



Immaculate Conception Parish

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Mass Times: Saturday 4:30 PM, Sunday 9 AM & 11 AM

Confessions: Sat. 3:30 PM, Tues 4:50 – 5:10 PM

August 2, 2015 ~ 18th Sunday Ordinary Time

Paul's Epistle: This weekend we say good-bye to Deacon Barry Reuwsaat, as his summer assignment is coming to an end. I am not sure about you but I feel like we just said hello to him last week. I want to thank you for your warm hospitality and eagerness to get to know him over the summer. Barry has expressed how hard it will be to leave Watertown as he has found such joy in serving the Lord through his summer experience. We will continue to keep Deacon Barry and all men discerning God's call to the priesthood and/or religious life.

These past few weeks have brought home again the reality that we know not the day nor the hour when we will meet our Maker. Death is part of life, but it was not in God's original plan for us. It was a consequence of the Fall of Adam and Eve. In our Gospel this weekend Jesus speaks of working for food that will last for eternal life. A good question we should all ask ourselves is if what I am doing is God's will for my life and for His greater glory. I recall Curtis Martin, the founder of Fellowship Of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), talking about a conversation he had with Bishop Carlson before he started this ministry. Bishop Carlson listened to his plan for evangelizing college students and all that could be done to help them grow in holiness while in college. When he was done sharing his plan, Bishop Carlson simply reminded Curtis that his first priority was to get his family to heaven and that if FOCUS would prevent him from doing this, then he should not start FOCUS. He had to make sure that he had his priorities in order for his primary vocation as husband and father.

We are busy in our world with many things, but are they the things that will last for eternity? This is a crucial question that has eternal consequences. The Eucharist is that true bread come down from heaven, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. It is why the altar and tabernacle are in the center of our church; it should be the center of our lives. When we take time to be present to the Lord in our daily lives we will find that deep hunger satiated and our lives more peaceful, even in the midst of the chaos around us.

Change can be difficult and yet it is part of life. Every day we change as we get older and every day the world moves forward and things change. There is comfort in familiarity and peace in steadfastness and thus our Church keeps that balance between change and Tradition. The bulletin is a fascinating aspect of the parish life as it strives to convey the important information without having a standard format. I always enjoy seeing bulletins from your travels and in fact picked up a couple on my vacation as well. We are looking at different ways of formatting the bulletin and conveying the information you need. I am sure for some this will be a source of tension as the information you are used to finding is not where it once was and we have by no means settled on any one format as of yet, but we will be working on finding a balance with the bulletin in the weeks to come.



~~Scriptures for the Week~~

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 The Israelites said to them, "Would that we had died at the LORD's hand in the land of Egypt,

Psalm 78 The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 I declare and testify in the Lord that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do.

John 6:24-35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

Weekday Mass Scripture Readings: Tues Nm 12:1-13 Mt 14:22-36 Wed Nm 13:1-35 Mt 15:21-28

Thurs Dn 7:9-14 2Pt 1:16-9 Mk 9:2-10 Fri Dt 4:32-40 Mt 16:24-8

Liturgical Ministers for the week of Aug 1-2

Sacristan 4:30 Dave Jacobson & Mike Zaft
 9:00 Lynette Moes & Jeanne Amacher
 11:00 Marie Coon

Lector 4:30 Ina Wesche
 9:00 Dave Eide
 11:00 Chad Foust

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:30 Jeanette F Mack, Phyllis Jacobson, Amy Mack, Mike Zafft, Tom & Amy Batta, Ina Wesche
 9:00 Dave Eide, Jeff Clement, Nick Kranz, Paulette DeVille, Jeanne Amacher, Connie Stoebner, Sheila Grabow
 11:00 Rosemary VanLaecken, Ed DeVries, Cindy Brink, Sandy & Doug Brandriet, Steve Hauck, Brandon Heim

Altar Server 4:30 Sterling Mack, Owen & Ethan Gilmour
 9:00 Ethan Maag, Seanna Moes, Zachary Hirsch
 11:00 Kaden Foust, Seth Torstenson, **Volunteer**

Greeter 4:30 Tim & Kim Gilmour, Maxine German, Helen Gruba
 9:00 Diane Kranz, Marlys Strichera, Pat Helwig, Kim Miller
 11:00 Anne & Olivia Hanson, Lori Wald, Meredith & Elise Hanson, Sharon Byer

Usher 4:30 Maxine German, Norbert Gruba, Mike Zafft, Rick Gully
 9:00 Nick Kranz, Mark Miller, Dave Zaug, Luke Eide
 11:00 Greg & Nicholas Hansen, Ron VanLaecken, Dwayne Wald, Ed DeVries

Music 4:30 Berry Berg / Men of Faith
 9:00 Marie Coon / Teen Expression & Daughters of Christ
 11:00 Betty Berg / Madeline Devine

Please note: It is imperative to be on time for your scheduled Ministry. The Sacristan must arrive 30 minutes prior to Mass time. All other Liturgical Ministers need to arrive 15 minutes before Mass.

~Thank You for your generosity to serve

Please email Marie, liturgy@icparishwatertown.org, your dates of unavailability for October and November.

Masses for the Week: July 25-Aug 2

A Funeral Mass will replace the daily scheduled Mass.

Sat.	4:30 pm	IC Parishioners
Sun.	9 am	+Elmer & Doris Reichling
Sun.	11 am	+Elliott Jensen
Tues.	5:15 pm	+Jack & Wade Bement
Wed.	5:15 pm	+Dick Bortnem
Thurs	8 am	Noah Hauck
Fri.	8 am	+Timothy Fromelt
Sat	4:30 pm	+John & Kate Zirbes Families
Sun	9 am	IC Parishioners
Sun	11 am	+Manly Owen/Richie Carpenter

SCHOOL NEWS



Immaculate Conception School Opening: We have morning and afternoon openings in our Tuesday/Thursday Pre-school Program. Please call the School Office at 605-886-3883 for a tour and enrollment information.

SAVE THE DATE

***Back to School Open House!** Monday, August 24th. 3 pm—6 pm. Visit registration tables at the Parish Hall prior to visiting student's classrooms.

***First Day of School** is September 8th. Pictures will be taken Sept 8 & 9 for our preschool—6th grade students. Sibling photos will also be available from LifeTouch.

***Foundation Fest Supper/Barn Dance!** Saturday, Sept 26. at the Matt & Judy Kranz Farm. More details to follow.

***Reminder! Clean and Green** is at 6 pm every Monday night at the Immaculate Conception School Campus. Any help you can offer is sincerely appreciated.

Got Scrip?? Get yours today!!
 Silently fundraise while you shop!!



Parish Support Income on July 11 & 12

\$10,289.06

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS \$100.00 WINNER

Kay Behrends



MUSIC NOTES by Paul Moneke

Our relationship with God is one of love, and whether we sing loudly or softly, on pitch or out of tune, we must continue to sing.

Any questions on music, please contact Paul Moneke at: music@icparishwatertown.org or at the Parish Office, 886-4049.

VOCATION VIEW: *What a Promise! Jesus promises: 'No one who comes to me shall ever be hungry, no one who believes in me shall thirst again.' Just what the world needs. Who will spend a life-time telling others of this promise? And there are many more promises!*

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: *In today's gospel Jesus tells us: 'Do not work for what perishes.' Give your life to what endures such as the family history you are creating, the love and mutual respect which bonds you together, the memories you share and the forgiveness generously given. These are the true treasures that are worth working and dying for.*



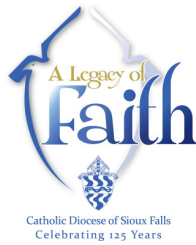
ADULT "Personal Growth" OPPORTUNITIES

Living with Chronic Illness, an educational, supportive group meeting the first Tuesday of each month from 1-3 pm at St. Lamberts Parish, Sioux Falls. Contact Margi, 605-988-3775.

Grieving the loss of a Parent—a six week program, Aug 4—Sept 8, every Tuesday from 6:30 pm—8:30 pm. Event will be held at Catholic Family Services in Sioux Falls. Parents play significant roles in the lives of their adult children and this loss requires significant adjustment. To register or questions call 605-988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867.

A Weekend for Men of discovery and bonding and praying. Engage each other through faith and personality in the spirit of the Benedictine Monks who built the Abbey. Outdoor activities, mechanics, wood carving, philosophizing, singing, eating, games, to name a few. Every activity from work to play to pray will be optional for each individual. 5 pm, Friday, August 7 to 11 am, Sunday, August 9. \$199 all-inclusive. To register or question call Mike Pickett 1-800-348-6530 or email at mike@prommeetia.com

Make sure your family calendar has August 14-16 marked to attend the Legacy of Faith Diocesan Celebration at the Sioux Falls Arena and Convention Center. Celebrate the year of Unity at the **LEGACY** Event, August 14-16: our Diocesan Wide 125th Celebration. Registration is now open. Go to www.sfcatholic.org/Legacy/ for the speaker & entertainment line-up and a full schedule.



The 21st Annual 'Bishop's Charity Golf Classic' is scheduled for Sunday & Monday, August 30 & 31. The Sunday night 'Broom Tree Banquet' will be held at the Ramkota in Sioux Falls beginning at 5 PM with social and silent auction. On Monday there will be two simultaneous gold tournaments—'The Bishop's Scramble' and 'The Bishop's Cup' - which will be held at the Country Club of Sioux Falls and Minnehaha Country Clubs with a shotgun start at noon. This is a great time for Catholics from around the Diocese to gather for fun, fellowship, and to show their support and learn more about the retreat ministry at Broom Tree.

Register on-line: www.cfsd.org or contact the Catholic Foundation at 605-988-3788 or 1-800-246-3386

~~Thank you ~ Thank you~~

They say time goes by fast when you're having fun; then I must be having fun! Can't believe I've been retired for a month already! Thank you to everyone for attending the parish celebration picnic for my retirement. To the Knights for setting up and taking down the tables and chairs, to St. Patrick's Family Group for serving and cleaning up, to the gentleman who brought the inflatables for the kids, to Fr. Paul and the IC Family Groups for the beautiful watch as a gift, and to everyone for your cards and well wishes as I begin a new chapter in my life.

It was all greatly appreciated!

Thank you ~ God Bless

Barb Aarstad, retired IC Church Secretary



FAITH FORMATION

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Summer hours for the Faith Formation Office will vary as we start to plan for another year. We are sorry if you happen to miss us. Please feel free to call 886-2772 to leave a message.

Is God Calling you? We are in the process of looking for more leaders for our K-12th Faith Formation program. Please contact Amber at 886-2772 to inquire. "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

Faith Formation Registration – Registration for Faith Formation classes this year will be completed through our new parish software which will be installed mid August. Please watch upcoming bulletins for more information.

Attention KC's attending the Legacy event on Sunday, August 16: Please be dressed for Honor Guard and ready for inspection by 10:15 AM.

There will be a dressing room at the event center. Procession will begin at 10:30 AM for the 11:00 AM Mass.

Questions?? Contact Jerald Bankston at 605-228-4821 or Dave Redder at 605-881-7345



MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

Men of Faith: Monday, Aug 3, 5:30pm.

Clean and Green: Monday, Aug 3, 6 pm IC School

KC Business: Tuesday, Aug 4, 7:30 pm, KC Hall

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