



He's One of Us

The Incarnation means that God is one of us. He is made of our flesh and blood; he laughs, sings, and loves people. Though we believe he is God, he is still one of us. We can choose him to be on our team, trusting that he will play to win.

When identifying ourselves, we normally tell others what we do. Societies like the one to which Jesus belonged usually identified themselves by tracing ancestry. As Isaiah tells us today, Jesus belonged to the house of David. Paul says that he was of David "according to the flesh" (Romans 1:3). The Gospel identifies Joseph as a "son of David" (Matthew 1:20). Since Jesus was considered Joseph's legal son, he also was a "son of David." Joseph is told that the child will be called Emmanuel, which means "God is with us" (Matthew 1:23). Thus, Incarnation means God is with us in a unique way in this man who is one of us. The Incarnation also gives extraordinary dignity to material creation, of which we are all a part and of which he is a part as well, for he is one of us. In other words, Emmanuel (God with us) is a child of earth.

Like Joseph, we cannot fully comprehend what has happened. We can only stand with him in awe as this wondrous mystery unfolds before us. As we await Christmas, we wait for him to appear. When he comes, we will be amazed to see that he is really one of us.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us."

MATTHEW 1:23

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *How does knowing that Jesus is one of us make a difference in your life?*
- ★ *We are on the threshold of Christmas. What religious sentiments fill your mind and heart?*

Dear Padre,

Why did early Christians begin celebrating Christmas on December 25th?

Placing Christmas near the winter solstice can be traced to pagan celebrations in Christianity's early years. The celebration of Christmas in December began in Rome as a Christian response to a civil festival honoring the sun god Sol.

The Romans celebrated the sun climbing into the northern skies, signaling the lengthening days after the cold winter nights. On December 25, 274, Aurelian proclaimed the sun god principal patron of the empire. Christmas originated when this sun cult was strongest. Christians wouldn't go to the temple to pay homage to a sun god. They believed in the one true God, and God's only son made human, Jesus Christ.

It's almost as if Christians substituted "son" for "sun" and celebrated the birth of the son of justice into this world. The parallels are uncanny. As the extending sunlight broke night's grip and softened the cold sting on the world, so Jesus' coming broke the long reign of sin and darkness. Jesus was the true son, the light and life of the world, the reason for renewed hope.



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Narrow fundamentalists fail to understand that Christmas is more than a birthday celebration of the day Christ was born. It's wider in scope, celebrating the reality that Jesus was born human. It's not the *when* but the *what* that we celebrate. So, Jesus' precise birthdate doesn't matter. What matters is that Jesus was truly born human—like us in all things but sin. For this we celebrate.

—Fr. Joseph Morin, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We need, then, to open our hearts to the true light, Jesus Christ. He is the light that can illumine life and turn our darkness into light; the light of goodness that conquers evil; the light of the love that overcomes hatred; the light of the life that triumphs over death.

—ADDRESS TO VATICAN CURIA, DECEMBER 21, 2018

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 23
Advent Weekday
Mal 3:1–4, 23–24
Lk 1:57–66

Tuesday

DECEMBER 24
Advent Weekday
Sir 35:1–12
Mk 10:28–31

Wednesday

DECEMBER 25
Christmas
Is 52:7–10
Heb 1:1–6
Jn 1:1–18 or
Jn 1:1–5, 9–14

Thursday

DECEMBER 26
St. Stephen,
First Martyr
Acts 6:8–10; 7:54–59
Mt 10:17–22

Friday

DECEMBER 27
St. John,
Apostle and Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1–4
Jn 20:1a and 2–8

Saturday

DECEMBER 28
The Holy Innocents,
Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5–2:2
Mt 2:13–18

Sunday

DECEMBER 29
The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Sir 3:2–6, 12–14
Col 3:12–21 or
Col 3:12–17
Mt 2:13–15, 19–23

"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

Tuesday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Day Mass - 4:30pm

Sacristan: Toni Donovan
Lector: Leonard Heim
EME: Leonard & Jeannie Heim, Cindy Bennett
Servers: Piper Mortenson, Emma & William Jorgensen
Ushers: Steve Meyer, Rich O'Bryan
Tom Sharkey, Charlie Grossenburg

Wednesday, December 25th - Christmas Day Mass - 8:30am

Sacristan: Maxine Fisher
Lector: Kristen Hausmann
EME: Chuck Novotny, Mike Hausmann, Kristen Hausmann
Servers: Justin Hausmann, Matt, Melanie & Megan Brozik
Ushers: Phil DeMers, Mitch DeMers, Lance Engel, Volunteer

Saturday, December 28th

Sacristan: Jody Erickson
Lector: Andy Tegethoff
EME: Andy Tegethoff, Mel Connot, Sara Chytka
Servers: Blake Volmer, Sadie & Kynslie Tegethoff
Ushers: Todd Volmer, Barry Grossenburg
John Janecke, Steve Meyer

Sunday, December 29th

Sacristan: Judy Arthur
Lector: Ron Ernest
EME: Kathy Scott, Dick & Sandy Krantz
Servers: Shelby Scott, Gus Bartels, Jackson Grossenburg
Ushers: Jason & Finn Bartels, Jay Mayes, Charlie Grossenburg

Wednesday, January 1st - Solemnity of Mary Mass - 6:00pm

Sacristan: Rita Neyens ***HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION***
Lector: Leslie Schramm
EME: Cindy Bennett, Dean & Amy Engel
Servers: Ryan Sell, Aiden & Lillian Barfuss
Ushers: Brad Assman, Phil DeMers
Mitch DeMers, Dean Engel

ICC COLLECTION REPORT

Dec. 14 & 15, 2019: Envelopes \$3,319.00, Loose \$212.00, Flowers \$140.00, Christmas \$6.00. **Total \$3,677.00**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHRISTMAS DECORATING!

The Liturgy Committee will be decorating the church for Christmas following Mass on Sunday, **Dec. 22nd**.

Your help with this event will be **Greatly Appreciated**. Thank you!



NO Holy Hour

NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession

NO Rosary for Vocations

On Wednesday, December 25th @ ICC



DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday - Dec. 21 - 6:00 pm **Winner**

Steve & Mabel Sharkey⁺ by their family

Sunday - Dec. 22 - 8:30 am **Colome**

For the Parish

Sunday - Dec. 22 - 10:30 am **Winner**

Jean Adel⁺ by Moni Stiehl

Monday - Dec. 23 - 5:30 pm **Winner**

Pro Life - For Unborn Children

Tuesday - Dec. 24 ~ Christmas Eve ~

4:30 pm **Winner**

For world peace

6:30 pm ** Colome**

Miles & Sadie Krizan⁺ by Ralph & Kathy Carson

Wednesday - Dec. 25 ~ Christmas Day ~

8:30 am **Winner**

For the people of our parishes

Thursday - Dec. 26 - NO MASS

Friday - Dec. 27 - 7:15 am **Winner**

For the repose of the soul of Charles Kayl⁺ by Jean Kayl

Saturday - Dec. 28 - 6:00 pm **Winner**

Roger Root⁺ by Rich & Tammy Laber

Sunday - Dec. 29 - 8:30 am **Colome**

Gregg Schwartz⁺ by his family

Sunday - Dec. 29 - 10:30 am **Winner**

For the Parish

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thur.,
Dec. 26th
10:00am
at ICC

**Immaculate Conception High School Students
would like to invite you to a live Nativity.**

**Monday, December 23rd at 6:00 pm, outside @ the Manger.
Hot Chocolate will be served!**



**Come and prepare your heart
for the birth of Jesus!**

'Saint Juliana's Prayer List'

Brittney Hansen	Jonathan Perez	Jane Moser
Reid Malnati	Gary Elder	Wendy Smith
Connie Vaughn	Janet DeMers	Bromley Heath
Jackie McKenzie	Shirley Turgeon	Ruthie Storms Joachim

Prayers for our Family Members in the Military

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

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.

**A prayer shawl is given to any who are in
need of extra prayers.**

To obtain a prayer shawl, please call the office 842-3520.

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

Tuesday, December 24th

CHRISTMAS EVE DAY MASS - 6:30 PM

Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Chandler Shippy
Lector: Todd
EME: Marilyn/Sara/Volunteer
Music: Rachel/Cindy
Servers: Aspyrn/Linkyn/Libbie
Ushers: Lyle/RJ
Sacristan: Kristi

Church Cleaning

January

Ruth Giedd, Chr.
Becky DeSmet
Kristi Hauf
Candy Cahoy

Sunday, December 29th

Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Todd Shippy
Lector: Ryan
EME: Glenn/Jody/Lynn
Music: Abby/Cindy
Servers: Preslie/Carleen/Kaden
Ushers: Kevin/Bruce
Sacristan: Rosemary

Tuesday, December 31st

Solemnity of Mary - Mass - 4:30 PM - Holy Day of Obligation

Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Ashley Supik & family
Lector: Jody
EME: Todd/Janette/Volunteer
Music: Janette/Cindy
Servers: Rystan/Allan/Aspyrn
Ushers: Bruce/Marlin
Sacristan: Jody

ST. ISIDORE COLLECTION REPORT

December 15, 2019: \$1,328.00

COLLECTION: December 22, 2019 ~ Craig & Carol
December 24, 2019 ~ Holly & Jody
December 29, 2019 ~ Van & Ryan



NO Holy Hour
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday, December 24th at St. Isidore

Winner & Colome Knights of Columbus
January 28th, 6:00 pm @ ICC Mass

The Winner & Colome KC's will receive the Columbia Award.
The District Deputy will present the award.



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.

ST. ISIDORE OR ICC PARISHIONERS

Have you moved, changed your phone number, would
like your birthday or anniversary added to the list.
Contact us at the parish office, 842-3520,
or email parishsec@gwtc.net.
We are here to assist you.

CHRISTMAS MASSES



Immaculate Conception
~ Christmas Eve Day Mass ~
Tuesday, December 24th at 4:30pm

St. Isidore
~ Christmas Mass ~
Tuesday, December 24th at 6:30pm

Immaculate Conception
~ Christmas Day Mass ~
Wednesday, December 25th at 8:30am

RCIA

Thursdays @6:00 pm at St. Joseph's Hall

NEW PARISHIONERS!

Registration forms are in the church, at the office
or on the website www.catholictripp.org
Welcome to our church community!

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

please call the parish office at 842-3520 & dial ext.13.
If Father does not answer, leave your name, number
and your request. Fr. Kevin will get
back to you as soon as possible.
Thank you!

Parishes - Diocese of Rapid City

Parish Finder. Thank you for visiting our online parish
finder. Fill out the search bar below with ANY of the
following items to find a parish: City Name, Parish Name,
or Pastor Name. We look forward to seeing you at Mass!
www.rapidcitydiocese.org/parishes/

Due to the unique challenges people in agriculture are facing right
now, here is an article that we would like to share and some
contact information you may be interested in.
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2019/11/09/im-gonna-lose-everything/?arc404=true>

National Suicide Hotline

The lifeline provides 24/7 free and confidential support for people in
distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved one,
and best practices for professionals. (800)273-8255

Farm Aid

If you need to talk to someone directly, Farm Aid is here to lis-
ten. Farm Aid's Staff answers the phone Monday -Friday 9:00 AM to
5:00 PM Eastern Time. (800)327-6243. www.farmaid.org