



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 2026
19TH 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

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Office Hours

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

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Ave Maria Pastorate



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Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come
to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat
and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour of Mercy

Sundays at 3:00pm

Led by Fr Christopher

August 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th
at Holy Rosary, Kranzburg



FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH
9:00AM DAILY MASS
WILL BE AT
AVE MARIA CHAPEL

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.

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. Join us **August 26th, 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

08/11	Tuesday	12:10pm	+Donald Ries
08/12	Wednesday	12:10pm	+Howard Hopper
08/13	Thursday	12:10pm	+Ted Pahl
08/14	Friday	9:00am	+Charles Wattier
08/15	Saturday - Serra Mass	8:00am	All Religious serving the Sioux Falls Diocese
08/15	Saturday - Outdoor Mass	4:00pm	+Anna Mae (Cordell) Griffith
08/16	Sunday	9:00am	+Nick & Florence Kranz
08/16	Sunday	11:00am	Vic & Clarice VanWell

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 15th at 4:00pm (Outdoor Mass)

Sacristan: Dave Redder

Lector:

Altar Servers: Parker Schlenker & team

EMHC: Cindy Brink, Paulette DeVille, Donna Lantgen

Ushers: Bill & Brenda Ortmeier, **Volunteer (1)**

Greeters: Don & Judy Becht, Elaine Ries, Rita Waba

Sunday, August 16th at 9:00am

Sacristan: Matt Kranz

Lector: Chris Berger

Altar Servers: Anne Stromseth, Nora & Rudy Stutzman

EMHC: Chris Berger, Rob & Sue Mack, Donna Speidel

Ushers: Steve Horning, Nick Kranz, Mark Miller,

Volunteer (5)

Greeters: Jerry & Leona Corey, Diane Kranz, Kim Miller

Sunday, August 16th at 11:00am

Sacristan: Jocelyn Zimprich

Lector: Sheri Kahnke

Altar Servers: Ellis Kahnke, Lee Kreutner, Ben Roberts

EMHC: Lisa Kreutner, Dale Valberg, **Volunteer (2)**

Ushers: Rob VanLaecken, **Volunteer (7)**

Greeters: Shelly Dupont, Maxine German, Lisa Kreutner, **Volunteer (1)**

WEEKLY GIVING

August 2nd Envelope: \$10,358.00 Loose: \$1,554.00

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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 14:22-33

As a young, newly ordained priest, I admired a senior priest who was gifted, beloved, and had changed countless lives. But soon I learned that he had fallen in catastrophic and destructive ways. The painful juxtaposition of good and evil was complex to process. How could someone so seemingly good also be so broken and deceptive? It forced me to confront a sobering truth: leadership in the Church is no guarantee against weakness or sin.

Peter teaches that truth in this week's Gospel. When he sees Jesus walking on the sea, Peter does what leaders do. He goes first. "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." But when he sees how strong the wind is, he becomes frightened and, beginning to sink, cries out, "Lord, save me." Immediately, Jesus stretches out his hand and catches him.

St. Thomas Aquinas observes that Peter overcomes the greater danger of the waves but falters before the lesser threat of the wind. This is the paradox leaders often face. It is not always the great trials that undo us, but the smaller, quieter temptations, such as subtle fears and compromises, that lead us to sink.

The good news is that Jesus does not abandon Peter. He saves him before it is too late. Our frail humanity lives within a rhythm of grace, risk, failure, and mercy. Jesus helps Peter overcome both the obvious and hidden sources of fear, and he promises to do the same for us. So, let us pray for all, especially our spiritual leaders.

— Father John Muir

MINISTRY SCHEDULER PRO (MSP)

The liturgy ministry schedule for **September, October and November** will be generated on Friday, August 21st

Please submit your dates of **unavailability** by **Monday, August 17th.**

Log onto the app, call the office at 605-886-4049 or email: icoffice@avemariapastorate.org.

Music Director, **Alison Thyen**, will be scheduling all of the music for the Watertown parishes.

Thank you for continuing to assist with Mass!!

August 25th

"A Day of Spiritual Reflection for Seniors" at the Abbey of the Hills

Fr. Gregory Tschakert will help us reflect on advancing years as a time of grace and growth in wisdom as we look through our lives with gratitude. 10 am-3 pm.

Includes: Mass, Anointing, and Lunch.

*If interested in carpooling to the event,
please call Bridget at IC Parish Office,
605-886-4049, by August 10th.*



AUGUST 17

Minnehaha Country Club &
The Country Club of Sioux Falls

BENEFITING



Can't attend? Consider
sponsoring a priest to play
or purchasing a hole sign to
support Broom Tree Retreat
& Conference Center.

LEARN MORE
& REGISTER:

ccfesd.org/events
605-988-3765



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**TICKETS
STILL
AVAILABLE
\$100 EACH**

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

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

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

Next meeting: August 11th 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

July 30th - \$100 Winner - Mike McGillivray, Clark



Days of Recollection Schedule

August 11, 2026 by Dr Michael Moran "Who is the man of the Shroud Turin?"

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.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026

**4:00
OUTDOOR
MASS**

**AT AVE MARIA SCHOOL &
FAITH FORMATION CENTER
412 2ND ST SE**



**Following Mass, there will be
Open House at the School**



**AVE MARIA
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**



**In case of inclement weather,
Mass will be moved to
Immaculate Conception Church**

August 15th

ASSUMPTION
of the blessed virgin Mary

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

Looking Ahead.....

Pie Auction

Raffle Tickets

**Ave Maria Catholic
School Foundation**

BARN DANCE

**Saturday
September 12th**

Tickets \$100 each includes:

**Steak Dinner w/ Beverages
Music by Backroads**
Stay tuned for more information....