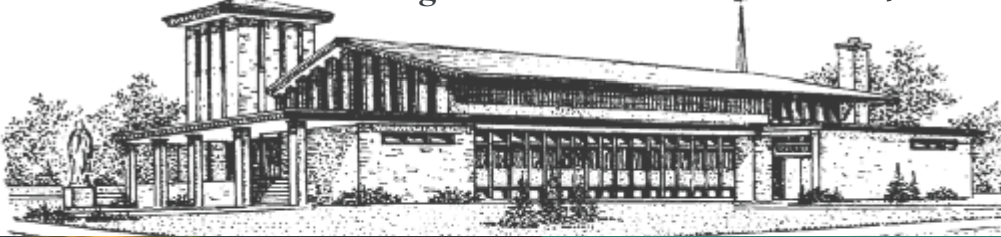


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October 25, 2020

30th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time



## 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord,  
your God, with all your  
heart, with all your soul,  
and with all your mind."  
- Mt 22:37

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### Mass Schedule

Weekend ..... Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 9:00am (also live streamed)  
Weekday ..... See bulletin.

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Nancy Fritzke ..... 952-955-1560

### Sacraments

#### Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30pm; or by appointment.

#### Baptism

Call the parish office to make arrangements.

#### Marriage

Call the parish office at least nine months in advance to make arrangements.

### New Parishioners

Please call the parish office to register.

Weekend  
Mass  
Times:

Saturday 5:00 pm & Sunday 9:00 am  
(Sunday Mass also live streams at 9:00 am)

**Parish Support** Endowment Fund: \$1,050

Stewardship Report for October 18<sup>th</sup>: Envelope and Plate

Reg. Coll. Oct. 18:	\$ 2,875.00	Fiscal YTD Collected:	\$ 69,809.23
Weekly Goal:	\$ (5,000.00)	Fiscal YTD Budgeted:	\$ 80,000.00
Surplus/(Loss):	\$ (2,125.00)	Surplus/(Loss):	\$ (10,190.77)
Youth \$ 120	Cap. Improvement \$ 0		

### Parish Council Members

Amy Hilgers	Vicky Hoeft	Phil Maiers	Judy Younk
Gene Janikula	Terry Gallus*	Carol Youmans	Barry Fritzke*
			(*Trustee)

OCT. 25<sup>th</sup>



## NEWS & NOTES

### ICC Ministries: Coat, Hat & Mitten Drive—Final Weekend!

ICC Ministries is wrapping up their annual coat drive. During this time of the Covid-19 crisis, the need is greater than ever. We need new and gently used coats for Sharing and Caring Hands in Minneapolis. Hats and Mittens will go to the Friends for Life Food Shelf in Watertown. There are collection baskets in the main church entry until October 26<sup>th</sup>.

We thank you for your generosity!

### Knights of Columbus

Join the Knights of Columbus in church or from your home on Thursdays at 7:00 pm to pray the rosary during the month of October.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, October 27**  
8:00am +Craig Guetzkow

**Wednesday, October 28**  
8:00am +Gene Tews

**Thursday, October 29**  
8:00am +Richard Carlson

**Friday, October 30**  
8:00am +James Neaton

**Saturday, October 31**  
5:00pm +Marvin Swartzner

**Sunday, November 1**  
9:00am People of Immaculate  
Conception Church

**The Sanctuary Lamp  
burns this week for:**

The Unborn

## RELIGIOUS ED., YOUTH & FELLOWSHIP

### Thank you to the teachers who returned to serve!

We are still looking for a 1st grade and 5th grade teacher.

### Welcome back to all students returning online and in person!

Confirmation students if you would like volunteer hours please consider being a teacher for 1st and 5th grade. Contact me if you want to help!

~Ronda

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Mass gatherings are open  
at reduced capacity.  
Sunday Mass also live streams.**

**Tuesday, October 27**  
8:00am Mass

**Wednesday, October 28**  
8:00am Mass

**Thursday, October 29**  
8:00am Mass

**Friday, October 30**  
8:00am Mass

**Saturday, October 31**  
5:00pm Mass

**Sunday, November 1**  
Daylight Saving Time Ends  
**All Saints' Day**  
9:00am Mass (also live streamed)  
[www.facebook.com/ICCWatertown](http://www.facebook.com/ICCWatertown)

**Monday, November 2**  
**All Souls' Day**  
8:00am Mass

### Parish Updates

Receive communications from Fr. Jim & other updates right to your email inbox.

Contact: [iccwatertown@gmail.com](mailto:iccwatertown@gmail.com) to be added to the list.

### Looking to give electronically?

Visit our website at [www.iccwatertown.org](http://www.iccwatertown.org) and select GIVE at the top or from your smartphone, download the "GivePlus" mobile app

## LITURGICAL ROLES

Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>  
&  
Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>

### Lectors

5:00pm Bobbi Morehouse  
9:00am Peter Campbell

### Eucharistic Ministers

5:00pm (needed)/(needed)  
9:00am Susann Hoese/Jennifer Janikula

### Ushers

5:00pm Dennis Nester/Joel Salonek  
(needed)/(needed)  
9:00am Tom Neaton/Tom Foley  
Carol Youmans/Lyle Kantrovich

### Sacristans

5:00pm Lori Salonek 9:00am Deb Koehnen



## Sunday, October 25, 2020 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FIRST READING

“You shall not wrong any widow or orphan.  
If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me,  
I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare  
up, and I will kill you with the sword.”  
(Ex 22:21-23a)

### PSALM

I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

### SECOND READING

You became imitators of us and of the Lord,  
receiving the word in great affliction,  
with joy from the Holy Spirit,  
so that you became a model for all the believers  
in Macedonia and in Achaia. (1 Thes 1:6-7)

### GOSPEL

Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord,  
your God, with all your heart, with all your soul,  
and with all your mind. This is the greatest and  
the first commandment. The second is like it:  
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”  
(Mt 22:37-39)

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1970 CCD. The English translation of Psalm Responses  
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## MY GOOD PEOPLE,

Pope Francis' new encyclical, Fratelli Tutti (on Fraternity and Social Friendship – we are all brothers and sisters) can be found at the Vatican Website.

[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20201003\\_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html) (I bookmarked this link in my browser)

As I mentioned last week, I don't recommend trying read the 43,000-word document all at once. If you want to understand Pope Francis, take your time, read a chapter at a time. I intend to offer a summary of another chapter each week. The numbers in parentheses in my summary refer to chapters in the Encyclical.

### Chapter 1 – Dark Clouds Over a Closed World

In the first chapter, Pope Francis outlines some trends in the world today that he finds run counter to us seeing each other as brothers and sisters. These trends include; the loss of a historical consciousness, the throwaway culture, the stalled expansion of human rights, fear of immigrants, and the superficiality of digital connection (social media) that can lead to aggression and polarization. Francis does not intend to produce an exhaustive list of the world's social ills, but rather highlights how these issues are all connected by promoting the individual over concern for the whole of humanity.

The document reflects on the many distortions of the times we live in. Some of the issues are the manipulation and distortion of concepts such as democracy, freedom, justice; the loss of the meaning of the social community and history; selfishness and indifference toward the common good; the prevalence of a market logic based on profit and the culture of waste; unemployment, racism, poverty; the disparity of rights and its aberrations such as slavery, trafficking, women subjugated and then forced to abort, organ trafficking (10-24). It deals with global problems that call for global actions. Pope Francis also sounds the alarm against a "culture of walls" that favors the proliferation of organized crime, fueled by fear and loneliness (27-28). Moreover, today we observe a deterioration of ethics (29), contributed to, in a certain way, by the mass media which shatters respect for others and eliminates all discretion, creating isolated and self-referential virtual circles, in which freedom is an illusion and dialogue is not constructive (42-50).

Next week we will move on to chapter two, The Good Samaritan.

~ Fr. Jim

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