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The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 27th, 2026

As we gather this weekend, we celebrate the Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time. The readings are Ezekiel 18:25-29, Philippians 2:1-11 and Matthew 21:28-32.

In our first reading from Ezekiel, we hear the common complaint against God; God is not fair. We all do it at some point in our lives. We want God to work only for my good. The prophet is challenging us to look beyond ourselves and see the bigger picture. We need maybe to change ourselves and focus on God's mercy and his call toward salvation.

In our reading from St. Paul, he is offering us a beautiful reflection on Jesus and who he is. Most scholars believe this is a hymn used at Mass in the early Church, to remind us of the majesty of God. In many ways; it tells the story of Jesus becoming man and offering us redemption through his sacrifice on the cross. This hymn ends with a reminder that the glory of Christ is not ours, but to strive toward it, and reflect on how we live our lives.

In the Gospel today, Jesus is telling a story to the Pharisees. It is a familiar story of a father with two troublesome sons. One who says he is going to do something and doesn't, and the other who says he isn't and then does. It is really all about our response to the invitation of the Father to eternal life. Hopefully, we do better than the Pharisees did in their response.

Holy Rosary Parish in Kranzburg will be celebrating their annual Fall Dinner and Bazaar on Sunday, September 27th. Come and join the fun!

Homecoming is right around the corner, next Friday, October 2nd. Watertown and several communities in the area celebrate. Have fun and stay safe.

St. Mary's Parish in Clear Lake, will be celebrating their Fall Dinner on Sunday, October 4th.

Have a great week,

Fr. John Fischer

Next week, October 5th through the 9th, all the priests of our diocese will be attending Clergy Days in Chamberlain. There will be no daily Masses while we are gone. Please pray for us as we gather for recreation, prayer and community with our fellow priests.



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Bulletin deadline is no later than 12:00 pm on Tuesday. Please submit your bulletin news to Lisa Lane: llane@avemariapastorate.org.

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick:

If someone is in need of anointing by a priest, please call the office to schedule an appointment. The emergency priest line (605) 884-5088 is for requesting last rites.

Baptism:

Please call your parish or visit our website and complete the baptismal form. **Baptism classes are required for first time parents. Classes are held on the third Tuesday of the month in the Angelus Center at Holy Name of Jesus Parish at 6:30pm. Preregistration is required for the class.**

Please visit www.avemariapastorate.org for more details.

Matrimony:

Six months of preparation with a priest is required prior to the wedding date. Please call your parish office to make an appointment.

Mass Times

Holy Name of Jesus, Watertown:

Sat. 4:00pm (odd months); Sun. 8:30am & 10:30am

Immaculate Conception, Watertown:

Sat. 4:00pm (even months); Sun. 9:00am & 11:00am

Blessed Sacrament, Florence:

Sun. 8:30am

Holy Rosary, Kranzburg:

Sat. 5:30pm

St. Michael, Clark:

Sun. 11:00am



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Confession

Holy Name of Jesus, Watertown:

Fri. 8:00am-8:20am; Sat. 3:00pm-4:00pm (odd months)

Immaculate Conception, Watertown:

Tues. Wed. & Thurs, after 12:10pm Mass, or

Sat. 3:00pm-4:00pm (even months)

Blessed Sacrament, Florence:

30 minutes before Mass

Holy Rosary, Kranzburg:

30 minutes before Mass

St. Michael, Clark:

30 minutes before Mass

Are you interested in joining a Parish in our Pastorate?

Visit our website, hover over About and click on "Join a Parish" and complete the Google form.

Ave Maria Pastorate News:

To receive messages from Fr Haggerty & about upcoming events, text **AVEMARIASD** to 84576.

Online Giving to any Parish:

Scan this QR code for our online giving page or visit our website at avemariapastorate.org.



Pastorate Ministries

IC-Immaculate Conception HNJ-Holy Name of Jesus

Prayer Chain/Prayer Line: Email or call your parish office.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): Meetings are Tuesday at 6:30pm & Thursday at 5:45pm in the IC Parish Office basement.

Catholic Community Foundation: Marne Hult, 605-880-1460.

Our vision is to provide a "Future Full of Hope."

Catholic Daughters: Will meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Knights of Columbus Unity Hall at 6:00pm. Come pray with us.

Co-Dependents Anonymous (CODA): Meet Monday at 5:00pm, at HNJ Parish Center. Call Janet for information 605-520-3135.

Homebound Ministry: Are you interested in becoming a homebound minister? Are you homebound and would like Communion brought to your home? Please contact Bridget Bauman at 605-886-4049.

IC Meals on Wheels: IC delivers meals every 8 weeks. More substitutes are needed for a day or two. To learn more and help on an "as needed basis," please call Karla Stutzman at 605-595-7127.

Lourdes Center: Call 605-988-3775 to make an appointment for support with grief, marital, or individual counseling.

Knights of Columbus: All Knights meet the 1st Tues. at 7:00pm; 4th Degree Knights meet the 3rd Tues. at 7:00pm at Unity Hall (219 1st Ave SE).

Quilters: IC Parish Office Basement, 1st and 3rd Monday at 1:00pm.

Remembrance Group: Join us the last Tuesday of the month at 10:30am in the IC parish hall for a time of prayer, fellowship and study for all who have lost a spouse.

Rosary Makers: IC Parish Hall, 2nd Monday at 1:00pm.

Rosary Prayer Group: Mondays at 9:00am in the IC Chapel.

Serra Ministry: Meets at IC Church on the 1st and 3rd Saturday, with a Rosary at 7:30am, Mass at 8:00am, followed by a meeting.

Sharon's Shawls: Will meet the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 at HNJ St. Martin's room. Please enter through the office door.

Shalom Choir: Practice is on Wednesdays at 5:15pm. New voices are always welcome, please call Jane Rokusek at 605-881-0746.

St. Vincent de Paul Society meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at the HN Angelus Center, 6:30pm.

Holy Name Choir: Will resume practice in the Fall. Call Jane Jaspers to sign up 605-370-1048.

Watertown Area Right to Life: Meet at Midwest Bible Camp on the last Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm.

For more information on any of the above, please call the number listed or your parish office.

Holy Name of Jesus

	10/03 Saturday 4:00pm	10/04 Sunday 8:30am	10/04 Sunday 10:30am
Altar Servers	Mass	Ducker Family	Kaeden Himmerich, Tai Le, Lydia Schochenmaier
Extraordinary Ministers	will	Becky McGillivray, Keith & Cindy Mack	Buffy Heesch, Mitch Reed, Sam Rieffenberger
Ushers/Greeters	be	Joe Tesch, Donna Nogelmeier, Roger & Lissa Turbak	Rich & Vergene Comes Bruce & Marne Hult
Gift Bearers	celebrated	Barb & Terry Fjeldheim	Steve & Kari Gales
Sacristan	at	Lisa Lane	Sue Brandsrud
Lector	Immaculate Conception	Philip Mittleider	Michelle Himmerich

Sunday Collection: Envelopes: \$5,042.00, Loose: \$1,988.00, Kids: \$86.37, on-line: \$11,047.50. Weekly Average: \$11,863.85. Amount needed to meet budget-\$16,000.00. Have you considered online giving? Please call 605-886-2628, we can help.

Mass Intentions

09/29 Tue 8:30am Poor Souls In Purgatory
 09/30 Wed 8:30am +Betty Spanton
 10/01 Thu 8:30am +Russ & Evelyn DeVine
 10/02 Fri 8:30am Laurie McNamara
 10/03 Sat 4:00pm Mass at Immaculate Conception
 10/04 Sun 8:30am +Lori & Duane Wald
 10/04 Sun 10:30am +Jim Formanek

Parish Office

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00am to 5:00pm (closed 12:00-1:00 for lunch); Friday 9:00am-12:00pm
 Phone: 605-886-2628
 Mailing Address: 1009 Skyline Drive, Watertown, SD 57201
 Email: llane@avemariapastorate.org

Our Funeral Coordinator Position is open. If you are interested or have questions, please call the office, 605-886-2628. Training is available.

6 DISTRACTIONS THAT MAY BE KEEPING YOU FROM GOD

Sometimes the noisiest place is our own mind. We replay conversations, anticipate problems, mentally write tomorrow's to-do list, or worry about things we cannot control.

You want to pray more. Be more present to your family. Read Scripture. Spend less time rushing from one thing to the next. So why is it so hard? Sometimes the problem isn't a lack of good intentions. It's distraction. There is an important distinction between distractions we can't control and those we can prevent or minimize. The latter can quietly fragment our attention until we find ourselves with very little left for God or the people right in front of us.

Here are six worth looking for in your own life:

1. Your phone: How often do you pick it up without even thinking? A text leads to email, which leads to social media, which leads somewhere else entirely. Try leaving your phone in another room during prayer, meals, or the first 30 minutes after you wake up. If you use the phone for prayer, open the Morning Offering, Liturgy of the Hours, or the Mass readings you came for, but don't let a notification turn prayer time into distracted phone time.

2. Noise: Noise is constant. To truly experience silence, we need to be intentional. Silence is a daily necessity, and the lack of it can easily become a source of distraction for our souls. We can gain a bit of silence in easy ways. Turn off music on the commute to school or work. Sit in silence and say a quick prayer before calling that friend. Go for a walk in the early morning or in the evening and postpone that podcast for a few minutes of quiet. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a wonderful place to find that silent time with God. Allow some moments each day with no noise.

3. News and entertainment: There is nothing inherently wrong with knowing what's happening in the world or enjoying a show. But constant input leaves very little room for silence. Putting a limit on the news and entertainment you consume is one way to stay accountable to yourself. Ask yourself how often you consume something simply because it has become a habit. Skip some form of news or entertainment and use that time for spiritual reading.

4. Clutter: There is an order to God's creation, and bringing a little order to our own surroundings can help quiet some of the noise around us. Take that pile of clothes you've walked past three times today. Where do they belong? In the laundry? In a drawer? Put them there. The pile of paper on the counter and the overflowing closet keep reminding us of unfinished tasks and competing for our attention. Choose one small space and put it in order.

5. Unnecessary busyness: Some activity is unavoidable. Some we choose. We say yes, add another commitment, run another errand, or fill an open evening simply because it's open. Before adding something to your calendar, ask: Does this need to be done? Does it need to be done by me? Then take a look at what is already there. Is there one commitment, errand, or activity you could eliminate? Creating a little margin in your calendar leaves more room for the unexpected ways God may ask for your time.

6. Your own thoughts: Sometimes the noisiest place is our own mind. We replay conversations, anticipate problems, mentally write tomorrow's to-do list, or worry about things we cannot control. Remember that we are the gatekeepers of our thoughts. When our mind wanders, we can gently bring it back. Even the act of bringing our minds back to God is in itself a kind of prayer. Arrow prayers, such as "My God and My all" can also help. There are endless short ejaculations we can lift up to God in a moment to try to regain focus on Our Lord.

The goal isn't to construct a perfectly distraction-free life. That's impossible. It is to recognize the distractions we are allowing to take more of our attention than they deserve. Jesus said: "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness." (Matthew 6:33, RSV-CE)

Immaculate Conception

	10/03 Saturday, 4:00pm	10/04 Sunday, 9:00am	10/04 Sunday, 11:00am
Altar Servers	Aleah, Eli & Mia Jaeger	KC	Marissa Quale, Emily Thorson, Lily Pekelder
Extraordinary Ministers	Paulette DeVille, Rachael Jaeger, Elaine Siestsema, Mike Zafft	KC	Carissa Quale, Kathy Stewart, Amy Pekelder, Volunteer (1)
Ushers	Bob Albers, Bill & Brenda Ortmeier, Elaine Sietsema, Mike Zafft, Volunteers (3)	KC	Myron Keltgen, Patrick Quale, Volunteers (6)
Greeters	Kris Fey, Steve Raml, Rita Waba, Volunteer (1)	KC	Shelly Dupont, Alissa Makens, Volunteers (2)
Sacristan	Sheila Grabow	KC	Ryan Hanten
Lector	Rick Gully	KC	Amy Pekelder

Weekly Giving: September 20th **Envelopes: \$5,101.00 Loose \$1,526.00.** Automatic Giving Average \$3,600.00 per week. Weekly collection needs: \$16,000.00. Thank you for your continued support!

Schedule of Holy Masses

09/29 Tue 12:10pm +Ron Flemming
 09/30 Wed 12:10pm +Bernie & Bobbie Klapperich
 10/01 Thu 12:10pm +Ora & Margaret Saylor
 10/02 Fri 9:00am +Sy & Mary Korbel
 10/03 Sat 8:00am For an increase of Vocations to the Permanent Diaconate
 10/03 Sat 4:00pm For Ave Maria Pastorate
 10/04 Sun 9:00am +George & Katherine Reichling
 10/04 Sun 11:00am +Arlene Buetow

First Friday Breakfast Potluck

Friday, Oct 2nd
 following 9:00am Mass
 at IC Parish Hall
Please join us in fellowship



FAMILY ROSARY

First Saturdays thru the Summer
 Family Rosary at
 Foundation Plaza on Kemp Ave
 at 9:00 am
Saturday, October 3rd



Parish Office

Monday-Thursday: 9:00am to 5:00pm
Friday: 9:00am-12:00pm
Phone: (605) 886-4049
Mailing Address: 309 2nd Ave SE, Watertown, SD 57201
Email: icoffice@avemariapastorate.org

Knights of Columbus Raffle Winner:

Sept 17th - \$100 Winner: Mark & Susan Schmit, Bristol, SD

Thank You from IC Family Groups

The Immaculate Conception Family Groups would like to thank you for your generosity and support of the Fall Turkey Dinner held last weekend.

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.



Ave Maria Catholic School

Phone: (605) 886-3883

Feast of the Archangels - Tuesday, Sept 29 is the feast day of our school mascot.

Join us in praying to honor St. Michael, St. Raphael, and St. Gabriel

Homecoming - Friday, Oct 2

School Mass at 9:00am (Kids can wear Purple and Gold), Tug of War at 10:00am,

Dismissal at 1:20 and Parade at 2:00pm

Raffle - 1968 Mercury Cougar XR7

Owned by Fr. Richard Baumberger | Fully Restored | Cardinal Red | Estimated Value \$35,000
 \$100 Raffle tickets can be purchased in the school and both parish offices. All Proceeds benefit Ave Maria Catholic School.



Holy Rosary

Liturgical Duties, 10/03 Saturday evening, 5:30pm

Lector	Kathy Turbak
Extraordinary Ministers	Lynne Tesch, Tom Kolb, Eric Turbak
Altar Servers	Trenton Kolb, Eli Kolb, Mikayla Kolb
Ushers/Greeters	Mike Zaug, Leon Spartz
Gifts/Offertory	Volunteers

Weekly Giving: Saturday, September 19th

Reg. - \$3,967.00, **Loose** - \$311.00, **Youth** - \$1.00.....
Total - \$4,279.00

Blessed Sacrament

Liturgical Duties, 10/04 Sunday morning, 8:30am

Lector	Carmen Tschakert
Extraordinary Minister	Kathy Pommier
Altar Servers	Coy Hemmingson, Addison Byer, Kennlee Byer
Ushers/Greeters	John Moes, Scott Maag
Gifts/Offertory	Scott & Megan Maag Family

Weekly Giving: Sunday, September 20th

Reg. - \$1,280.00, **Loose** - \$102.00.....
Total - \$1,382.00 + Insurance Check - \$2,760.00

Schedule of Holy Masses

09/28 Mon. ---- <No Mass Scheduled>

The Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

09/29 Tue.	8:30am	Kranzburg	Int. of Pete & Donna Mack
09/30 Wed.	8:30am	Kranzburg	+Loretta Zemlicka
10/01 Thur.	8:30am	Florence	+Paul Flemming
10/02 Fri.	8:30am	Kranzburg	+Matthew Hanten
10/03 Sat.	8:30am	Kranzburg	+Clayton Zemlicka
10/03 Saturday	5:30pm	Kranzburg	+Jeannette (Spartz) King
10/04 Sunday	8:30am	Florence	+Paula Mack

THANK YOU (K) to all who helped this past week and this season with the trimming and tidying up at the cemetery.

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES AT HOLY ROSARY & BLESSED SACRAMENT (K & F): We are still in need of a list of substitute teachers at Holy Rosary Parish. Call the office if you are willing to be on the substitute list. Blessed Sacrament Parish is blessed to have all of its teachers and a few substitutes. If there is any way you want to help out or be on the substitute teacher list contact Stacey Busskohl.

WHERE THE HECK ARE THE PRIESTS [GOING]? (AMP) Fr. Haggerty, Fr. Fischer, and Fr. Christopher will be attending Clergy Days the week of October 5th and will return at the end of that week. Fr. Baumberger is not going to be in attendance. It is up to the rest of you to keep an eye on him while we are away!

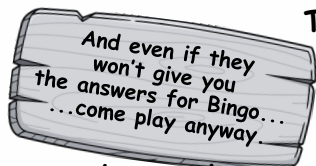
Fr. Christopher will be taking some time off after the 9:00am Mass at Immaculate Conception on Friday, October 16th and will return to circulation the next week on Thursday, October 22nd. October 22nd is the Feast of Pope St. John Paul II and the birthday (not Nativity!) of Marguerite Marie, the miniature long-haired dachshund that lives at Holy Rosary Rectory.

THE CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS (K) will next meet this week on Wednesday, September 30th at 7:00 PM at Jeffrey's in Kranzburg.

RACHEL'S HOPE: GLOW WALK & CHILI FEED (K): Friday, October 30th at Holy Rosary Parish Hall in Kranzburg. Homemade chili & cinnamon rolls will be served at the parish hall from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. The Catholic Order of Foresters will make this a matching funds event so as to double the impact for Rachel's Hope! This worthy cause is being hosted by the Catholic Order of Foresters and the Loretto Band members of Holy Rosary Altar Society. Pre-registration for the walk and for any take out orders for the meal are greatly encouraged to help with preparation. Call or text Sharon Mack at 605-868-0837 to secure your walk & meals. You say you are not walking? No problem! Please still come out that evening for a take out or dine-in meal to support the cause. More details will follow.



DON'T FORGET THE HOLY ROSARY ROAST BEEF [Beast] DINNER & BAZAAR THIS VERY SUNDAY. IT RUNS FROM 11:00 AM UNTIL 1:30 PM.



So...if you are reading this on Sunday morning, before, during, or right after Holy Mass, you have plenty of time to make Kranzburg before the serving line shuts down!

Parish Offices:

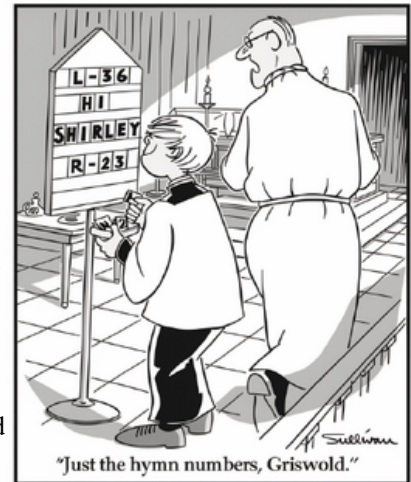
Office Hours: Monday-8:00am to 4:00pm (closed 12:00pm-1:00pm); Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

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- **Rectory Phone:** 605-886-3344
- **Fr. Christopher's Email:** frchristopherhughes@sfcatholic.org
- **Office Email:** elindner@avemariapastorate.org

Mailing Address: PO Box 166, Kranzburg, SD 57245

Physical Addresses:

- Blessed Sacrament: 804 6th St, Florence, SD 57235
- Holy Rosary: 202 Minnesota Ave, Kranzburg, SD 57245



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Saint Henry

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Saint Mary

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Saint Michael

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Mass Intentions

09/28	Mon	8:00am	Bryant	Tom Bazler
09/29	Tue	10:00am	LNNH	Connie Swarthout
09/30	Wed		Clark	No Mass
10/01	Thur	7:00am	Bryant	Bob Lundin
10/02	Fri	8:30am	Henry	Living & Deceased members of Dale & Maxine Clausen
10/03	Sat	8:00am	Wtn	Serra Mass at IC
10/04	Sun	11:00am	Clark	Donna Pommer

Parish Offices

Clark Office Hours: Wednesday 10am-5pm
Phone: 605-532-3855
Father Baumberger: 605-868-6609
LeAnn Ducker: lducker@avemariapastorate.org
Nicole Sharp: nsharp@avemariapastorate.org
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Physical Address of each Parish:
St. Henry Address: 605 4th St, Henry, SD 57243
St. Mary Address: 209 S Broadway St, Bryant, SD 57221
St. Michael Address: 112 N Idaho St, Clark, SD 57225

St. Michael's Potluck

Parent meeting for St. Michael's Parish after 11:00am Mass.
Bring a dish to pass for a potluck following the meeting.



GRIEVING WITH GREAT Hope

TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 6-NOVEMBER 3
FROM 6-8 PM

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall,
110 3rd Street SE, Wtn \$20 for Grieving With Great Hope Workbook

To register please contact **Bridget Bauman**, Parish Nurse at
(605) 866-4049 or at bbauman@avemariapastorate.org

At Grieving With Great Hope, mourners gather as a community of faith journeying to become disciples of hope. Tools, specifically the seven intentions of mourning, along with prayer, reflection, practical learning, remembrance and fellowship are offered as a way to maneuver through the valley of grief.

Area and Diocesan Events



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

September 29, 2026 | 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Native American Cultural Day.

Experience Native American culture, traditions, and practices through a tipi raising, hands-on crafts, storytelling, teaching, historic artifacts, and an authentic Native American lunch. Free Will Offering Appreciated
Native American Cultural Dinner | 5:00–7:00 p.m.
Enjoy an authentic Native American dinner featuring buffalo, wild rice, frybread, wojapi, and more. \$19 adults; \$8 children 12 and under. Reservations required.

Sioux Falls Life Chain, Oct. 4, 2-3 pm.

Prayer location: North sidewalk in front of McEneaney Field. ~ Parking available there at O'Gorman. Signs can be picked up and returned to the parking lots of O'Gorman High School (3201 S. Kiwanis Ave.)

Area Fall Dinners

09/27/2026-Holy Rosary, Kranzburg-Roast beef dinner with all the trimmings and various desserts. Serving from 11:00 to 1:30pm.

09/27/2026-St. Liborious, Polo-Bazaar, roast beef and turkey meal with pie. Serving from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

10/04/2026-St. Mary's, Clear Lake-Traditional Turkey Dinner and Raffle-Serving from 10:30am to 1:30pm.

10/04/2026-St. Bernard's, Redfield-Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes and all the trimmings. Homemade pies for dessert. Serving from 5-7pm

11/08/2026-St. Michael Parish, Clark-Roast beef dinner, details to follow.

If you know of an area dinner that is not listed here, please let us know, we would love to add it to our list.

Thank you!

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!

It is not too late to register for Faith Formation!!!

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

Need help navigating the website?

Are you a catechist and need a promo code?

Call Loretta Redder at 605-878-2055.

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

The Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael is celebrated annually on September 29.

This Christian feast day, also historically known as Michaelmas, honors the three archangels explicitly named in Sacred Scripture.

The Three Archangels and Their Roles

Saint Michael: Known as the protector and defender of God's people, he leads the heavenly host against the powers of evil and Satan. His name means "Who is like God?"

Saint Gabriel: Known as God's supreme messenger, he delivered the news of the upcoming births of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Jesus to the Virgin Mary. His name means "God is my strength."

Saint Raphael: Known as the healer and guide, he accompanied Tobias in the Book of Tobit and brought physical and spiritual healing to his family. His name means "God heals."

Hallow for Ave Maria Pastorate

Scan the QR code to get into Ave Maria Pastorate's group in Hallow. Everything will officially launch later, but you can start now by downloading the app and joining the community!



Ave Maria Pastorate Discipleship & Evangelization Staff

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If you are reading this, you are being called!

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!



Are You Interested In Learning More About The Catholic Faith?

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

Classes will start on Tuesday, September 15th at 6:30pm. Please call the Faith Formation office at 605-878-2055 for more information.

Classes are held at Ave Maria Catholic School.

Fiat Youth Group has begun!

Every Sunday from 6:30-8:30pm at Ave Maria Catholic School for High School, bring your Bibles and journals, and get ready to have fun!

You can sign up using this QR Code.



Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

Women's Group, Book Study - Holy Name of Jesus, on Tuesdays at 4:30pm. Currently studying the video series, "Chosen." Please call Mavis Kemnitz for more information 605-880-5996.

'4Fathers 4Families, Men's Group' - Held Wednesday at 6:30-7:30pm at Ave Maria School & FF Center Library. Mission is to strengthen and support men in their sacred role as fathers, husbands, and spiritual leaders of the home. Contact Chris Swiden for more information at 605-280-6834.

Watertown Men's Group - Thursday at 6:30am, Immaculate Conception Church Hall. For more information contact Craig Swarthout at 763-458-0718.

Young Adult Group Contact Parker at 605-878-2055 for more info.

Young Couples Group - This group is aimed at married couples in their 20's and 30's. Children welcome! For more info or to sign up for notifications, call Shelby Kerkvliet at 605-237-9691.

Young Women's Group - College aged women's group meets weekly. Contact Parker Schlenker for more information by emailing, pschlenker@avemariapastorate.org

Young Men's Group - Held Mondays, 7pm, Immaculate Conception Parish Center Basement. For more info, call Ryan Hanten at 605-881-0683.

Adoration Times

Holy Rosary, Kranzburg, Holy Hour 3:00-4:00pm

October 4th - No Scheduled Holy Hour

October 11th - Holy Hour of Mercy



Wed, 12:40pm - Thurs noon at Immaculate Conception



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