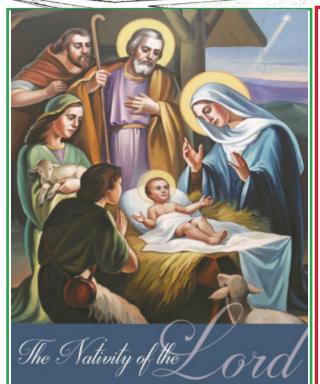
# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH December 25, 2022

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#### Mission Statement

In response to God's Grace, we serve the physical and spiritual needs of our neighbor.

We believe this requires:

 Respect for the life and dignity of every person from conception to natural death

> - Compassionate outreach and Evangelization

- A commitment to work for social justice.

# Catechism in a Year

In follow up to the well-known **Bible in a Year** podcast, we are less than a month away from the start of **The Catechism in a Year** podcast with **Father Mike Schmitz**! Sign up now and dig into the beautiful teachings of our Catholic Faith in 2023. This daily podcast begins January 1st . . ...some bonus materials are available now! Find it on any podcast app, on YouTube, or using this link:

www.ascensionpress.com/pages/ciy-registrationparish

#### Fr. Peter Hughes

#### Pastor

Fr. Peter Hughes Phone...952-223-1282 Email...frpeter@iccwatertown.org

#### **Mass Schedule**

Weekend......7:30AM and 9:00AM Weekday.....Thurs. & Fri. at 8:00AM

#### **Parish Office**

### **Faith Formation**

#### **Discipleship & Evangelization**

#### **Music & Liturgy**

Director.....Bill Windsperger Phone.....952-381-4076 Email.....music@iccwatertown.org **Prayer Chain**, Jean Motzko......952-955-1179 Joan Stadtlander....952-955-2686 **Communion to Homebound**, Parish Office .........952-955-1458

#### Sacraments

**Reconciliation** -Thursday & Friday 7:30am; or by appt. **Baptism** - call parish office to make arrangements. **Marriage** - Call the parish office at least nine months in advance to make arrangements.



## PARISH CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 28 6pm NO Faith Formation Class

> Thursday, December 29 8:00am Mass

Friday, December 30 8:00am Mass

<u>Sunday, January 1</u> (Holy Day of Obligation) 7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass

# Reminders:

- NO Faith Formation class on Wednesday, December 28th
- Rosary Makers will meet in the Parish Center at 1:00pm on Thursday, January 5th
- Mass on Sunday, January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass is at 7:30am & 9:00am

Please support our local food shelf! You can place your items in the box in the church entryway.



# LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday, January 1 7:30am Mass

Lector Amy Hilgers Eucharistic Minister Ronda Hague Sacristan Ronda Hague Ushers Jeff Hilgers, Michael Jeurissen

#### 9:00am Mass

Lector Chris Boerner Eucharistic Minister Liz Gerads Sacristan Michelle Barthel Ushers Joel Salonek, Jim Nolan

What a wonderful Parish we have! We donated 18 bags of winter items to Sharing and Caring Hands and we collected \$480.00 on World Mission Sunday.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Thursday, December 29 + Jerry Hirsch

Friday, December 30 + Jerry Salonek

<u>Sunday, January 1</u> 7:30am + Bonnie Benz 9:00am ICC & St. Boni Parishes

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for: Priests and Deacons

Please note that the Sunday envelopes labeled capital improvement will be going towards the "Grow With Grace" capital campaign. Any questions, please see the parish office staff. Thank you.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd. Happy New Year!

November 2022 Collections	November 2022 Actual		November 2022 Budget		Difference		Fiscal Year to Date Actual		Fiscal Year to Date Budget		Difference	
Envelopes	\$	14,880	\$	18,886	\$	(4,006)	\$	82,876	\$	94,432	\$	(11,556)
Electronic Giving	\$	6,580	\$	6,813	\$	(233)	\$	32,400	\$	34,063	\$	(1,663)
Plate	\$	1,408	\$	1,250	\$	158	\$	6,555	\$	6,250	\$	305
Total	\$	22,868	\$	26,949	\$	(4,080)	\$	121,831	\$	134,744	\$	(12,913)

Sunday giving keeps the lights on, pays for repairs, and funds all ministries and operations. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

#### Dear Brothers and Sisters,

There have been a couple questions about how we arrived at our beautiful new sanctuary design. With the Archdiocesan Synod and the Eucharistic Revival, it gives us a wonderful opportunity to dig deeper into the question of "why?" we do the things we do at Mass and our sanctuary is meant to be laid out in a particular way. Just as we have Church Dogma to teach us about the articles of our faith (like what is in the Creed), and just as we have the Church's moral teaching (about how we live as Catholics), the Church has a lot to say about its architecture, art, and music, and how they help us enter more deeply into our faith and participate more fully and actively in the liturgy. Everything we do in the Mass, and the way our parish is physically laid out, reflect deeper theological truths.

There are predominately three documents that helped us come to the current design. There are two documents from Vatican 2, namely the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (Sacrosanctum Concilium) and the Instruction on Music in the Liturgy (Musicam Sacram). The US Bishops have also released a document called Built of Living Stones which is a sort of commentary on the two documents from Vatican 2. We will highlight various elements of these documents in future bulletins, but these documents provide not only the guidelines the Church has in renovating or creating places for Sacred worship, but also the theology behind those guidelines. This will help us continue learning more about our Catholic faith and how it is reflected in our sanctuary and liturgies.

Prayers for a blessed Christmas for you and your family! Please continue to pray for our parish and for the success of our capital campaign!

In Christ, Fr. Peter



