Purifying the Vessels

"I'm not washing the dishes!" Some of you may have heard or said this to your parents growing up. However, it may seem an odd thing to say when speaking about the mass.

Many people have probably noticed me taking water to purify the sacred vessels after communion. I could guess that some witty parents might have even explained to their child that Father is doing the dishes and therefore, they should too. However, there is more happening at this moment. It is called purifying the vessels. The reason why we purify the vessels is to show reverence to Jesus' Body and Blood.

We believe that Jesus is truly present under the appearance of bread and wine that has been changed by the words of consecration. We also believe that every crumb of the host and drop of wine is Jesus. Jesus ceases to be present in the host or wine when the characteristics of bread and wine dissolve or are diluted. This is why I use water to gather all the crumbs of Jesus' Body and dilute the precious Blood. I then consume them so that Jesus may not be left unattended in the chalice or paten or unwittingly dropped on to the floor.

I wrote my bulletin article last week about receiving Holy Communion. I wrote that if we choose to receive on our hands, that our hands are to be made into a throne for Jesus. Our hands in that moment become vessels for receiving Jesus' Body. We should also be attentive that we do not accidentally drop pieces of our Lord's Body after we have received. We should inspect our hands, when we get back to our pew, for any crumbs that might have broken off or been left behind on our hands. If we find any, we can use the tip of a finger to pick them up and consume them.

Just like I purify the vessels to ensure that Jesus' Body and Blood are not left behind, I invite you to look at your hands similarly. So that if we see any crumbs of Jesus' Body remaining on our hands, we can consume them to ensure that they are not dropped on to the floor.

Our Lady of Good Counsel

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Church of Immaculate Conception

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



Bulletin Date: February 4, 2024 Fifth 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

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, February 5, Saint Agatha

Tuesday, February 6, Saint Paul Miki and Companions **NO MASS**

Wednesday, February 7, Weekday 9:30am @ Nursing Home

Thursday, February 8, Saint Jerome Emiliani & Saint Josephine Bakihita

8:00am @ Immaculate Conception

Friday, February 9, Weekday

7:15am @ Immaculate Conception

Saturday, February 10, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 6:00pm @ Immaculate Conception

Sunday, February 11, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am @ St. Isidore

10:30am @ Immaculate Conception

Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Wood is the 1st & 3rd Sundays February 18th and March 3rd & 17th at 2:00pm

ADORATION

Tuesday—NO ADORATION

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.



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Next Meeting

APRIL

Wednesday

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302 W. 4th St.

Winner, SD 57580

St. Isidore the Farmer

Meeting on:

APRIL Thursday

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

ST. ISIDORE PARISH COUNCIL

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday - February 3

Blessings for Rick Cahoy by Jan Gossard

Sunday - February 4 Alexa McKenzie⁺ by Ken & Ruth Giedd

For the Parish

Special Intention Monday - February 5

Tuesday - February 6 Wednesday - February 7

Pro Life for Unborn Children Thursday - February 8

Shirley & Clair Turgeon by Family

Friday - February 9

Deceased Catholic Daughters by Winner Catholic Daughters

Saturday - February 10

Pat Briggs⁺ by Thad, Rique & Khloe Briggs

Sunday - February 11

For the Parish

Mary Ann Moorhead by Mike & Sandi Hausmann

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.

KC's Soup to Go

Souper Bowl Weekend February 10th & 11th



12 ounce soup to go

(while they last—take as many as you want)

Vegetable Beef, Broccoli Cheese Chicken Noodle

Free Will offering **Proceeds go to the Seminarians**

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

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

Jim Hickey Dave Fisher

Prayers for our Family Members in the Military

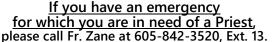
Jacob Debus

Ross Nevens

Dylan Doering Spencer Hughes

of small children, call, email or text, to request publication of names.

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



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

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!

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.

> We welcome those recently baptized to the Immaculate Conception Faith Family!

> > Walker William Novotny Baptized on January 27th Son of Zach & Jamie Novotny



MINISTRY SCHEDULE Immaculate Conception & St. Isidore

SATURDAY, February 10th ~ 6:00pm Maxine Fisher Sacristan: Lector: **Amanda Sachtjen**

EME: Joyce Heath **Carter Foster** Server:

Weston Foster VOLUNTEER Jim Fisher

Usher: John Janecke

SUNDAY, February 11th ~ 8:30am Ťodd Lector:

Aspyn Server: **Ushers:** Chase/Ken Sacristan: Geraldine

SUNDAY. February 11th ~ 10:30am Sacristan: Rita Nevens

Lector: **Leonard Heim** EME: Jeannie Heim Server: **Maree Pravecek** Sam Sachtien

William Jorgensen Usher: **Brad Assman VOLUNTEER**

ASH WEDNESDAY

Usher:

WEDNESDAY, February 14th ~ 5:30pm

Ryan Lector: Server: Aiden

Ushers: Kaden/Randy Sacristan: Janette

WEDNESDAY, February 14th ~ 7:15pm Toni Donovan Sacristan:

Lector: **Ron Ernest** EME: Valora Eddie Server: **Khloe Briggs Carter Peppel**

> **Dawson Peppel** Tom Sharkey

Steve Meyer

WEEKEND COLLECTION REPORTS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

January 27 & 28, 2024: Loose: \$1,521.00, Envelopes \$1,798.00, Total: \$3,319.00

ST. ISIDORE

January 28, 2024: \$1,366.00

COLLECTION: Feb. Ryan & Chase Carol & Holly Feb. Feb. 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

February: Renee Sherman, Cindy Sealey **Geraldine Smith**

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. Bill Zandri and Fr. Kerry Prendiville Tuesday - Fr. Gary Oreshoski and Fr. Bryan Sorensen Wednesday - Fr. Brian Lane and Fr. Mark McCormick Thursday - Fr. Leo Hausmann and Fr. Tim Hoag Friday - Fr. Janusz Korban and Fr. Ed Vanorny Saturday - Fr. Brian Christensen and Fr. Tony Grossenburg Sunday - Fr. John Heying and Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek

TIME TO BRING BACK YOUR PALMS

There is a basket at the entrance of each church where you can place your blessed palms from last year. They will be used to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Thank you!



"Wine & Cheese" with Fr. Zane 7:00-9:00pm Sat., February 10th ICC Rectory Bring your favorite beverage and snack.

"Every morning during meditation, I prepare myself for the whole day's struggle. Holy Communion assures me that I will win the victory; and so it is. I fear the day when I do not receive Holy Communion. This bread of the Strong gives me all the strength I need to carry on my mission and the courage to do whatever the Lord asks of me. The courage and strength that are in me are not of me, but of Him who lives in me - it is the Eucharist." ~St. Faustina, Divine Mercy in My Soul

Join us to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursday, 10:00am @ Immaculate Conception All are welcome to attend!

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))

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

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.

COLOME -Wed., February 7, 6:30 pm ~ Rosary in the church Meeting ~ 7:00 pm in the church basement.

St. Valentine Party



Sunday, February 4, 2024 Following the 8:30am Mass till noon. Lunch available all morning.

Held in the St. Isidore church basement.

Come and go at your own time. All ages welcome!

Supplies provided

Make your own personal valentines. We will be making valentines for Religious in our diocese and a few other orders.

Registration is 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/

Eucharistic

Revival "The Eucharist is the sacrament of love: it signifies love, it produces love.

The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life."

~St Thomas Aquinas Feast January 28

www.eucharisticrevial.org



Growing in CALL

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

February 2024

Church of Immaculate Conception

Fr. Zane Pekron, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Josephine Bakhita

Born in Darfur, Sudan around 1869, she was

kidnapped and sold into slavery. Her captors gave her the name Bakhita, meaning "fortunate." After

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"fortunate." After
several years of serving under
cruel masters, she was bought
by Augusto Michieli. The
Michielis sent Bakhita with
their daughter to Italy, where
Bakhita encountered
Catholicism. Overjoyed, she
was baptized and took the
name Josephine. In 1893,
instead of returning to Africa
with the Michielis, she entered
the Institute of St. Magdalene
of Canossa.

The moment of truth

Conversion begins when we accept responsibility for our failures. Lent is an opportunity to stop and take a good look at our lives. Identify all the ways that sin keeps you from living the way Jesus taught us to live. Know that it may take courage to face your shortfalls.

"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven." St. Rose of Lima



Deepen the connection to Christ during Lent

The key to a fruitful Lent is not to perform miserable penances. A good

Lent hinges on encountering Christ in a personal way and letting Him change our hearts and minds. In fact, an effective way to deepen our encounter with Him is through the Eucharist. Consider these suggestions:

"Here I am, Lord.
Love me!" Mother
Teresa told her sisters
to start their chapel
time with this bold
prayer, "Here I am,
Lord. Love me!" No
matter whether you
are in His Presence for
Mass, a holy hour, or a
quick visit in front of the Blessed
Sacrament, begin with, "Here I am,
Lord. Love me!" It's a prayer of faith

Live for the next Communion.

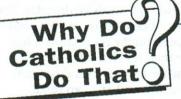
God delights to answer.

Every Communion deepens our union with God, strengthens our faith, helps us love more

authentically, and immunizes us against future temptations. Each week, renew your resolve to do whatever is needed to receive Jesus well. For example, avoid activity or entertainment that tempts you away from God, and if you sin seriously, immediately go to Confession and start

Invite others to the feast. Invite a friend, neighbor or colleague to Mass or Adoration

with you. Pray for priests to stay close to the Eucharist. Most importantly, pray that more people come to faithfully encounter Jesus in the tabernacle.



atholics Why do Catholics have to fast on Ash Wednesday?

Fasting is a practice with Biblical roots, most notably, when Jesus fasted for forty days in the desert. Those in good health, aged 18-59, are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We're permitted one full meal and two

smaller meals that together don't equal the full meal. This includes abstaining from meat. Fasting expresses our recognition that we've sinned and desire to make amends. It purifies our hearts and frees them to love God and others well.

Pope Francis's three-point approach to Confession

Instead of dreading seeking the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession), Pope Francis suggested we look at it as "the Sacrament of the tenderness of God, His way of embracing us." Follow the pope's three-point approach to the Sacrament:

What's my intention? Rather than an obligation, consider the Sacrament a fresh start. Firmly resolve, from this moment forward, to give up the activities or behaviors that separate you from God. The firm resolution to change is key to receiving absolution effectively.

Are there loose ends? Unconfessed sin creates

distance between us and God. Make sure you have not withheld mortal sins in prior Confessions, either intentionally or accidentally. If you become aware that you have, confess them and leave the confessional a new man or woman.

Have I completed the assigned penance? The Sacrament is meant to change us. Purposefully make amends and continue your resolutions to realign your life to the Gospel.

Seeking Reconciliation often and staying in a state of grace helps us become holier people of God.

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In Jesus' time, Israel was occupied by the Romans. The Israelites already had a long history of being attacked and conquered by other nations. The Jews dreamed of the day when the Messiah would set them free and

make them the victors.

God had set up Moses as liberator and lawgiver, and sent them Elijah, the first of the great prophets who foretold Christ's coming. So when Jesus was transfigured in glory with Moses and Elijah, the Apostles assumed that God was revealing Jesus as the Messiah.

Moses and Elijah spoke with Jesus about His death and Resurrection.

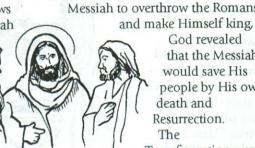
Mark 9:2-10, Heavenly glory, not worldly power

Jesus warned His disciples that He would suffer and die (Mark 8:31). While many Jews were expecting the Messiah to overthrow the Romans

> God revealed that the Messiah would save His people by His own death and Resurrection.

The

Transfiguration was meant to strengthen the faith of the Apostles and prepare them for the Passion. The Transfiguration reminds us that however difficult this life may be there is unimaginable glory that awaits us in Heaven.





February 3 - St. Blaise (316). A bishop in fourth-century Turkey, St. Blaise was arrested for being a Christian. On his way to jail, he healed a young boy choking on a fish bone. Refusing to deny his faith, the bishop was martyred.

February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes (1858). A heavenly lady appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous, a poor girl from a French village, and a spring with miraculous, healing waters emerged from a nearby cave. The lady revealed herself as the "Immaculate

Conception," the Blessed Virgin Mary.

February 14 - Ash Wednesday. The first day of Lent. Ashes of old palms are placed on the forehead as a sign of penance. It's also a day of abstinence from meat and fasting one regular meal and two small meals that together don't equal a full meal.

February 22 - The Chair of St. Peter. Marking St. Peter's

establishment of the Holy See, on this festival we thank God for His Church and pray for its holy preservation.



Why should we "offer it up"?

When tempted to complain about suffering, we may be encouraged to "offer it up" instead. This act of surrender carries incredible spiritual power.

A share in Christ's Cross. Because Jesus is God, His suffering and sacrifice have infinite value. When we unite even our

> small sufferings to Jesus' suffering, it takes on an infinite value in helping Him to save souls.

Spiritual "strength training." When we offer

our sufferings to God, He is able to work on our hearts. Suffering for others helps us to become less selfish and more compassionate, less hard-hearted and more patient, less self-indulgent and more generous. Our hearts emerge more Christ-like, and better able to love.

Prudence is needed. Under most circumstances, encouragement to "offer it up" works as a spiritual discipline for inconveniences or mild suffering. Sometimes, however, remediation or professional help may be needed. God sees the sincerity of our love so we can still offer our suffering to Him and yet take constructive action to remediate whatever is causing the suffering. Be prudent.

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