

## Hearing the voice of God

“The Lord came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, ‘Samuel, Samuel.’ Samuel answered, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’”

I have often found myself to be greatly frustrated by passages like our first reading. It would be these passages where God would speak to people either in scripture or through scripture. I always thought that to hear Jesus’ voice meant to hear an audible voice. I would get frustrated and jealous of others who heard Jesus speak to them that way because I never could hear an audible voice. I thought that to hear Jesus’ voice was like conversing with another person. While Jesus does choose to speak to some people in this way, there are many people that he speaks to in other ways.

I have learned over the years that not only does Jesus speak to each of us, but he also does it in a deeply personal way. Learning to hear Jesus’ voice is like memorizing the voice of your spouse (or any close loved one) so that you can pick out their voice in a room of people. It is a skill that takes time and some repetition to accomplish, but it is something that the Lord wishes to teach each one of us. He is speaking with each of us and desires to converse with us. I have come to notice in my own life with the Lord that he draws my attention to things by this slight tug on my heart. There are times when it has been very noticeable and many other times when it is subtle, yet it always seems to be similar and now more familiar.

I spent a lot of time as a kid learning how to rope. My dad and grandfathers ensured that I would know how to swing a rope well, I might not catch much, but I know the feeling of swinging a rope. Anyone who can rope just imagined the feeling of the muscles rolling in your shoulder and the tip of the rope reaching out from your fingertips after reading this, that feeling, the movement of our muscles, and the rope moving as part of our arm is burned into our brains.

When I notice the Lord speaking it is like that. I notice that tug on my heart that is as familiar to my brain as roping and my brain perks up to say, “the Lord is trying to get my attention about this.” There may be other times when a certain thought or image keeps coming to my mind, and I think that it is just a distraction. There are times when they are just distractions, but there are other times when they come up that it is Jesus trying to bring something to my attention.

This is all to say that we should not become discouraged if we do not hear an audible voice when Jesus speaks to us. The question is not if he is speaking to us, but how. Jesus is speaking to each one of us. He invites us to spend time with him so that we can learn his voice, and answer, “Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.”

## Our Lady of Good Counsel

406 W. Main St. Wood, SD

## Church of St. Isidore

301 Carr Street

PO Box 405

Colome, SD

## Church of Immaculate Conception

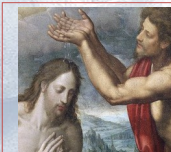
325 S. Van Buren Street

302 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St.

Winner, SD



**Bulletin Date: January 14, 2024**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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

Tuesday, 5:00pm @ St. Isidore  
Wednesday 5:00pm @ Immaculate Conception  
Friday, after mass @ Immaculate Conception  
Saturday, 5:30pm @ Immaculate Conception  
Sunday, 7:30am to 8:15am @ St. Isidore  
Sunday, after mass @ Immaculate Conception



### MATRIMONY

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



**-GRACE  
UPON  
GRACE**

### HOLY ORDERS

Fr. Zane Pekron, Pastor  
zpekron@diorc.org  
605-842-3520



### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH COUNCIL

Jason Bartels, Chair

Deb Fisher

Kristen Hausmann

Steve Higgins

Bria Peppel

Tim Pravecsek

Jonah Sachtjen

Scott Schramm

Justin Zeigler

Next Meeting

**JANUARY**

**Wednesday**

**24**

Parish Office Address

302 W. 4th St.

Winner, SD 57580

Open T-F, 9am-4pm

605-842-3520

Parish Phone

Parish e-mail

Parish Website

ICC Facebook

St. Isidore Facebook

parishsec@gwtc.net

CatholicTripp.org

Mary Immaculate

St. Isidore the Farmer

Meeting on:

**JANUARY**

**Thursday**

**18**

### ST. ISIDORE PARISH COUNCIL

Ryan DeSmet

Chase Hrabanek, Chair

Carol King

Holly Pechota

Leslie Petersek

Cole Shippy

### THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Monday, January 15, Weekday

**NO MASS**

Tuesday, January 16, Weekday

4:30pm @ St. Isidore

Wednesday, January 17, Saint Anthony

9:00am @ Golden Prairie

Thursday, January 18, Weekday

8:00am @ Immaculate Conception

Friday, January 19, Weekday

7:15am @ Immaculate Conception

Saturday, January 20, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00pm @ Immaculate Conception

Sunday, January 21, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am @ St. Isidore

10:30am @ Immaculate Conception

2:00pm @ Our Lady of Good Counsel



Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Wood is the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
January 21<sup>st</sup> and February 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm

### ADORATION

Tuesday—5:00 - 6:00pm @ St. Isidore

Wednesday—4:45 - 5:45pm @ Immaculate Conception



### ANOINTING

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





DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday - January 13**  
Jim & Gladys Harder<sup>+</sup> by Rich & Pam Kolecka & family

**Sunday - January 14**  
Blessings for Jody Burger  
For the Parish

**Monday - January 15**

**Tuesday - January 16**  
Connie Vaughn<sup>+</sup> by Winner Catholic Daughters

**Wednesday - January 17**  
Pro Life for Unborn Children

**Thursday - January 18**  
Harvey Naasz<sup>+</sup> by Marty & Karleen Flakus

**Friday - January 19**  
Deceased Knight of Columbus by Knights of Columbus

**Saturday - January 20**  
David Turgeon<sup>+</sup> by Siblings

**Sunday - January 21**  
For the Parish  
Teresa Longville<sup>+</sup> by Rich & Tammy Laber  
Special Intention



Each day the priest offers the sacrifice of the Mass for one special intention. These intentions can be for anyone living or deceased, Catholic or Non-Catholic. 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.



**Join us to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet**  
Thursday, 10:00am @ Immaculate Conception  
All are welcome to attend!

**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, 605-842-3520, or email parishsec@gwtc.net. We are here to assist 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) )*

**‘Saint Juliana’s Prayer List’**  
Lord, hear our prayers for the sick of our parish and for those in need of our prayers.

Avery Eddie	Donna Sealey	Fr. Tony Grossenburg
Joel Keierleber	Pam Ekberg	Wendy Smith
Kevin Van Cleave	Janet DeMers	Leonard Gehlsen
Moni Stiehl	Jolene Corkle	Jonathan Perez
Eric Connot	Jane Moser	Don Mansheim
Kathy Jensen	Tessa Jatton	Kathy Riedy
DeEtte Elliott	Jim Hickey	John Obermeyer
Leetta Obermeyer	Marianne Thompson	Jody Burger
Ross Neyens		

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

Jacob Debus	Dylan Doering	Gene Fisher	Jeff Butler
Daysha DeMers	Spencer Hughes	Jacque Miller	

We continue to pray for our sick and for the hope of healing. May God remain with them in their suffering and give them comfort in His love. Please call the office (605-842-3520) to request continued prayers. To preserve the dignity and privacy of individuals, we ask that only the ill person or an immediate family member (husband/wife, parents of small children, call, email or text, to request publication of names.

If you have an emergency for which you are in need of a Priest, please call Fr. Zane at 605-842-3520, Ext. 13. If Father does not answer, leave your name, number and your request. Father will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you!

**Men’s Group**  
will meet on Thursday.  
Men of all ages are invited to join together each 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. All men are Welcome!



**Winner & Colome**  
**Knights of Columbus Meeting**  
Tues., January 16<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm @ St. Mary’s Hall



If you don’t have parish collection envelopes and you would like to start using them, please contact Tammy in the office at 605-842-3520. Thank you!

**NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE**  
**Time to start the February & March Ministry Schedule. The schedule will run from Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>. It will include, “Ash Wednesday, Holy Week Masses and Easter.**  
**St. Isidore, give Cindy a call with the dates you are unavailable.**  
**For Immaculate Conception, email parishsec@gwtc.net or call the office or text Tammy with the available or**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**  
**Immaculate Conception & St. Isidore**

**SATURDAY, January 20<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00pm**  
**Sacristan:** Cindy Assman  
**Lector:** Kelly Assman  
**EME:** Sandy Krantz  
**Server:** Nick Assman  
Maggie Assman  
Laura Assman  
**Usher:** Jim Fisher  
Barry Grossenburg

**SUNDAY, January 21<sup>st</sup> ~ 8:30am**  
**Lector:** Todd  
**Server:** Aiden  
**Ushers:** Lyle/Volunteer  
**Sacristan:** Larry

**SUNDAY, December 21<sup>st</sup> ~ 10:30am**  
**Sacristan:** Wendy Mortenson  
**Lector:** Tovi Bartels  
**EME:** Leonard Heim  
**Server:** Gus Bartels  
Piper Mortenson  
William Jorgensen  
**Usher:** Jason Bartels  
Volunteer

**WEEKEND COLLECTION REPORTS**  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
**January 6 & 7, 2024:** Envelopes: \$1,799.00, Loose: \$1,262.00  
**Total:** \$3,061.00

**ST. ISIDORE**  
**January 7, 2024:** \$959.00

**COLLECTION:**

Jan.	14	~	Ryan & Chase
Jan.	21	~	Carol & Holly
Jan	28	~	Leslie & Cole



**Come and Pray The Rosary before Mass**  
Saturday, 5:30pm @ Immaculate Conception  
Sunday, 8:00am @ St. Isidore  
**Honor our Blessed Mother.**



**ST. ISIDORE CHURCH CLEANING**  
**January:** Ruth Giedd, Chair, Becky DeSmet  
Kristi Hauf, Candy Cahoy

*St. Isidore 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!*



**This week we pray for these vocations:**

Monday - Fr. Grant Gerlach and Fr. Adam Hofer  
Tuesday - Fr. Mark Horn and Fr. John Paul Trask  
Wednesday - Fr. Zane Pekron and Fr. Joshua Lee  
Thursday - Msgr. Gerald McManus  
and Fr. Gregory Bartholomew, FSSP  
Friday - Fr. Ed Witt, SJ, Fr. Joe Daoust, SJ & Fr. John Hatcher, SJ  
Saturday - Fr. Brad Held, SJ and Fr. Ron Seminara, SJ  
Sunday - Fr. Peter Klink, SJ and Fr. Edmund Yainao, SJ



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**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.

**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. 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.

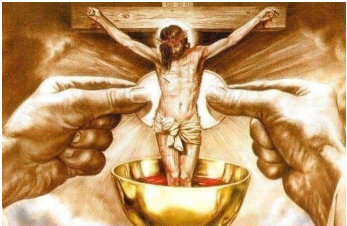
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FAITH FORMATION**  
Meal for grades 8-12 ~ 5:45pm  
Class for grades 1-12 ~ 6:15 – 7:15pm  
**ST. ISIDORE FAITH FORMATION**  
Elementary classes are on Sundays following Mass & High School is on Wednesday nights 6:30 - 7:30pm.



**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**  
WINNER CDA will not meet in January



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
**March for Life 2024 - January 28<sup>th</sup>**  
12pm - CST March at the State Capital North Parking Lot  
2pm CST - Hour of Reflection with SD Right to Life  
3pm CST - Adoration at St. John the Evangelist in Fort Pierre  
4pm CST - Sunday Mass followed by dinner (KC’s)



The Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life.” The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch. (CCC1324)

**Registration open for Eucharistic Congress**  
Bishop Peter Muhich invites you to join him for this historic event! Open registration is ready for people who would like to attend the First National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis July 17-21, 2024. Get ready for a packed roster of great national speakers. A \$250 deposit is needed to secure registration. A deposit of \$500 is required by Jan. 1, 2024, for best prices. The balance is due April 17, 2024. Prices vary from \$649 up to \$1,249 depending on family, double occupancy, or single person hotel room. Prices include deluxe motor coach, hotel, Congress pass, specified meals, and daily transportation from hotel to Lucas Oil Stadium. Go to https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/congress24/.