



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH, 2026
22ND 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

Parish Office:

(605) 886-4049 IC Parish

Email Address:

icoffice@avemariapastorate.org

Discipleship & Evangelization:

(605) 878-2055

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(605) 886-3883

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www.avemariapastorate.org

Facebook:

Immaculate Conception Parish or
Ave Maria Pastorate



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

AVE MARIA PASTORATE PRIESTS

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PASTORAL TEAM

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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 are the three occasions where ashes are used liturgically?

Answer: Ash Wednesday, the dedication of a church building, and the consecration of an altar.

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 classes will begin soon at Ave Maria School and 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. ~ **September 29th, 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

09/01	Tuesday	12:10pm	+Alfred (Butch) Fox
09/02	Wednesday	12:10pm	+Jackie Brennan & Kim Spartz
09/03	Thursday	12:10pm	+Ora & Margaret Saylor
09/04	Friday	9:00am	+Elmer & Doris Reichling
09/05	Saturday - Serra Mass	8:00am	Serra Mass for Seminarians: Asher Bucholz & Zack North
09/05	Saturday	4:00pm	Mass at Holy Name of Jesus month of September
09/06	Sunday	9:00am	For Ave Maria Pastorate
09/06	Sunday	11:00am	+Colleen Vavruska

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, September 5th at 4:00pm

Mass will be at Holy Name of Jesus

Sunday, September 6th at 9:00am

Sacristan: KC

Lector: KC

Altar Servers: KC

EMHC: KC

Ushers: KC

Greeters: KC

Sunday, September 6th at 11:00am

Sacristan: Ryan Hanten

Lector: Michelle McCormick

Altar Servers: Nick Hanson, Lily Pekelder, Marissa Quale

EMHC: Amy Pekelder, Carissa Quale, Kathy Stewart, Dale Valberg

Ushers: Greg Hanson, Dennis Martenson, Patrick Quale,

Volunteers (5)

Greeters: Anne, Elise & Meredith Hanson, Barb Martenson

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 16:21-27

Do you know what it is like to be thrilled by the power of Christian faith one moment and then utterly fail in it the next? I do. That is Peter in today's Gospel. After last week's bold confession, he now hears Jesus speak of suffering and death, and something in him recoils. He takes Jesus aside and tries to correct him. Jesus responds with the shocking rebuke, "Get behind me, Satan."

Peter is the mirror of every disciple. We love Jesus until he contradicts the script we have written for our lives. Peter does not reject Jesus. He rejects a suffering Jesus. So do we, whenever we avoid a hard responsibility, resist a demanding relationship, or cling to comfort instead of choosing love. We want a Lord who supports our plans, not one who overturns them.

Yet Jesus does not discard Peter. He redirects him. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." In effect, Jesus says, stop trying to lead me. Let me lead you. Discipleship does not begin with heroism or clarity but with surrender. It means trusting that God's path to life often passes through places we would never choose.

Peter is all of us. We move from insight to confusion, from confidence to correction. That is why we should have hope. Jesus patiently teaches us again and again. Trust me. Get behind me. Follow me. When we stop fighting the crosses that come and start carrying them with him, we discover a freedom deeper than comfort and a love stronger than fear.

— **Father John Muir**

WEEKLY GIVING

August 23rd Envelope: \$7,006.00 Loose: \$1,994.50

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

Thank you for your continued support!



EVERY TUESDAY
OCTOBER 6TH - NOVEMBER 3RD
6:00-8:00 PM

GRIEVING WITH GREAT *Hope*

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall
110 3rd Street, SE Watertown

\$20 for Grieving With Great Hope
Workbook

To register please contact **Bridget Bauman**,
Parish Nurse at (605) 886-4049 or at
bbauman@avemariapastorate.org



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!

Fall Faith Formation Registration Is Open!



To sign up go to:

avemariapastorage.org



Click on Faith Formation Registration
Choose the church you are a member of
Register your child(ren)

*for the best experience, please register using a
computer/laptop instead of your phone*

If you need assistance or you are a catechist and need a
promo code, please call Loretta Redder at 605-878-2055

FAMILY ROSARY

First Saturdays thru the Summer

Family Rosary at
Foundation Plaza on Kemp Ave
at 9:00 am

Saturday, Sept 5th



Catholic Daughters Court St. Rita #534

State Abuse Awareness Project on Sept 12 & 13

Lifesaver Packets will be handed out to all parishioners
following each Mass in all Ave Maria Pastorate Churches.
Donations will help end domestic violence and sexual assault
for children and families in our communities. Thank you!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

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

Next meeting: September 8th at KC Unity Hall at 6:00 pm

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 20th - \$100 Winner - Rick Borkhuis, Watertown



Days of Recollection Schedule

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.*

Events at the Abbey

September 18-20, 2026 - Mixed 12-Step Spiritual
Retreat

September 25-27, 2026 - Marriage Retreat
"Covenant Love"

AVE MARIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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
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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!

HELP!

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!!*

September 25-27, 2026
Marriage Retreat
"Covenant Love"

Free, Faithful, Fruitful, Forever

We invite you to join us for intentional time away as a couple to be renewed in your sacramental love. The weekend will include time to reflect and pray as a couple, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation and a time for fellowship and laughter. We hope you will join us!

BEGINS: Friday, September 25 - 7 p.m.
CONCLUDES: Sunday, September 27 - 11 a.m.

Registration is required by September 20, 2026

Retreat Leaders

Darin and Missy Bamberger

To register please visit:
www.abbeyofthehills.org
 Or call: 605-398-9200
 Email: events@abbeyofthehills.org

COST:
 This retreat is offered at no cost to ensure accessibility for all couples; however, free-will donations are welcomed. A suggested donation of \$350 allows the Abbey to continue offering programs like this.

For more information about upcoming events visit us at:
www.abbeyofthehills.org

The Abbey of the Hills Inn & Retreat Center
 46561 147th Street
 Marvin, SD 57251

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TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE \$100 EACH

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL & IC OFFICE

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.