# Holy Name of Jesus Parish

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January 27, 2019 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**National Catholic Schools Week** 

First Friday Adoration: Feb 1; 9-10am



<u>Pastor Comments:</u> How did you memorize the wording of the 3rd Commandment as a child? E.g. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath? Or: Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day? I found in college classes where I taught and in two seminaries (Maryland and Rome) that half my class had grown up one way and the other half the other way. The new Catechism of the Catholic Church says "Lord's Day"

way and the other half the other way. The new Catechism of the Catholic Church says "Lord's Day" since that is what St. John in the Book of Revelation called this first day of the week on which Jesus rose. It is our Christian Sabbath. The Sabbath in the OT (and for 7th Day Adventists, etc.) was/is Saturday. That is why the week-end of both Saturday and Sunday was first invented in America. St. John Paul II said this about Sunday (*Dies Domini*) "It is clear then why, even in our own difficult times, the identity of this day must be protected and above all must be lived in all its depth." Since the beginning of Christianity setting aside Sunday as the Lord's Day has shaped the life of the Church. Week after week, in good times and in bad, Sunday liturgy has been celebrated down through the centuries, and a continuous flow of grace has resulted for the baptized people of God. Modern life is filled with obligations, many of them pouring over into Sunday. Time is short. We're busy. The calendar is full. There is this to do and that to be done. And yet, perhaps, the solution to the madness of modern life is Sunday itself. Perhaps adding this bit of weekly 'order'- this pause to sit and listen to the readings and homily, to sing and pray, to witness to and share in the miracle of the Eucharist- this is the tonic for chaotic modern life.

National Catholic Schools Week: We have a good Catholic School here that is holding its own when total numbers for enrollment in our diocese has dropped by 40% in the last 5 years. This is amazing since we have two other Christian private grade schools in town and several other early and K start private situations. I know of no other town this size with so many schools. Unfortunately, a national study showed many people pick a parochial school for the academics while there is a trend whereby faith & values were lower in their choice.

—Sunday's Scriptures—

Nehemiah 8:2-10 "...all people listened attentively to the book of the law."

Psalm 19 Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27 You are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.

**Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21** At Nazareth: He rolled up the scroll, sat down and said: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (he was referring to Isaiah 61)



GIVING UPDATE: Thank you for your gifts of \$6,126.75 this past weekend . Our year to date average is \$13,524.64. Please note that our parish re-

ceives 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

Saturday 9 AM Bible Study (we continue with the Old Testament) Angelus Center.

Be careful of computer models predicting various future outcomes extrapolated from current processes. Mark Twain observed this problem back in 1883: "In the space of 176 years the lower Mississippi has shortened itself 242 miles, an average of over a mile a year. Therefore, any calm person can see that in the old Oolithic Silurian Period, just a million years ago next November, the lower Mississippi was upwards of one million three hundred thousand miles long. And by the same token any sane person can see that 742 years from now it will be only a mile and three-quarters

long. One gets such wholesale returns of conjecture out of such a trifling investment of fact."

After the passing of noted mathematician Stephen Hawking last year CNN shouted Hawking's conclusion: "There is no God" calling it a bombshell. It is hardly a bombshell to learn that a celebrated atheist was an atheist. And yet a book out last year on his life by Kitty Ferguson summarizes another answer he gave to the question: Why is there a universe? "If I knew that," he answered, "then I would know everything important. Then we would know the mind of God." Why did Hawking hedge? He thought his no God theory was the simplest explanation. Yet more simple is scientist and philosopher Blaise Pascal's challenge..often called Pascal's wager: "If you choose to believe and die and there is no God you will never know. If there is a God, wow, you won."

#### 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. Prebaptismal 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



1/29	Tuesday	8:30 am	<b><sup>†</sup>Mary Cyper</b>
1/30	Wednesday	8:30 am	<b><sup>‡</sup>Gene Williams</b>
1/31	Thursday	8:30 am	<b>†Tom Lesnar</b>
2/1	First Friday	8:30 am	<b><sup>‡</sup>Shirley Zirbes</b>
2/2	Saturday	4:30 pm	<b>Holy Name Parishioners</b>
2/3	Sunday	8:30 am	<b><sup>‡</sup>Francis Weigel</b>
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## Serving the Assembly-February 2-3

Liturgical Ministers	4:30 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
Altar Servers	Nick Stein Grace McGregor Kodi Lund	Landon Moser Alayna & Olivia Dettmann	Curtis Sneden Taryn & Trallan Sumner
Eucharistic Ministers	Doug/Penny Mack Mary/Maggie Triplet Becky Weismantel Brian Pellish	Barb Paulson Elaine Lesnar Becky McGillivary Katie Chida Dick Reddy Laurie Danforth	Bill Rieffenberger Matti Kranz Kim Peterson Stan/Jan Winkels
Ushers/ Greeters	Mike & Kelly Pesek Family Volunteers**	Knights of Columbus: Keith Mack Tom Burns Philip Mittleider Boy Scouts Greet	Knights of Columbus John/Nathan Sneden Wayne Kluver Craig Ries
Lectors	John Weismantel	Boy Scout Representative	Lee Schoenbeck
Gift Bearers	Steve & Nancy Hulscher	Boy Scout Troop 209	Jim & Annette Roby
Music Ministers	Betty	Donna & Kathy	Laura
Sacristan	Mary 881-3096	Nancy 882-2254	Nancy 882-2254

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**

.<u>CONGRATULATIONS</u> to our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders who made their 1<sup>st</sup> Penance this week! Thank you Mary Haggar and Sherry Graf for helping with the Reception.

#### 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.

<u>SCHEDULE CHANGE:</u> Living Stations will be presented by our 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders on Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 pm in the Church. There will be no Religious Ed that afternoon or evening. All students, teachers and families from Sunday, Wednesday afternoon and Wednesday evening Religious Ed classes are expected to attend the Living Stations.

Until further notice: The north door of the Parish Center will be locked. This is due to the extreme winter weather conditions. Please use the west or east entrances only at this time.

# **Immaculate Conception School News**

<u>Catholic Schools Week</u> - January 27-February 1 The students have a fun filled week scheduled. Below are some of the highlights.

Monday, January 28 - Kick off for the Catholic United Raffle , Talent Show in the school gym at 1:30pm All are Welcome

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>January 29-</u>4-6 Grades Volleyball Tournament 1:45-3:15 in the gym

<u>Wednesday, January 30-</u>12:30 Movie at Odyssey Grand 8, K-3 will see Rio and 4-6 will see Jumanji: Return to the Jungle

<u>Thursday, January 31-</u>Local sisters will have lunch with 4-6 grade students then attend adoration at 11:55 with the students

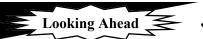
<u>Friday, February 1-</u>9am All School Panoramic Photo, Mass at 12:15pm and <u>School will be dismissed following Mass</u>

#### Catholic United Raffle

Students will be selling raffle tickets for \$5 at a chance to win all sorts of prizes.

2019 Chevy Trax or \$20,000 cash, \$5,000 Dream Vacation, Ipad, TV, gift cards etc.

Catholic United Financial provides all the tickets, and prizes for this event. 100% of the money paid to students for Raffle tickets stays at Immaculate Conception School. The goal again for this year is \$10,000.



### Jan. -Feb. 2019

1/28	Monday	– Adult	Choir	6:30	рm

- 1/29 **Tuesday** Watertown Area Right to Life –5:30 pm Midwest Bible Camp
- 1/30 **Wednesday** Shalom rehearsal tonight 6:15pm
- 1/31 Thursday- RCIA 7 pm
- 2/1 First Friday Adoration 9-10 am
- 2/2 **Saturday**–Bible Study & Coffee with Fr. Mike 9 am

#### **Upcoming Event at Abbey of the Hills Inn and Retreat Center**

#### **Harvesting Hope: Ecumenical Farmer & Spouse Retreat**:

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 (6:30 pm)— Sat. Feb. 9 (3 pm)

<u>Day of Recollection-Feb. 12</u> Lectio Divina: The Gospel of Luke Speaker: Fr. Mike Wensing 10 am-3pm, Free will offering

#### Feb. 15-17- Men's 12-Step Spiritual Retreat

This retreat is for men who practice or wish to practice the 12-Step program. The Abbey provides the perfect setting for powerful healing and inspiration on your spiritual journey.

<u>Feb. 17-Vespers & Valentines</u>: Prayer Time & Candlelight Dinner Celebrate Valentine's Day with reflection and prayer at The Abbey of the Hills. Couples may receive a blessing of their marriage followed by a romantic candlelight dinner. The event is ecumenical welcoming couples of all faiths. Begins at 6:00 pm with Prayer

#### March 8-10 Men's Lenten Retreat -The Faithful Steward

Take time away to rediscover peace. This retreat will explore what it menas to follow Christ and experience the fulfillment that comes from spiritual maturity, the fulfillment we all long for. Begins Friday, 6 pm –with Supper, Concludes Sunday with Lunch

To register /purchase tickets or for more information: visit: abbeyofthehills.org/upcoming-events

Jesus wants to use you as an instrument of His divine healing. ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE HIM A CHANCE? Check out the **Encounter School of Healing** March 8 & 9 at St. Thomas More Parish in Brookings SD. A Healing service will be open to the public on March 9 @ 7:30 **Register online** @ Encounter School of Healing-Brookings SD encounterministries.us

Tuition Assistance for Catholic Education - The Presentation Sisters are offering Tuition Assistance scholarships to students attending Catholic Schools in eastern South Dakota. They will be awarding 40—\$750 tuition assistance scholarships for students in K-12 . A change from previous years is that they are limiting submissions to one scholarship application per family for K-5. Application forms are on the reading table or can be obtained from the IC School office. Application forms, along with a short essay on the values of Catholic education and how the scholarship would financially impact their family, is to have a post mark no later than Friday, March 15, 2019.

KC \$100 Winner: Connie Stoebner

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There	will <u>not</u> be a general mailing of these
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With joy we welcome the newly baptized at Holy Name: Lexlyn Marie, daughter of Michael and Ashley Blais

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.

The Rosary Makers wish to thank those who recently donated monies toward their efforts to share Rosaries with missions throughout the world. The donations are used to purchase supplies and pay for shipping.





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