The Lord's descent into hell (an ancient homily for Holy Saturday)

"What is happening? Today there is a great silence over the earth, a great silence, and stillness, a great silence because the King sleeps; the earth was in terror and was still, because God slept in the flesh and raised up those who were sleeping from the ages. God has died in the flesh, and the underworld has trembled.

Truly he goes to seek out our first parent like a lost sheep; he wishes to visit those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. He goes to free the prisoner Adam and his fellow-prisoner Eve from their pains, he who is God, and Adam's son.

The Lord goes in to them holding his victorious weapon, his cross. When Adam, the first created man, sees him, he strikes his breast in terror and calls out to all: 'My Lord be with you all.' And Christ in reply says to Adam: 'And with your spirit.' And grasping his hand he raises him up, saying: 'Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.

'I am your God, who for your sake became your son, who for you and your descendants now speak and command with authority those in prison: Come forth, and those in darkness: Have light, and those who sleep: Rise.

'I command you: Awake, sleeper, I have not made you to be held a prisoner in the underworld. Arise from the dead; I am the life of the dead. Arise, O man, work of my hands, arise, you who were fashioned in my image. Rise, let us go hence; for you in me and I in you, together we are one undivided person.

'For you, I your God became your son; for you, I the Master took on your form; that of slave; for you, I who am above the heavens came on earth and under the earth; for you, man, I became as a man without help, free among the dead; for you, who left a garden, I was handed over to Jews from a garden and crucified in a garden.

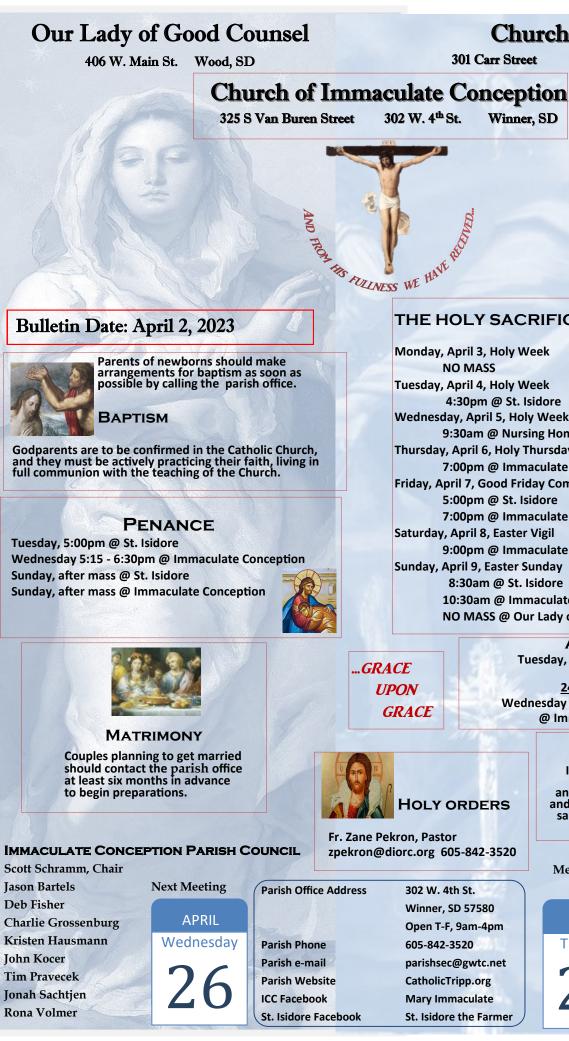
'Look at the spittle on my face, which I received because of you, in order to restore you to that first divine inbreathing at creation. See the blows on my cheeks, which I accepted in order to refashion your distorted form to my own image.

'See the scourging of my back, which I accepted in order to disperse the load of your sins which was laid upon your back. See my hands nailed to the tree for a good purpose, for you, who stretched out your hand to the tree for an evil one.

'I slept on the cross and a sword pierced my side, for you, who slept in paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side healed the pain of your side; my sleep will release you from your sleep in Hades; my sword has checked the sword which was turned against you.

'But arise, let us go hence. The enemy brought you out of the land of paradise; I will reinstate you, no longer in paradise, but on the throne of heaven. I denied you the tree of life, which was a figure, but now I myself am united to you, I who am life. I posted the cherubim to guard you as they would slaves; now I make the cherubim worship you as they would God.

"The cherubim throne has been prepared, the bearers are ready and waiting, the bridal chamber is in order, the food is provided, the everlasting houses and rooms are in readiness; the treasures of good things have been opened; the kingdom of heaven has been prepared before the ages."



Church of St. Isidore

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Colome, SD

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Monday, April 3, Holy Week Tuesday, April 4, Holy Week 4:30pm @ St. Isidore Wednesday, April 5, Holy Week 9:30am @ Nursing Home Thursday, April 6, Holy Thursday 7:00pm @ Immaculate Conception Friday, April 7, Good Friday Communion Service 5:00pm @ St. Isidore 7:00pm @ Immaculate Conception Saturday, April 8, Easter Vigil 9:00pm @ Immaculate Conception Sunday, April 9, Easter Sunday 8:30am @ St. Isidore 10:30am @ Immaculate Conception NO MASS @ Our Lady of Good Counsel



ADORATION Tuesday, 5 -- 6:00pm @ St. Isidore



24 Hour Adoration Wednesday 5:00pm to Thursday 5:00pm @ Immaculate Conception

ANOINTING

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

APRIL

Thursday



ST. ISIDORE PARISH COUNCIL Meeting on: Ryan DeSmet, Chair

Chase Hrabanek Carol King **Holly Pechota** Leslie Petersek **Cole Shippy**

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday - April 1

Blessing for Clarence Storbeck by Rich & Tammy Laber Family Sunday - April 2 Deceased Catholic Daughters by Colome Catholic Daughters For the Parish Special Intention Monday - April 3 Tuesday - April 4 Blessing for Bishop Peter Muhich by Colome CDA Wednesday - April 5 Flo Fisher⁺ by Mike & Sandi Hausmann & family Thursday - April 6 Greg Kollars⁺ by Mike & Sandi Hausmann Friday - April 7 Saturday - April 8 Deceased Catholic Daughters by Winner Catholic Daughters Sunday - April 9 Prayers for political officials by Colome CDA For the Parish Special Intention

Holy Week final instructions:

On Holy Thursday and Good Friday, please leave in silence.

The collections for Holy Thursday and Good Friday are to be placed in the basket at the entrance to the church.

There is no collection during the Thursday Mass and Friday Service.

The Holy Thursday collection is for the poor: money, food, clothing, etc.

The Good Friday Collection is to support Christians in the Holy Land.

NO Divine Mercy Chaplet On Thursday, April 6th

The Parish office is closed on Friday, April 7th for the Easter Holiday.



Men's Group will <u>not</u> meet on Thursday, April 6th.

'Saint Juliana's Prayer List'

Lord, hear our prayers for the sick of our parish and for those in need of our pray-

Avery Eddie	Donna Sealey	Fr. Tony Grossenburg
Joel Keierleber	Jenny Turgeon	Wendy Smith
Connie Vaughn	Janet DeMers	Leonard Gehlsen
Moni Stiehl	Jolene Corkle	Jonathan Perez
Eric Connot	Cindy Swartz	Carol Turgeon
Kathy Jensen	Tessa Jaton	Carley Fisher
Pam Ekberg	Jane Moser	Sandra Hubbard

Dylan Doering

Spencer Hughes

Pravers for our Family Members in the Military

Jacob Debus	
Daysha DeMers	

Gene Fisher Jeff Butler 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 an immediate family member call to request publication of names. We will presume they have permission from the individual to do so.



Please pray for the RCIA Candidates as they prepare to enter the church.

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

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY UOINTILLIDEDAN Annil Cth ~ 7.00mm

HOLY THURSDAY	7, April 6 th ~ 7:00pm
Sacristan:	Cindy Assman
Lector:	Ron Ernest 1 st Reading Tovi Bartels 2 nd Reading & POF
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EME:	Cindy Bennett
Server:	Gus Bartels
	Melanie Brozik Aiden Barfuss
	Mallory Thayer
Usher:	Jason Bartels
o shen	Finn Bartels
	pril 7 th ~ 5:00pm
Lector:	
	Ryan/Cole
Server:	Rystan Chase
Cross Carrier:	
Ushers:	NO USHER
Sacristan:	Rosemary
GOOD FRIDAY, A	pril 7 th ~ 7:00pm
Sacristan:	Wendy Mortenson
Lector:	Leonard Heim 1 st & 2 nd Reading
	& Voice
	Jeannie Heim Narrator & POF
EME:	Amy Engel
Server:	Piper Mortenson
	Matt Brozik
Usher:	Dean Engel
	John Janecke
	ATURDAY, April 8 th ~ 9:00pm
Sacristan:	Tim Pravecek
Lector:	Ann English (R1)
	Kelly Assman (R2)
	Sandi Hausmann <i>(R3)</i>
	Todd Shippy (R4)
	Justin Hausmann <i>(R5)</i>
	Ron Ernest (R6)
	Kristen Hausmann <i>(R7)</i>
	Doug Engemann (Epistle & POF
EME:	Mike Hausmann
Server:	Khloe Briggs
	Sadie Tegethoff
	Kaden Pechota
	Aiden Schroeder
Usher:	Tim Pravecek
	Steve Meyer
	, April 9 th ~ 8:30am
Lector:	Jody
Server:	Aspyn
Ushers:	Chase/Ken
Sacristan:	Kris
EASTER SUNDAY	<u>, April 9th ~ 10:30am</u>
Sacristan:	Candice Sachtjen
Lector:	Jacqueline Schultz
EME:	Chuck Novotny
Server:	Kylie Sachtjen
	Sam Sachtjen
Usher:	Brad Assman
	Charlie Grossenburg
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WEEKEND COLLECTION REPORTS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

March 25 & 26, 2023: Envelopes \$2,815.24, Loose \$868.00, Easter Flowers \$20.00.Total: \$3.703.24 SPECIAL COLLECTION: Seminarian Education \$40.00

ST. ISIDORE

March 26, 2023: Total \$629.00

COLLECTION:

April	2	~	Carol & Holly
April	9	~	Leslie & Cole
April	16	~	Ryan & Chase

Come and Pray The Rosary before Mass

Saturday, 5:30pm @ Immaculate Conception

Sunday, 8:00am @ St. Isidore

Honor our Blessed Mother.

CHURCH CLEANING

<u>St. Isidore</u> — <u>April</u>: Janet Shippy, Chair Lacey Shippy, Taylor Hrabanek, Carol King 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!

24 Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament April 5th – April 6th Starts at 5:00pm **Immaculate Conception** The sign-up sheet is posted in each church entry (St. Isidore and ICC) during Mass times. Please sign-up!

NO Wine & Cheese Saturday, April 8th

This week we pray for these vocations:

Monday - Fr. Michel Mulloy and Fr. Richard Novotny Tuesday - Msgr. Michael Woster and Fr. Ron Garry Wednesday - Fr. Bill Zandri and Fr. Kerry Prendiville Thursday - Fr. Gary Oreshoski and Fr. Bryan Sorensen Friday - Fr. Brian Lane and Fr. Mark McCormick Saturday - Fr. Leo Hausmann and Fr. Tim Hoag

Flowers in Memory of a Loved One

Envelopes are available at the entrance to the ICC church if you'd like to donate to the Easter Flowers in your loved one's name.



(Envelopes can be put in the collection)

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.

YOUTH INFORMATION

Faith Formation Wednesday, April 5th **No Faith Formation**

FIRST COMMUNION IS ON SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH.

CONFIRMATION IS ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH.

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!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

WINNER – NOTE "Date and time change!!" Wednesday, April 5th - 5:00pm at the St. Martin room Our district deputy from Wagner will be here to do our audit.

WINNER – ATTENTION: The State CDA Convention is in Sioux Falls in April. The charity this year goes to the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House. They would like donations of hair products, body lotions, deodorants, foot powder, towels and wash cloths. If you would like to donate to this mission, contact Joyce Heath or leave the items at the Parish Office by April 8th. Thank you!

Colome - Wednesday, April 5th - 6:30pm ~ Rosary in the church Meeting to follow at 7:00pm in the St. Isidore Church Rectory.

Your chance to win!! 2022 Chevy Trax - \$50 / raffle tickets Available at the entrance of IC Church following Mass Look for Rique Briggs on Saturday night and Charlie Grossenburg on Sunday morning. You can purchase tickets at the parish office, Marty's and at the Hobby Shoppe.



24 Hour Adoration Immaculate Conception & St. Isidore (a) Immaculate Conception 5:00pm, Wed., April 5th - 5:00pm, Thur., April 6th Sign-up in the church

St. Isidore & Immaculate Conception Holy Thursday, April 6th Immaculate Conception - 7:00pm

Good Friday Communion Service - April 7th St. Isidore - 5:00pm Living Stations of the Cross - 5:30pm Immaculate Conception

Immaculate Conception - 7:00pm

St. Isidore & Immaculate Conception Easter Vigil - April 8th Immaculate Conception - 9:00pm

Easter Sunday - April 9th St. Isidore - 8:30am Immaculate Conception - 10:30am No Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel

Growing in Faith™

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Choose new life at Easter

"... I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice, and cleaving to him; for that means life to you and length of days ..."(Deuteronomy 30:19-20).

When the Israelites were poised to enter the land God had promised them, Moses wanted all to understand what was at stake. He didn't want them to just enter the Promised Land, Moses wanted them to remain there with God's



life for the sheep.

Jesus' illustration is clear.

Without the constant care,

guidance, and protecting

(God), the sheep (us) wouldn't survive. That's

each personally,

individually. Our Shepherd heals us,

provides for us, and protects us, even to

offering up His own life. He asks us to trust Him and ultimately, lead us

presence of the shepherd

uncomfortable because it

means we're dependent

and vulnerable. But the

deeper truth is that Jesus,

our Shepherd, knows us

blessing. So Moses put the choice facing all of God's people in the clearest possible terms. When we choose to follow God, we choose life over death

The choice is still ours. We can say "yes" or "no" to God's love. While our choices lead to consequences, it is still up to us.

When we live within God's laws, we choose life. Honesty over lies and deceit, self-control over sinful pleasure, generosity over selfishness. This is how we choose new life with God.

> Am I wrong to have doubts?

There is good doubt and bad doubt. Bad doubt that says, "I won't believe this unless you prove it," can become sinful and should be avoided. Good doubt ("I'm struggling to understand this") is a sign you're ready to go deeper into the faith.



Sometimes doubts arise from genuine or incomplete understanding of Church teaching. Archbishop Fulton Sheen famously said, "There are not one hundred people in

the United States who hate The Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be." With questions, turn to the Catechism, reference the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org), ask your priest.

If, after all that, something still doesn't make sense, then it really is a mystery and that's the point at which we humbly allow Christ to conform our ways of thinking to His (not the other way around). Entrust everything to God, and He will resolve it, in His own way, in His own time. "Lord, I believe, help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24).



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cripture John 10:1-10; Trusting

Home.

In this Scripture passage, Jesus used the image of a shepherd to reveal who He is,

how He cares for us, and more importantly, how He wants us to relate to Him. The image of a shepherd was a powerful choice.

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A good shepherd knew each sheep in his care individually. He never left his flock. Many sheep-pens didn't have doors, so the shepherd would sleep in the entry way to prevent enemies from cetting to his flock. Dradators

getting to his flock. Predators would have to go through him first. If a sheep got lost, hurt, or was attacked, the shepherd took care of it, even risking his



April 2 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (1st Century). On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when He was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.

April 9 – The Resurrection of the Lord (1st Century). Easter, the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection of the dead, is the holiest day of the year. The Season of Easter lasts for 50 days from Easter Sunday until Pentecost.

April 13 - Pope St. Martin I (665).

St. Martin was elected to succeed Theodore I as pope. He was arrested and dragged to Constantinople after censuring the Byzantine Emperor Constans II for heresy. He died in exile.

April 16 – Divine Mercy Sunday (1931). Jesus asked St. Faustina to ensure that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of Mercy."

He promised that anyone who honors Him as the King of Mercy and prays The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will receive special graces and great mercy.



Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

One Minute Meditations

April 2023

Church of Immaculate Conception Fr. Zane Pekron, Pastor

Powerful gifts of Eucharistic devotion

As the "the source and summit of our faith," the Eucharist is the greatest of God's gifts. During the Easter season, resolve to look at the Eucharist with new eyes of gratitude and strengthened devotion:

Return love for Love: The Eucharist is not a symbol; it is Jesus Christ. He loves us beyond imagining personally, closely, sacrificially, and tenderly. In adoring, receiving, and loving the Blessed Sacrament, we're returning love for Love.

Fuel for the fight: The Eucharist nourishes and strengthens our souls. "How can we last...without hearing Jesus say, 'I love you' - impossible ... ' (Mother Teresa). The Eucharist strengthens against temptation and

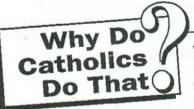
protects from mortal sins.

Source of joy: The Eucharist is a glimpse of Heaven, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and a pledge of future glory. St. John Vianney commented, "If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy." Wisdom and guidance: As Chancellor of

England, St. Thomas More received Communion daily for "light and wisdom" in his administrative decisions. We can turn to the Blessed Sacrament for guidance whenever we have

weighty decisions, questions, or doubts.

Communion empowers us to love: "Even as I have loved you...you also love one another" (John 13:34). Jesus specifically told his followers to love others as we've been loved. Receiving the Eucharist worthily empowers us to love like Him.



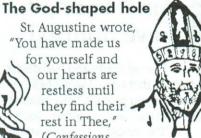
Why do Catholics celebrate Holy Week?

Holy Week is a sacred time, specially devoted to celebrating the work of our redemption the suffering and Death of Jesus on the Cross. The events honored during Holy Week, especially on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, remind us of

an amazing truth: God loved us first, even when that love cost Him everything. On Easter, He rose gloriously from the dead, offering redemption. This event is so tremendous we need a week to prepare our hearts to receive it.

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St. Augustine wrote, "You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee,"



(Confessions, Saint Augustine). Humans are created with a longing for something good, true, and beautiful. We long for God. We can try filling that void with things of the world. Unless we fill that longing with God, however, we can never be satisfied.

Grow in love

Having received the gift of divine life, we must give it to others. "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11). When we share God's life and love, we grow in that very life and love.

"But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here;

for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he, lay" (Matthew 28:5-6).



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & ST. ISIDORE APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

If you would like your name on this list, please call the Parish Office 842-3520.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Todd & Kristi Hauf	April	6
Dave & Marie Fisher	April	8
Charlie & Erin Grossenburg	April	19
Riley & Tammy Sargent	April	19
Scott & Kaytlen Assman	April	28
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