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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 MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 31st

Sacristan: Denice Novotny

Lector: Judy Wagner

EME: Sara Chytka, Denice Novotny, Tammy Haynes

Servers: VOLUNTEER, Browdy & Gabby Kocer

Ushers: John Kocer, Barry Grossenburg

Steve Meyer, Rich O'Bryan

Sunday, January 1st

Sacristan: Kathy Kaiser

Lector: Ron Ernest

EME: VOLUNTEER, Jack & Ellen Storms

Servers: Ryder Mortenson, Mallory Thayer, Aiden Barfuss

Ushers: Ron DeMers, Mitch DeMers

Charlie Grossenburg, Jay Mayes

ICC COLLECTION REPORT

Dec. 17 & 18, 2016: Envelopes \$2,845.00, Loose \$155.00. **Total \$3,000.00.**

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Retired Religious \$90.00
College Care Donation \$75.00

**With a joyful heart, I would like to
wish you all a Merry Christmas and a
Blessed New Year. Thank you all for the
memories and your friendship.**

Fr. Andrzej

Congratulations on your baptism!

Addisyn Darlene Myers

December 4, 2016

Daughter of Grady & Sarah Myers



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, December 28th @ 7:30 pm at St. Joseph's Hall

WINNER CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Tuesday, January 3rd

6:30pm in St. Joseph's Hall



Immaculate Conception & St. Isidore Parish Elders

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

Thursday, January 5th ~ 10:30am - 12:00 noon



Hospitality is Stewardship



DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday - Dec. 24 ~ Christmas Eve ~

4:00 pm **Winner**

Charlie & Virginia Meyer⁺ by their children

6:00 pm **Colome**

Martin & Bernice Cahoy⁺ by Larry & Diane Cahoy

Sunday - Dec. 25 ~ Christmas ~

12:00 am - Midnight Mass **Winner**

David Storms⁺ by Chad & Suzi Ekberg

8:30 am - Christmas Day Mass **Winner**

For the Parish

Monday - Dec. 26 - NO MASS

Tuesday - Dec. 27 - 5:00 pm **Colome**

Peter & Lillian DuBray⁺ by Leona Pechota

Wednesday - Dec. 28 - 9:15 am **Elder Inn**

Communion Service

Wednesday - Dec. 28 - 9:30 am **Nursing Home**

Protection from severe weather

Thursday - Dec. 29 - 9:00 am **Golden Prairie Manor**

Pro Life - For Unborn Children

Friday - Dec. 30 - 7:15 am **Winner**

For Peace

Saturday - Dec. 31 - 6:00 pm **Winner**

MaryAnn Polasky⁺ by Louis Polasky

Sunday - Jan. 1 - 8:30 am **Colome**

Living Catholic Daughters by Colome Catholic Daughters

Sunday - Jan. 1 - 10:30 am **Winner**

For the Parish



'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	Jerry Williams	Jolene Hagen
Rita Stafford	Shirley Turgeon	Luanne Hammerbeck
Darnytia Kucera	Jackie McKenzie	Kenneth McKenzie
Kirk Mansheim	Frances Schmidt	Pat Waller
Joanne Achbach	JoAnn Brown	Robert Kalenda.

Prayers for our Family Members in the Military

Shane (Sam) Moyer	Gene Fisher	Jacob Debus
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. 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 ~ MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 1st

Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Lynn Kartak
Lector: Jody
EME: Glenn/Lynn/Jody
Music: Kathy/Janette
Servers: Preslie/Alexa/Allan
Ushers: Bruce/Matt
Sacristan: Rosemary

ST. ISIDORE COLLECTION REPORT

December 18, 2016: \$618.00.

COLLECTION:	December 24, 2016 ~	Rosemary & Van
	January 1, 2017 ~	Tom & Jody
	January 8, 2017 ~	Craig & Matt

January Church Cleaning

**Lori Kalenda, Kathleen Flakus
Jody Burger, VOULUNTEER**

*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!*



The Parish Office is
closed on
Monday, December 26th
for the Christmas Holiday.

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

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

A Safe Environment for Children and Young People

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is firmly committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children and young people. To report allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel, contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Barbara Scherr. To insure her independence in outreach to victims, she can be contacted at 605-209-3418 (cell). The phone has caller ID and messaging features. All information will be treated confidentially. Alleged victims are advised of their right to report alleged abuse to civil authorities. The diocesan sexual misconduct policy and the code of conduct are posted on the diocesan website at:

<http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/WP/safe-environment-home>

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
January 4, 11, 18, 25

Immaculate Conception ~ BG to 5th grade

6:30 to 7:30 pm
January 4, 11, 18



Sundays

St. Isidore ~ K to 4th grade

January 8, 15, 22
Immediately following Sunday Mass

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Adult Bible Study

No Bible Study at ICC on Monday, December 26th
St. Isidore ~ Tuesday ~ 5:30 - 6:30pm @ in the church basement

RCIA

Thursday, December 29th at 5:30pm
@ the St. Martin Room at St. Mary's Hall

Thursday, January 5th, 12th, at 5:30pm
@ St. Joseph's Hall

Thursday, January 12th at 5:30pm
@ St. Joseph's Hall

Steubenville of the Rockies

The Diocese of Rapid City is accepting applications to attend a conference for grades 9-12 in Denver, CO. The registration deadline is Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017 — a deposit of \$70 is required. Total cost: \$390, includes conference, travel, lodging, t-shirt, most meals and Elitch Gardens. To be held June 22-25, 2017. For details on this Catholic faith opportunity, contact Randy Vette, director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, 716-5241 ext 228. Email rvette@diorc.org. For payment information contact Belva at cell 840-4365, office 842-3520 or email dreic@gwtc.net

Sunday, December 25 **The Nativity of the Lord**

When the angels went away from them to heaven,
the shepherds said to one another,
“Let us go, then, to Bethlehem
to see this thing that has taken place,
which the Lord has made known to us.”
So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph,
and the infant lying in the manger...
...And Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart...

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/122516-dawn.cfm>



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & ST. ISIDORE JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mildred Brozik	January	1
Carol King	January	1
Matt Shopene	January	1
Rosemary Connot	January	2
Betty English	January	2
Isaac Naasz	January	2
Michael Supik	January	2
Robbie Gehlsen	January	3
Larry Pravecek	January	4
Cody Haiar	January	5
Kristin Hennebold	January	5
Scott Kortan	January	5
Breklyn Nagel	January	5
Dr. Dan Peters	January	5
Rita Pravecek	January	5
Pat Steele	January	5
Haidyn Supik	January	6
Mary Donovan	January	7
Mary Ann LaCompte	January	7
Margaret Assman	January	8
William Vogel	January	8
Joe Ishmael	January	9
Mildred Stritecky	January	9
Scott Winter	January	9
Jessica Beehler	January	10
Bailey Brown	January	10
David Pravecek	January	10
Vernon Carpenter	January	11
Tianna Evans	January	11
Stacy Westendorf	January	11
Judy Kubal	January	12
Mary Novotny	January	12
Leona Pechota	January	12
John Janecke	January	14
Kirsten Jorgensen	January	14
Stephanie Kaiser	January	14
Jayd Docken	January	15
Jesse Docken	January	15
Wendy Mortenson	January	15
Jace Voegeli	January	15
Mike Cahoy	January	16
Bob Gehlsen	January	16
John Kocer	January	16
Tammy Sargent	January	16
Thomas Strubel	January	16
Colleen Vaughn	January	16
Aric Craven	January	18
Holly Thompson	January	18
Kaden Bennett	January	19
Colton Hitt	January	19

Philip Kahler	January	19
Jane Moser	January	19
Tayla Nagel	January	19
Charley Pravecek	January	19
Benny Audiss	January	20
Austin Cerv	January	20
Pat Hoffman	January	20
Hanna LaCompte	January	20
Allan McKenzie	January	20
Nancy McKenzie	January	20
Robert Benedict	January	21
Jean Docken	January	22
Clay Hoffman	January	22
Elizabeth Moser	January	22
Karen O'Connor	January	23
Josi Meek	January	24
Marty Caslin	January	25
Gary Elder	January	25
Tom Kauer	January	25
Delorus Krizan	January	25
C.K. Storms	January	25
Lori DeMers	January	26
Wyatt Ewing	January	26
Nicole Richey	January	27
Jordan Turgeon	January	27
Donald Covey	January	28
Scott Assman	January	29
Liam Grossenburg	January	29
Rustin Petersek	January	29
Betty Sell	January	29
Danielle Westendorf	January	29
Abigail Kortan	January	31
Martin Mortenson	January	31
Glen Novotny	January	31

ANNIVERSARIES

Roger & Luanne Hammerbeck	January	2
Randy & Holly Pechota	January	2
Jesse & Katie Harris	January	7
Larry & Carol Moyer	January	7
Stephan & Brenda Bruckner	January	8
Phil & Cyndy DeMers	January	8
Rich & Tammy Laber	January	10
Chandlor & Gertrude Shippy	January	12
Keith & Roxie Hermsen	January	15
Dave & Candy Cahoy	January	22
Lynn & DeAnna Kartak	January	24
David & Pat Pravecek	January	25
Larry & Diane Cahoy	January	28

God's Family

This isn't a typical Christmas image, but stick with me! There is a renewed interest in genealogy as many seek to understand who and where they came from. These days, websites and genetic services make it easier than ever to track down our ancestry and examine our roots.

In tribal African art, one's ancestors have always been revered. In this piece from the Vatican Museums' missionary collection, we find the figure of a tribal leader, sculpted to resemble the trunk of an olive tree. The tree's veins are smaller individuals, each one united to another, representing the generations that have come before him and formed his bloodline. They are his "tree of life" that reaches back into the soil of history.

Judeo-Christian culture also values ancestors and highlights the roots of Jesus' heritage. The Messiah was to come from the line of David, which reaches back to Abraham, our father in faith. Behind each name there is a story, a family, God's action mingled with the person's hopes and failures. Each life flows and unites into one strong tree. And God watches over each and every one, preparing for the person of his Son. Today we celebrate the culmination of this plan. Jesus Christ,

our Savior, is born today!

For Reflection

Are you letting God work in you and your family so he can continue these blessings?

This protracted lineage invites us to look back and up: back on the events that have filled the tapestry of our personal and family

history and up to see that God has brought us to know him and to accept his salvation. His providence works in and through it all.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *The Tree of Life*

Artist and date unknown

Location: Vatican Ethnological Museum



*"Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary.
Of her was born Jesus who is called the Messiah (Matthew 1:16)."*

Calendar

Monday

December 26

St. Stephen,
the First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59

Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday

December 27

St. John,
Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4

Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday

December 28

The Holy Innocents,
Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5-2:2

Mt 2:13-18

Thursday

December 29

Fifth Day in the
Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:3-11

Lk 2:22-35

Friday

December 30

The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday

December 31

Seventh Day in the
Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:18-21

Jn 1:1-18

Sunday

January 1

Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21

Dear Padre,

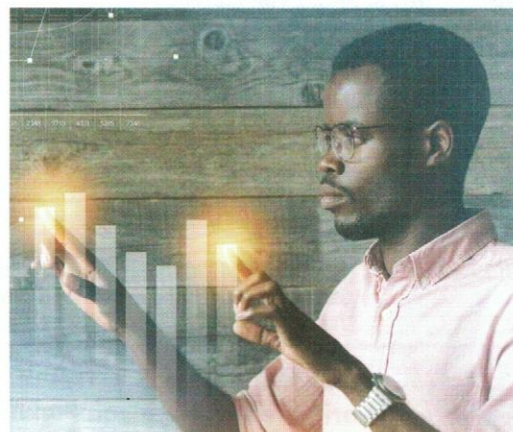
Should a Catholic school teach both evolution and creation?

A Catholic school should teach in a style that conveys Catholic Tradition. It also cannot ignore the insights and questions or the disagreements and misunderstandings that occur when the arts and sciences rub shoulders with Catholic teachings and perspectives. Our belief in God's creation of humanity and the scientific understanding of evolution are not fundamentally at odds with one another, as long as our Catholic vision of life is preserved. However, "faith obliges us to hold that souls are immediately created by God" (*Humani Generis*, 36).

Science is the careful study of details and theories that leads to the development of generalized statements (or hypotheses). If so many scientists, many of whom are people of faith, can intellectually justify the creation of humans through an evolutionary process, this itself shows the application of thought and discovery to deepen an understanding of our world and ourselves.

We need our faith to harmonize with other branches of knowledge, and this means respecting their proper domain of research and methods. It would seem prudent for a Catholic school to teach evolution in science class and the stories of creation in religion class. A calm, reasoned discussion that respects the limits of each discipline and espouses a unified search for God's revealed truths would be best. The attitude should be that evolution and creation are not mutually exclusive but complementary explanations for our human origins that arise from different perspectives.

From *Dear Padre: Questions People Ask*, Liguori, 2003
sundaybulletin@liguori.org



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A Word From Pope Francis

"History has always been accompanied by the Lord!....In him was revealed the grace, the mercy, and the tender love of the Father....He has pitched his tent in our midst."

—Homily, December 24, 2013 (Midnight Mass)

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January 2017

Immaculate Conception Church

Fr. Andrzej Wyrstek

One Minute Meditations

St. Genevieve

St. Genevieve was born in Nanterre near Paris in 422.

She became a nun at the age of 15 and moved to Paris, where she became known for her piety. When Attila the Hun marched on Paris, Genevieve convinced the inhabitants to pray and fast. Attila retreated, leaving Paris untouched. Again, when King Childeric occupied Paris, she crossed enemy lines to bring food to prisoners and convinced the king to release them. She is the patroness of Paris.

Hope in God

Even the saints experienced times when their faith in God's goodness was tested, yet they never gave up hope; they knew that whatever happened, God's unchanging love would see them through. When you feel disheartened, pray for God's grace and hope in him.

"I have told you this that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world" (John 16:33).



Resolve to have perfect faith

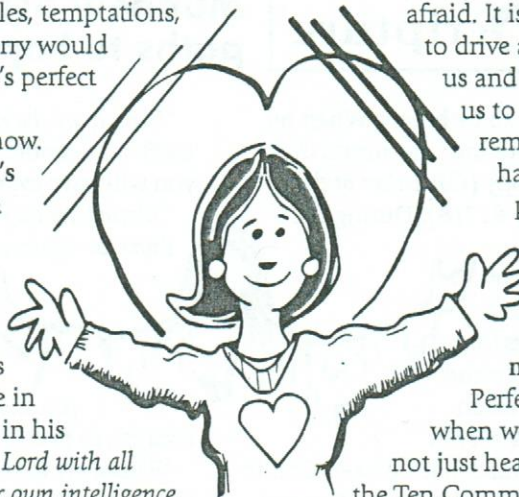
Imagine having complete confidence that God was with you in all things. Think how differently you would respond to troubles, temptations, or hardships. Worry would be obsolete. That's perfect faith and it is possible. Here's how.

Believe in God's love. Perfect faith comes from believing that God loves you without limit or condition. God is love, so to believe in God is to believe in his love. *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely" (Proverbs 3:5).* The key is to remember that God loves you and only wills your good.

Banish fear. *"There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear because fear*

has to do with punishment, and so one who fears is not yet perfect in love" (1 John 4:18). We were not created to be afraid. It is Satan who wishes to drive a wedge between us and God and tempts us to fear. When we remember that God has consistently proven himself to be faithful and dependable, only faith is left.

Practice makes perfect. Perfect faith results when we live God's word, not just hear it. Adhering to the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes and the two Great Commandments (love God, love your neighbor), we notice God's hand in our lives and trust in him grows.

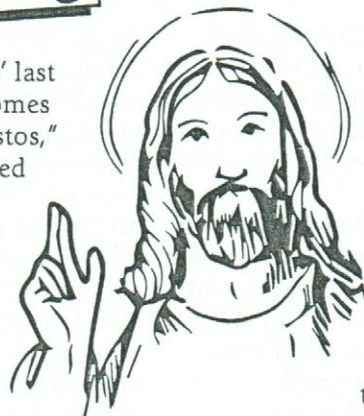


Why Do Catholics Do That?

"Christ" is not Jesus' last name, but a title. It comes from the Greek "Christos," which means "Anointed One." Ancient Jews enthroned their kings in a ceremony by anointing them with oil. This anointing distinguished the king as being the

Why do Catholics call Jesus "Christ"?

one chosen by God to deliver Israel from its enemies. So in calling Jesus "Christ," Christians affirm not only his Lordship over all creation, but also his mission as Savior and the promised Messiah of the Jews.



A kinder, gentler you

Kindness is contagious. A recent study found that witnessing an act of kindness produces good feelings and inspires imitation. In the new year, try these ideas to be kinder and inspire others to do the same.

Make connections. In days past, households weren't easily relocated, so neighbors were lifelong relations. That made solving disagreements necessary and important. What resulted was a supportive network to help when necessary. Make sure you are part of a supportive network of friends and family wherever you are.

Be interested, not interesting. Many of us treat

conversation like a competitive sport that gives points for the cleverest, loudest, and longest speaker. Interrupting, insisting, and entertaining are not conversing. Instead, listening is a kindness that shows someone he is valued and understood.

Choose not to be offended. Being right is no compensation for broken friendships. If there is someone in your life who deliberately tries to offend you, walk away. Otherwise, look the other way when feeling slighted. Being kind is more rewarding than being right.



from Scripture

Matthew 5:1-12, paths to happiness

God wants us to be happy. When he created us, he put into our hearts the desire to be happy (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1718). During the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gave us the Beatitudes – guaranteed ways to obtain peace here and happiness in Heaven.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit ..." Recognize that we need God to compensate for our weakness. Depend upon his help.

"Blessed are they who mourn ..." God knows what you need even better than you do. Trust him to strengthen you and bring you comfort.

"Blessed are the meek ..." Jesus is meek and gentle. Imitate him and you will have everlasting peace.

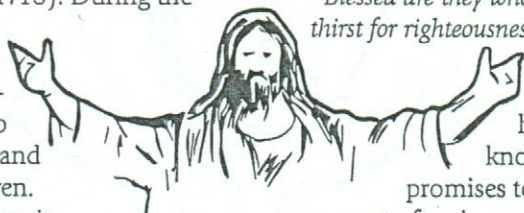
"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness ..." Peacefully

accept whatever happens knowing that Jesus promises to give you

courage to face it.

"Blessed are the merciful ..." Mercy is love in the face of sin and injury. If we show mercy, we are guaranteed mercy.

Perhaps the real secret to happiness is remembering that when we follow Jesus, there will always be a happy ending.



Q & A

How do we make a good Confession?

Jesus knew that, even after Baptism, we would fall into sin, so he instituted the Sacrament of Confession. In confession,



we admit what we've done, apologize, and resolve not to do it again. In return, we receive absolution and the grace to fight against temptation. "His mercy is infinitely greater than our sins" (Pope Francis).

A good confession begins with a thorough examination of conscience. Using the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes as guides, reflect on instances when you have failed to love like Christ. Confess any mortal sins since your last confession and any venial (lighter) sins that you remember. For sin to be mortal, it must be serious, freely chosen, and committed knowing it was a sin.

After hearing your confession, the priest will ask you to make an Act of Contrition expressing sorrow for sins and a desire to change. He will give you absolution and assign you penance. Remember, God loves you dearly and he wants to forgive you; you need only ask for it.

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Feasts & Celebrations

Jan. 1 – Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Today, we honor Mary, but also Jesus as God. Today is a holy day of obligation. In their honor, attend Mass and pray a Rosary.

Jan. 7 – St. Raymond of Peñafort (1275). St. Raymond studied and taught canon (Church) law in Barcelona, and later joined the Dominican Order. He was called to Rome to work for Pope Gregory IX. He was appointed archbishop of Tarragona, Spain. He

retired after two years, only to be elected head of the Dominicans. He is the patron saint of lawyers.

Jan. 9 – Baptism of the Lord. Jesus began his public ministry by getting baptized by St. John the Baptist. Jesus was free of sin, but he allowed himself to be baptized in order to "fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15). By his baptism, Jesus declared his willingness to fulfill God's saving plan. It is also at this time when God revealed Jesus as his "beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17).

