



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 2026
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend Masses

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

Confessions

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

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

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icoffice@avemariapastorate.org

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www.avemariapastorate.org

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour of Mercy

Sundays at 3:00pm

Led by Fr Christopher

October 25th

at Holy Rosary, Kranzburg



The **World Mission Sunday** collection grants funds to mission dioceses, which help to underwrite the basic physical footprint that keeps missionary life going: where priests live, where sisters live, where children are catechized, where formation and pastoral work can happen, and where Holy Mass can be celebrated, often for the first time.

Part of the funds are used to help missionary dioceses run and survive, while the rest of the funds are used to build churches, seminaries, convents, and pastoral centers. In an average year, WMS helps to fund over 900 infrastructure-related projects for the Church!

There will be envelopes available at the entry of the church.

AA

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

ADULT CHOIR

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 **4:00-4:45pm**, 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 classes on Tuesday's at 6:30 at Ave Maria School & Faith Formation Center.**

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. ~ **October 27th, 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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

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

Next meeting: November 10th.

***Be sure to attend as we will be making the final preparations for the Annual Card/Cribbage fundraiser for charities.*

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

Oct 8th- \$500 Winner - Renae Burke, Willow Lake



Days of Recollection Schedule

November 10, 2026 by Fr Tyler Mattson “Living God’s Word”

December 8, 2026 by Christopher Gromis “I Didn’t Go Looking for Rome”

January 12, 2027 - By Jacob Brooks “Can We Trust the Bible? Discovering Salvation History”

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

Events at the Abbey

October 20, 2026 - “A Day of Spiritual Reflection for Seniors”

October 28, 2026 - Abbey of the Hills Fall Banquet

November 13-15, 2026 - Women’s Fall Retreat “O Come Let Us Adore Him”

December 5 & 6, 2026 - Christmas Cantata

December 11-13, 2026 - Advent Retreat by Fr. Gregory Tschakert - “Welcoming Jesus-Becoming Disciples”

Priest Retirement Special Appeal

The Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls has launched a Priest Retirement Special Appeal. The appeal will help fund the Priest Pension Fund and Priest Medical Fund. These funds support the priests as they transition into senior status or face medical needs. With an increase in retirement, inflation, and healthcare costs, there are not sustainable funds for the future. The funds are projected to reach a shortfall of \$13 million. To sustain the funds, the appeal goal is \$13 million. During the quiet phase, \$10 million has already been raised in cash and pledges. \$3 million remains to be raised to ensure our priests are cared for. Our priests have spent their lives caring for, loving, and serving you throughout your life. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the appeal.

Every gift, regardless of size, helps strengthen the future of care for all priests in our Diocese.

To donate, visit:

ccfesd.org/priest-retirement
or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your generosity.



Adoration Replacement & Subs

A **permanent adoration replacement** will soon be needed for the **Midnight on Wednesday until 1:00am on Thursday.**

Please prayerfully consider other time slots as well if you would like to commit an hour to pray with Jesus.

It is always nice to have more than one person present.

Please call the Immaculate Conception office at 886-4049 if you would like to help. ~ God Bless!



AVE MARIA
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Alumni Information Update

Emily Berg, Director of Development for Ave Maria Catholic School, is working to reconnect with alumni of Holy Name School, Immaculate Conception School, and Ave Maria Catholic School and updating alumni records. Whether you graduated recently or many years ago, we would love to stay connected! Please take a few minutes to share your information.



Use the QR Code attached or the Alumni Information Form Link Below:

<https://forms.gle/QWgDdDo21LPKnpik7>

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Saturday, Oct. 24th ~ 10am-noon

We are excited to welcome all youth in grades 4-12 from **Holy Name of Jesus & Immaculate Conception Parishes** to our next altar server training.

All those looking to serve in this ministry are asked by Father Haggerty to attend one of these sessions.

Pizza will be provided after training.



Please RSVP to Loretta Redder by calling (605)878-2055, emailing lredder@avemariapastorate.org or scanning the attached QR code.



**Those being trained must have received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion*

Ave Maria Music Ministry PIANISTS WANTED!!

Do you play the piano?

Immaculate Conception and Holy Name of Jesus Parishes are seeking accompanists to play at our weekend Masses.

What we offer:

- A supportive community and flexible scheduling.
- Start by playing 1 Sunday a month.
- ANY and ALL skill levels are welcome.
- Training will be provided for those who have never led music for Mass before.
- Payment for accompanists is \$75 per Mass.

Contact Music Director, Alison Thyen, if you have questions or are interested in being trained.

athyen@avemariapastorate.org 605.886.4049

It takes many hands and voices to make our liturgy beautiful each week, and music is a powerful way to contribute.

***We need new people to fill this essential role.
Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you.***

DECEMBER 10-13
CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH

BENEFITING BISHOP DUDLEY
HOSPITALITY HOUSE AND THE
CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH

TICKETS:
605-988-3765
CCFESD.ORG

The 30th Christmas at the Cathedral will be performed with six concerts December 10-13 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. This year's theme, **"Surrender"**, invites us to look through the eyes of St. Luke's Gospel who reminds us that the Christmas story is not just about a baby being born in Bethlehem. It's about our God who surrendered His throne to be humbly born into our world for our salvation. It's about Mary's unconditional "yes", Joseph's abiding trust, and the invitation extended to each of us: to open our hands, release our plans, and trust that God's plan is better than our own.

In addition to being an inspiring Christmas experience, Christmas at the Cathedral supports the poor and vulnerable in our midst through endowments for the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House as well as the on-going care of the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

There are several ways to purchase your tickets: 1) On-line at www.ccfesd.org 2) Phone at 605.988.3765 3) Email at events@ccfesd.org or 4) at all Sioux Falls Hy-Vee stores (general admission only).

Please also note that many volunteers are needed and if interested, you are encouraged to call 605-988-3765 or visit our website for details.

Annual Card Party

Whist • Pinochle • Bridge • Cribbage

Where: Immaculate Conception Church Hall

110 3rd Street SE

When: Sunday, October 18, 2026

Time: 2:00pm

Cost: \$10.00

1st and 2nd Place Prizes in all divisions

Lunch Raffles Door Prizes Silent Auctions

*Tickets may be purchased from
CDA members or at the door.*



Respect Life Month

We draw your attention to the **BABY BOTTLES** in the entryway of the church. Your donation reflects your commitment to strengthening a culture of life. These funds help to support all local Pro-Life efforts of the Watertown Area Right To Life.



www.watertownrighttolife.org

Looking ahead: Nov 1st, Pancake Feed to support Seminarians of the SF Diocese at IC Church Hall from 9:30am - 1:00pm.

SCHEDULE OF HOLY MASSES & INTENTIONS

10/20	Tuesday	12:10	+Alfred "Butch" Fox
10/21	Wednesday	12:10	+Paul German & Norbert Gruba
10/22	Thursday	12:10	+Edward P. & Mary Gribbon
10/23	Friday	9:00am	+Al Imm
10/24	Saturday	4:00pm	+Rod & Brian Wesche
10/25	Sunday	9:00am	+Bernie & Bobbie Klapperich
10/25	Sunday	11:00am	+Maria De Jesus Guzman

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, October 24th at 4:00pm

Sacristan: Dave Redder

Lector: Deb Siebrands

Altar Servers: Hudson Peterson, Gage Robison, Eli Ward

EMHC: Michael Roethler, Lana Waeye, Dianne Zafft,

Volunteer (1)

Ushers: Donna Lantgen, Bill & Brenda Ortmeier, **Volunteers (5)**

Greeters: Don & Judy Betch, **Volunteers (2)**

Sunday, October 25th at 9:00am

Sacristan: Evan Meester

Lector: Kathy Roggenbuck

Altar Servers: Charlie & Harrison Robocker, **Volunteer (1)**

EMHC: Denise Hoff, Donna Speidel, Dan & Patty Walker

Ushers: Roger Mack, **Volunteers (7)**

Greeters: Joel Freidel, Corrine Kallemeyn, Sandi Parkin, Dawn Thyen

Sunday, October 25th at 11:00am

Sacristan: Jay Trepanier

Lector: Michelle McCormick

Altar Servers: Colby & Mila Hoffman, Lily Pekelder

EMHC: Amy Pekelder, Kristina Schmidt, **Volunteers (2)**

Ushers: Rob VanLaecken, Vic VanWell, Ernie Vavruska, **Volunteers (5)**

Greeters: **Volunteers (4)**

WEEKLY GIVING

Oct 11th Envelope: \$9,731.00 Loose: \$1,647.86

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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 22:15-21

Occasionally, I'll slip into a parish I've never visited before, pick up the bulletin, and find one of my Gospel reflections. My heart usually swells with a bit of affection for my creation. I imprint a bit of myself into my little "literary labors of love." Anyone who has created something — a piece of writing, a garden, a meal, a child — knows that feeling. We love the things into which we put ourselves. We are happy when they return to us.

With this in mind, listen to Jesus' classic line in this Sunday's Gospel: ***"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God"*** (Matthew 22:21). He presents this little riddle to deepen the theme from taxes to human beings. A Roman coin bears Caesar's image, so it belongs to Caesar. Therefore, he has a legitimate claim to it. Fair enough. But what belongs to God? What bears His image? Every human being. God has imprinted Himself on every person. Which means everyone — including Caesar — belongs entirely to Him. Jesus, who is God's perfect image, has come to draw everyone back to God.

We can be tempted to imagine that our lives are made up of "things for God" and "things not for God." The good news is that no such division is possible because everything in life is a gift from God to us. Therefore, all is meant to be placed at the service of God's kingdom. He loves everything He has created. We have the privilege of giving it all back to Him.

~ **Father John Muir** ©LPi