

Holy Name of Jesus Parish

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY in AMERICA. We address the third "T" treasure today which goes with Time/Talent



Pastor Comments: We have already covered Time and Talent back in September...but held off on the third T (Treasure) until today. Take a look at today's gospel (perfect!). I think of Jesus and the poor widow giving her remaining money to God and trusting God for the next meal (or was she willing to fast if necessary?). The closest I ever came to a little of her trust was 2008 when I was called to go to Rome to teach at our seminary there. I knew I would be living in a small dorm faculty room and I just decided to downsize both my bank account and material possessions. I started a scholarship endowment for seminarians and had a rummage sale of many of my furnishings and general "stuff." I sold my car to my dad and went to Rome with the fewest possessions since my days in the seminary. It actually felt good. St. Paul said God loves a cheerful giver. But I still kept investments for retirement and knew the assignment would always provide meals and a warm room to sleep in. Some poor people do not have that security.... so I came nowhere near the widow's surrender to God. But it was a good tithe on my part that year.

A good lesson for all of us to learn is that God is never outdone in generosity. That is the biblical lesson of tithing (if not 10% then setting aside a specific percentage or portion of our annual income and gifts) for the work of the Lord and our own salvation. Lack of generosity can speak of three sins which tempted me: 1. Fear that God will not provide...a lack of trust, 2. Cynicism about the recipients of my generosity, 3. Selfish desires, thinking I would like to save up for something special eventually. Generosity with love is best. (1 Cor 13).

—Sunday's Scriptures—

1 Kings 17:10-16 Elijah went to Zarephath. A widow was gathering sticks and had little left to eat. Elijah asked her to bake him a cake, too, and her supplies of oils and flour never dwindled again.

Psalms 147 Bless the Lord, my soul who heals the broken hearted.

Hebrews 9:24-28 Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands...but entered heaven.

Mark 12:38-44 Opposite the treasury Jesus observed the crowd putting in money..one poor widow came and put in two small copper coins. Jesus said "Others gave from their surplus, she from her want."



GIVING UPDATE: Thank you for your gifts of \$12,104.75 this past weekend. Our year to date average is \$11,529.87. 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.

When Saul was persecuting the Church...one day on his way to Damascus he was struck down by a great light and made blind. He heard a voice say "Saul, why are you persecuting me?" You see, Jesus identified with his new church which Saul (who became St. Paul after his conversion) was persecuting. And Saul joined this family, promoted and built up this family, his family now, the church. He could never imagine in his conversion to be just spiritual without attachment to Jesus' family, the Church. In fact, he called the Church the Body of Christ on earth. Just like a marriage means one flesh "What God has joined together, no one must divide" ...so it is with the Christ and the Church. St. Paul said so in Ephesians, chp 5.

Thus people's attempts to divide Christ from his bride the Church are going against Christ himself. And yet there is a modern independent tendency to do just that, to have Jesus but no family to belong to, his Church. It is like having an army of one, me and Jesus, or a dinner club dining with one guest -only me. Or, living in a family home by myself. When we become disconnected from the Church, eventually we will become disconnected from Jesus Christ. Thus people move so easily into agnosticism or "none" status...a vague sense of belief in Christ without guidance or company of others on the journey together. We are in the Church together, for good or ill with all its humanity and flaws but yet with the intimacy of grace and communion and common praise and worship.

(Reflections from a talk given by Cardinal Dolan)

Last year you the parish gave \$132,252 to charity: CFSA, Missions, Holy Father, Hurricane Relief, Rice Bowl, PACH, Salvation Army, and Home Missions = our tithing

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



11/13	Tuesday	8:30am	†Becky Frost
11/14	Wednesday	8:30 am	†Rich Schmit
11/15	Thursday	8:30 am	†Joan Stein
11/16	Friday	8:30 am	†Emily E. Flakus
11/17	Saturday	4:30 pm	†Agnes Jackley
11/18	Sunday	8:30 am	†Edward Buchholz
		10:30 am	Holy Name Parishioners

Serving the Assembly– Nov. 17-18

Liturgical Ministers	4:30 pm	8:30 am	10:30 am
Altar Servers	Nick Stein Lucy Walker Volunteer*	Devyn & Lauren Keller Amelia Thoennes	Sydney & Regan Ahlers Konnor Mark
Eucharistic Ministers	Dan/Sarah Reiffenberger Rich Thomas Duane Meyer Lori Wensing Becky Weismantel	Mike/Laurie Danforth Keith/Cindy Mack Mary Thoennes Philip Mittleider	Dave/Mary Peterson Mary Triplet Cheri Beadnell Paul Reisch
Ushers/Greeters	Tom Holmes Mark/Donna Horsman Volunteer*	Dave/Theresa Weigel Casey/Jan Lawrence	Mike Steinhoff Stan/Jan Winkels Ann Rost
Lectors	John Weismantel	Dick Reddy	Dan Flaherty
Gift Bearers	Scott & Trisha Walker Family	Mike & Linda Dylla	Steve & Kari Gales Family
Music Ministers	Donna & Kathy	Choir	Kathryn & Chris
Sacristan	Mary 881-3096	Nancy 882-2254	Nancy 882-2254

The New Lector work books have arrived. Please pick yours up at the Sacristan desk.

Religious Education News

Please pray for our Confirmation students as they proclaim their candidacy for the Sacrament of Confirmation at Mass this weekend and next.

No Religious Ed Wednesday, November 21 or Sunday, November 25. Happy Thanksgiving.

Immaculate Conception School News

November 12, 2018 - No School
 (Observe Veteran's Day)

Monday, November 12 - join the Kindergarten class at Pizza Ranch from 5-8pm.

LOOKING for VOLUNTEERS - To Play Organ or Piano for Friday School Masses at 9am - Please contact the school at 886-3883 if interested.

Congratulations to Immaculate Conception Alumni who Participated in All-State Chorus - Rose Grabow, Adrianna Boettcher, Nancy Flaherty, Jenna Mollenhoff and Jackie Garcia.

Immaculate Conception School takes great pride in the students that graduate and move on from our school. Congratulation to Rose Grabow, Evan Meester and Hailey Young, and Ava Mack for receiving Student of the Month honors in the Middle School and High School.

Don't forget to purchase your SCRIP as we start approaching the Holidays. What better way to give back to the school than, while purchasing groceries for Thanksgiving meals. Also remember SCRIP Gift cards are great gifts for the Holidays for Family, Friends, and Employees. If you have a large order email marketing@icschoolwatertown.org and we will make sure we have enough on hand for your order. If each and everyone of us used SCRIP this Holiday Season for groceries, gas and gifts, IC School could exceed their fundraising goal at no extra cost to you.



Holy Name of Jesus Parish Thanksgiving tradition:
 The Social Concerns Committee collects monetary donations to purchase Scrip for meals for those who are in need. There is a basket with envelopes on Time & Talent counter.

11/14 Wednesday– Shalom rehearsal 6:15 pm
 11/15 Thursday– RCIA 7 pm
 11/17 Saturday– Serra Club 7:45 am Rosary, Mass & Meeting
 Bible Study with Fr. Mike 9 am

The Catholic Daughters will meet on Tuesday, November 13th, at 5:30 pm. in the IC church chapel for a deceased member Memorial Service. The service will be followed by a light lunch and short meeting in the parish hall. All present and new members are welcome. Come see what CDA is all about! Also, remember to like our Facebook page at Catholic Daughters of the Americas St. Rita Court 534.

November 18-KC's sponsoring March for Life Pancake Breakfast 9-11 am at the IC Parish Hall. The School playground will be open for additional parking.



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. Trip must be paid for by Nov. 30. Please make checks payable to the 'Catholic Community Foundation'. Bus seating is limited to 56 people. Contact Marne Hult for more information 880-1460.

Please join us Thursday, November 15th at 7pm at Immaculate Conception Parish in Watertown for a Mass in remembrance of **ALL deceased children (all ages)** from conception to death. The mass is open to everyone. Please invite anyone you know who would like to attend. Fr. Paul Rutten will remember in a special way these children by name during the Mass. If you would like to submit your loved ones name to be included in this remembrance please email or call Bridget Bauman at nurse@icparishwatertown.org or 886-4049.

November 18th between 3-5 pm, you are invited to a public **Book Release and Signature Event at Benet Senior Apartments** to celebrate the publication of Father Denis Meier's book entitled, *Touch My Heart, Lord*—a compilation of Father Denis Meier's homilies for over 50 years.

Happenings at Mother of God Monastery
 The Enneagram Level II will be offered November 17, 9:30-4:00. To register contact S. Emily Meisel 605.886.4181

Mount Marty College Choir presents *Vespers 2018*.
 Nov 29, 7pm, IC Church.



They will be joined by the WHS Meistersingers. This is a free event, but you Do Need a ticket. A limited number of tickets are available in the IC parish office. You do not want to miss this event. Get your ticket Today!



Halloween Carnival Thank you : to all who helped decorate, set up , monitor games, prepare and serve food , sell tickets and clean up . Your time and effort is appreciated. Thank you to everyone who attended and brought joy to many in the spirit of Halloween. Mary Reihe plans all year for this event and her hard work made this another fun filled party!

Fr. Mike Wensing is sponsoring a St. Junipero Serra Cruise and Tour: California Missions Nov 9-16, 2019. \$1819 for lowest cabin fare, double occupancy. This includes daily coach service and tours of the original missions while in day port. Promotion at this time before November 15 includes: \$50 cruise dollars to spend, cabin upgrade, tips and gratuities covered. Air fare to LA will be around \$400. Email Lisa Lane or sign on the clipboard in Holy Name Foyer if you can commit to go. We need 21 by Nov. 15th , 2018 . tilane.76@gmail.com

WE NEED YOU! Our Holy Name annual Festival is January 6. Planning night will be Nov. 20 at 7 pm in the Angelus Center. We create the festival activities at that meeting and figure out volunteers to execute the food and fun and auction items, etc. We were short of volunteers last year. Make yourself volunteer for the team, your parish, and come to the planning session Nov. 20.



We offer our sympathy and promise of prayers to the family of Joan Stein (a founding member of Holy Name) and to the family of Eugene Williams. Joan's memorial service was Friday and Gene's Funeral Mass was on Saturday.

KC \$100 Winner: Connie Stoebner

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Thank you Veterans!