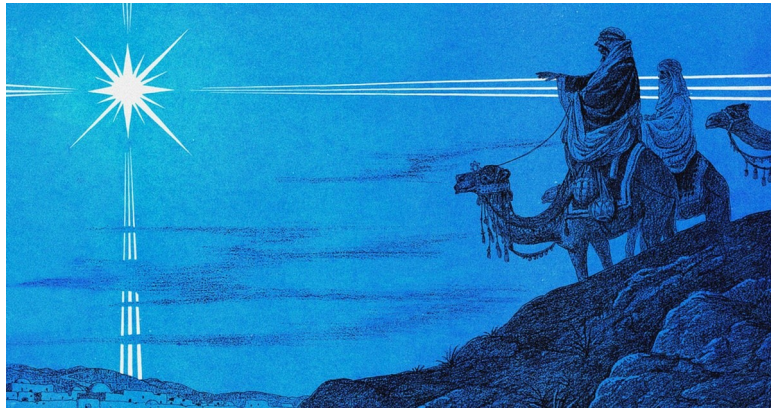


# The Epiphany of the Lord

20+C+M+B+21

In the year of our Lord 2021, Christus Mansionem Benedicat!



The magi set out on a perilous journey. Their pilgrimage brought them to alien territory. They abandoned comfort, security, and familiarity. They discovered on the way that powers were at work to deceive them in order to destroy the one they longed to see. So too is our journey of faith. It is full of peril. We dwell in this world as aliens from our true homeland. While we live in this body, we are away from the Lord. We must be ever vigilant of deceptions which can endanger our faith. We journey with heavy crosses, burdened by our weakness and we do get tired. But we have the gift of Christ already. By his sacrifice, he has given us food, refreshment, and healing to complete the journey. Christ did not abandon us to this world, but instead, remains with us in his Holy Church.



“Though many kings of the Jews had been born and died, none of them did the Magi seek to adore. And so they who came from a distant foreign land to a kingdom that was entirely strange to them...But they had learnt that such a King was born that by adoring him they might be sure of obtaining from him the salvation which is of God.” —St. Augustine



At the solemn Feast of Epiphany, the Church recalls the sign of a star that appeared in the sky signaling the birth of the Messiah. For those who waited and watched for the coming day of the Lord, this light from heaven presented a sign from God that the day was now at hand. The mystery of the star light certainly is one that each of us can understand, as we too have been waiting all our lives to meet the Lord. We too await the fulfillment of the promise that our Lord is coming for us. We too watch for the signs of his day drawing ever nearer. We possess this undimmed hope not by our own wisdom or invention, but rather, because the light of our faith in God burns in our souls. Faith is a gift from God, a light from heaven, that shines in the gloom of our humanity. It is by the gift of this light that we find assurance that indeed, the Lord is at hand. But it also keeps us longing to see him in the flesh.



“In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi’s coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the Messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning toward the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament.” **Catechism of the Catholic Church 528**

## Immaculate Conception Church

325 S Van Buren Street PO Box 765 Winner, SD

## Church of St. Isidore

305 Carr Street PO Box 405 Colome, SD



AND FROM HIS FULLNESS WE HAVE RECEIVED.

Parents of newborns should make arrangements for baptism as soon as possible by calling the parish office.



### BAPTISM

Godparents are to be confirmed in the Catholic Church, and they must be actively practicing their faith, living in full communion with the teaching of the Church.

### PENANCE

Monday, 5:00pm @ Immaculate Conception  
 Tuesday, 5-5:30pm @ St. Isidore  
 Wednesday, 5-5:30pm @ Immaculate Conception  
 Thursday, after mass @ Immaculate Conception  
 Friday, after mass @ Immaculate Conception  
 Saturday, 5:30pm @ Immaculate Conception  
 Sunday, after mass @ St. Isidore



### MATRIMONY

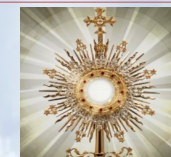
Couples planning to get married should contact the parish office at least six months in advance to begin preparations.



### HOLY ORDERS

Fr. Kevin Achbach, Pastor  
 kachbach@diorc.org 605-848-2112

...GRACE  
 UPON  
 GRACE



### ADORATION

Tuesday, 5-6pm @ St. Isidore  
 Wednesday, 5-6 @ Immaculate Conception

### ANOINTING

If you or a loved one are seriously ill or anticipating surgery, call and arrange to receive the sacrament of anointing.



### ST. ISIDORE PARISH COUNCIL

Craig Thieman, Chair  
 Ryan DeSmet  
 Carol King  
 Van Mansheim  
 Holly Pechota  
 Leslie Petersek

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 Rona Volmer

Next Meeting

JANUARY  
 Wednesday  
**27**

Parish Office

Parish Phone

Parish e-mail

Parish Website

ICC Facebook

St. Isidore Facebook

325 S. Van Buren St.  
 PO Box 765 Winner  
 Open M-F, 9am-4pm  
 605-842-3520  
 parishsec@gwtc.net  
 CatholicTripp.org  
 Mary Immaculate  
 St. Isidore the Farmer

Meeting on:

JANUARY  
 Thursday  
**21**



**DAILY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday - Jan. 2**  
Deceased Knights of Columbus by Knights of Columbus  
**Sunday - Jan. 3**  
Special Intention  
Deceased Catholic Daughters by Colome Catholic Daughters For the Parish  
**Monday - Jan. 4**  
Deloris Cahoy<sup>+</sup> by Mike Cahoy & Jean  
**Tuesday - Jan. 5**  
Diane Cahoy<sup>+</sup> by Larry & family  
**Wednesday - Jan. 6**  
Joseph Boever<sup>+</sup> by Geraldine DeMers  
**Thursday - Jan. 7**  
Leo Westendorf<sup>+</sup> by Dean & Amy Engel  
**Friday - Jan. 8**  
Myrna Pravecsek<sup>+</sup> by Todd & Korie Pravecsek  
**Saturday - Jan. 9**  
Dorothy Edwards<sup>+</sup> by her family  
**Sunday - Jan. 10**  
Special Intention  
For the Parish  
Deceased Catholic Daughters by Winner Catholic Daughters

Each day the priest offers the sacrifice of the mass for one special intention. These intentions can be for anyone living or deceased. To arrange a mass with your own intention, please fill out an envelope which can be found in the church entrance and drop it in the collection basket. Or you may simply contact the parish office to arrange a mass or masses. The parish asks for a \$10 donation per mass.



**Requiem Pacem**

*It is our custom:*

To pray three 'Hail Marys' after Mass is completed, for the next person to die, to have a peaceful death. And to die with the sacraments of the church.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

**ST. ISIDORE OR ICC PARISHIONERS**

Have you moved, changed your phone number, would like your birthday or anniversary added to the list, or you haven't registered with the church? Contact us at the parish office, 842-3520, or email parishsec@gwtc.net. We are here to assist you.

**'Saint Juliana's Prayer List'**

Avery Eddie	Katrina Wagner	Jason Bartels
Reid Malnati	Gary Elder	Wendy Smith
Connie Vaughn	Janet DeMers	Bromley Heath
Jackie McKenzie	Jolene Corkle	Ruthie Storms Joachim
Art Sattler	Moni Stiehl	Fr. Tony Grossenburg
Joel Keierleber	Norma Storms	Jonathan Perez
Barb Beehler		

**Prayers for our Family Members in the Military**


Jacob Debus	Dylan Doering	Kris Schwartz
Daysha DeMers	Jeff Butler	Jacque Miller
Spencer Hughes	Gene Fisher	Christian Hamilton


St. Juliana's (Patron Saint of sickness) is a list of the people we are currently praying for because of illness or in the military. The military list will remain until we are notified. Please call the office (842-3520) to request continued prayers. To preserve the dignity and privacy of individuals, we ask that only an immediate family member call to request publication of names. We will presume they have permission from the individual to do so. Thank you for your understanding.




Do you or someone you know, want to join the Catholic Church or learn more about the Catholic faith? Call Fr. Kevin with contact information (605-848-2112).

**Men's Group**

 Men of all ages are invited to join together each Tuesday morning for breakfast and scripture study. It's a great way to grow in our knowledge of God's eternal Word speaking to the particular challenges of our lives today. Also an amazing way to start the day! Come to the front door of the rectory at 6:30am. Lasts 1 hour.

For the next gathering: "The Holy Family" Gospel of Luke, chapter 3 

**Faith Formation**  
**St. Isidore**  
Wednesdays - Meal at 5:30pm  
Class following the meal  
Rosary at 6:40pm  
**Immaculate Conception**  
Wednesdays  
Dinner for students grade 9-12 ~ 5:45 - 6:15pm  
Class for Grades 1-12 ~ 6:15 - 7:00pm

 **Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet**  
Thursdays - 10:00am  
at Immaculate Conception

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & ST. ISIDORE**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00pm**  
Sacristan: Jody Erickson  
Lector: Ann English  
EME: Keith Moser  
Server: Ryan Sell

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00am**  
Sacristan: Judy Arthur  
Lector: Jacqueline Schultz  
Server: Matt Brozik

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 8:30am**  
Lector: Ryan  
Server: Aspy  
Ushers: RJ/Volunteer  
Sacristan: Rosemary

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 10:30am**  
Sacristan: Vicki Covey  
Lector: Leonard Heim  
EME: Jeannie Heim  
Server: Rider Moore

**WEEKEND COLLECTION REPORTS**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**Dec. 24 & 25, 2020:** Envelopes \$3,080.00, Loose \$158.00. **Total \$3,238.00**

**Dec. 26 & 27, 2020:** Envelopes \$3,500.00, Loose \$120.00. **Total \$3,620.00**

**ST. ISIDORE**

**Dec. 24, 2020:** \$950.00

**Dec. 27, 2020:** \$3,155.00

**COLLECTION:** January 3 ~ Ryan & Craig  
January 10 ~ Carol K & Holly  
January 17 ~ Leslie & Van

**JOIN US!!**

ICC will be taking the Christmas decorations down in the church on Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> after Mass (12:00) your help would be **GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!**



**Vocations News**

**This week we pray for the following vocations:**

Monday - For Fr. Michael Hight and Msgr. Michael Woster  
Tuesday - For Fr. Ron Garry and Fr. Bill Zandri  
Wednesday - For Fr. Kerry Prendiville and Fr. Gary Oreshoski  
Thursday - For Fr. Bryan Sorensen and Fr. Brian Lane  
Friday - For Fr. Mark McCormick and Fr. Leo Hausmann  
Saturday - Fr. Tim Hoag and Fr. Janusz Korban  
Sunday - Fr. Ed Vanorny and Fr. Brian Christensen

**Winner & Colome Knights of Columbus**

Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm

St. Mary's Hall



**NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Time to start a new ministry schedule. The schedule will run from Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> through March 28<sup>th</sup>. For St. Isidore, give Cindy a call with the dates you are **unavailable**. For Immaculate Conception, email or call Tammy. Thank you!

*Let us Pray,*  
"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, with love for you I ask your intercession to protect the life of unborn children. May they all come to birth healthy and be a source of joy to their parents. For those in danger because of abortion, I adopt them as my own and pray for them and their mothers."  
(From [www.rapidcitydiocese.org/family-life-ministries-social-justice/social-justice-commission](http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/family-life-ministries-social-justice/social-justice-commission))

**ROCS Dining Service**

**A nutritious noon meal delivered five days a week. The program is for anyone 60 years of age and older; however, anyone may receive a meal at full cost. For more information or to purchase a gift certificate for your loved one, call 605-842-2587.**

**If you have an emergency for which you are in need of a Priest,**

please call Fr. Kevin at 605-848-2112. If Father does not answer, leave your name, number and your request. Father will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you!

**ST. ISIDORE CHURCH CLEANING**

**January**

Ruth Giedd, Chair  
Kristi Hauf

Becky DeSmet  
Candy Cahoy

*Church cleaning volunteers, if you cannot make it to clean the church at your scheduled time, please notify the chairperson of your month. Thank you!*



**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**

**WINNER**

No Meeting in January  
**Colome**

Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>  
6:40pm - Rosary in the church  
Meeting to follow at 7:00pm in the church basement.  
*The membership dues for 2020 are due.*



**DIOCESAN MEN'S RETREAT - FEBRUARY 19-21, 2021**

The retreat will be directed by Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ, Rosebud Indian Reservation. Due to Covid restrictions, here are the options to participate in the retreat: Commuter Rate, No lodging, meals only—\$115; to attend the retreat in the prayerful atmosphere of Terra Sancta, while commuting from home, lodging available on a limited basis for an additional \$75 per night. Register online at [www.terrasacta.org](http://www.terrasacta.org).

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

**STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE**

Steubenville July 22 –25.

Register on the Diocese webpage.

Checks payable to Immaculate Conception.

Deposit of \$100 is due January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Final payment of \$325 due April 27<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in attending, please call the parish office (842-3520), before January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Trip reservations must be in at that time.



**A Safe Environment for Children and Young People**

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is firmly committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children and young people. To report allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel, contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Barbara Scherr. To ensure her independence in outreach to victims, she can be contacted at 605-209-3418 (cell). The phone has caller ID and messaging features. All information will be treated confidentially. Alleged victims are advised of their right to report alleged abuse to civil authorities. The diocesan sexual misconduct policy and the code of conduct are posted on the diocesan website at [www.rapidcitydiocese.org](http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org). In accordance with diocesan policy, all allegations of sexual misconduct involving children or young people and priests, deacons, lay employees, or volunteers serving the Diocese of Rapid City will be investigated. The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People is posted on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

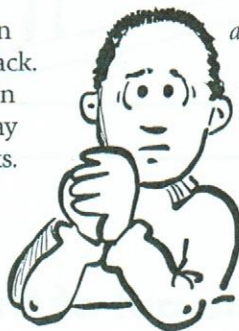


# “What do you want from me, Lord?”

God gives to us freely, but what does he want in return? Simply put, God wants us to love Him back.

**Know Him.** God made each of us with a space in our heart just for Him. Until we discover it, we may try to fill it with earthly things, but nothing else fits. When we turn to Him, the reward is beyond our dreams.

**Love Him.** Jesus said, *“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul,*



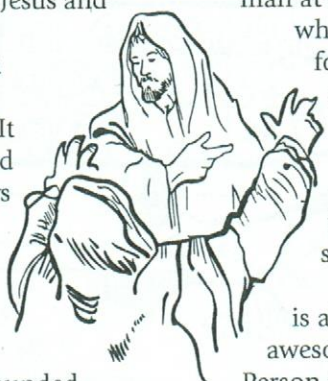
*and with all your mind”* (Matthew 22:37). He wants us to surrender to his infinite love. Show your love by praying frequently, seeking Communion with Him often, and praising Him continually.

**Serve Him.** *“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me”* (Matthew 25:40). When we make sure everyone has enough to eat, warm clothes to wear, and a place to stay, Jesus takes it personally. It’s what he wants from us.

## from Scripture

### Mark 1:21-28, God’s authority is not a formality

In this Gospel passage, Jesus and his apostles entered the synagogue at Capernaum where Jesus taught those gathered at the Sabbath. It was customary for learned teachers to say, “Thus says the Lord...” Instead Jesus said, *“I say to you ...”* He taught as one who spoke with the authority of God.



man at the synagogue recognized who Jesus was. They were forced to obey Him when he commanded them to depart, despite their reluctance. In fact, God’s power and authority isn’t just a formality. What God says, happens.

Our kind and gentle Savior is also our powerful and awesome Lord. As the Second Person of the Trinity, Jesus has supreme majesty and we will one day appear before Him to be judged. Yes, he is our divine savior and mediator. But if we say, “Jesus is Lord,” then we give Him our loyalty and obedience.

His calm authority astounded Jesus’ listeners. Just as they began to wonder what it meant, he gave them a sign. He further demonstrated his authority by performing an exorcism. Spirits that bedeviled an unfortunate

## Q & A How can I choose Catholic references that are accurate and faithful?

One good way to determine whether or not a book or pamphlet accurately reflects Catholic doctrine is to look for an “imprimatur” printed in the first few pages of the book. The presence of an imprimatur generally means that a bishop’s office has determined it to be free of doctrinal or moral errors. It may be accompanied by a “nihil obstat” (Latin for “nothing stands in the way”) which means that someone well-versed in Catholic theology has reviewed the contents and found the same thing. Keep in mind that neither the imprimatur nor the nihil obstat imply agreement with the content or opinions.



It is particularly important for a book that purports to teach about the faith of the Church to carry the approval of the Catholic Church. There are many well-meaning people who intend to educate others about God’s infinite love but may have an imperfect understanding of Catholic doctrine. When choosing materials to learn more about our religion, you will want to be sure that they are accurate.

## Feasts & Celebrations

**Jan. 1 – Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.** Today, we honor Mary, but also Jesus as God. In their honor, pray a Rosary. Because this feast day is on a Monday, Mass attendance is optional (but encouraged) this year.

**Jan. 25 – The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (1st Century).** Setting out for Damascus to carry on the persecution of the Christians, he encountered Christ (Acts 9:1-19; 22:5-16; 26:12-18) while on the road to Damascus. He was struck blind from

the experience until he was baptized by Ananias three days later. He converted and began preaching the faith as he travelled around the Mediterranean.

**Jan. 26 – Sts. Timothy and Titus (1st Century).** Timothy was a convert of St. Paul’s and later became his trusted friend, joining him in apostolic work. He was with Paul at the founding of the Church in Corinth. Titus, also a friend of Paul’s, served the early Church as a peacemaker and administrator to a community on Crete.



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Fr. Kevin Achbach, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### Tough times?

Throughout history, God has proven his faithfulness and care over and over again. He promises that He will help you through whatever tough times you face. *"God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it"* (1 Corinthians 10:13). Lean on Him.



### Tune out the world and tune into Go

In our noisy world, it can be hard to hear God's voice over the din. Yet, listening is as important as talking during prayer. *"By waiting and by calm you shall be saved, in quiet and in trust your strength lies"* (Isaiah 30:15). Talk to Him often, but make a point of listening for God's voice.

*"Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God"* (Philippians 4:6).



## Give the gift of friendship in the New Year

When times are tough, it can be our family and friends who help us through. There wasn't much Jesus wouldn't do for His friends. In fact, He was more concerned with being a good friend than with having one. In our current pandemic situation, we can care for our loved ones as Jesus would:

**Make spending time together a priority.** Connections between loved ones are critical now. When meeting in person isn't possible, phone calls, letters, and emails can keep us connected. Video conferencing has become a staple of daily life; consider organizing regular get togethers with friends and family using your favorite conferencing program.

Help other people feel important. No matter how you interact, give the other person your full attention in conversation, and show appreciation and understanding for what he is saying.

**Celebrate your friends' successes.** A true friend is genuinely happy when something good happens in the other's life.

**Value differences.** Don't try to change your loved ones.

**Celebrate their diversity.**

Be willing to apologize. You may let each other down but a sincere apology can bring friends closer together.

**Don't forget old friends.** Call someone you haven't been in touch with for a long time. Don't know what to say? Try, "I don't want another moment to go by without being in touch. I've missed you."



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics honor the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus?

The image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a symbol of Christ's love for us. It is often a heart surrounded by flame, pierced by a lance, topped by a cross, and circled by a crown of thorns.



Jesus' love for us burns bright and intense like a flame. His heart is pierced by the lance representing our sins and the crown of thorns and the cross remind us of the death he suffered to bring us life.