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CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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MASS & RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

MASS - Saturday at 6:00 pm, Sunday at 10:30 am

RECONCILIATION - Saturday at 5:00 pm

Office Hours: Mon. thru Fri., 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Office email: parishsec@gwtc.net

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Saturday, December 3rd

Sacristan: Maxine Fisher

Lector: Sandi Hausmann

EME: Sara Chytka, Michael Hausmann, Kristen Hausmann

Servers: Justin Hausmann, Blake & Brandon Volmer

Ushers: Todd Volmer, Steve Meyer

Rich O'Bryan, Tom Sharkey

Sunday, December 4th

Sacristan: Rita Neyens

Lector: Leonard Heim

EME: Jack Williams, Leonard Heim, Kathy Scott

Servers: Ryder Mortenson, Shelby Scott, Rowdy Moore

Ushers: Mitch DeMers, Charlie Grossenburg

Jay Mayes, Jim Randall



ICC COLLECTION REPORT

Nov. 26 & 27, 2016: Envelopes \$2,370.00, Loose \$276.80, Christmas Flowers \$245.00. **Total \$2,891.80.**

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Priest Retirement \$70.00

Angel Tree Ministry *Be an Angel to a Child this Christmas.*

Thank you for supporting the Angel Tree Ministry. Monetary gifts to defray expenses are still accepted. Please put them in an envelope marked Angel Tree. **Unwrapped** gifts are to be returned with the bottom half of the gift tag by December 4th. Please call Joyce Heath (842-3591) with any questions.

Sacristan Training/Retraining

Fr. Kevin will have a retraining on Sat., Dec. 3rd and Sun., Dec. 4th for all the sacristans and a training for anyone who would like to become a sacristan.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & ST. ISIDORE

STEWARDSHIP HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING
THUR., DECEMBER 1ST AT 5:30 PM @ ST. ISIDORE

Are you missing your favorite serving dish?
Stop in the office we might have it.

Lectors ~ Workbooks for 2017 are in the sacristy.

Christmas Memorial Flower donations ~
Envelopes are at the entrance of the church.

Start of the new Liturgical Year ~ Catholic Daughters will be changing the Breaking Bread Books at ICC on Sunday, November 20th following Mass.

College/Tech Students Care Greetings ~ Please call the office with mailing information.

Hospitality is Stewardship

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday - Nov. 26 - 6:00 pm **Winner**

Virginia Meyer⁺ by Jean Adel

Sunday - Nov. 27 - 8:30 am **Colome**

For the Parish

Sunday - Nov. 27 - 10:30 am **Winner**

James Mann III⁺ by Dick & Loretta Stoughton & Family

Sunday - Nov. 27 - 5:00 pm **St. Anne @ Keyapaha**

For past Members of our Parish

Monday - Nov. 28 - 5:30 pm **Winner**

Marie Holub⁺ by Winner Catholic Daughters

Tuesday - Nov. 29 - 5:00 pm **Colome**

Peter & Lillian DuBray⁺ by Leona Pechota

Wednesday - Nov. 30 - 9:15 am **Elder Inn**

Communion Service

Wednesday - Nov. 30 - 9:30 am **Nursing Home**

For all the Deceased Priests of the Rapid City Diocese

Thursday - Dec. 1 - 9:00 am **Golden Prairie Manor**

Blessings for Family Life

Friday - Dec. 2 - 7:15 am **Winner**

Bob Connot⁺ by Winner Catholic Daughters

Saturday - Dec. 3 - 6:00 pm **Winner**

For all Catholic Daughters: past, present & future

by Winner Catholic Daughters

Sunday - Dec. 4 - 8:30 am **Colome**

Living Catholic Daughters by Colome Catholic Daughters

Sunday - Dec. 4 - 10:30 am **Winner**

For the Parish



Job Opportunity @ ICC

Snow Removal: steps, sidewalks and entries

*If you are interested in this job,
please call the parish office.*

Immaculate Conception & St. Isidore Parish Elders

Fr. Kevin would like to invite parish members to his home for coffee, tea and cookies the first Thursday of each month.

Thur., Dec. 1st ~ 10:30am - 12:00 noon

Pantry Sunday ~ December 3rd & 4th

The Food Pantry is in need of 100% fruit juice & cake mixes . Please be generous in your support to the needy of our community! Anything you can donate is *greatly appreciated!* Thank you!

'Saint Juliana's Prayer List'

Wendy Smith	Vicki Moser	Jeannine VanderPol
Marty Hagen	Mike Schwinler	Marianne Thompson
Reid Malnati	Ken Marso	Alex Turgeon
Kelly Hair	Michael Fallabella	Clair Turgeon
Brittney Hansen	Tammie Pettit	Jolene Hagen
Rita Stafford	Shirley Turgeon	Luanne Hammerbeck
Darnytia Kucera	Jackie McKenzie	Kenneth McKenzie
Kirk Mansheim	Frances Schmidt	Pat Waller
Joanne Achbach		

Prayers for our Family Members in the Military

Shane (Sam) Moyer	Gene Fisher	Jacob Debus
Daysha DeMers	Jeff Butler	Jacque Miller
Spencer Hughes	Logan Christensen	Kris Schwartz

St. Juliana's (Patron Saint of sickness) is a list of the people we are currently praying for because of illness or in the military. To stay current, names on the illness list will remain for four weeks. The military list will remain until we are notified. Please call the office (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. Thank you for your understanding.

ST. ISIDORE CHURCH

301 Carr St. Colome, SD 57528
842-3520

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - Sunday at 8:00 am
MASS SCHEDULE - Sunday at 8:30 am

ST. ISIDORE

December 4th

Gifts: Ms. Stephanie Haukaas
Lector: Daryl
EME: Todd/Janette/Carol M
Music: Alexa/Abby/Cindy
Servers: Michael/Alan/Linkyn
Ushers: Lynn/Marlin
Sacristan: Jody



ST. ISIDORE COLLECTION REPORT

November 20, 2016: \$822.00.

COLLECTION:	December 4, 2016 ~	Larry & Rosemary
	December 11, 2016 ~	Van & Tom
	December 18, 2016 ~	Jody & Craig

December Church Cleaning

Nancy McKenzie, VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER, Melony Bertram

Mass ~ St. Isidore

Tuesday's Mass is now celebrated at 5:00pm

followed by

Adult Bible Study

St. Isidore ~ Mondays ~ 5:30 - 6:30pm

Advent Penance Service

Thurs., December 1 ... 6:00pm ... Murdo
Tues., December 6 ... 6:00pm ... Colome
Wed., December 7 ... 7:00pm ... Bonesteel
Fri., December 9 ... 6:30pm ... Burke
Tues., December 13 ... 7:00pm ... Fort Pierre
Wed., December 14 ... 6:30pm ... Gregory
Thurs., December 15 ... 6:00pm ... Winner

Pray for US!

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS!

Remember, cheer basket day is Saturday, Dec. 3. (snow day Dec. 10) Please have your goodies at the church basement by 1:00 pm, to be packed and ready for delivery by 1:30 pm. As always, we welcome anyone who would like to donate goodies or help with the packing and delivery. Thank you!!



CHEER
BASKETS



ADVENT GIVING BOXES

During the month of December, you are encouraged to put items that you believe someone would enjoy, find useful or need, in a box, decorated or not. On December 17 or

18, please bring them to the churches and the boxes will be given to the Department of Social Services, Winner. Please stop at the display in the vestibule of the church for more information. Reminding "kids of all ages" that giving is more rewarding than receiving!

FAITH FORMATION ~ dreic@gwtc.net
Youth of Immaculate Conception & St. Isidore

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Wednesdays

Immaculate Conception & St. Isidore

All Middle & High school students (6th - 12th grade)
6:15 - 7:30pm (meal, social, then class) @ SMH
November 30, December 7, 14

Immaculate Conception ~ BG to 5th grade

6:30 to 7:30 pm

November 30, December 7, 14

Sundays

St. Isidore ~ K to 4th grade

December 4, 11

Immediately following Sunday Mass



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Adult Bible Study

ICC ~ Mondays ~ 6:30 - 7:30pm @ St. Joseph's Hall
All are welcome!

THAT MAN IS YOU

Thursday, December 1st - 6:30 - 7:35am

@ the Winner Rectory

The Bible and the Virgin Mary



- ♦ The dogma of the Assumption
- ♦ John's vision of "the woman clothed with the sun" in Revelation 12
- ♦ Old Testament imagery in Revelation identifying Mary as Daughter Zion, the Queen-Bride of Israel, and the Mother of the Church
- ♦ The fulfillment of the "first gospel" in the battle of Revelation 12
- ♦ More Old Testament foreshadows of Mary's Assumption



Theology On Tap (for adults!)

Would you like to have a light-hearted, informal discussion about topics of the Catholic faith?

Would you like to enjoy your favorite beer while doing it? Join Fr. Kevin at Sargent's Restaurant on Friday, December 2nd at 6:00pm.

Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent

Respect for life and for the dignity of the human person extends also to the rest of creation, which is called to join man in praising God. -- Pope John Paul II, 1990 World Day of Peace Message, no. 16) An economic system centered on the deity [of] money also needs to plunder nature to sustain consumption at the frenetic level it needs. Climate change, the loss of biodiversity, deforestation are already showing their devastating effects in terrible cataclysms which we see and from which you the humble suffer most -- you who live near the coast in precarious dwellings, or so economically vulnerable that you lose everything due to a natural disaster. (Pope Francis, Address to Participants in the World Meeting of Popular Movements, 10/28/14) Please, I would like to ask all those who have positions of responsibility in economic, political and social life, and all men and women of goodwill: let us be "protectors" of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment. --Pope Francis, Homily at Mass for Inauguration, 3/19/13 <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/upload/ecology-resource-all.pdf>



Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 27, 2016

First Sunday of Advent (A)

Is 2:1–5

Rom 13:11–14

Mt 24:37–44

Piece: *Sleeping Servant*
Artist unknown; 1st century AD
Location: Vatican, Santa Rosa



Welcome!

My name is Fr. Mark Haydu, LC, and I am happy to accompany you at Mass over the next three liturgical years. I grew up in Akron, Ohio, and was ordained in 2007 as a priest of the Legionaries of Christ.

As head of the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums in Rome, I travel frequently to the United States to promote the collection. Sacred art has always been an essential element of prayer and liturgy, so it is a fitting enhancement to our Sunday celebrations.

Staying awake is a frequent and important Advent theme. Jesus mentions being awake in today's Gospel and again in Matthew 25:13 and 26:38. We are to ready ourselves to encounter him at our personal judgment and again in the Final Judgment. Like a watchman who stands over the city or a guard who protects the entry gate, we are to be vigilant, "For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

In ancient times, it was common to have a servant posted at the door to

protect you through the night and to watch over the house in your absence. Today's sculpture, which is part of an ancient tombstone, depicts such a servant—albeit one who dozed off.

For Reflection

What can I do to prepare myself and my family for Christ's coming on Christmas, in the Eucharist, and at any other time in our lives?

Begin your Advent preparations by receiving Christ in the Eucharist, "For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed" (Romans 13:11). Jesus is not far away but very near. He enters our hearts in the form of bread and wine. Are you ready, or will he catch you by surprise?

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

"And do this because you know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed" (Romans 13:11).

Calendar

Monday

November 28
Advent Weekday
Is 4:2-6
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

November 29
Advent Weekday
Is 11:1-10
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

November 30
St. Andrew,
Apostle
Rom 10:9-18
Mt 4:18-22

Thursday

December 1
Advent Weekday
Is 26:1-6
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday

December 2
Advent Weekday
Is 29:17-24
Mt 9:27-31

Saturday

December 3
St. Francis Xavier,
Priest
Is 30:19-21, 23-26
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday

December 4
Second Sunday
of Advent
Is 11:1-10
Rom 15:4-9
Mt 3:1-12

Dear Padre,

I want my son to be confirmed this year, but he won't go to confirmation classes or select a sponsor. What should I do?

When your son was baptized, you promised to raise him in the faith. Going to Mass and making faith part of your home life has been part of his upbringing, but forcing him to be confirmed can result in resentment and drive him further from you and his Catholic faith. Try these three things:

First, have a heartfelt and personal discussion (or several) with him, sharing what your Catholic faith means to you.

Second, speak with the confirmation teacher or DRE. He or she has dealt with this before and can work with you both to understand his refusal.

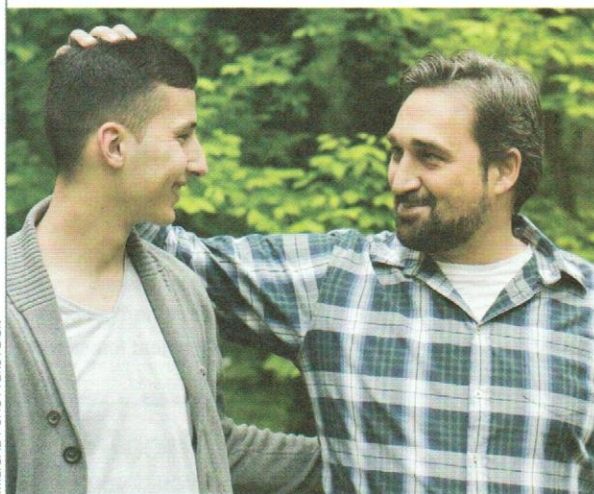
Third, engage him in discovering God at work in his life through the people

and movements he's attracted to. Young people are often idealistic and can become disenchanted with the Church and other authority figures. The sooner they know you're willing to let them examine and understand what being Catholic means, the less inclined they will be to reject the Church.

What he needs is the steady, meaningful message that he is loved and important to you, God,

and the Church. Trust that God's will comes to fruition. Confirmation should occur when a person manifests a true desire and has undergone necessary preparation. These suggestions aren't easy but reflect the faith you want to pass on.

From *Liguorian*, July-August 2011
sundaybulletin@liguori.org



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A Word From Pope Francis

"We always need to begin again, to get up again, to rediscover the meaning of the goal of our lives."

—Angelus, December 1, 2013

Accept the gift of Advent

Advent is a beautiful liturgical season we can use to prepare our hearts to welcome Christ when he comes again. This mystical time helps us to reconnect with God and his Church. It's sometimes called "Little Lent," because the Church considers it a season during which we refocus our lives using prayer, penance and almsgiving.

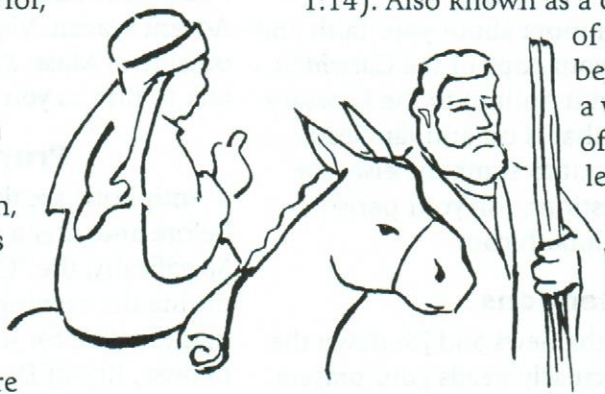
PREPARE

Try these suggestions to prepare for, reconnect with, and center on the expected Savior during Advent.

Start with Reconciliation

Many parishes host Advent Penance Services. If you can, attend one to share God's mercy with friends and neighbors. Otherwise, be sure to make time for Confession before

Christmas so you can greet the newborn Savior with the joy of a clean heart.



Light a wreath

A simple way to mark the season, Advent wreaths are a time-honored tradition rich in symbolism. The circular shape of the wreath reminds us that God is eternal; he has no beginning and no end. The wreath itself is often made of evergreens, symbolizing everlasting life. Each week, an additional candle is lit, accompanied by Scripture-based meditations and prayers. The progressive lighting of the candles in the Advent



wreath models the expectation of Christ's coming.

The four candles (three violet, one rose) symbolize the four thousand years between the fall of Adam and Eve and Christ's birth. The rose candle, representing joy, is lit on the third Sunday of Advent (called Gaudete Sunday) to mark the halfway point of the season.

Begin a Nativity Scene

A Nativity Scene is a visual reminder that *"the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us"* (John 1:14). Also known as a crèche, we think the custom of displaying the Nativity Scene began with St. Francis of Assisi as a way to illustrate the humility of Jesus' birth. To imitate his lesson, set out an empty stable and manger on the first Sunday of Advent. Each week, add figures: livestock, Mary, Joseph, shepherds and angels. On Christmas morning, place the Baby in the manger.

Pray the wait

Advent teaches us to wait and anticipate Christ's coming. *"They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength"* (Isaiah 40:31). Hoping and waiting well are closely connected. Because we know God keeps his promises, we don't wait anxiously for him, but instead look forward to the fulfillment of his promises with joy. Advent is the time to practice waiting with joyful hope. Any time you have to wait in line, in traffic, for an appointment, or even for someone to reply to a text, pray. Praying the wait is hope in action.



RECONNECT

Listen for God's voice

Scripture is God speaking to us. During Advent, try reading an entire Gospel—or two. Short on time? Read the Gospel of St. Mark—the shortest of the four Gospels. Or, read a few lines each night and meditate on them. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal how God is speaking to you through what you read.

Turn to the saints

For extra inspiration, turn to the saints whose feast days occur during the season of Advent: St. Andrew (November 30), St. Nicholas (December 6), the Immaculate Conception (December 8), St. Juan Diego (December 9), Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12), and St. Lucy (December 13). Research established customs for these feasts or develop your own. (Don't forget, attendance at Mass is required for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.)



Advent reading

Challenge yourself to learn more about your faith and begin during Advent. Open your copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (or find it online) to the Glossary and locate a word or phrase that is unfamiliar. Read about it until you can explain it to someone else. For more spiritual reading suggestions, ask your parish priest or go to www.growinginfaith.com.

Offer intentions

Each day, read or listen to the news and jot down the name of someone who particularly needs your prayers. Pray for her all day. The next day, add another person to your list and add him to your prayers. By the end of the four weeks, you should have quite a list of people for whom you are praying. Your prayers are powerful acts of love for people you may not even know.

Gifts for the Child

The Magi traveled a long way to greet the newborn King, making many sacrifices and suffering hardships to bring him gifts. During our Advent journey back to the heart of Christ, we can offer sacrifices and penance as gifts from our own hearts. Performing acts of service for friends or family, depriving ourselves of luxuries, giving money or food to the poor can be our royal gifts to the newborn King.



Reach out

The holidays are especially difficult for those who are alone or troubled. Include in your holiday gatherings those who might otherwise be alone. Or, consider volunteering at a nursing home, homeless shelter, or a pregnancy crisis center, for example. Look for Christ, who was also in need, in those you help.

CENTER

Travel light

Do you have a bad habit you would like to change? Would you like to stop using bad language? Gossiping? Viewing pornography? Feeling ungrateful? Advent is when we can become the people God intended us to be. Identify the first step you can take toward change and take it. The Holy Spirit will help.

Center around the Eucharist

"The Eucharist is 'the source and summit of the Christian life'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1324), because it is Christ himself—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. In addition to weekly Mass, add extra Masses during the Advent season. Visit the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass. Spend time with our Lord and talk to him as you would a beloved friend.



Pray the "O Antiphons"

Antiphons are the short Bible verses that come before and after a prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours. Specifically, the "O" Antiphons are the verses said during the evening prayers for December 17-23. Each names a title for Jesus: Wisdom, Lord of Israel, Root of Jesse, Key of David, Radiant Dawn, King of All Nations, and Emmanuel. The song, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" is based on these antiphons.

Still the noise with sacred sounds

Drown out the secular music all around by creating your own playlist of music appropriate for Advent. Hymns such as, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus," or "Creator of the Stars at Night," can top the list – or whatever sacred music puts you in a contemplative frame of mind.

Quiet and contemplate

It's easy to get caught up in the frenzy of activity that accompanies this time of year. Make time to find silence each day. Say "no" to unnecessary distractions so you can be open to God's will for the next year.

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December 2016

Immaculate Conception Church

Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek

One Minute Meditations

St. Francis Xavier

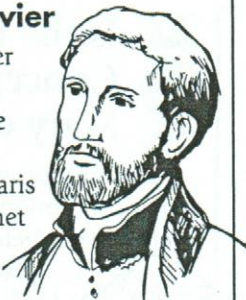
St. Francis Xavier was born to a Spanish noble family. He taught in Paris where he met St. Ignatius of Loyola and joined the new Society of Jesus. In 1541, he was sent as a missionary to India and Japan. He tirelessly served the poor with joy. Although he yearned to spread the Gospel in China, he died en route but wasn't bitter or disappointed. He is called the "Apostle of Japan" and "Apostle of the Indies."

Living in the present

Sometimes, we get so bogged down by worries about the future or regrets of the past, we forget to live in the present. Instead of worrying about what you can't control, entrust those worries to God knowing that he will help you through them all. Trust that his grace is enough.

"Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited and brought redemption to his people"

(Luke 1:68).



Who was that baby in the manger?

At this time of year, we tell a charming tale of a long ago journey on a donkey, a baby born in a cave, and a visit by kings. In truth, the real event was not just charming, it was awesome. That baby was more than a child ...

He was proof that God always keeps his promises. That baby was the fulfillment of an amazing promise made to generations of faithful assuring a savior to heal the rift created by the sin of our first parents. God spoke his word

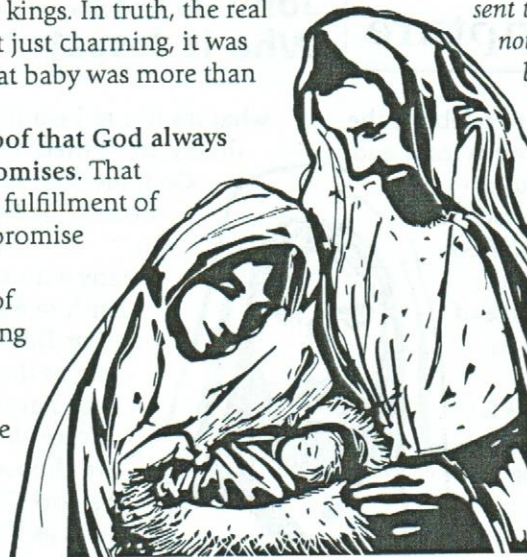
"(a)nd the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son

from the Father" (John 1:14). God always keeps his word. Trust him.

He was love in the flesh. *"For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him"* (John 3:17). Out of love for us, Jesus willingly took on the indignity of a human body and its frailty to share our nature. Love him back.

He is God. *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was*

God" (John 1:1). God came to free us from sin and open the way to everlasting life. Follow him.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics celebrate Christ's birth on December 25th?

The Gospels do not identify a specific date for Jesus' birth. December 25 was chosen for several reasons, including that the date was close to the winter solstice.

The early Church attempted to replace existing pagan celebrations with Christian ones. Under

the Emperor Aurelian, December 25 was celebrated as the "birth of the unconquered sun." As Christianity became more widely practiced, the pagan celebration was replaced by Christmas to celebrate Christ's birth — the real "unconquered" light of the world.



'Tis the season to be jolly

Family dynamics can make holiday celebrations anything but jolly. Try these tips to make this your happiest holiday season:

Repeat, "It's not about me." Taking what others say or do personally makes you easy prey for someone trying for a reaction or looking for attention. Keep your power by choosing not to get offended.

Smile and nod. Arguing your point of view in heated discussions may feel momentarily satisfying but only serves to prolong tensions. Happy holidays come from smiling, nodding, and changing the subject.



Develop a bad memory. Reliving past hurts can make holidays miserable. Decide that this will be the year to forgive and forget.

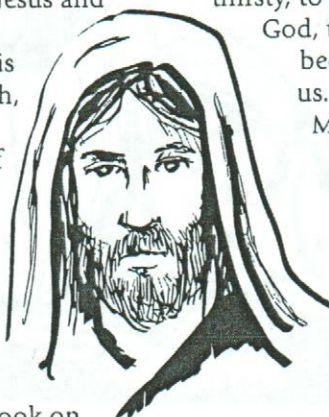
Get up. Stand up. The more we focus on irritations, the more they irritate. When feeling irked, take a break to fill your water glass, stretch your legs, or engage in a different conversation.

Have compassion. You can wish your family experience were different but trying to change others is pointless. Instead use compassion to find new ways of love during holiday gatherings.

from Scripture

John 1:1-18, Who Is Jesus?

On December 25 we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Just who is Jesus and what does he mean to us? John explained that Jesus is God's Word born into flesh, the Second Person of the Trinity. He is the source of life. Jesus enlightens us about God and his nature. To know Jesus is to know God because grace and truth come from God, through Christ to us.



what it's like to be hungry and thirsty, to be tired, to be tempted. God, the Son, understands us because he became like us.

Many who saw Jesus on Earth rejected him. They didn't recognize him as the Messiah. We each have to make a choice about Jesus. Do we choose Jesus as our Savior? Do we live our lives as if we are children of God? If our

At the same time Jesus took on our human nature. He lived as we live, experienced what we experience, and suffered what we suffer. He knows

answers are "yes," then Jesus is the one to whom we turn for truth and grace.

Q & A Is the Immaculate Conception about Mary or Jesus?

The Immaculate Conception celebrates Mary's conception without Original Sin. It refers to our belief that Mary was



preserved from the stain of Original Sin at the moment of her conception in view of her role as Jesus' mother

(*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #491). On December 8,

1854, Pope Pius IX declared this truth infallibly.

Because she was not tainted by Original Sin, she could be completely filled with grace. In fact, at the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel calls her, "full of grace," (Luke 1:28). This grace enabled Mary to say "Yes" to the angel's invitation, and to continue saying "Yes" when faced with hardship and suffering, including standing at the foot of the Cross on Good Friday.

God did not preserve Mary from Original Sin simply because he favored her, but because she had been chosen from all eternity to be the mother of his Son. Her role as Jesus' mother was crucial to his mission of salvation. Her grace-filled "Yes" opened the way to Jesus' "Yes" on the Cross.

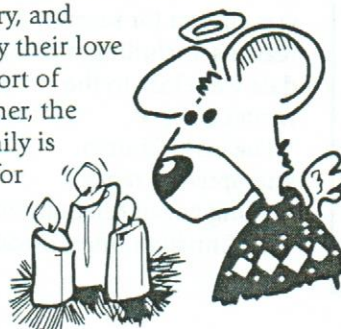
Feasts & Celebrations

Dec. 5 – St. Sabas (532). St. Sabas was born in (now) Turkey, and fled to a monastery to escape an abusive home. He became a hermit and moved to the desert. He attracted many followers, and formed a community. Though unwilling, he was ordained and eventually was named the superior of all hermits in Jerusalem. He died at the age of 93.

Dec. 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe (1531). The Blessed Mother appeared to St. Juan Diego, a Native American, and asked him to have the bishop of Mexico

build a chapel for her. She sent him with roses to the bishop as a sign. When St. Juan emptied the roses from his cloak, it retained the image of the Blessed Mother.

Dec. 30 – The Holy Family (1st century). On the feast of the Holy Family, we celebrate the family life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. By their love and support of one another, the Holy Family is a model for all Christian families.



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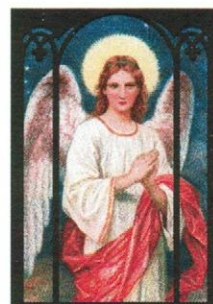
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & ST. ISIDORE DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Win Eckerman	December	1	Carly Hanson	December	20
Chuck Novotny	December	1	Adysen Pravecek	December	20
Lorna Phillips	December	1	Cassie Heim	December	21
Seventh Zeigler	December	1	Libbie Petersek	December	21
Masen Beehler	December	2	Jim Mateicka	December	22
Marge Wiley	December	2	Anna LaDeaux	December	23
Otilia Novotny	December	3	Abby Pechota	December	23
Brandon Volmer	December	3	LeRoy Jelinek	December	24
Denise Winter	December	3	Crawston Craven	December	25
Jerry Fisher	December	5	Belva London	December	26
Sammie Kahler	December	5	Hunter Mortenson	December	26
Oscar Pravecek	December	5	Larry Peterson	December	26
Neil Beauchamp	December	6	John Massa, Jr.	December	27
Hudson Peters	December	6	Sharon Spellman	December	27
Renee Burnham	December	7	Kash Peterson	December	28
Carrie Ishmael	December	7	Roger Root	December	28
Russ Phillips	December	7	Steve Meyer	December	29
William Jorgensen	December	8	Les Petersek	December	29
Kaelob Storms	December	8	Steven Connot	December	30
Kelly Assman	December	9	Ferman Harter, Jr.	December	30
Julie Hossle	December	9	Cindy Ishmael	December	30
Abby Jorgensen	December	9	Mike Levi	December	30
Edwin Marts	December	9	Rita Steele	December	30
Kenny Kauer	December	10	Patty Heumiller	December	31
Kaden Pechota	December	11			
Anna Mae Brown	December	13			
Charles Corkle	December	13			
Randy Richey	December	13			
Landon LaCompte	December	14			
Hunter Osborn	December	14			
Clay Sell	December	14			
Matt Schroeder	December	15			
Megan Brozik	December	16			
Raina Haiar	December	16			
Tanae Kartak	December	16			
Jan Bowar	December	17			
Dr. Mary Carpenter	December	17			
Tawny Sherman	December	17			
Todd Hoff	December	18			
Rich Laber	December	18			
Doug Osborn	December	18			
Kathleen Assman	December	19			
Brenda Bennett	December	19			
Larry Moyer	December	19			
Shelly O'Connor	December	19			
McKayla Tritle	December	19			
Maryanne Vogel	December	19			
Natalie Gronlund	December	20			



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Steve & Darcie Peters	December	6
William & Maryanne Vogel	December	11
Larry & Kayleen Peterson	December	13
Bruce & Patricia DeMers	December	17
Donald & Mary Lou Bracy	December	23
Charles & Cindy Bennett	December	26
Greg & Renee Sherman	December	27
John & Carrie Kocer	December	28
Doug & Liane Christensen	December	29
Justin & Amber Thede	December	29
Tyler & Lindsey Foster	December	30
Jason & Tovi Bartels	December	31
Dustin & Ashley Duffy	December	31