

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

309 2nd Ave SE, Watertown, SD ♦ 57201

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**14th Sunday Ordinary Time
July 5, 2015**

Mass Times:

Saturday 4:30

Sunday 9 AM & 11 AM

Confessions: Sat. 3:30-4:10 PM

Tues 4:45-5:10 PM

Thurs 8:30 AM



Ez 2:2-5 As the LORD spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet,...

Psalm 123: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

2 Cor 12:7-10 That I, Paul, might not become too elated,...a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan,...

Mk 6:1-6 When the Sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished.

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Paul's Epistle—As we celebrate our Independence as a Nation we must reflect on how we use our freedom as a people. The gift of freedom is the opportunity to do the right thing when given the chance. This poses two challenges; what's the right thing to do and what will it take to do the right thing.

The Church teaches that each one of us has the capacity and obligation to form our conscience in light of the Truth of the Gospel. To do this requires time and study as we strive to understand more fully what it is to be a people made in the image and likeness of God.

That being said, we will continue to offer opportunities to help you grow in your understanding and practice of the Faith. It is not easy to follow Christ, nor did He say it would be. Even He experienced people taking offense at what He taught and refused to listen to Him. To fully understand the Church's teaching on human sexuality and living a moral life takes a willingness to be open to a life that is counter-cultural.

The decision last week by the Supreme Court was the result of a long-coming disconnect of what it means to be human and how one expresses their affection for another person. As your pastor I am obligated to make sure that you are given every opportunity to come to know these truths and be supported in your desire to practice them according to our Faith.

This is no easy task and yet souls, mine and yours, are at stake. I believe no pastor takes lightly their responsibility to guide their parish in truth and charity towards heaven.

Let us all pray to God that He may give us the grace we need to accept the Truth's He has set before us; that we might choose life and love those who agree and disagree with us.

Masses for the Week: July 4-12

(A Funeral Mass on a given day below replaces the daily scheduled Mass below. Stay tuned to all obituaries)

Sat. 4:30 pm +Henry & Cecelia Streich

Sun 9 am IC Parishioners

11am +Manly Owen & Richie Carpenter

Tues 5:15pm +Patricia Deville

Wed. 5:15pm +Elmer & Doris Reichling

Thurs 8 am +Bill Swoboda

Fri. 8 am +George Reichling

(Sat 4:30 IC Parishioners,

Sun 9am Brianna Brage,

Sun 11am Clifford Hanten)

You may request the **Anointing Sacrament** before surgery or facing a critical illness. Call us.


Baptisms and Weddings are reserved to parish members. Call the office for classes/preparation.

Each Wednesday after the 5:15pm Mass there is Eucharistic Adoration available until Thursday at 12:05pm with Benediction.

Weekday Mass Scripture Readings: Tues Gen 32:23-33 Mt 9:32-38 Wed Gn 41:55-57 Mt 10:1-7 Thurs Gn 44:18-29 Mt 10:7-15 Fri Gn 46:1-7 Mt 10:16-23

VOCATION VIEW: Yes, absolutely, we should stand up for what we believe in. No, positively, we will not always succeed. Yes, certainly, it is more important to try than to succeed. No, Jesus did not look successful on the cross. Yes, you could give it a TRY.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Today's gospel is so familiar, it hurts! The home town folks couldn't accept the presence of God in Jesus. After all, they had watched him grow up. We can easily make the same mistake if we don't see God present in the ordinary routines of our family. "The Lord be with you", is a statement of fact. Believe it. Live it.

 **MUSIC NOTES by Paul Moneke**
 "When you sing at Mass, you have the ability to cultivate, strengthen and deepen the spiritual experience of those gathered for worship." Any questions on music, please contact Paul Moneke at: paul.moneke@k12.sd.us or at the Parish Office, 886-4049.

Our Parish is in need of sacristans, ushers, greeters, lectors & extraordinary ministers. If you are interested, please contact Marie Coon at the parish center, 886-4049 or email: mcoon.icparish@gmail.com for more information.



SCHOOL NEWS

TARGET RED CARD PROGRAM: Since it's inception I.C. School has been the recipient of \$20,823. If you have a Target Red Card & have not registered your card, we would appreciate it if you did so & chose I.C. School as the recipient of the Target donation. For every Target purchase using your Red Card you receive 5% off your total purchase & Target donates 1% to our school. It costs you nothing but a few minutes to register your card on the Target Red Card website.

Immaculate Conception School Opening: Preschool program has opening for ages 3 and 4 in our Tuesday/Thursday program. Please call Angel or Lisa and 605-886-3883.

SAVE THE DATE: Foundation Fest Supper and Barn Dance, Saturday, Sept 26. Matt and Judy Kranz Farm. More details to follow.

Terry Stecker, past parishioner, has painted and donated a portrait of Saint John Paul II and baby. Each family is welcome to take a picture. They are located in the foyer.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS \$100.00 WINNER
Rita Waba



Hi! I am your Envelope Reminder!

Parish Income
\$9,025.18

BIRTHDAY PARTY OPEN HOUSE



I.C. Parishioner Sy Korbelt will celebrate his 90th birthday with an open house at the KC Hall on Sunday, July 5th, 2-5pm. Cards can be sent to him at: Sy Korbelt, 109 7th St SE, Watertown, SD 57201.

IC School Golf Tournament raised \$15,379.11!!



An enormous Thank You to everyone who contributed to the success of this event!!

CLEAN AND GREEN....I.C. School on Monday, July 6, 6:00pm. All volunteers are welcome to come and help with the cleaning and moving of classrooms at the school. Can't come on the 6th? COME any Monday!!

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY- July 11th & July 12th			
	Saturday, 4:30pm	Sunday, 9:00am	Sunday, 11:00am
L	Deb Siebrands	Denise Hoff	Rosemary VanLaecken
S	Owen Gilmour Ethan Gilmour Maycie Olson	Jayden Hirsch Ethan Maag Landen Hirsch	Maia VanLaecken Jake Bauman Connor Bauman
E M	Sue Riley Jeanette F Mack Sandy Matejek Deb Siebrands Sandra Larson Kevin Ripplinger Tammy Ripplinger	Paulette DeVille Dan Walker Patty Walker Denise Hoff Nick Kranz Dale Valberg Jan Valberg	Rosemary VanLaecken Sandy Brandriet Doug Brandriet Kristina Schmidt Ed DeVries Jim Smith Tammy Meyer
U S H E R G R E E T	Bob Albers Kevin Miller Dianne Cunningham Mary Erickson Tim Gilmour Kim Gilmour Maxine German Sandra Larson	Don Becht Judy Becht Lonnie Becking Lynford Maag Nick Kranz Diane Kranz Kristi Jerzak Tom Jerzak	Ron VanLaecken Greg/Nicholas Hanson Pete Bauman Dwayne Wald Anne, Olivia, Merdeith, Elsie Hansen Bridget/Avery Bauman Lori Smith Lori Wald
M	Danielle Men of Faith	Paul Moneke Madeline Devine	Paul Moneke Summer Singers
S	SACRISTAN Kevin/Tammy Ripplinger	SACRISTAN Dale Valberg Donna Ireland	SACRISTAN Kristina Schmidt Courtney Vargason

**ADULT "Personal Growth"
OPPORTUNITIES**



In celebrating the year of Unity with 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



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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.

The Faith Formation Department sends Alison Thyen off with much thanks and gets ready to welcome Ms. Amber Smith. We are grateful and trusting for all God continues to do within our department.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

**SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR
YOUNG ADULTS**

D-Camp (Discipleship Camp), Irene, SD is our Diocesan summer youth camp. Junior High & High School youth come together for four days of faith and fun. Junior High camp is for students entering grades 7th & 8th and will be held July 6th-9th. Camp will be held at Broom Tree and will start at 3pm on Monday & end 3pm on Thursday. Call the FF office for more info—886-2772.

The **Purity Pack** kiosk has been refilled with a variety of materials relating to dating, relationships and sexual purity for all ages. It is located in the coat room of the church foyer. Donations from \$1—\$5 are listed.



PRAYER CHANGES LIVES. Do you, your family or a friend have a need. Your church "family" would like to help you in prayer. Names can be kept confidential. Call Mavis Kemnitz, 880-5996, Darlene Murphy, 886-9475 or Connie Stoebner, 886-8678. You may leave a message.

As a Christian Community we extend our prayers and sympathy to Charlene (Patrick) Kurkowski, Barb (Ron) McBrien, and Marion Schudar on the death of their mother and sister Josephine Swenson on June 23.



MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

MEN OF FAITH: Monday, July 6, 5:30pm.
KC Business Meeting: Tuesday, July 7, 7:30 pm.

**"What Immaculate Conception School and a Catholic Education Meant to Me as a Student"
Winner of one of three \$1,000 IC School Alumni scholarships graduate Taylor VanWell**

What Immaculate Conception School means to me is that our Catholic faith will be instilled into the next generation. This understanding of God and our Catholic faith is a great foundation to build our lives on.

There are a lot of differences between IC School and other elementary schools. One of the biggest would be that at IC we got to go to church every week. When I went to IC, we went to church every Friday to listen to Father Bream talk. Going to church helped some of the students become closer to God and their religion. Believe me. I would know.

Having classes of religion also helped me to better understand the ways of God. I remember learning different stories in the Bible, like the first days of creation and the day when Jesus was nailed to the cross. My teachers used creative ways to make us remember the things they wanted us to learn. They used different resources such as games, puzzles, movies, and stories that taught us parts of the bible. I remember learning the Ten Commandments that God wrote for Moses. Our teacher taught us those rules and even had tests on them.

I would say they were quite challenging at first, but finally I got them locked into my head. My favorite story in the bible has got to be Noah's Ark. The story is about how one man had so much faith in God he was willing to build a humongous boat ... during a drought! God wanted to save Noah and his entire family (his wife, three sons, and their wives) so he asked Noah to build an ark and gather two of every species of animal. This story is my favorite because the ark becomes like a zoo with all the animals. Everyone on the ark had to work very hard every day to care for the animals. Another important thing IC School taught me was to say my prayers. The Rosary probably has the most meaning to me because there are so many events connected to it. The four mysteries sum up Jesus' life. I used to protest having to say the whole Rosary before bed, but after I got a lot older, I finally understand the importance to say it. It is one way to stay closer to God and ask for protection and help against the terrible temptations. In the past, I had terrible nightmares. The ones that would make it hard to go back to sleep. After I started to say the rosary and prayed to God and asked for help, I have been able to sleep peacefully again. I still get a few bad dreams now and then, but I'm not afraid anymore.

I know that God and my guardian angel are watching over me.

I want to say thank you for considering me for this scholarship so that I may further my education and hopefully begin my career goal as a zookeeper. I pledge to keep God close to my heart as he fills me with confidence, faith, and courage to become a good Christian role model for the next generation.