



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD, 2026
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend Masses

Sat: 4pm (August); Sun: 9am & 11am

Confessions

Tue, Wed, Thu after 12:10pm Mass;
Sat: 3pm-4pm (August)

Weekly Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: Tue, Wed, Thu 12:10pm;
Fri 9am; Sat (1st & 3rd) 8am. Daily
Mass times may change on account
of a funeral. To receive Daily Mass
updates, call the office to be added
to Daily Mass Notifications.

24 Hour Adoration

Wed 12:40pm - Thu 12pm (Noon)
(through the night). Benediction at
noon. Chapel is available from
7am-8pm Mon-Fri and 7am-7pm
Sat-Sun.

Flocknote Notifications:

To stay informed on all the
important information from Fr
Haggerty and upcoming events:
Text **AVEMARIASD** to **84576**.

Parish Office Address

309 2nd Ave SE
Watertown, SD 57201

Office Hours

Mon-Thu: 9am-5pm; Fri: 9am-Noon

Parish Office:

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Discipleship & Evangelization:

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www.avemariapastorate.org

Facebook:

Immaculate Conception Parish or
Ave Maria Pastorate



21st Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will
build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not
prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of
heaven." Matthew 16:18-19

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour of Mercy

Sundays at 3:00pm

Led by Fr Christopher

August 30th

Sept 13th, 20th & 27th

at Holy Rosary, Kranzburg



CATHOLIC TRIVIA ~ JUST FOR FUN

Question: What does OCIA stand for?

Answer: The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. This is the name of the process taken to enter into the Catholic Church.

AA

Weekly meetings held on Tuesday at 6:30pm & Thursday at 5:45pm—Parish Office Basement.

ADULT CHOIR - Off during the summer months

Adult Choir every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 9am. Practices are the Thursday before at 6pm. IC also has a Funeral Choir that sings when requested.

YOUTH CHOIR

Directed by Alison Thyen. Grades 5-12th. Once a week practice Wednesday from 3:45-4:30pm, sing on Sunday once a month at various parishes. To sign up please call **(605) 878-2055** or email Alison directly at athyen@avemariapastorate.org.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Marne Hult can be contacted by calling **(605) 880-1460** or emailing her at mhult@ccfesd.org.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Are you or a family member unable to attend Sunday Mass because you are homebound? Would you like a compassionate, caring person to visit with you and bring communion to your home? Would you like to be trained as a homebound minister? For all inquiries, please call Bridget at the parish office at **(605) 886-4049**.

IC QUILTERS

1st & 3rd Monday at 1pm, Parish Office Basement. Quilts created by this ministry are given to Beacon Center, C.A.R.E., Multicultural Center and the Christmas Gift Baskets. Quilters are desperately needed. 100% Cotton Fabric (any color & pattern) is also needed.

THE LOURDES CENTER

Call (605) 988-3775 to schedule an appointment. This service is currently telehealth.

MEALS ON WHEELS

We are responsible for delivering meals every 8 weeks and run solely on volunteers. Please contact coordinator Karla Stutzman at **(605) 595-7127** for any questions.

OCIA

OCIA is for those who are not currently Catholic or baptized Catholic desiring Holy Communion or Confirmation. Please call **(605) 878-2055** for more information.

OCIA Potluck will be held Tuesday, August 25th from 6:30-8:00 at IC Parish Hall.

REMEMBRANCE GROUP

This group is not your typical grief group but rather seeks to provide an environment of community with others who have lost a spouse as they continue to walk through life. Join us for a time of prayer, fellowship and study. Meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month at 10:30am in the Parish Hall. **No Meeting August 25th, 2026.**

ROSARY MAKERS

Meets 2nd Monday of the month at 1pm in the Parish Hall.

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Weekly meetings on Monday at 9am in the chapel. Participants will pray for healing for our country and the needs of our own parishioners. All are welcome to participate. To submit prayer requests, call or email the office.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Meetings are held the 2nd & 4th Monday at 6:30pm at Holy Name in the Angelus Center. If you need assistance please call **(605) 503-7475**.

WATERTOWN AREA RIGHT TO LIFE

Meetings are the last Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm at Midwest Bible Camp (1500 SD Hwy 20).

WATERTOWN MEN'S GROUP

Thursday mornings 6:30-7:30am in the IC Parish Hall. Call Craig at **(763) 458-0718** with questions.

SCHEDULE OF HOLY MASSES & INTENTIONS

08/25	Tuesday	12:10pm	+MaryAnn Wehde
08/26	Wednesday	12:10pm	+Arvid Herstedt
08/27	Thursday	12:10pm	+Bob Welch
08/28	Friday	9:00am	+Leo Hanten
08/29	Saturday	4:00pm	+Joseph Jankord
08/30	Sunday	9:00am	+Delores "Dode" Jellesma
08/30	Sunday	11:00am	Vic Mitzel

Canon Law states that Mass Intentions can be made 12 months prior to the date requested for both the living and the deceased. Stop by or call the office at (605) 886-4049.

Saturday, August 29th at 4:00pm

Sacristan: Dave Redder

Lector: Deb Siebrands

Altar Servers: Aleah & Eli Jaeger, Hudson Peterson

EMHC: Bill Chase, Rachael & Mia Jaeger, Lana Waege

Ushers: Bob Albers, Chuck Clausen, Donna & Robert Lantgen, Elaine Sietsema, Mike Zafft, **Volunteers (2)**

Greeters: Kris Fey, Rick Gully, Steve Raml, Jo Vitek

Sunday, August 30th at 9:00am

Sacristan: Evan Meester

Lector: Bob Spears

Altar Servers: Maddix Hunke, Leyla Meester, Rylie Walder

EMHC: Roger & Wanda Clement, Tanya Maag, Bob Spears

Ushers: Doug & Vicki Bierschbach, Brain DeBoer, Kevin Kerkvliet, Spencer Lindner, Jeff Maag, Roger Mack, Jamie Whiting

Greeters: Todd & Molly Meester, Garry & Eileen Mislan

Sunday, August 30th at 11:00am

Sacristan: Kristina Schmidt

Lector: Sheri Kahnke

Altar Servers: Evie & Georgi Hopper, Ellis Kahnke

EMHC: Lisa Kreutner, Ann Roby, Kristina Schmidt, Scott Schwinger

Ushers: Sharon Byer, Ryan Hanten, Dan & James Kahnke, Dennis Martenson, Tyler Roberts, Vic VanWell, Ernie Vavruska

Greeters: Lisa Kreutner, Jean & Bailey Rodriguez, Lisa Schwinger

WEEKLY GIVING

August 16th Envelope: \$5,474.00 Loose: \$1,854.25

Automatic Giving Average \$3,600.00 per week. Weekly Collection needs \$16,000.00.

Thank you for your continued support!

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 16:13-20

The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, **"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."**

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus.

— Father John Muir

1968 MERCURY COUGAR XR7



**TICKETS
STILL
AVAILABLE
\$100 EACH**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE
SCHOOL & IC OFFICE**

OCIA

**Are You Interested In Learning More
About The Catholic Faith?**

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
(OCIA) is for you!**

We will be starting a new class soon!

Please call the Faith Formation office at
605-878-2055 for more information. Classes
will be held at Ave Maria Catholic School.

There will be an OCIA Potluck
on Tuesday, August 25th at Immaculate
Conception Parish Hall beginning at 6:30.

Fall Faith Formation Registration Is Now Open!

Sign up by visiting the Ave Maria Pastorate
website. Click on "FF Registration," then
choose the church you are a member of, and
register your children.

For the best experience, please register using
a computer or laptop instead of your phone.

Need help navigating the website? Call
Loretta Redder at 605-878-2055.
Are you a catechist and need a promo code?
Call Loretta Redder at 605-878-2055.

**We are in need of a few catechists and helpers
at all grade levels.**

**If this is something you have considered, now is your
time to reach out to Jake or Loretta at 605-878-2055!**

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

CDA meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6pm

Next meeting: September at KC Unity Hall

All are invited to come and pray together.

SERRA MINISTRY

Our mission is to support, encourage & pray for vocations and to grow in individual holiness. Meet 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month. Rosary: 7:30am, Mass: 8am (Chapel), coffee & and inspirational speaker (Parish Hall).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

All Knights meet the 1st Tuesday at 7pm & the 4th Degree Knights meet the 3rd Tuesday at 7pm at the Unity Hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE WINNER

August 13th - \$100 Winner - Debra Gaikowski, Watertown



Days of Recollection Schedule

August 25, 2026 by Fr. Tschakert "From Age to Age Retreat" ~ a day of reflection focused on rediscovering peace and embracing the senior years as a time of grace, gratitude, and wisdom.

September 8, 2026 by Fariba Roughhead "The Gift of Happiness: Exploring Faith & Science Together"

October 13, 2026 by Wade VanDover "Divine Mercy - The End of Times"

November 10, 2026 by Fr Tyler Mattson "Living God's Word"

December 8, 2026 by Deacon Paul Treinen "I am the Immaculate Conception"

For more information regarding these events and to register please visit www.abbeyofthehills.org or email events@abbeyofthehills.org or call 605-398-9200.

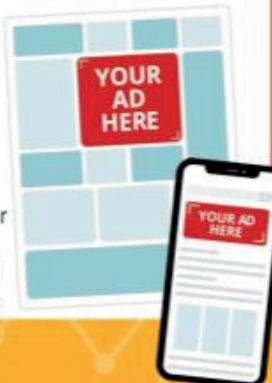
AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Mike Metivier from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



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AVE MARIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION

15TH ANNUAL

BARN DANCE

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

MUSIC BY

The Backroads

STEAK DINNER & DANCE
\$100

DANCE ONLY
\$50

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
AVE MARIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL OFFICE
OR ONLINE USING THE QR CODE



PIE AUCTION - LIVE AUCTION - GOOD TIME

OPEN BAR SOCIAL 5:30 PM

STEAK DINNER INCLUDING BEVERAGES 6PM

LOCATED AT
MATT & JUDY KRANZ RESIDENCE
2137 20TH AVE. SE - WATERTOWN, SD

Immaculate Conception
Parish Hall

FALL Turkey Dinner

September 20, 2026

SERVING FROM 10:00-2:00

Free will offering

TAKE OUT MEALS
AVAILABLE FOR
\$10.00
EACH
AT THE KC HALL

MENU CONSISTS OF
TURKEY • POTATOES & GRAVY • STUFFING
CORN • CARROTS • CRANBERRY SALAD
DINNER ROLLS • HOMEMADE PIES

Fall Parish Dinner

Sept 20th

Sign-up sheets are available at the table located in the foyer of the church.

Help is needed in many areas. Please sign-up if you can!



Note- Take out meals will NOT include homemade pies

ROAST BEEF DINNER & BAZAAR

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Holy Rosary Parish Hall

Kranzburg, SD

MENU: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Corn, Cole Slaw, Buns, Desserts & Beverage
Hot dogs will also be available

Meal Prices

Adults \$15.⁰⁰

Kids (K-6) \$7.⁰⁰

Pre-School & Under \$2.⁰⁰

Raffle Prizes

¼ BEEF (processing included)
\$300 Cash
\$300 Dakota Butcher Certificate
Quilt
Angel Statue

Bingo...Dessert Walk...

Country Store...Silent Auction...

Children's Games & Much More!!



Olive Wood Sales

Imad Qumsieh will be at both Immaculate Conception and Holy Name of Jesus parishes the weekend of August 29th & 30th.

A beautiful collection of hand carved olive wood religious articles from the Holy Land, will be for sale. They are very beautiful, and they make excellent gifts. The profit goes to support the Catholic Families who carved these articles in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Supporting the Catholics in the Holy Land is very important at this difficult time because they are protecting the Holy churches for all of us. Please stop by and support our suffering Catholic Families in the Holy Land.



Are You Looking For An Opportunity To Share Your Faith With The Teenagers Of Our Pastorate!!

We are seeking people to help start a youth Group in the parishes of our pastorate.

If you are interested, please call Parker Schlenker in the Faith Formation office:
605-878-2055