# Prepare the way of the Lord!

St. John the Baptist is the focus of our Sunday readings for both the second and third week of Advent. We hear his message proclaimed, "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." This is the theme that will take us almost all the way to Christmas because advent is short this year. The question then becomes what does it mean to prepare the way and how do we do it?

I invite you to ponder on two questions that I have posed on different occasions. 1) What do I desire most from the Lord? 2) What am I doing to prepare my heart for the Lord's coming? These two questions stand at the heart of prayer. The question of our desire is clearly laid out in the passage about the blind man, Bartimaeus, found in Mark 10:46-52. This is the stuff of prayer, seeking what it is that our hearts truly desire from him.

The second question is also important because it is not all about what God gives to us. The Lord wants our hearts as our gift to him. While Advent is not as strong as Lent, it is still a time of penance, and it is through penances that we can make our hearts more available to him. This can be anything from carving out some of the time that we give to distractions like social media, tv, and noise of our world. I encourage you that if you carve out some time from these things to give a bit of that time to the Lord. Some examples might be reading the nativity story with your family or other time with scripture. Another idea might be to have a time of silence, even if it is driving in the car or tractor by yourself, to let the Lord delight in you. It could also be stopping by the church sometime during the day to take five minutes to say hello to Jesus. I invite you to ponder over these questions as we draw closer to Jesus' coming at Christmas.

# 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. 4th St.

Winner, SD



# Bulletin Date: December 10, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent



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

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

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



## THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Monday, December 11, Saint John Damasus



Wednesday, December 13, Saint Lucy **NO MASS** 

Thursday, December 14, Saint John of the Cross 9:30am @ Nursing Home

Friday, December 15, Advent Weekday

7:15am @ Immaculate Conception Saturday, December 16, Third Sunday of Advent

6:00pm @ Immaculate Conception Sunday, December 17, Third Sunday of Advent

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 December 17<sup>th</sup> & January 7<sup>th</sup> & January 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm



#### MATRIMONY

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



# NO ADORATION THIS WEEK



# **ANOINTING**

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



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

HOLY ORDERS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH COUNCIL Jason Bartels, Chair

**Deb Fisher** Kristen Hausmann

**Steve Higgins** 

**Bria Peppel Tim Pravecek** 

Jonah Sachtjen **Scott Schramm** 

**Justin Zeigler** 

**Next Meeting** 

**JANUARY** Wednesday

Parish Office Address

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

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:

**JANUARY** Thursday

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

#### DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday - December 9

Kristie Storms<sup>+</sup> by Dean & Nancy Storms

**Sunday** - December 10

Greg Sherman by Renee Sherman & family For the Parish

Monday - December 11 **Tuesday** - December 12 Wednesday - December 13

Thursday - December 14 Theresa Longville by Rich & Tammy Laber

Friday - December 15

Deceased Catholic Daughters by Winner Catholic Daughters

**Saturday** - December 16 Pro Life for Unborn Children **Sunday - December 17** 

For the Parish

Lyle Storbeck<sup>+</sup> by Rich & Tammy Laber Special Intention



"In that little Host

is the solution

to all the problems

of the world."

~ POPE ST. JOHN

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!

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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.

### **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.

# '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 Jim Hickey

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 Leetta Obermever

# Prayers for our Family Members in the Military

Jacob Debus Daysha DeMers

Gene Fisher Dylan Doering Spencer Hughes Jacque Miller

Jeff Butler

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.

# **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

Thurs., Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30 pm at Immaculate Conception

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 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!

#### Flowers in Memory of a Loved One

**Envelopes are available at the entrance** to the IC church if you'd like to donate to the Christmas Flowers in your loved (Envelopes can be put in the collection)



# **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES**

Tues. Dec. 12 6:30pm Gregory Ft. Pierre 6:30pm Thur. Dec. 14 Wed. Dec. 20 Presho 6:30pm Thur. Dec. 21 Winner 6:30pm



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

SATURDAY, December 16<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00pm

Toni Donovan Sacristan: Kelly Assman Lector: EME: Mel Connot **Nick Assman** Server:

Maggie Assman Laura Assman Todd Volmer

Barry Grossenburg SUNDAY, December 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 8:30am

Cole Lector: Server: Ryker Heath/Larry **Ushers:** Sacristan: Janette

SUNDAY, December 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 10:30am

**Marie Fisher** Sacristan: Lector: **Tovi Bartels** EME: **Andy Tegethoff** Server: **Gus Bartels** 

**Kynslie Tegethoff Sadie Tegethoff** 

**Jason Bartels** Dan Koupal

### WEEKEND COLLECTION REPORTS

#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**December 2 & 3, 2023:** Envelopes: \$2,003.70 Loose: \$1,666.00 Total: \$3,669.70

**Christmas Flowers: Total: \$32.70** Seminarian Education: Total: \$900.00



# December 3, 2023: Total: \$1,572.00

ST. ISIDORE

**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

**December**: Renee Bolie, Chair, Nancy Mckenzie Janet DeMers, Lori Kalenda

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. John Heying and Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek Tuesday - Fr. Timothy Castor and Fr. Matt Fallgren Wednesday - Fr. Kevin Achbach and Jim Hoerter Thursday - Fr. Tyler Dennis and Fr. Jonathan Dillon Friday - Fr. Grant Gerlach and Fr. Adam Hofer Saturday - Fr. Mark Horn and Fr. John Paul Trask Sunday - Fr. Zane Pekron and Fr. Joshua Lee



# **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHRISTMAS DECORATING!**

The Liturgy Committee will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, **Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>**, following Mass. Your help with this event will be **Greatly Appreciated**. Thank you!



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#### **ADVENT BABY CRIB**

The Winner Area Right to Life and Catholic Daughters encourage everyone to help fill the Advent baby Crib located at the back of the Immaculate Conception Church. Donations will go towards the Plus One Pregnancy Center to help mothers and babies in need.

Avent unscented baby lotions, soaps and baby bottles. Sippy cups, High chairs, Booster seats, infant car seats, strollers, all brands of baby wipes and disposable or cloth diapers & bibs, winter baby clothes, snowsuits—6 months—2T, Clearance summer clothes for next year, toddler socks & baby/toddler shoes. Small, new only, stuffed animals and new teething toys. Water bottles and reusable cups, breast pads for mamas and maternity winter coats. ('hildren

Cash donations in support of

"Plus One Pregnancy Guidance Center".

If you have questions, please call the parish office. 605-842-3520.

Thank you and God Bless!



## **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.

# **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

6:30-7:30pm at St. Isidore Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> Any adult is welcome to attend.



Winner & Colome **Knights of Columbus Meeting** 

Tues., December 19th - 7:00pm @ St. Mary's Hall

# CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2023

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - 6:00PM** 

MONDAY DECEMBER 25th ST. ISIDORE - 8:30AM **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - 10:30AM** 

**Report Child Abuse** 

Knowledgeable and caring

protecting children can also

protect our Church. Learn how

to report child abuse. To report

child abuse or neglect, please

call **1-877-244-0864**. Intake

Specialists will be available from

8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday

through Friday. If reporting an

emergency situation before

holiday, please contact your

8:00 a.m., after 5:00 p.m.,

local law enforcement or

call 911.

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adults who are committed to



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

> Estella Marie Novotny Baptized on December 2nd Daughter of Zac & Jamie Novotny

> > Dylan Robert Engel Baptized on December 3<sup>rd</sup> Son of Lance & Jenny Engel

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# Eucharistic -Revival

Our Lady of Guadalupe helps us become more aware of the Real Presence of her Son in the Holy Eucharist. Watch "Our Lady of Guadalupe: The Woman of the Eucharist" to learn more about how Our Lady guides us closer to her Son. Produced by the Knights of Columbus. Find it here: www.eucharisticrevial.org/learn

