



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 9th, 2015 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Paul's Epistle: Just the other day I was talking with a friend about our current culture and we both asked the question; "When will we as Christians hit our tipping point?" At what point do we take a stand and say, "**ENOUGH!**" Enough with the culture of death that has more action taken in regards to a lion killed than to baby parts sold. To a culture that will silence the videos of people talking about their willingness to negotiate a change in procedure so that the babies they kill will have organs to sell? I forced myself to watch the videos produced by a Pro Life group using the name Center for Medical Progress. The videos and more information can be found at <http://www.centerformedicalprogress.org/>

I am both saddened and angered listening to pundits and politicians talking about how this is all taken out of context and it shouldn't overshadow the good that Planned Parenthood is doing in many other areas. The Church continues to teach that evil cannot be permitted no matter how good we think the outcome will be. We are told that lives will be saved by the medical research done with these baby parts and since they have already been aborted shouldn't we at least do something worthwhile with the remains? The answer is a resounding NO! No, we shouldn't have baby parts in the first place and to continue to permit this is unacceptable. I wasn't surprised that the Senate was unwilling to defund Planned Parenthood, but am still amazed at what we permit in our modern culture. At what point will we take a stand and take back our culture?

We pull the Dukes of Hazard from TV because of the flag on top of the car in the show, but we leave MTV intact to continue to pedal their offensive and perverse programming to our youth. We cry outrage because air was let out of a football, but look the other way when the life of a child is taken inside the womb.

How many of us have felt like Elijah in our first reading; exhausted with trying to proclaim the truth and feeling like it would just be easier to sit under a tree and wait to die? Yet, like Elijah we must allow ourselves to be fed on the Bread of Angels, the Eucharist so that we might have the strength and courage to continue to preach and proclaim the Truth of the Gospel, and be willing to fight the good fight for the sake of our culture, but more importantly the sake of our souls. We will have to answer for what we have or have not done while we have the chance. Prayer, fasting and forgiveness are always the foundation we must stand upon. We must pray and fast for ourselves and those who have been involved in abortion in one way or another. We must reflect God's mercy to our neighbors and open our lives to help people recover from this atrocity. We must ask God to give us the grace we need to be prophets of Life and Truth. May God have mercy on us.



~~Scriptures for the Week~~

1 Kings 19:4-8 "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!"

Psalm 34 Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Ephesians 4:30-5:2 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption

John 6:41-51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

Weekday Mass Scripture Readings: Tues Dt 31:1-8 Mt 18:1-14 Wed Dt 34:1-12 Mt 18:15-20

Thurs Joshua 3:7-17 Mt 18:21-19:1 Fri Joshua 24:1-13 Mt 19:3-12

Liturgical Ministers for the week of Aug 15-16

Sacristan 4:30 Kevin & Tammy Ripplinger
9:00 Dale Valberg
11:00 Colette & Kevin VanWell

Lector 4:30 Joel Johns
9:00 Denise Hoff
11:00 Lisa Kreutner

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:30 Kevin & Tammy Ripplinger, Rita Waba, Joel Johns, Lana Waege, Brenda Hansen, Deb Siebrands
9:00 Denise Hoff, Jan & Dale Valberg, Arvis Raml, Loretta, Dave & Bridget Redder
11:00 JoLynne Mack, Fred Deutsch, Lori Devine, Jim Smith, Ed DeVries, Colette & Kevin VanWell

Altar Server 4:30 Hunter & Tanner Waege, Amara Kranz
9:00 Jaden & Landen Hirsch, Kelsey Whiting
11:00 Jagger Ronke, Matthew Donahoe, Emma Engels

Greeter 4:30 Rita Waba, Dianne Cunningham, Bob & Jeanette Mack
9:00 Kristi Jerzak, Elaine Ries, Bev Mack, Kim Miller
11:00 Pat Walder, Lori Smith, Colleen Vavruska, Brian & Jack Harrington

Usher 4:30 Lynn, Spencer & Walker Waege, Rick Gully
9:00 Tom Jerzak, Steve Mack, Jamie Whiting, Mark Miller
11:00 Marty, Lexi & Spencer Mack, Ernie Vavruska

Music 4:30 Betty Berg / Helen Gollnick
9:00 Danielle / Julie Kjenstad & Jackie Fortin
11:00 Danielle / Kathy Stewart & Mary Ann Stahlke

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: Aug 8—Aug 16

A Funeral Mass will replace the daily scheduled Mass.

Sat. 4:30 pm +John & Kate Zirbes Families
Sun. 9 am IC Parishioners
Sun. 11 am +Manly Owen & Richie Carpenter
Tues. 5:15 pm +Katherine Ortmeier
Wed. 5:15 pm +Ted Lane & Patricia Deville
Thurs 8 am +Helen Christofferson
Fri. 8 am **NO MASS**
Sat 4:30 pm +Ted Wrage & +Bill & Marie Langenfeld
Sun 9 am IC Parishioners
Sun 11 am +Larry Brink

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.

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED We are in need of a few good volunteers able to help with paper recycling project. We currently meet Tuesday and Friday mornings to do the routes and load the truck. Contact Sy Korbelt 881-8666 if you can help us out :) The recycling project is a fundraiser for IC School. We send a semi load of paper out every 2-3 weeks !

Parish Support Income on August 1 & 2
\$9,963.10

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS \$200.00 WINNER
Jerry Riley



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: *Some physical objects used to symbolize the Divine Presence are bread, wine, water, oil, candles, fire and light. But each object must be used by a person. People, more than anything, can really symbolize God’s presence. You? Why not give it a good try?*

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: *‘Stop Murmuring’ Jesus told the disciples in today’s gospel. Complaining is a dead-end and constant complaining is nagging. We might feel better but others feel bitter. Silence or grumbling will not resolve the problem. Address differences honestly and respectfully. Don’t make them personal attacks.*

ADULT "Personal Growth" OPPORTUNITIES



Legacy Facts: Did you know....

- *There will be over 70 vendors at Legacy? Everything from books, jewelry, T-shirts, and educational material will be available.
- *There will be over 40 Brewers and over 100 beers to taste at the craft beer event?
- *The Faith & Business Conference is the first of its kind in our area! Be a part of this ground breaking annual event!

- *The Legacy Festival in the park will have many amazingly fun activities including bouncy houses, ...and great food!
- *Musician Matt Maher actually performed on stage with Pope Francis in 2014 in Rio de Janeiro!
- *That we can only celebrate 125 years once in our lifetime ~

Don't Miss It!!!

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

The produce table has been placed by the front entrance for you to share your excess bounty. Keep in mind The Banquet will gladly accept donations of homegrown fresh produce as well. Please consider bringing your home-grown produce. It is a small gesture that has a large impact on many!



The Rosary Makers wish to express their sincere gratitude to those who have made several anonymous donations in the last few weeks. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated. The Rosary Makers spend many tireless hours creating approximately 30,000 rosaries annually. The rosaries go to prisons, hospitals, military camps, many 3rd world countries...literally ALL OVER the world! ~~~thank you~~~

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



FAITH FORMATION

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Youth DRE: Amber Smith youthff@icparishwatertown.org

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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.

'Thank You' to all those that helped plan and were able to attend our first parish pool party. Also, a big thank you to **Catholic United Financial** for sponsoring the event. God blessed us with great weather and good memories. We hope to do it again.



MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

Rosary Makers: Monday, Aug 10, 1pm, Church Hall

Men of Faith: Monday, Aug 10, 5:30pm

Family Groups: Thursday, Aug 13, 7pm, Church Hall

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Baptisms & Weddings are reserved for parish members. Call the office to start preparation.

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