus Parish

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Baptism of the Lord

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**Pastor Comments:** Today's celebration of Jesus' baptism should remind us of our own. Do you know your date and place? I actually framed mine. I was baptized in Estelline 13 days after I was born. You know, we were not baptized in outer space but in the Church and for the Church in a very real place and time.

Pope Francis said: "*Having a sense of the Church is something fundamental for every Christian, every community, and every movement. It is the Church which brings Christ to me, and me to Christ; parallel journeys are very dangerous!*" (an e.g. of a parallel journey is to say "I am spiritual but not religious or institutional" or "My church is the local fishing hole" etc.) And our chosen parish should become family to us, a way to engage with others, help others, and be helped.

The Death Penalty: A number of years ago Pope John Paul II had a revision of the Catechism entry on the death penalty that put the church behind support of its abolition in countries where secure incarceration is established. And now, as many of you are aware, this last year Pope Francis tweaked the Catechism further to say that believers should find the death penalty inadmissible because each life should have the dignity of living until natural death in order to have opportunity for the grace of salvation. You can find the exact wording to this new item #2267 of the Catechism on the internet. #2267 concludes that the Church works with determination for the death penalty abolition worldwide. This new editing of the catechism was discussed at our last priests' deanery meeting and its interpretation is not without controversy. There is the ideal that we would not have capital punishment, and with improved prison systems a very violent criminal can be held for life without parole and not endanger the general public. States should aim to abolish in such prisons the death penalty. Many countries, however, cannot protect the general public from dangerous felons as escape, bribery, etc. can be very likely. So we must work towards a culture of secure incarceration everywhere so abolition is possible.

## —Sunday's Scriptures—

**Isaiah 40:1-11** Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem....

**Psalms 104** O bless the Lord, my soul.

**Titus 2:11f** Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope....

**Luke 3:15-22** The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. ....John answered "I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals...."



**GIVING UPDATE:** Thank you for your gifts of \$13,365.25 from last weekend and New Years combined. Our year to date average is \$13,402.56. 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.

WELCOME to Fr. Ed Pierce who is taking this Sunday and the Masses. He is one of our wonderful retired priests who lives in Sioux Falls. Before he was a priest he was Mr. Pierce and taught at O'Gorman and was my wrestling coach when I made it to State Tournaments. I will be returning from the faculty and alumni reunion in Rome this coming Wednesday.

Overheard from a gentleman growing a winter beard: "I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me." Overheard at a book club: "I am reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down."

How did Shakespeare say it: "Blow, blow thou winter wind..Thou art not so unkind as man's ingratitude;..Though thou the waters warp, thy sting is not so sharp as friend remember'd not." This was Shakespeare's way of comparing the sharp sting of ingratitude with present winds of winter. Be grateful not only to God but to the Church in your lives and to one another.

Last Fall there was an episode of Madam Secretary where she got involved in bringing to America Laos women who volunteered in the trafficking business to be surrogate parents for Americans who wanted a child....carrying the seed or embryo of the American parent(s). One staff member argued that these unborn babies were American citizens deserving U.S. intervention. How ironic in the right to life wars.

## 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



1/15	Tuesday	8:30 am	No Mass
1/16	Wednesday	8:30 am	†Roland & Loretta Fischbach
1/17	Thursday	8:30 am	†Marie Gross
1/18	Friday	8:30 am	†Lee Opitz
1/19	Saturday	4:30 pm	†Duane & Daniel Matthys
1/20	Sunday	8:30 am	†Rich Wilkey
		10:30 am	Holy Name Parishioners

## Serving the Assembly-Jan. 19-20

Liturgical Ministers	4:30 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
Altar Servers	Bret, Ben & Izzy Griffin	Jared Volesky Amelia Thoennes Xane Fligge	Mia Franken Hannah & Samantha Pesek
Eucharistic Ministers	Bobbie Bach Doug/Penny Mack Lori Wensing Mary/Maggie Triplet	Pastel Fligge Philip Mittleider Karen Gross M. Langenfeld Lee Syring Mary Thoennes	Dave/Mary Petersen Rose Steen Stan/Jan Winkels
Ushers/Greeters	Troy/Carol VanDusen Carol Keeney Theresa Jerke	Jon/Laura Hegge Dave/Theresa Weigel	Ann Rost Mike Steinhoff Rick/Lisa Borkhuis
Lectors	Sue Walker	Wade Fligge	Paul Reisch
Gift Bearers	Kelly & Carol Guenther Family	Rick & Sandy Thyen	Dan & Jeanne Flaherty Family
Music Ministers	Laura	Choir	Kathryn & Chris
Sacristan	Sue 881-5508	Judy 868-1020	Judy 686-1020

**Please find your own sub if your scheduled time does not work. Liturgical Minister lists are available on the counter by the Time & Talent Bulletin Board. Help us keep them up to date by reviewing your specific ministry list and if you prefer a different Mass time or phone # to be used, please contact the parish office: 886-2628. Thank you.**

## Religious Education News

### 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE INFORMATION:

Wednesday, January 23, 7:00 PM, 1<sup>st</sup> Penance in the Church

Letters have been sent out to all 2<sup>nd</sup> grade families with information regarding the 1<sup>st</sup> Communion interviews. Contact us if you have any questions.

### CONFIRMATION INFORMATION:

All forms are due during class on Wednesday, January 30

Karla Dagel's class serves The Banquet, Monday February 4

Required Confirmation Retreat, Wednesday, February 13, 5:00-9:00 in the gym

11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade meet with Fr. Mike, Wednesday, February 6, 7-8 pm in the Angelus Center. We will be signing up for Living Stations parts.

NO RELIGIOUS ED Sunday, February 17.

## Immaculate Conception School News

### BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

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

The Smart Lab/STREAM Lab which stands for Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art and Math is moving forward. Electricians will be working on the classroom the end of January and Creative Learning Company will be coming in February to start setting up the classroom! This is a very exciting project for the students at Immaculate Conception School.

We are looking for 3 Volunteers for January 16 to help Randy clear out a classroom, to prepare for the Smart Lab. Some heavy lifting will be involved. Please call the school office at 886-3883 if you are able to help.

Mike Johnson from Watertown Ford, presented the school with a check for \$2870 for the Lincoln Driven to Give event. Thank you to everyone who took the time to come test drive for this event.

- 1/14 **Monday**– Pizza Ranch fund raiser for IC School  
 1/16 **Wednesday**– Shalom rehearsal 6:15 pm  
 1/17 **Thursday**– RCIA 7 pm  
 1/19 **Saturday**–Bible Study & Coffee with Fr. Mike 9 am

**Serra at IC**, Saturday, January 19 - 7:45am Rosary,  
 8:15am Mass , Meeting and Program with Seminarian  
 Nick Haiar follows in Parish Hall

### Festival Thank You

We extend thanks and appreciation for the combined efforts of many parishioners who helped plan, sell tickets, set up, donate, carry out the many tasks of the day and clean up following our Parish Festival last weekend. Andrea Shupe (Tickets, Silent Auction and Raffle), Mary Reihe (Bingo), Rita Brownlee (food) and Patty Sneden (founding members centerpieces/favors) did excellent jobs coordinating their special areas and the many volunteers made this a very successful parish event. Thank you to all who attended, ate with us and played Bingo and participated in the auction & raffle. We look forward to the 2020 Festival.



### Upcoming Event at Abbey of the Hills

Harvesting Hope: Ecumenical Farmer & Spouse Retreat:  
 We invited all farm couples to leave your worries and concerns behind and enjoy one night away! Come rediscover peace from the often-stressful life on the farm. This is a "couples only" retreat – no children please. Free will offering  
 Friday, Feb. 8 96:30 pm)– Sat. Feb. 9 (3 pm)  
 Feb. 15-17– Men's 12-Step Spiritual Retreat  
 This retreat is for men who practice or wish to practice the 12-Step program. Since 1974, retreats here have been a place for fellowship, reflection, revelation, and growth. The Abbey provides the perfect setting for powerful healing and inspiration on your spiritual journey. Come join as we trudge the road of happy destiny!  
 To register /purchase tickets or for more information:  
 visit: [abbeyofthehills.org/upcoming-events](http://abbeyofthehills.org/upcoming-events)

The PLHS Watertown Caring Club House, a 6 bedroom "home away from home" for PLHS patients / families / caregivers, is in need of Volunteers. Two shifts available: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Volunteers may work one or several shifts per month. Volunteers sign up for shift(s) they chose to work. A free breakfast or lunch is provided for each shift. Duties include registration, tours, conversation and light laundry. Volunteers do NOT work with money or credit cards. Volunteers may read, do computer work, games, knit, crafts, etc... while on duty. Please contact Krista McGillivray, Volunteer Coordinator, at 882-7716.

Retrouvaille, a confidential weekend that offers hope and help for a couple to heal and renew their marriage relationship, is available the weekend of March 1-3, 2-19 at Broom Tree Retreat and conference Center. Retrouvaille is a peer to peer ministry and has helped couples who experience chronic communication problems, as well as those who thought they were beyond hope, already separated, or even divorced. For more information, or to register, contact 605-988-3755.

Please send a record of 2018 Contributions

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

There will not be a general mailing of these reports. You may also request an emailed version. Call the parish office: 886-2628

✝ We offer our sympathy and promise of prayers to the following: to Pat (Irv) Lonneman, on the death of her mother, Viorene McEldowney, whose funeral was last Saturday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Wessington Springs, to Dorothy (Wesley) Griffith on the death of her brother, Donald Frogner whose funeral was Tuesday at Immaculate Conception and to Susie (Bob) Faehn on the death of her father, Norbert Geffre whose funeral was Saturday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Leola.

*Dr. Marcie Moran and staff will be presenting a Coping with Stress and Anxiety'Retreat Day in Redfield, SD on January 19, 2019 at St. Bernard Parish from 10:30 am – 3:30 pm.* This retreat is designed to help identify and understand the effects of stress on an individual and give them tools to keep them productive, energetic, happy and hopeful -even with the many challenges we face. Call the parish office at [605-472-1482](tel:605-472-1482) to register or for more information.

**KC \$100 Winners over the holiday weeks:  
 Mary Erickson, Don Trist, Helen Manning,  
 Jan Lawrence**

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