

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 13th, 2026

September 13th is the Feast of St. John Chrysostom. This year, the Sunday of Ordinary Time, bumps his feast from celebration in the liturgy. Yet, with another year of catechetical instruction beginning in our parishes this week, he is a saint worthy of remembrance and veneration. Those who preach the Gospel and teach the faith of the Church, from bishops to parents and to young and old, would do well to have a devotion to St. John Chrysostom. All who do not preach the Gospel and catechize can help those who do by asking him to pray for those who do *for the reason below*.

St. John Chrysostom was born around the year 347. His father was the commander of the imperial troops and his mother had great Christian devotion. She provided for him the best teachers. *John studied the art of oration. Even in his youth he excelled the speaking abilities of his masters. The Holy Spirit polished and perfected John's speaking ability to such an extent that after his death the people gave him the surname that he is now known by—for Chrysostom means Golden Mouth.* Down to this day, there still exist hundreds of homilies delivered by him along with many other of his writings.

John was baptized at age twenty. At the time he was a student of law. A short time later, he and several friends attended a school for monks. In 374 he joined one of the communities of hermits in the mountains. Due to a severe illness brought on by the living conditions in a damp cave, he was obliged to return to life in the city in 381. He was ordained as a deacon and then as a priest in 386. He was consecrated and became Archbishop of Constantinople on February 26th, 398.

His zeal and eloquence brought many to the truth. He was firm in maintaining discipline yet quick to dispense forgiveness. He sent missionaries to far off lands, had a profound spirit of prayer, preached with great love on the Holy Eucharist, and exhorted the faithful to frequently receive the Sacrament. Up to this point he had glorified God by his work but he was yet to glorify Him even more greatly by his suffering.

A number of false accusations were brought against John in June of 403. The Archbishop of Alexandria, Theophilus, led a group of 36 bishops against him. They gave him a sentence of removal. The emperor then issued an order for his banishment. The people of Constantinople were in an uproar over this. And yet, without the knowledge of the people, John surrendered himself. This exile was short. A slight earthquake shook the city and the empress Eudoxia, being superstitious and thinking his exile to be the cause, implored the emperor to bring him back.

But the calm atmosphere did not last long for John. A statue of the empress was erected before the church of the Holy Wisdom which brought with it a dedication that consisted of public games resulting in disorder, impropriety, and disturbance of the sacred liturgy. John spoke out against this. Those who had sent him into exile the first time were summoned by the empress once again. He was exiled once again in June 404.

An order was given that he be sent further away into exile at the eastern end of the Black Sea. He suffered greatly from his travel due to old age. He died in exile on the Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross, Sept. 14th, 407.



St. John Chrysostom's Gold

St. John spoke streams in golden word
For his mouth, a golden spring, was stirred.

And words rained down from heaven sent
Beginning thus the heart's ascent.

For all, who with ear, see the gilded truth
Have their hearts gilded in eternal youth.

So John gathered gold from the Heart of God
And his flock by all this gold were awed.

But something more than a mouth of gold
Would reveal God's glory sevenfold.

Not all who heard John's words of gold
Had hearts of truth and could truth behold.

Thus John was exiled from his see
And his suffering forged a golden key.

Thus his words are golden keys to heaven
And his gilded love and cross, eternal leaven.

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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: Off for the Summer, will resume in the Fall.

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

	09/19 Saturday 4:00pm	09/20 Sunday 8:30am	09/20 Sunday 10:30am
Altar Servers	Grace & Lainey Hulscher, Raquel Peters	Abby Maag, Chase Paszek, 1 Volunteer	Paityn, Kinleigh & Addalyn Boydston
Extraordinary Ministers	Becky Weismantel, Mike Jennings David Musielewicz	Brad Kragh, Merle Tschakert, Roger Turbak	Brian & Danica Boydston, Leah Le
Ushers/Greeters	Dan & Sarah Reiffenberger, Cory & Karen Akin	Steve & Kari Gales, Jon & Laura Hegge	Rich & Vergene Comes, Bruce & Marne Hult
Gift Bearers	Doug & Penny Mack	Ron & Lynette Barse	Mike & Kelly Pesek
Sacristan	Mary Reihe	Lynne Tesch	Lynne Tesch
Lector	John Weismantel	Jeff Buchholz	Sam Rieffenberger

Sunday Collection: Envelopes: \$8,679.00, Loose: \$2,799.00, Kids: \$90.20, on-line: \$6,850.00. Weekly Average: \$11,530.88. Have you considered online giving? Please call 605-886-2628, we can help.

Mass Intentions

09/15 Tue 8:30am +Blondie & Marv Gales
 09/16 Wed 8:30am +Barry Carpenter
 09/17 Thu 8:30am +Cliff & Patty Simon
 09/18 Fri 8:30am +Russell & Evelyn DeVine
 09/19 Sat 4:00pm +Janet Brage
 09/20 Sun 8:30am +Kim Spartz & Jackie Brennan
 09/20 Sun 10:30am +Father Jerome Holtzman

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

Liturgical Ministers-please get your dates of unavailability entered by September 18th. The next schedule will be from October 3rd through January 4th! Thank You!!!

Debra Gaikowski has been our Funeral Coordinator for the past 5 years. We would like to extend our thanks for all that she has done. Debra has been an invaluable gift to our parish, but would like to step down from this position effective October 1st. If you would be interested in filling this position, please call the Holy Name office at 605-886-2628.

Mass Intention Policy Update

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful part of our Catholic Tradition. To accommodate the many requests for Mass intentions, in accord with Canon Law and Diocesan policy, the following are the Holy Name of Jesus guidelines:

- A request may be made for a deceased person, a living person who is sick, a living person celebrating a birthday or anniversary, in thanksgiving, or an intention fitting to the Eucharistic celebration (vocations, world peace, etc.).
- Requests for Mass Intentions will be honored on a first come, first served basis.
- Mass intentions can be scheduled up to one year in advance.
- A maximum of **three (3)** single Mass intentions can be requested for any one intention for a given year.
- Each family/group is limited to nine (9) total Mass Intention requests per calendar year. Of those, only **three (3)** may be Saturday vigil/Sunday Masses.
- One Mass will be reserved each weekend and Holy Day of Obligation for the Parishioners of our Pastorate. This rotates throughout our pastorate. IE: Holy Rosary/Blessed Sacrament the first weekend, Holy Name the second, etc. (Missa pro populo, see Canon 534.1).
- The suggested offering/donation is \$10 per intention.
- Every effort will be made to publish the desired Mass intention in the current bulletin and mentioned at the Mass.
- The same intention may not be repeated within the same week (Monday-Sunday).
- Cards are available upon request to notify the recipient of the date the Mass is scheduled.

If you would like to have a Mass intention for your loved one sooner than we are able to accommodate, we suggest sending your requests to a retired priest. Following are suggestions for priests who have served the Watertown community. A specific date cannot be guaranteed.

Father Michael Wensing, 2416 S Sherman, Sioux Falls, SD 57105

Father John Lantsberger, 211 McLaughlin St NW, Watertown, SD 57201

Father Rodney Farke, 1926 Laurel Lane, Brookings, SD 57006

Other addresses for retired priests are available by using the following link: <https://sfcatholic.org/priests/>

Thank you for your understanding.

Immaculate Conception

	09/19 Saturday, 4:00pm	09/20 Sunday, 9:00am	09/20 Sunday, 11:00am
Altar Servers	<i>Mass</i>	Maddix Hunke, Leyla Meester, Eli Ward	Lucy Keltgen, Jaydi & Jessalyn Zimprich
Extraordinary Ministers	<i>will</i>	Cindy Brink, Rob & Sue Mack, Kathy E Tesch	Rosemary VanLaecken, Jocelyn Zimprich, Volunteer (2)
Ushers	<i>be</i>	Greg Endres, Steve Horning, Matthew Kranz, Dave Redder, Dennis Thyen, David Zaug, Volunteers (2)	James Keltgen, Ron VanLaecken, Vic VanWell, Ernie Vavruska, Volunteers (4)
Greeters	<i>celebrated</i>	Molly & Todd Meester, Elaine Ries, Dawn Thyen	Carolyn Keltgen, Bailey & Jean Rodriguez, Volunteer (1)
Sacristan	<i>at</i>	Carla Roby	Jocelyn Zimprich
Lector	<i>Holy Name of Jesus</i>	Kathy E Tesch	Volunteer

Weekly Giving: September 6th **Envelopes: \$7,546.00 Loose \$1,546.85.** Automatic Giving Average \$3,600.00 per week. Weekly collection needs: \$16,000.00. Thank you for your continued support!

Schedule of Holy Masses

09/15 Tue 12:10pm +Thomas P & Antoinette Cordell
 09/16 Wed 12:10pm +Bob Welch
 09/17 Thu 12:10pm +Ted Pahl
 09/18 Fri 9:00am +Arlene Beutow
 09/19 Sat 8:00am For Parents of Seminarians
 09/19 Sat 4:00pm Mass at Holy Name of Jesus
 09/20 Sun 9:00am +Larry Wattier
 09/20 Sun 11:00am +Andrew & Ramona Raml

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: icooffice@avemariapastorate.org

Knights of Columbus Raffle Winner:

Sept 3rd - \$100 Winner: Dennis Engelmeyer, Watertown

September 13th



September 15th



OCIA Classes will begin at 6:30pm at the Ave Maria School & Faith Formation Center

SEPTEMBER 16TH



Formation Classes Begin at 6:30

September 20th

Fall Turkey Dinner
at IC Parish Hall
10:00am - 2:00 pm



Ave Maria Catholic School

Phone: (605) 886-3883

Pizza Ranch - Monday, September 14 from 5-8pm
Come support PreKindergarten/Enrichment

JOB OPENINGS

KOT Child Care Employees - (Must be 18 | hours 6:45am-8:20am and 3:15pm-6pm.)
If you have any interest in KOT please reach out- any little bit could help!

Substitute Teachers and Staff - Teaching certificate not required.
(Ex of Staff Sub: Kitchen, Custodial, AND Classroom Helpers)
Apply at Ave Maria Catholic School
Applications can be found at www.avemariacatholicschool.org

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, 09/19 Saturday evening, 5:30pm

Lector	Jill Lenards
Extraordinary Ministers	Dane Meseberg, Rita Meseberg, Arnie Haan
Altar Servers	Trenton Kolb, Logan Granquist, Jenna Beutow
Ushers/Greeters	Dale Loehrer, Tom Bush
Gifts/Offertory	Volunteers

Weekly Giving: Saturday, September 5th

Reg. - \$1,400.00, **Loose** - \$71.00, **Youth** - \$7.00.....
.....**Total - \$1,478.00**

Schedule of Holy Masses

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

09/14 Mon.	8:00am	Kranzburg	Missa Pro Populo
09/15 Tue.	8:30am	Kranzburg	+Mom & Dad Trepanier
09/16 Wed.	8:30am	Kranzburg	+George & Lucy Spartz
09/17 Thur.	8:30am	Florence	+Paul Flemming
09/18 Fri.	8:30am	Kranzburg	+Paul & Liz Spartz
09/19 Sat.	8:30am	Kranzburg	+Bob, Shirley & Lucy Weber
09/19 Saturday	5:30pm	Kranzburg	Missa Pro Populo
09/20 Sunday	8:30am	Florence	+LeeAnn Maag



THE NEXT CLEANING AT HOLY ROSARY (K) will be by Grace Band on Mon., Sept. 21st at 5:00 PM.

THE NEXT CEMETERY TRIMMING/CLEANING AT HOLY ROSARY (K) will be on Wed., Sept. 23rd beginning at 5:00pm. Call Arnie Haan at 605-520-4381 if you have questions.

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES AT HOLY ROSARY (K) begin this week on Wed., Sept. 16th at 7:00pm. We have all of our teachers. We now need substitute teachers. You may stop in any day and pick up your books.

On Wed., Sept. 23rd Parker Schlenker, the Director of Discipleship and Evangelization, will be present at 6:30pm to meet all religious ed teachers.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE WAS CELEBRATED (K) two more times recently at Holy Rosary Parish. On September 5th Shelby Wietzema & Gavin Mooney were united in Marriage and this very weekend on September 12th Emma Engels & Jaydin Meinzer celebrated the sacrament.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR TWO SPECIAL MONDAY MASSES AT HOLY ROSARY (AMP):

The Feast of the Holy Cross is Monday of this week. There will be Mass at 8:00am at Holy Rosary Parish.

There will also be Holy Mass on Monday, November 2nd at 8:00am at Holy Rosary Parish since the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) is also on a Monday this year. Following Holy Mass we will then go to the cemetery to bless the new Stations of the Cross.

Fr. Christopher always disappears for his day of rest after such special Monday Masses. They are made available to others these days since he offers a daily Mass every day anyway. Check the other parishes in the pastorate for Holy Mass on All Souls' Day as well.

TICKETS TO RAFFLE OFF THE FULLY RESTORED 1968 MERCURY COUGAR (AMP) donated by Fr. Baumberger are available to purchase in the parish office. Fr. Christopher also has tickets. They are \$100.00 each. The funds raised benefit Ave Maria Catholic School.

HOLY ROSARY PARISH BAZAAR & ROAST BEAST DINNER (K) is scheduled for Sun., Sept. 27th with the dinner served from 11:00am to 1:30pm. The menu includes roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn prepared at Holy Rosary, coleslaw, dinner rolls, desserts, and beverages. Hot dogs are also available. Adult price - \$15.00, K-6th Grade - \$7.00, Pre-school and under - \$2.00 .

The items for this year's raffle are ¼ Beef with processing, a Quilt, \$300 Cash, a \$300 Dakota Butcher gift certificate, and an Angel Statue. *We are still accepting items for the silent auction. They may be dropped off at the parish office.*

THE TRIMMING WORK OF THE TREES ON THE SCHOOL/AUDITORIUM GROUNDS (K) at Holy Rosary was completed on Wed., September 2nd. We will likely treat the ash trees to keep the emerald ash borer at bay until other replacement trees are more established. Under half of the ash trees showed evidence of the borer at this point.

Blessed Sacrament

Liturgical Duties, 09/20 Sunday morning, 8:30am

Lector	Tony Kahnke
Extraordinary Minister	Jill Kahnke
Altar Servers	Zach Schroeder, Colton Byer, Myia Dilworth
Ushers/Greeters	Trent Sumner, Bryan Maag
Gifts/Offertory	Dave & Beth Reilly

Weekly Giving: Sunday, September 6th

Reg. - \$415.00, **Loose** - \$31.00
.....**Total - \$446.00** + Maintenance - \$70.00

Parish Offices:

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

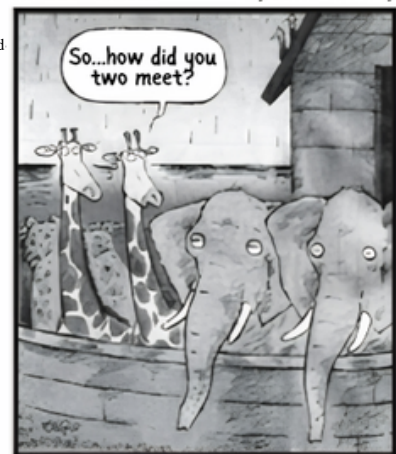
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- **Fr. Christopher's Email:** frchristopherhughes@sfcatholic.org
- **Office Email:** elindner@avemariapastorate.org

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

August contributions-\$2,101.00

Saint Mary

August contributions-\$3,036.00

Saint Michael

August contributions-\$11,170.00

Mass Intentions

09/14	Mon	8:00am	Bryant	Arlene Brower
09/15	Tue			No Mass
09/16	Wed	9:00am	Clark	Rita Jones
09/17	Thur	7:00am	Bryant	Jerry Bowers
09/18	Fri	8:30am	Henry	Cotten Family
09/19	Sat	8:00am	Wtn	Immaculate Conception
09/20	Sun	11:00am	Clark	Delores Jellesma

Parish Offices

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Parish office for all 3 parishes: PO Box 28, Clark, SD 57225
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

Grieving with Great Hope:

Tuesdays, October 6th through November 3

To register, call Bridget Bauman at 605-886-4049.

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.

Friday, September 25, 7:00pm to Sunday, September 27, 11:00am
Marriage Retreat "Covenant Love" Free, Faithful, Fruitful, Forever is directed by Darin and Missy Baumberger.

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!

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. Registration is required by September 20, 2026.

Abortion Pill Prayer Initiative

In the state of South Dakota, it is strictly illegal to prescribe, dispense, distribute, or sell abortion pills within the state, but due to shield laws, the abortion pills are coming from pro-abortion states into pro-life states, like South Dakota. That means the pro-life states don't have the ability to protect life and women as our laws prescribe. The USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities provides materials to help Catholics pray and educate others to protect women and babies from abortion pills. Please visit this website for more information: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/abortion-pills-wol-special-edition-v5%20.pdf>

Recently, we have received several questions from parishioners within our pastorate who have visited Holy Name of Jesus, and wondered about the Mandorla behind the altar. This is an explanation that Father Holtzman wrote after its installation.

The Holy Name Mandorla: The almond shaped mandorla was used in Medieval painting and scripture as a sign of holiness surrounding the head or body of a saint or deity. The mandorla is formed by two circles overlapping which symbolize the spiritual and physical worlds. Christ is the ultimate center of these two worlds, bringing them into harmony through his death and resurrection.

The Holy Name Mandorla weighs 800 pounds and consists of six separate sections of 2" x 6" basswood (Linden) boards glued together to form a 7' x 14' structure. Each symbol of the sculpture is hand carved.

The Holy Name Mandorla is a truly religious piece of art. It was dedicated November 10, 1996, as a memorial to our faith ancestors-our predecessors, our family members who have blazed the trail of our salvation. We want to remember them, to honor them, and to give them thanks. A major enhancement to our worship surroundings. The Holy Name Mandorla hangs in the center of our sanctuary on the apse (back wall) of the church. The cross hanging over the Altar reminds us that our cross is the key to our spiritual journey with Christ.

There are over 20 distinct symbols carved into the Holy Name Mandorla. These symbols, taken from our everyday life, reflect our personal and communal journey of salvation. They invite our distant reflection and our close up examination. Together, these symbols represent Christ's journey as man and our life's journey of salvation. This allows the observer to see oneself as part of the picture.

The symbols begin with the boat (the traditional symbol of the church) at the base of the sculpture. Water is flowing through the gate, symbolizing our entrance into the church and into the life of Christ through Baptism. The Dome of Heaven at the top of the sculpture is our entrance into eternal life. The central symbol is our South Dakota State Flower the Pasque, whose name comes from the Old French meaning "Easter".

Surrounding the Pasque are bluffs, bridges, archways, sun, moon, stars, trees, prairies, and Holy Name Church which serve to remind us that each gift-temptation-trial and tribulation are a part of our journey to salvation.

Fall Faith Formation Registration is Now Open!

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.

A Prayer for Catechists

Loving God, Creator of all things,
you call us to be in relationship with you and others.

Thank you for calling me to be a catechist,
for the opportunity to share with others
what you have given to me.

May all those with whom I share the gift of faith
discover how you are present in all things.

May they come to know you, the one true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

May the grace of the Holy Spirit guide my heart and lips,
so that I may remain constant in loving and praising you.

May I be a witness to the Gospel and a minister of your truth.
May all my words and actions reflect your love.

Sept 16th- First class with the exception of Blessed Sacrament!

St. Mary's K-6th, 3:30-5:00pm

St. Michael's & St. Henry's K-6th, 4:00-5:00pm

St. Mary's 7th-10th, 6:30-8:00pm

St. Michael's & St. Henry's 7th-10th, 6:30-8:00pm

Holy Name and Immaculate Conception K-10th, 6:30-7:30pm

Holy Rosary K-10th, 7:00-8:15pm

Sept 20th, 9:30am- First class for Blessed Sacrament Parish!

Sept 27th- Parent Meeting for St. Michael's Parish after 11 am Mass.
Bring a dish to pass for a potluck following the meeting!

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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 6:30-8:30 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.

Women's Group, SHE, Shall Be Called Woman - Transforming Women & Their Families. Sessions are held Wednesday from 8:45-10am, Immaculate Conception Boardroom or Wednesday from 6:30-7:30pm at Ave Maria School & Faith Formation Center Gym Stage. For more information contact 605-878-2055.

'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 Swarhout 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

September 13th - Holy Hour of Mercy

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



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