



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 2026
27TH 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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Discipleship & Evangelization:

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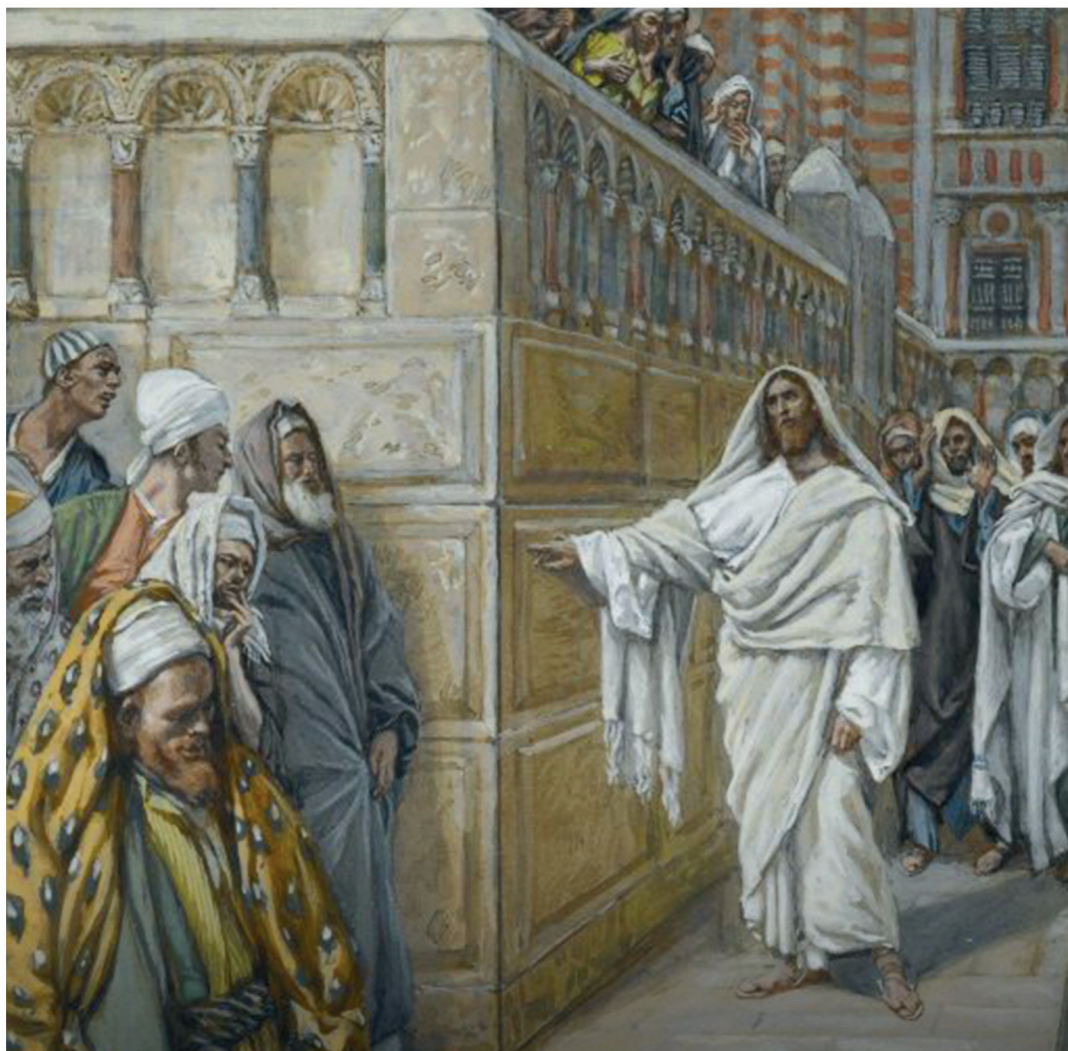
(605) 886-3883

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www.avemariapastorate.org

Facebook:

Immaculate Conception Parish or
Ave Maria Pastorate



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"The stone that the builders rejected has become
the cornerstone." - Mt 21:42ab

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour of Mercy

Sundays at 3:00pm

Led by Fr Christopher

October 11th, 18th, 25th
at Holy Rosary, Kranzburg



Respect Life Sunday

Prayer to Respect Life

Dear God, Help us to hear Your voice, especially when You speak on behalf of the voiceless, the overlooked, and the forgotten. Keep our ears attuned, and work through us in a way that loves, blesses, assures, supports, and strengthens LIFE. Amen.

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 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 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: October 13th 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

Sept 24th - \$100 Winner - Cathy Gerrish, Watertown



Days of Recollection Schedule

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 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 3, 2026 - Abbey Youth Hunt

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

November 13-15, 2026 - Women's Fall Retreat "O Come Let Us Adore Him"

December 5, 2026 - Christmas Cantata

* * ATTENTION * *

Please note the following:

**NO Daily Mass on Oct 6th, 7th & 8th
and NO Adoration, Oct 7th & 8th**

The priests will be attending Clergy Days



9:00am Daily Mass on Friday, Oct 9th

WILL BE held as scheduled.

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.



*"Baptised in the name of the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit"*

God Bless You



Louis Mahowald
son of Nick & Rachel
October 4, 2026



Roman Kochechne
son of Preston & Tess
October 4, 2026

Francis Holdahl
son of Liam and Julia
September 25, 2026

Welcome to the Catholic Faith

Court St Rita #534 wishes to Thank You for the generous response from our Ave Maria Pastorate Churches in supporting the Catholic Daughter Lifesaver project. Your charitable gift giving will make a huge difference in the lives of children and families suffering from domestic violence and sexual assault at our local Beacon Center and the State Abuse Awareness Project in our South Dakota Catholic Dioceses. God Bless you for helping those most in need!

**Please Join Us For Our Annual
Blue Mass**

**Sunday, October 11th, 2026
at the 10:30am Mass**

Holy Name of Jesus Parish
1009 Skyline Drive, Watertown, South Dakota

**All First Responders
Are Welcome!!!**



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
PASTORATE



GRIEVING WITH GREAT *Hope*

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

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

*Thank
you*

The Immaculate Conception Family Groups would like to "Thank You" for your generosity and support of the Fall Turkey Dinner. It would not have been possible without all of the many volunteers and you, our church family, who made it a great day of faith and fellowship.



Together Encounter Christ



East River TEC #2
Ave Maria School, Watertown, SD
October 10-12, 2026

Register now at EastRiverTEC.com for a retreat experience like no other. In three days' time, we'll take you through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and equip you to share His love with others.

The registration fee of \$85 covers all retreat expenses, including materials, lodging at Ave Maria Catholic School and meals.



SCAN TO REGISTER

Space is limited, so reserve your spot today!

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.



SCHEDULE OF HOLY MASSES & INTENTIONS

10/06	Tuesday	Canceled	+Joseph Jankord (will be prayed by Fr. Haggerty at Clergy Days)
10/07	Wednesday	Canceled	+Jackie Brennan & Kim Spartz (will be prayed by Fr. Haggerty at Clergy Days)
10/08	Thursday	Canceled	+Sy & Mary Korbel (will be prayed by Fr. Haggerty at Clergy Days)
10/09	Friday	9:00am	Gary & Janine Fields
10/10	Saturday	4:00pm	+Patricia Saylor
10/11	Sunday	9:00am	+Rod & Brian Wesche
10/11	Sunday	11:00am	Matt & Judy Kranz family

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 10th at 4:00pm

Sacristan: Dave Redder

Lector: Deb Siebrands

Altar Servers: Lane O'Neill, Gage & Gavin Robison

EMHC: Cindy Brink, Chuck Clausen, Carla Dandurand, Michael Roethler

Ushers: Pete Bauman, Chuck Clausen, Bill & Brenda Ortmeier, **Volunteers (4)**

Greeters: Avery & Bridget Bauman, **Volunteers (2)**

Sunday, October 11th at 9:00am

Sacristan: Carla Roby

Lector: Greg Klein

Altar Servers: Maddix Hunke, Jack Schleusner, Anne Stromseth

EMHC: Greg Endres, Cindy LaBerge, Mark Miller, David Zaug

Ushers: Greg Endres, Steve Horning, Myron Keltgen, Mark Kerkvliet, Mark Miller, David Zaug, **Volunteers (2)**

Greeters: Melody Kerkvliet, Bev & Steve Mack, Kim Miller

Sunday, October 11th at 11:00am

Sacristan: Jocelyn Zimprich

Lector: Tammy Meyer

Altar Servers: Hudson Hughes, Emma & Hannah Mathews

EMHC: Fred Deutsch, Ed DeVries, Karen Trepanier, Rosemary VanLaecken

Ushers: Ed DeVries, Lisa Kreutner, Dennis Martenson, Ron VanLaecken, Vic VanWell, **Volunteers (3)**

Greeters: Maxine German, Barb Martenson, Bailey & Jean Rodriguez

WEEKLY GIVING

Sept 27th Envelope: \$5,960.00 Loose: \$1,185.35

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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 21:33-43

Have you ever felt like your attempts at prayer are a waste of time? I have. Early in my priesthood, I noticed that my prayer life was weakening. Awe and eager expectancy of contact with God had given way to routine. I gradually spent less and less time praying. Nothing dramatic had happened, but my attitude toward God had changed, and I was losing the desire to pray.

Jesus' parable of the insane vineyard tenants speaks into this kind of experience. He says the landowner "leased it to tenants and went on a journey" (Matthew 21:33). The key to this message is that the vineyard does not belong to those who work it — they are entrusted with it. But little by little, they view it as their possession, and ungrateful entitlement follows. The servants sent by the owner are treated as intrusions. Even the owner's son becomes a means to their delusional self-will. The central tragedy is not violence but the forgetfulness that spawns it. They need reminding how lucky they are to be given so much.

Eventually, God sent friends to remind me that my relationship with Him and my prayer time are not my possessions, but rather God's tremendous gifts to me. Perhaps you are feeling discouraged for some reason or other these days in your walk with God. Ponder this parable and let it be a gentle reminder that you and I are fortunate stewards, and God is the generous giver. This allows us to rediscover the beauty of the vineyards in our lives and to remain energetic in cultivating his gifts.

~ **Father John Muir** ©LPi