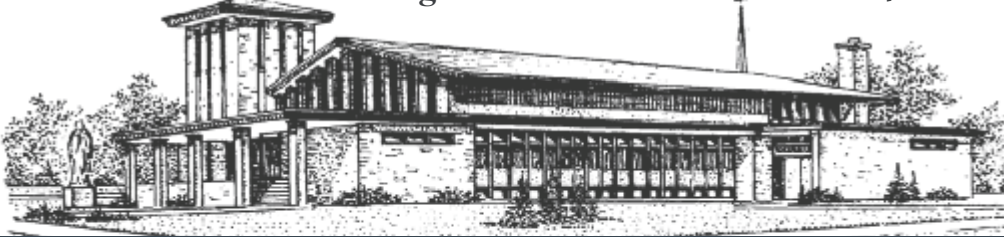


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December 20, 2020

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

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PSALM 89



Christmas Eve Mass, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at \*4:00pm & \*8:00pm

Christmas Day Mass, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> at \*9:00am

\*All 3 Christmas Masses will also live stream at:  
[www.facebook.com/ICCWatertown](http://www.facebook.com/ICCWatertown)

Parish Support Endowment Fund: \$1,050

Stewardship Report: \*Information not available at time of publication\*

## Parish Council Members

Amy Hilgers  
Gene Janikula

Vicky Hoeft  
Judy Younk

Peter Campbell  
Rorie McCormick  
Carol Youmans

Terry Gallus\*  
Barry Fritzke\*  
(\*Trustee)

## Mass Schedule

Weekend ..... Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am (also live streamed)

Weekday ..... See bulletin.

## Pastor

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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.



# NEWS & NOTES

## Need of Volunteers for Church Ministries

There has been some questions as to why we have limited Masses on the weekend and if we are going to add more Masses, this year, for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. With the Covid-19 pandemic, many of

our volunteers for ministries have needed to refrain from coming to church and gathering in groups. Most of our current ministers (ie Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan, Choir) are in the high risk group. The staff strongly considered adding an earlier afternoon Mass on Christmas Eve, but we couldn't find musicians or other ministers for an earlier Mass, so we had to drop that idea, unfortunately.

We are in dire need of volunteers for the ministries of Lector, Eucharistic Minister, and Sacristan not only for Christmas, but for our regular weekend Masses. If you are able to participate, please strongly consider stepping forward to help in these positions. Contact the parish office and let DeAnna know where you would like to fill in (952-955-1458).

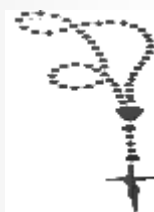
## Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will be saying the Pro-Life Rosary on Thursday nights at 7:00pm throughout the month of January.

Coats are being collected for the KC Coat Drive. A drop off bin is located in the church entrance.

Call for New Members: Visit [KofC.org/JoinUs](http://KofC.org/JoinUs)

The Watertown Knights of Columbus council is inviting ALL ICC boys and girls ages 5-14 to participate in the organization's international 'Keep Christ in Christmas' poster contest. Entrants compete in one of three age groups: ages 5-7, 8-10 and 11-14. Contact Ronda Hague for poster requirements and to submit posters with entry form. **Due by Dec. 24, 2020.** Winners in each age category receive \$25.00 from the Knights and there'll also be 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prize cash awards. Additional prizes awarded to winners at state, national and international levels.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, December 22**

8:00am +Matt Schaust

**Wednesday, December 23**

8:00am +Lauren Daniels

**Thursday, December 24**

4:00pm +Nanette Blanchette

8:00pm +Fran Janikula

**Friday, December 25**

9:00am +James Neaton

**Saturday, December 26**

5:00pm People of Immaculate  
Conception Church

**Sunday, December 27**

9:00am +Mike Magner

**The Sanctuary Lamp  
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## PARISH CALENDAR

**Mass gatherings are open  
at reduced capacity.**

*Join us in person  
or from your home*

\* indicates also live streams at  
[www.facebook.com/ICCWatertown](http://www.facebook.com/ICCWatertown)

**Tuesday, December 22**

8:00am Mass

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**Thursday, December 24**

**Christmas Eve**

\* 4:00pm & \* 8:00pm Mass

**Friday, December 25**

**Christmas Day**

\* 9:00am Mass

**Saturday, December 26**

5:00pm Mass

**Sunday, December 27**

\* 9:00am Mass

*The Parish Office will be closed the  
week of December 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>*

Immaculate Conception Church

## LITURGICAL ROLES

### Christmas Eve Mass, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>

#### Lectors

4:00pm Rorie McCormick  
8:00pm Nathan Johnson

#### Eucharistic Ministers

4:00pm Joni Jeurissen/Michael Jeurissen  
8:00pm Jennifer Janikula/(needed)

#### Ushers

4:00pm Greg Bury/Brad Matter  
Chris Neaton/Carol Youmans  
8:00pm Tom Neaton/(needed)  
(needed)/(needed)

#### Sacristans

4:00pm Deb Koehnen  
8:00pm (needed)

### Christmas Day Mass, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>

#### Lectors

9:00am Bert Grant

#### Eucharistic Ministers

9:00am Kari Jo Kantrovich/(needed)

#### Ushers

9:00am Lyle Kantrovich/(needed)  
Barry Fritzke/(needed)

#### Sacristans

9:00am Barry Fritzke

### Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

#### Lectors

5:00pm Ruth Peterson  
9:00am Steve Washburn

#### Eucharistic Ministers

5:00pm (needed)/(needed)  
9:00am Theresa Washburn/Susann Hoes

#### Ushers

5:00pm Phil Maiers/Dennis Nester  
Joel Salonek/(needed)  
9:00am Chris Neaton/Tom Neaton  
Brad Matter/Carol Youmans

#### Sacristans

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

### Christmas Message from the Staff

Our Advent Season of waiting and watching gives way to the joy and holiness of Christmas Day and all it brings: Christmas Mass, opening gifts, the precious time with family and friends, and extra good food!

While dealing with Covid-19 has changed our lives significantly, especially how we celebrate holidays, we have made adjustments and are making it through. We have received many blessings as a parish: new families moving in, families returning, and new friendships and relationships across the parish. We have been given a new heating and cooling system including new ductwork in our church. We have installed new shingles and insulation on our church. Our basement and kitchen have a new ceiling and our kitchen has a new floor.

We look forward to 2021 with hope that a vaccine is coming soon and the pandemic will be dealt with and we can once again gather as a community with our friends and neighbors to worship.

The positive movement of the Spirit in our parish will continue to encourage the best from each of us as we increase our awareness of and responsibility to share the mission of Jesus Christ. The Lord provides through the dedication, prayers, and generosity of our parishioners. That positive Spirit is so often manifested in the many parishioners who volunteer their time, talent and treasures in parish functions and we are all so very grateful for the life-giving presence you offer to our parish.

The heart of Christmas is the gift of Jesus Christ who saves us. He is the gift who overwhelms us with his love and peace, and guides our hearts. This Christmas, may we be overwhelmed again by the sheer enormity of God's gifts to us. May your heart be full of praise and gratitude and may 2021 be full of the Lord's graces and blessings upon you and your family.

Merry Christmas!

Fr Jim and the staff of Immaculate Conception Parish

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\*4:00pm & \*8:00pm

(\*Both Masses also live streamed)

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Live streams at: [www.facebook.com/ICCWatertown](http://www.facebook.com/ICCWatertown)

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#### Christmas Schedule

#### Mary, Mother of God Mass

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm

Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am

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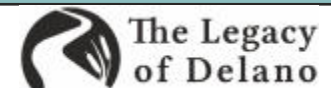
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