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

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Church of St. Isidore

301 Carr Street

PO Box 405

Colome, SD

Church of Immaculate Conception

325 S. Van Buren Street 302 W. 4th St. Winner, SD



Bulletin Date: January 21, 2024 Third 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

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Monday, January 22, Weekday **NO MASS**

Tuesday, January 23, Saint Vincent & Saint Marianne Cope 4:30pm @ St. Isidore

Wednesday, January 24, Saint Francis de Sales 9:30am @ Nursing Home

Thursday, January 25, The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle 8:00am @ Immaculate Conception

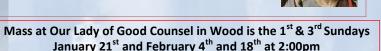
Friday, January 26, Saints Timothy and Titus 7:15am @ Immaculate Conception

Saturday, January 27, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 6:00pm @ Immaculate Conception

Sunday, January 28, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am @ St. Isidore

10:30am @ Immaculate Conception



ST. ISIDORE PARISH COUNCIL

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.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH COUNCIL

Jason Bartels, Chair

605-842-3520

HOLY ORDERS

zpekron@diorc.org

Fr. Zane Pekron, Pastor

Deb Fisher Kristen Hausmann

Steve Higgins

Bria Peppel

Tim Pravecek

Jonah Sachtjen **Scott Schramm Justin Zeigler**

Next Meeting

JANUARY

Wednesday

Parish Office Address

Parish e-mail **Parish Website ICC Facebook**

Parish Phone

St. Isidore Facebook

302 W. 4th St. Winner, SD 57580 Open T-F, 9am-4pm 605-842-3520 parishsec@gwtc.net CatholicTripp.org Mary Immaculate St. Isidore the Farmer Meeting on:

APRIL Thursday

Rvan DeSmet Chase Hrabanek, Chair Carol King **Holly Pechota** Leslie Petersek **Cole Shippy** DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday - January 20 David Turgeon by Siblings

Sunday - January 21

For the Parish Teresa Longville by Rich & Tammy Laber

Special Intention Monday - January 22

Tuesday - January 23 Blessings for Jody Burger Wednesday - January 24 Pro Life for the Unborn

Thursday - January 25

Blessings for Lance Ekberg by Don Mansheim

Friday - January 26

Pro Life for Unborn Children

Saturday - January 27

Francis Bolander by Jim & Maxine Fisher

Sunday - January 28 For the Parish

Jim Harder by Marty & Karleen Flakus

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.



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-lifeministries-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 Joel Keierleber Kevin Van Cleave Moni Stiehl Eric Connot Kathy Jensen DeEtte Elliott Leetta Obermeyer

Donna Sealey Pam Ekberg Janet DeMers Jolene Corkle Jane Moser Tessa Jaton

Dave Fisher

Jim Hickey

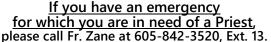
Fr. Tony Grossenburg Wendy Smith Leonard Gehlsen Jonathan Perez Don Mansheim Kathy Riedy John Obermeyer Marianne Thompson Jody Burger

Prayers for our Family Members in the Military

Jacob Debus Spencer Hughes

Gene Fisher Dylan Doering 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 Father does not answer, leave your name, number and your request. Father will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank vou!

Men's Group

will meet on Thursday. Men of all ages are invited to join together each Thursday 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!

would like to start using them, please contact Tammy in the office at 605-842-3520. Thank you!

If you don't have parish collection envelopes and you



MARK YOUR CALENDAR March for Life 2024 - January 28th

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)

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

SATURDAY, January 27th ~ 6:00pm

Sacristan: Toni Donovan Lector: Sandi Hausmann EME: Mike Hausmann Nick Assman Server:

Dawson Peppel **Carter Peppel**

Usher: John Janecke **Steve Meyer**

SUNDAY, January 28th ~ 8:30am

Lector: Rvan Server: Ryker **Ushers:** Heath/Larry Kris Sacristan:

Usher:

SUNDAY. January 28th ~ 10:30am Sacristan: **Candice Sachtien** Lector: **Doug Sherman Andy Tegethoff** EME: **Kynslie Tegethoff** Server: Sam Sachtien

> **Jackson Grossenburg Charlie Grossenburg**

Dan Koupal

WEEKEND COLLECTION REPORTS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

January 13 & 14, 2024: No Mass

ST. ISIDORE

January 14, 2024: No Mass

COLLECTION: Carol & Holly Jan. Leslie & Cole Jan. Feb. Ryan & Chase

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

<u>January</u>: Ruth Giedd, Chair, Becky DeSmet Kristi Hauf, Candy Cahoy

Tuesday - Fr. Christianus Hendrik, SCI

and Fr. David Mastrangelo, SJ

& Todd VanderMay

& Parker Schlenker

& Blasé Gebes

and Fr. Francis Chidi Nwakile FIS

and Fr. Gregory Bartholomew, FSSP

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:

Wednesday - Fr. Collins Igwilo, Fr. Michael Oli

Monday - Fr. Jim Lafontaine, SJ and Fr. Jean Claude Mbassi, SCJ

Thursday - Fr. Francis Nsubuga & Fr. Leonard Ssennyonjo

Saturday - Blane Schriock, Dillon Johnson, Josiah Hanson

A Safe Environment for

Children and Young People

creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our

children and young people. To report allegations of sexual abuse

Coordinator, Barbara Scherr. To ensure her independence in out-

The phone has caller ID and messaging features. All information

will be treated confidentially. Alleged victims are advised of their

reach to victims, she can be contacted at 605-209-3418 (cell).

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

Catholic Bishops website at www.usccb.org.

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

Friday - Dcn. Robert Kinyon, Max Vetch, Jesse Willis

Sunday - Reid Murie, Liam Pelayic, Treyton Bushmog

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is firmly committed to

by church personnel, contact the Victim Assistance

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 – Tuesday, February 6th - 5:30pm at the St. Martin Room We will do a memorial service for our deceased Catholic Dauahters.

Winner Catholic Daughters your \$30 dues are due. They can be left or mailed at the church office or put in the collection at Mass marked CDA Dues.

Wed., February 7, 6:30 pm ~ Rosary in the church Meeting $\sim 7:00$ pm in the church basement.

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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.



"Each time we celebrate Holy Mass, we are re-presenting the sacrifice of Christ on the cross to God the Father in 1) adoration of the Supreme Godhead, 2) atonement for our many sins, 3) petition for more grace and helps to serve God better, and 4) thanksgiving for God's many benefits. Since we are offering Christ, we are offering something of infinite value. . . The Mass, therefore, offers to God the greatest honor that can be given him, subdues most triumphantly the powers of hell, affords the greatest relief to the suffering souls in purgatory, appeases most efficaciously the wrath of God against sinners, and brings down the greatest blessings on mankind.'

St. Alphonsus de Liquori

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/.