

HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION: THE BASICS

Here is the traditional way of making a confession, which has the very basics of what we need to know and say.

GENERAL ADVICE

Sometimes we get nervous about going to confession. But don't let nerves or fear hold you back. However long it has been, however bad the sin, however embarrassed you feel – don't let anything stop you from going to confession.

Remember that it is the Lord we meet in confession. Priests are all different; and some we like more than others. But what matters is the presence of Jesus in our life through the ministry of the priest, and not the personality of the priest. Christ touches our life through each priest, whoever he is; and every priest will keep your confession absolutely secret for the rest of his life.

Your local parish should have confessions at least once a week. It is also useful to know the times of confession at other churches nearby, or at churches near where you work or study. The diocesan Cathedral is often a good place to go to confession, with plenty of different times.

You have the right as a Catholic to go to confession 'anonymously', in a confessional where the priest cannot identify you. If your local parish does not have this, then if you prefer you can try and find confession at another parish that does. Try to go regularly, perhaps every month.

Briefly examine your conscience at the end of each day, and make an act of contrition. In this way you will become more sensitive to what is really happening in your own life, and you will be more prepared and more honest as you come to confession.

BEFORE CONFESSION

Spend a few minutes before your confession: Pray for God's help and guidance; examine your conscience; remember any sins you have committed (write them down if it helps); pray for God's forgiveness.

But don't spend forever trying to remember every little sin (this can become an obsession that is called 'scruples') – ten minutes is probably a good amount of time; an hour is too long.

It is our duty to mention in confession all our serious (or 'mortal') sins; and we are encouraged to mention some of our other smaller (or 'venial') sins and everyday faults, but we don't need to list every minor failure. Remember that all our venial sins are forgiven and forgotten whenever we pray for God's forgiveness, and whenever we receive Holy Communion.

If you are not sure what to say or do, don't worry – tell the priest, and ask him to help you as you begin.

IN CONFESSION

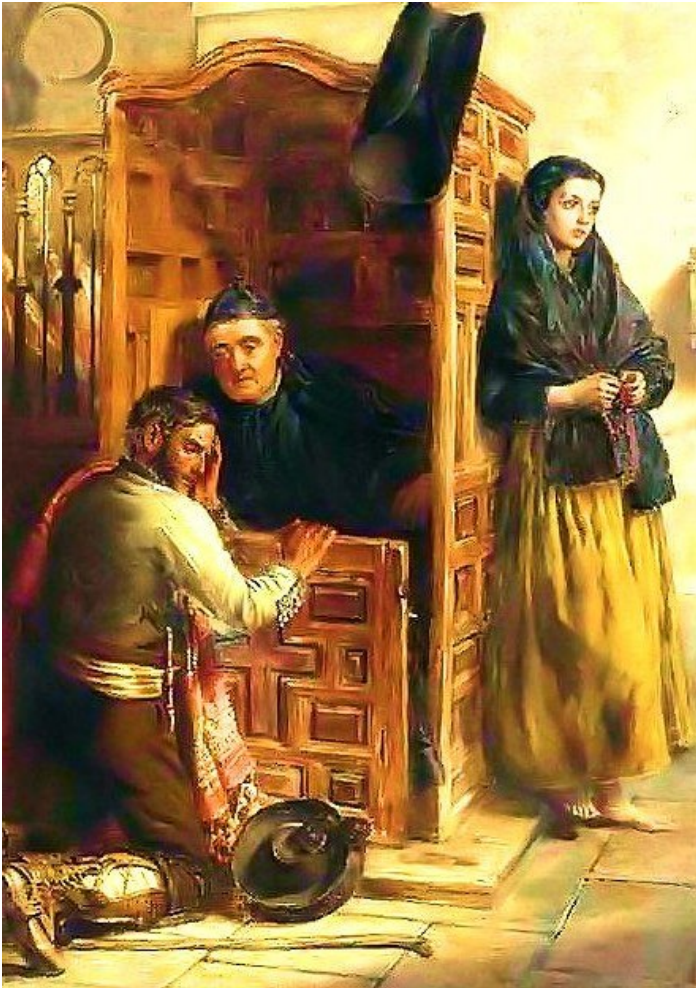
Begin by saying: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." Then add: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It is [state the length of time] since my last confession". Then tell him very briefly what your 'state of life' is, to help him understand your situation; e.g. "I am at school studying for A-levels" or "I am a wife and mother".

Now confess your sins. Be simple and straightforward. Just put into words what you have done wrong since you last went to confession. Don't make excuses; but if it helps, say a little bit about what happened and why. When you have finished, say: "I am sorry for all these sins and the sins of my past life".

The priest might then talk to you and give you some advice. He will give you a penance to do (a prayer or action that expresses your sorrow and your desire to put things right and live a new life).

The priest will then ask you to make an Act of Contrition.

The priest then says the prayer of absolution, which is the moment when God forgives your sins. He may add some other prayers as well.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE			
December 16	Gregory	6:30pm	
December 19	Colome	6:30pm	
December 20	White River	6:30pm	
December 22	Murdo	6:30pm	
December 23	Winner	6:30pm	

AFTER CONFESSION

If it is possible now, do your penance in the church before you leave; e.g. if you have been asked to say a certain prayer, kneel down and say it now.

Pray for a moment in thanksgiving for the forgiveness you have received in this sacrament; and pray for God's help to live a new life.

You might feel relieved and peaceful and full of joy. Or you might feel dry and empty. It doesn't really matter. What matters is that we have been forgiven and been given new life. The Lord has touched us – even if we do not feel it. That knowledge should give us a kind of inner peace and joy, even if we don't feel it.

If you forgot to mention something small, don't get all worried. As long as we make an honest examination of conscience and do not deliberately conceal anything from the priest, we can trust in God's forgiveness. If we remember, later on, any mortal sins from earlier in our life, we can bring them to our next confession.

Our Lady of Good Counsel

406 W. Main St. Wood, SD

Church of St. Isidore

301 Carr Street PO Box 405 Colome, SD

Immaculate Conception Church

325 S Van Buren Street 302 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Winner, SD



AND FROM HIS FULLNESS WE HAVE RECEIVED.

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



Monday, 5:00pm @ Immaculate Conception  
Tuesday, 5-5:30pm @ St. Isidore  
Wednesday, 5-5:30pm @ Immaculate Conception  
Thursday, after mass @Immaculate Conception  
Saturday, 5:30pm @ Immaculate Conception  
Sunday, after mass @ 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.



HOLY ORDERS

Fr. Kevin Achbach, Pastor  
kachbach@diorc.org 605-848-2112

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH COUNCIL

Darrel Kaiser, Chair  
Deb Fisher  
Charlie Grossenburg  
John Kocer  
Tim Meiners  
Tim Pravecek  
Jonah Sachtjen  
Scott Schramm  
Rona Volmer

Next Meeting

JANUARY

Wednesday

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Parish Office Address

302 W. 4th St.  
Winner, SD 57580  
Open M-F, 9am-4pm  
605-842-3520  
parishsec@gwtc.net  
CatholicTripp.org  
Mary Immaculate  
St. Isidore the Farmer

Parish Phone

Parish e-mail

Parish Website

ICC Facebook

St. Isidore Facebook

Meeting on:

JANUARY

Thursday

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ST. ISIDORE PARISH COUNCIL

Ryan DeSmet, Chair  
Carol King  
Chase Hrabanek  
Van Mansheim  
Holly Pechota  
Leslie Petersek



ADORATION

Tuesday, 5-6 @ St. Isidore  
Wednesday, 5-6 @ Immaculate Conception



ANOINTING

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





## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday - December 11

Harley Furrey<sup>+</sup> by Charley & Virginia Meyer Family

### Sunday - December 12

Greg Sherman<sup>+</sup> by Renee & family

For the Parish

Special Intention

### Monday - December 13

Kari DeMers<sup>+</sup> by Mike & Sandi Hausmann Family

### Tuesday - December 14

Pro Life For Unborn Children

### Wednesday - December 15

Norma Storms<sup>+</sup> by Winner Catholic Daughters

### Thursday - December 16

Jan Bowar<sup>+</sup> by Gary Bowar Family

### Friday - December 17

### Saturday - December 18

Pro Life For Unborn Children

### Sunday - December 19

Deceased Catholic Daughters by Colome Catholic Daughters

For the Parish

Special Intention

Each day the priest offers the sacrifice of the mass for one special intention. These intentions can be for anyone living or deceased. 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.

### 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](http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/family-life-ministries-social-justice/social-justice-commission))

### 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.

### Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursdays - 10:00am

at Immaculate Conception

### 'Saint Juliana's Prayer List'

Avery Eddie	Donna Sealey	Fr. Tony Grossenburg
Joel Keierleber	Gary Elder	Wendy Smith
Connie Vaughn	Janet DeMers	Bromley Heath
Moni Stiehl	Jolene Corkle	Jonathan Perez
Patricia Hawkins	Wayne Pauli	Ruthie Storms Joachim
Kathy Jensen	Eric Connot	

### Prayers for our Family Members in the Military

Jacob Debus	Dylan Doering	Christian Hamilton
Daysha DeMers	Jeff Butler	Jacque Miller
Spencer Hughes	Gene Fisher	

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.



Do you or someone you know, want to join the Catholic Church or learn more about the Catholic faith? Call Fr. Kevin with contact information (605-848-2112).



### Men's Group

Men of all ages are invited to join together each Tuesday 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.



### If you have an emergency for which you are in need of a Priest,

please call Fr. Kevin at 605-848-2112. If Father does not answer, leave your name, number and your request. Father will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you!

### 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, 842-3520, or email [parishsec@gwtc.net](mailto:parishsec@gwtc.net).

### Report Child Abuse

Knowledgeable and caring adults who are committed to 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 8:00 a.m., after 5:00 p.m., on the weekends, or during a holiday, please contact your local law enforcement or call 911.

*From the Diocesan Safe Environment Office.*

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & ST. ISIDORE

#### SATURDAY, December 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00pm

Sacristan:	Tim Pravecek
Lector:	Ann English
EME:	Joyce Heath
Server:	Blake Volmer
	Carter Peppel
Usher:	Todd Volmer
	Tim Pravecek

#### SUNDAY, December 19<sup>th</sup> ~ 8:30am

Lector:	Cole
Server:	Kaden
Ushers:	Chase/Ken
Sacristan:	Larry

#### SUNDAY, December 19<sup>th</sup> ~ 10:30am

Sacristan:	Rita Neyens
Lector:	Leslie Schramm
EME:	Chuck Novotny
Server:	Piper Mortenson
	Jackson Grossenburg
Usher:	Charlie Grossenburg
	Brad Assman

## WEEKEND COLLECTION REPORTS

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

December 4 & 5, 2021: Envelopes \$2,345.00, Loose \$268.00, Flowers \$50.00. Total \$2,663.00

### ST. ISIDORE

December 5, 2021: \$1,349.00

COLLECTION:	December 12	~	Leslie & Van
	December 19	~	Ryan & Chase
	December 26	~	Carol & Holly



Each Sunday, please join us to  
**Pray the Rosary**  
St. Isidore - 8:00am



### ST. ISIDORE CHURCH CLEANING

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

*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!*



### CHRISTMAS MASSES

Immaculate Conception - Christmas Eve Day Mass  
Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm

St. Isidore - Christmas Eve Day Mass  
Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

Immaculate Conception - Christmas Day Mass  
Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am

Our Lady of Good Counsel - Christmas Day Mass  
Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm

### Flowers in Memory of a Loved One

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

*(Envelopes can be put in the collection)*



### VOCATIONS NEWS

#### This week we pray for the following vocations:

Monday - Fr. Matt Fallgren and Fr. Kevin Achbach  
Tuesday - Fr. Jim Hoerter and Fr. Tyler Dennis  
Wednesday - Fr. Jonathan Dillon and Fr. Grant Gerlach  
Thursday - Fr. Adam Hofer and Fr. Mark Horn  
Friday - Fr. John Paul Trask and Fr. Zane Pekron  
Saturday - Msgr. Gerald McManus  
and Fr. Gregory Bartholomew, FSSP  
Sunday - Fr. Ed Witt, SJ and Fr. Brad Held, SJ



### CHURCH CLEANING

If you have some free time, and would like to help clean the church, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

There is a sign up sheet at the entrance to the church or call Kathy Massa at 605-842-2549 or 605-840-1157.

## YOUTH INFORMATION

### Faith Formation Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

#### St. Isidore

Meal at 5:30pm

Class following the meal 5:45pm

Rosary at 6:40pm (parents, please join us)

#### Immaculate Conception

Meal for grades 8-12 ~ 5:45pm

Class for grades 1-12 ~ 6:15 - 7:15pm



#### St. Isidore's Youth

Will be hosting a Bake Sale  
Following Mass on December 19<sup>th</sup>  
Free will offering

*Proceeds will support  
Faith Formation Meals.*

Winner & Colome Knights of Columbus  
Tues., December 21<sup>st</sup> - 7:00 pm  
St. Mary's Hall



Please join St. Isidore Parish in  
ringing in the New Year!

Directly following Mass  
December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 @ 5:00pm

We will be hosting a

Roast beef, mashed potato, gravy,  
salads, and deserts meal.

Free will offering at the door.

All are welcome!



### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARKING LOT PROJECT

The Bishop has approved the plans for the parking lot project. A fund has been established for anyone who would like to give a donation to this.

Envelopes are available at the church entrance.

## VOLUNTEER

*all that's missing is U!*

### WINTER SNOW REMOVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help with sidewalk snow removal at Immaculate Conception church this winter. There is a sign-up sheet at the church for the months of November-March. If you can give of your time to help it will be appreciated.

**A reminder:** We do not have a regular maintenance person to take care of things anymore, so if you have time to help with this or any other projects, (ex. fall and spring cleaning, mowing, etc.) please contact the office at 605-842-3520 or Fr. Kevin 605-848-2112 for more information.