

"Through Hospitality, we share our Catholic Faith with All as Disciples of Christ."

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 MINISTRY SCHEDULE

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, December 8th ~ 7:00pm

Sacristan: Geraldine DeMers

Lector: Irene Giessinger

EME: Keith Moser, Tom & Irene Giessinger

Servers: Ryder Mortenson, Aiden & Lillian Barfuss

Ushers: Steve Meyer, Rich O'Bryan
Ron DeMers, Mitch DeMers

Saturday, December 9th

Sacristan: Maxine Fisher

Lector: Dee Williams

EME: Joyce Heath, Jack & Dee Williams

Servers: Mallory Thayer, Brandon & Blake Volmer

Ushers: Todd Volmer, Tom Sharkey
John Voegeli, Brad Assman

Sunday, December 10th

Sacristan: Rita Neyens

Lector: Sandi Hausmann

EME: Amy Covey, Kristen Hausmann, Mike Hausmann

Servers: Rowdy Moore, Gus Bartels, Hunter Shopene

Ushers: Jason & Finn Bartels
Lance Engel, Phil DeMers

ICC COLLECTION REPORT

Nov. 25 & 26, 2017: Envelopes \$1,662.80, Loose \$331.00, Christmas Flowers \$105.00. **Total \$2,098.80**

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Seminarian Education \$10.00
Priest Retirement \$163.00

**Join Fr. Kevin at his home for
WINE & CHEESE NIGHT**

Saturday, December 9th ~ 7-9:00pm following Mass



Immaculate Conception & St. Isidore Parish Elders

Thur.~ Dec. 7th - 10:30am - 12:00 noon at the rectory

Flowers in Memory of a Loved One at ICC

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



LOOKING TO FIND... Are you, or were you ever, in the Confraternity of the Precious Blood? If so, please call Fr. Kevin (848-2112). We are looking for more information on membership in our area.

ADVENT GIVING BOXES

During the month of December, we are encouraged to consider those less fortunate than us. Please gather new items you feel someone might enjoy into a basket or box and bring it to either church by the weekend of Dec. 16th & 17th. Your donations will be taken and distributed by the Department of Social Services. **Remember: Giving is more rewarding than receiving!**



DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday - Dec. 2 - 6:00 pm **Winner**

For all Knights of Columbus: past, present & future
by Knights of Columbus

Sunday - Dec. 3 - 8:30 am **Colome**

For all Catholic Daughters: past, present & future
by Colome Catholic Daughters

Sunday - Dec. 3 - 10:30 am **Winner**

For the Parish

Monday - Dec. 4 - 5:30 pm **Winner**

Mass for Life

Tuesday - Dec. 5 - 5:00 pm **Colome**

Eric Greenfield⁺ by Kathy Jensen

Wednesday - Dec. 6 - 9:15 am **Elder Inn**

Communion Service

Wednesday - Dec. 6 - 9:30 am **Nursing Home**

For our Nation

Thursday - Dec. 7 - 9:00 am **Golden Prairie Manor**

Penance Service

Thursday - Dec. 7 - 12:00 pm **Winner**

Doris Rysavy⁺ by the Rysavy Family

Friday - Dec. 8 - Immaculate Conception

5:30 pm **Colome**

For the People

7:00 pm **Winner**

Agnes Dodson⁺ by Francis Gardner

Saturday - Dec. 9 - 6:00 pm **Winner**

For all Catholic Daughters: past, present & future
by Winner Catholic Daughters

Sunday - Dec. 10 - 8:30 am **Colome**

Jamison Dean Burger⁺ by Kathleen Flakus

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

For the Parish

**Please
pick up
your new
ministry
schedule
at the
entrance
to the
church.**

**ANGEL TREE MINISTRY
Please return you items
by December 3rd.**

**"Divine Mercy Chaplet"
Thur. at 10:00am at ICC**



ICC - Altar Server Training

Altar server training for new servers and those who would like a refresher course will be held after Mass on Dec. 2nd, 3rd & 10th.



ADVENT CRIB

We will have an advent crib up at the front of the church through the Advent season. Donations will go to a Pregnancy Crisis Center in South Dakota. Items needed include diapers, wipes, dishes, sleepers, mittens, clothing, shoes, bottles, etc. If you have questions, call the parish office.

**WINNER CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS- Tuesday, December 5th
Bring food items for the food pantry.**

'Saint Juliana's Prayer List'

Wendy Smith	Brittney Hansen	Jeannine VanderPol
Marty Hagen	Larry Zeigler	Marianne Thompson
Reid Malnati	Dorothy Hejl	Alex Turgeon
Kelly Hair	Vicki Moser	Clair Turgeon
Stacy Pettit	Gary Elder	Jolene Hagen
Fr. Bill Zandri	Shirley Turgeon	Christine Wood
Jackie McKenzie	Bromley Heath	Mary Johnson
Kirk Mansheim	Abby Pechota	Kate DeMers
Lenna Thieman	JoAnn Brown	Martin Jorgensen
Julie Stafford-son	Glenn Layh	Rose (Doescher) Enders
Dick Donovan		

Prayers for our Family Members in the Military

Gene Fisher	Jacob Debus	Dylan Doering
Daysha DeMers	Jeff Butler	Jacque Miller
Logan Christensen	Spencer Hughes	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. 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 ~ MINISTRY SCHEDULE

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, December 8, 2017 @ 5:30pm

Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Kevin DeMers
Lector: Ryan
EME: Marilyn/Shirley/Carol M
Music: Janette/Cindy
Servers: Libbie/Preslie/Michael
Ushers: Lynn/Marlin
Sacristan: Jody

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Ryan DeSmet & family
Lector: Cole
EME: Glenn/Lynn/Jody
Music: Kathy/Janette
Servers: Alana/Carleen/Abby
Ushers: Ken/Chase
Sacristan: Kathleen

ST. ISIDORE COLLECTION REPORT

November 26, 2017: \$790.00

COLLECTION:	December 3, 2017 ~	Van & Ryan
	December 8, 2017 ~	Jody & Craig
	December 10, 2017 ~	Matt & Holly

St. Isidore ~ December Church Cleaning
Nancy McKenzie (Chr.), Melony Bertram, 2 VOLUNTEERS

St. Isidore - Altar Server Training

Fr. Kevin will be having training on Sunday, Dec. 3rd & 10th after Mass, for 3rd grade students and anyone wanting a refresher course. Please call the office if you have questions.



"Diocesan Masses for Life" Matching Grant

The ongoing Masses and prayers for all life challenges are critical to keeping the culture of life strong in South Dakota and throughout the nation. Once again, the Diocesan Social Justice Commission will match monetary donations made for the "Diocesan Masses for Life" project, up to a total of \$250. The Masses are coordinated by the Blessed Sacrament Parish Pro-Life Committee, but are offered daily at parishes throughout the diocese. This is the 11th year the diocese has matched funds for these Masses for the protection of all life. Please send your donation to: Diocesan Masses for Life, c/o Mary Mitchell, 113 Berry Pine Rd., Rapid City, SD 57702.

Donations must be postmarked on or before December 31, 2017.

Colome Catholic Daughters

Meeting: Wednesday, December 13th
@ 7:00pm in the church basement



POLICIES FOR SACRAMENTAL NEEDS

BAPTISM: Baptisms need to be arranged one month prior to desired date. All parents are required to attend at least one Baptismal Preparation Class. Please call 842-3520 to schedule an appointment.

WE WANT TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & ST. ISIDORE PARISHES

If you are a new parishioner in our church community, we are happy to have you. You will find registration forms: at the entrance to the churches, on our website catholictripp.org, or call/stop at the parish office (842-3520).

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

Faith Formation Class Schedule

St. Isidore ~ 5:30pm in the Church Basement
Grades 1-12 ~ Dec. 6, 13

Immaculate Conception ~ St. Mary's Hall

Grades 1-5 Class 6:00 to 7:00pm ~ Dec. 6, 13

Grades 6 -12 Meal at 5:45pm - followed by Class until 7:00pm
Dec. 6, 13

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



THAT MAN IS YOU

Thurs., December 7th at 6:30 - 7:30am
@ the ICC Rectory

Adult Catholic Catechism

St. Isidore Church Basement
Sunday, December 3rd & 10th ~ 6:00-7:00pm
All are welcome to attend!



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Sunday, December 10th @ 3:00 pm at St. Isidore, Colome
Thursday, December 14th @ 6:30 pm at St. Joseph, Gregory
Tuesday, December 19th @ 6:30 pm at Immaculate Conception

SPEND TIME WITH JESUS

Holy Hour
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Confession

Wednesdays 5:00 – 6:00pm at ICC
Starting December 6th
All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent

"The family is thus an agent of pastoral activity through its explicit proclamation of the Gospel and its legacy of varied forms of witness, namely solidarity with the poor, openness to a diversity of people, the protection of creation, moral and material solidarity with other families, including those most in need, commitment to the promotion of the common good and the transformation of unjust social structures, beginning in the territory in which the family lives, through the practice of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy."

(Pope Francis, On Love in the Family [*Amoris Laetitia*. . .], no. 290, quoting the Final Report of the Synod of Bishops, 10/24/15)
<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/call-to-family-community-and-participation.cfm>

The Diocesan Social Justice Commission requests prayers for all unborn babies in danger of abortion. Here is a sample prayer entitled *Spiritual Adoption Prayer*:

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)



The Rumble Strips of Advent

Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy! The sleepy apostles couldn't keep awake with Jesus and drifted off when he most needed them.

I have only fallen asleep at the wheel once. During college, I worked the morning shift starting at 6 AM. After a late night with little sleep, I sluggishly got into my car. Comfortably driving down the highway at about 5:15 AM, I dozed for a few seconds before awakening to the noise of my tires vibrating on the warning tracks—just in time to straighten the wheel and avoid the cement divider.

Advent is like those rumble strips. You don't always need them, they are annoying when you accidentally run over them, but they are very important!

We can get tired, trying to keep our hearts awake and attuned to Jesus. The rhythm of life, the background music of the world, the distractions that fly by us—they all contribute to the danger of a passive heart. Running across Advent is like a wake-up call: "Stay awake! He is almost here."

As in driving, there are many distractions vying for your attention, but you learn to focus on what's important. You survey your surroundings, looking for hazards while keeping your eyes on the road. There are many signs to read, but only certain ones point you where you want to go.

Piece: *Christ Awakening the Apostles on the Mount of Olives*, 1641-42

Artist: Rembrandt van Rijn

Location: Collection of E.W.K., Bern, Switzerland



Jesus says to be attentive to the signs; learn to interpret their meaning. Understand them, without being distracted by them. Be vigilant, pray for strength, and stay awake and alert. Thanks be to God for those rumble strips!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I believe there is a limited time to my life on earth? Since I do not know when Jesus will arrive, isn't peaceful awareness of his eventual return the smartest attitude?

[Jesus said,] "May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping."

(Mark 13:36)

Calendar

Monday

December 4
Advent Weekday

Is 2:1-5
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

December 5
Advent Weekday

Is 11:1-10
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

December 6
Advent Weekday

Is 25:6-10a
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

December 7
St. Ambrose, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church

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

Friday

December 8
Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38

Saturday

December 9
Advent Weekday
Is 30:19-21, 23-26
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday

December 10
Second Sunday
of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11
2 Pt 3:8-14
Mk 1:1-8

Dear Padre,

Why do we have Advent?

Advent as we know it today developed many centuries after Jesus' life on earth. Because of the number of persons being baptized in the early Church, a practice developed of having another time for baptism in addition to the Easter Vigil. Christmas was chosen as another baptismal season. Since Lent served as a time of preparation for the baptisms at the Easter Vigil, the weeks leading up to Christmas became a time of penance and preparation.

Combined with this penitential practice, of course, was the preparation for Christmas. The Sunday and weekday Scriptures during Advent recall the centuries of longing for the coming of the Messiah, the conception of John the Baptist, and the family history of Mary and Joseph. Today

the writings of the prophet Isaiah are featured during Advent because they so eloquently speak of Israel's longing for salvation.

Among the special signs and symbols that the Church uses to recall and enter into these central parts of our Christian heritage are the Advent wreath, vespers, reconciliation services, the O Antiphons, Scripture readings, the Jesse tree, the giving tree, the Christmas tree, the crèche, gift-giving, and of course, Midnight Mass. Hopefully, these symbols of the season will remind you of your own birth in baptism and your own commitment to living a life filled with peace and love.



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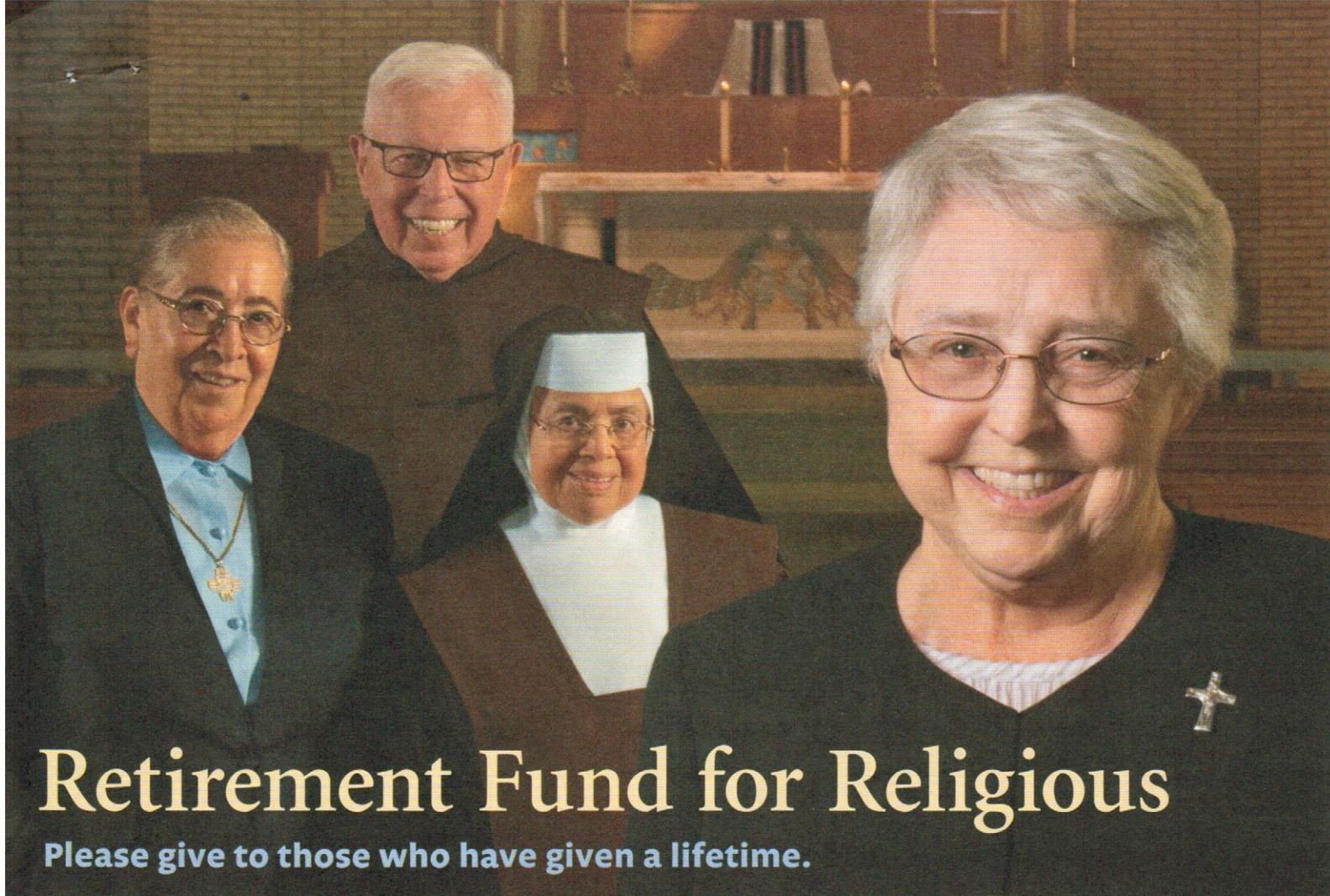
Fr. Thomas Santa, CSsR,
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A Word From Pope Francis

The Lord comes...into our life as a liberator; he comes to free us from all forms of interior and exterior slavery. It is he who shows us the path of faithfulness, of patience and of perseverance because, upon his return, our joy will be overflowing. Christmas is near,...[and] outward signs invite us to welcome the Lord who always comes and knocks at our door, knocks at our heart, in order to draw near to us.

—Angelus, December 11, 2016



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Elderly religious need your help. The religious pictured here represent more than 32,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests living in the United States. Through prayer, love, and sacrifice, they established Catholic schools, hospitals, and more. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left a shortage in retirement funding. Your gift helps their religious communities furnish necessities such as medications and nursing care. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

“My sister was to be a nun, and I was to be a mother,” says Notre Dame Sister Mary Ann Hanson (*foreground*), 79, “but God had other plans.” For 61 years, she has joyfully followed those plans. Today, she remains active by visiting the sick and knitting blankets for children rescued from human trafficking.

Roughly 94 percent of donations aid senior religious.
retiredreligious.org

To give at your parish: Make your check payable to your parish. (Write RFR on the memo line.)

To donate by mail: Make your check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious. Please do not mail cash.

Please check with your employer about matching gifts.

Amount: ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ Other \$ _____

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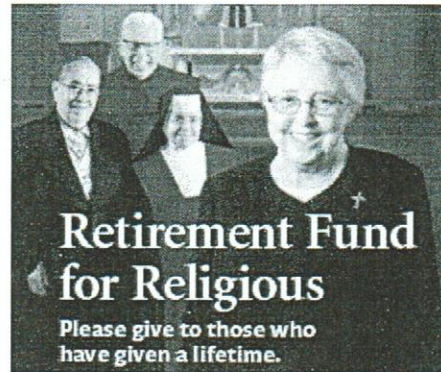
National Religious Retirement Office
3211 Fourth Street NE
Washington DC 20017-1194
Telephone (202) 541-3215
Fax (202) 541-3053

Photo (from left): Sister Gloria Rodríguez, MGSps, 80; Father Albert Bunsic, OCD, 81; Sister Alfonsina Sanchez, OCD, 96; Sister Mary Ann Hanson, SND, 79.
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our parishes will be conducting the appeal for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**, an annual collection that benefits more than 32,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Our senior religious are a treasure. Their dedication and hard work laid the foundation for Catholic schools, hospitals, and numerous social service organizations. Many continue in volunteer ministry today. Their ongoing prayer and witness enrich our faith in countless ways. I am grateful for the service of religious, past and present. I hope you, too, recall a sister or brother who made a positive difference in your life.

Most elder religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. Rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet such day-to-day needs as medications and nursing assistance. The Retirement Fund for Religious offers financial support that helps religious communities provide loving care for older members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders.

I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you only to give what you can. Most importantly, please pray for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured they are praying for you!

Sincerely in the love of Christ,

+ Robert D. Gruss

Most Rev. Robert D. Gruss
Bishop of Rapid City

More information is available online at <http://www.retiredreligious.org>.