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The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 18th, 2026

October is a beautiful month in the life of the Church! It is both **Respect Life Month and the Month of the Holy Rosary**. These celebrations go hand in hand, reminding us of the dignity of every human life and the powerful intercession of our Blessed Mother.

One of the greatest champions of both the Rosary and the sanctity of human life was **St. John Paul II (1920–2005),** whose feast day we celebrate on October 22nd. He had a tremendous devotion to Our Lady and constantly encouraged families to pray the Rosary together. He also courageously defended the dignity of every human person, especially the unborn, the elderly, and the vulnerable. He even defended the dignity of hardened criminals by stating, in our modern, time they do not deserve the death penalty. In his 1999 Homily in St. Louis, he states, "I renew the appeal I made most recently at Christmas for a consensus to end the death penalty, which is both cruel and unnecessary."

October also reminds us of the **Battle of Lepanto in 1571**, when Christian forces achieved an unexpected naval victory against the Ottoman fleet. Pope St. Pius V had called upon the faithful to pray the Rosary, asking Our Lady's intercession. This victory became closely associated with the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. It reminds us that prayer is a powerful spiritual weapon!

Speaking of growing in holiness, **we had our second TEC retreat this past weekend at Ave Maria Catholic School & Faith Formation Center! TEC stands for Together Encounter Christ.** We welcomed retreatants from all around the region, including Pierre, Sioux Falls, Milbank, and even New Ulm, Minnesota! They were as young as 16 and as old as 78. I have had the privilege of serving as spiritual director for these retreats, and one of my greatest joys is getting to know the retreatants personally and witnessing how the Lord works in their lives. Our next TEC retreat will be **January 16th–18th**. I would love to see you there! Visit **EastRiverTEC.org** to sign up today!

And speaking of saints, Halloween is just around the corner! Halloween comes from All Hallows' Eve, the evening before All Saints' Day. As Catholics, we don't celebrate demons, evil, or death as our ultimate destiny. Rather, we celebrate the victory of Jesus Christ over sin and death and the holiness to which we are all called! I challenge you to dress up as a saint for Halloween.

Of course, I also enjoy the fun of Halloween! **I will be handing out FULL-SIZE candy bars at the rectory again this year!** So, make sure the kids stop by. No miniature candy bars here!

Finally, please join me in praying for our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, especially for his health and recovery following surgery on October 13th. Let us ask St. John Paul II, a past pope, to pray for him.

May Our Lady of the Rosary help us become saints, courageous defenders of life, and joyful witnesses to Christ's victory over evil.

In Christ,

Fr. Shaun Haggerty

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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: Call Jane Jaspers to volunteer 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

	10/24 Saturday 4:00pm	10/25 Sunday 8:30am	10/25 Sunday 10:30am
Altar Servers	**Mass**	Ducker Family	Lucy, Ruby & Finn Mack
Extraordinary Ministers	**will**	Philip Mittleider, Brad Kragh, Jeff Buchholz	Sam Rieffenberger, Heidi Stoick, Kathy Roe
Ushers/Greeters	**be**	Jerry & Kathy Elshere Keith & Cindy Mack	Scott & Shelly Turbak Bryan & Cindy Wientjes
Gift Bearers	**celebrated**	Matti & Kristi Kranz	Todd & Jamie Mack
Sacristan	**at**	Mavis Kemnitz	Mavis Kemnitz
Lector	**Immaculate Conception**	**1 Volunteer**	Elyk Swiden

Sunday Collection: Envelopes: $6,060.00, Loose: $2,539.00, Kids: $94.00, on-line: $257.50. Weekly Average: $11,794.57. Weekly amount needed to meet budget-$16,000.00. Have you considered online giving? Please call 605-886-2628, we can help.

Mass Intentions

10/20	Tue	8:30am	+Roland & Loretta Fischbach
10/21	Wed	8:30am	+Mark & Francis Weigel
10/22	Thu	8:30am	+Gary Prasek
10/23	Fri	8:30am	Cristina Mankey
10/24	Sat	4:00pm	Mass at Immaculate Conception
10/25	Sun	8:30am	+Valery & Sylvia Jaspers
10/25	Sun	10:30am	+Rodger & Karen Gross

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.

Meals on Wheels

Drivers are needed to help deliver meals. Holy Name is asked to deliver every 8 weeks for one full week. If you can help or have questions, please call Susan Jones at 605-868-9058.

WHO WAS THE COURAGEOUS FR. JOHN GERARD?

This secret priest knew the perils of the path he followed.

It's a rainy, cold day in October 1588. A man appears on the road ahead of you, scrambling out of the overgrown ditch.
He's wet through and through. Dead leaves stick to his plain clothing.
He approaches with a hurried air.
"Hello!" he says. "I seem to have lost my falcon. Have you seen it? Heard its bell tinkling, perhaps? No? Oh well. Thank you."
He walks off in disappointment, diving again into the bushes by the road.
You shrug in sympathy and scurry home to a warm hearth.
You don't realize that you've just seen Fr. John Gerard—a man who's being hunted like a fox. After all, this is Elizabethan England, and it's illegal to be a Catholic priest. Priests who are discovered are tortured and likely killed.
At the age of fifteen, John heard his call to the priesthood. Although he spent two years in prison simply for being Catholic, where he met a saintly companion of St. Edmund Campion who suffered horribly, he did not falter in pursuing his vocation.
He attended seminary in France. Then, a year after his ordination, he snuck back into England, using the ploy of the missing falcon to travel off-road without arousing suspicion.
He worked secretly and tirelessly for nearly twenty years, at one point being imprisoned again and tortured.
Just before the Gunpowder Plot erupted, he left England and spent his last years as a spiritual director for English-speaking schools on the Continent.
Everyone who knew him was impressed by his courage and uncanny talent for remembering things. Of himself, he said only, "My unworthiness robbed me of the crown of martyrdom."
Fr. John Gerard's courage was lived out over years of hidden, faithful work, continuing to serve God even when doing so placed his freedom and his life at risk.
Ask God for the courage to do one thing today that you know is right, especially if it would be easier to remain quiet, avoid it, or put it off.

Immaculate Conception

	10/24 Saturday, 4:00pm	10/25 Sunday, 9:00am	10/25 Sunday, 11:00am
Altar Servers	Hudson Peterson, Gage Robison, Eli Ward	Charlie & Harrison Robocker, **Volunteer (1)**	Colby & Mila Hoffman, Lily Pekelder
Extraordinary Ministers	Michael Roethler, Lana Waege, Dianne Zafft, **Volunteer (1)**	Denise Hoff, Donna Speidel, Dan & Patty Walker	Amy Pekelder, Kristina Schmidt, **Volunteers (2)**
Ushers	Donna Lantgen, Bill & Brenda Ortmeier, **Volunteers (5)**	Roger Mack, **Volunteers (7)**	Rob VanLaecken, Vic VanWell, Ernie Vavruska, **Volunteers (5)**
Greeters	Don & Judy Becht, **Volunteers (2)**	Joel Freidel, Corrine Kallemeyn, Sandi Parkin, Dawn Thyen	**Volunteers (4)**
Sacristan	Dave Redder	Evan Meester	Jay Trepanier
Lector	Deb Siebrands	Kathy Roggenbuck	Michelle McCormick

Weekly Giving: October 11th **Envelopes: $9,731.00 Loose $1,647.86.** Automatic Giving Average $3,600.00 per week. Weekly collection needs: $16,000.00. Thank you for your continued support!

Schedule of Holy Masses

10/20	Tue	12:10pm	+Alfred "Butch" Fox
10/21	Wed	12:10pm	+Paul German & Norbert Gruba
10/22	Thu	12:10pm	+Edward P & Mary Gribbin
10/23	Fri	9:00am	+Al Imm
10/24	Sat	4:00pm	+Rod & Brian Wesche
10/25	Sun	9:00am	+Bernie & Bobbie Klapperich
10/25	Sun	11:00am	+Maria De Jesus Guzman

Parish Office

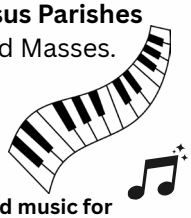
Monday-Thursday: 9:00am to 5:00pm
Friday: 9:00am-12:00pm
Phone: (605) 886-4049
Mailing Address: 309 2nd Ave SE, Watertown, SD 57201
Email: icoffice@avemariapastorate.org

Knights of Columbus Raffle Winner:

Oct 8th - $500 Winner: Renae Burke, Willow Lake

DO YOU PLAY THE PIANO?

Immaculate Conception and Holy Name of Jesus Parishes are seeking accompanists to play for weekend Masses.



What we offer:

- **A supportive community and flexible scheduling.**
- **Start by playing 1 Sunday a month.**
- **ANY and ALL skill levels are welcome.**
- **Training will be provided for those who have never led music for Mass before.**
- **Payment for accompanists is $75 per Mass.**

Contact Music Director, Alison Thyen, if you have questions or are interested in being trained:
athyen@avemariapastorate.org or call **IC Office: 605-886-4049**

Alumni Information Update

Emily Berg, Director of Development for Ave Maria Catholic School, is working to reconnect with alumni of Holy Name School, Immaculate Conception School, and Ave Maria Catholic School and updating alumni records. Whether you graduated recently or many years ago, we would love to stay connected!

Please take a few minutes to share your information.

Use the QR Code attached or the Alumni Information Form Link Below:

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Ave Maria Catholic School — Phone: (605) 886-3883

Early Dismissal - Wednesday Oct. 28th - Teacher InService
Divine Chaplet - Friday, Oct. 30th in Ave Maria Gym
Early Dismissal - Thursday, November 5th at 12:20pm - **Conferences K-6 | 1-8pm**
Book Fair - Thursday, November 5th 1-8pm
3rd Grade Living Saint Wax Museum - Friday, November 6th 1-1:30pm in the School Library

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, 10/24 Saturday evening, 5:30pm

Lector	Jill Lenards
Extraordinary Ministers	Sharon Mack, Kennedy Kolb, Eric Turbak
Altar Servers	Harrison Mack, Harper Mack, Madelyn Mack
Ushers/Greeters	Mike Zaug, Leon Spartz
Gifts/Offertory	Volunteers

Weekly Giving: Saturday, October 10th

Reg. - $2,751.00, **Loose** - $321.00, **Youth -** $6.00.....
.....***Total - $3,078.00*** + Buildig Fund - $5.00

Blessed Sacrament

Liturgical Duties, 10/25 Sunday morning, 8:30am

Lector	Bryan Maag
Extraordinary Minister	Steve Maag
Altar Servers	Oliver Moes, Miles Flisrand, Alayna Caulfield
Ushers/Greeters	Tyler Schwinger, Terry Kahnke
Gifts/Offertory	Tyler & Nicole Schwinger

Weekly Giving: Sunday, October 11th

Reg. - $460.00, **Loose** - $269.00.....
.....***Total - $729.00*** + Maintenance - $20.00

Schedule of Holy Masses

10/19 Mon.	----	----	<No Mass Scheduled>
10/20 Tue.	----	----	<No Mass Scheduled>
10/21 Wed.	----	----	<No Mass Scheduled>
10/22 Thur.	----	----	<No Mass Scheduled>
10/23 Fri.	8:30am	Kranzburg	+Benedict Thiewes
10/24 Sat.	8:30am	Kranzburg	+Harold Arnold
10/24 Saturday	5:30pm	Kranzburg	+David Lindner
10/25 Sunday	8:30am	Florence	+Pail Flemming

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

- **Office Phone:** 605-886-9166,
- **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

CATECHISTS FOR HOLY ROSARY PARISH & BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISHES THIS YEAR (K & F): Thank you to all who have volunteered to be catechists this year. *Please remember to pray for our catechists.*

Holy Rosary - Holland Feuerhelm (K), Amie Haan (1st), Lynne Tesch (2nd), Luke & Emily Mack (3rd & 4th), Tom & Emily Kolb (5th & 6th), Michelle Mack (7th), Leon & Carleen Mack (8th), Carol Dagel (9th), and Caleb Mack (10th/Confirmation).

Blessed Sacrament - Stacey Busskohl (1st), Ann Caulfield & Madelyn Caulfield (2nd), Sarah Moes (3rd & 4th), Jocelyn Schroeder (5th), Sara Byer (6th), Lindsay Hemmingson (7th), Megan & Scott Maag (8th), Danielle Flisrand (9th), and Jon Kahnke (10th/Confirmation).

PARISH LITURGICAL YEAR/SACRED ART CALENDARS (K) are available to pick up in the entry. There should be one for every parish household. Thank you again to the Catholic Order of Foresters for sponsoring the calendars. The proceeds from the sale of these calendars by the Catholic Extension Society go to help parishes conduct building and repair projects. Since 1905, Catholic Extension Society has made a significant impact on the physical presence of the Church by building or repairing 13,500 church buildings throughout America. Holy Rosary Parish received a grant from the Catholic Extension Society to help build the auditorium.

BAPTISM AT BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH (F): Waylon James Nelson, the son of Jared & Elly Nelson, was Baptized last Sunday at Blessed Sacrament Parish following Sunday Mass.

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OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH (K & F) and as is the case every October, Watertown Area Right to Life is receiving donations to support their work. The large baby bottle shaped donation containers are in the back of the church.

THIS VERY SUNDAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (AMP). Last year donations from the United States helped form 41% of seminarians worldwide, build 751 new churches, sustain 1,130 mission dioceses across the world, train 843,785 missionary catechists, and supported 50% of all religious sisters worldwide.

An envelope for this collection was in last weekend's bulletin. If you did not receive or remember it, we will be gathering these donations for a few weeks. Make your check out to the parish and we will send in one check when we turn the donations in.

THE NEXT CHURCH CLEANING AT HOLY ROSARY (K) is by the Loretto Band on Mon., Oct. 19th at 5:00pm. Tara Gibson is the leader.

ONE MORE REPAIR AT HOLY ROSARY (K): The cap on the old chimney on the church building needed to be redone. The old one was breaking up, coming off, and had sizable openings. When they removed it four flying rodents came out. We likely sealed one of their entrypoints into the church building. *It is our goal to let parish members know about work done on buildings and grounds.*

Saint Henry

Contributions are posted monthly.

Saint Mary

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Saint Michael

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Mass Intentions

10/19	Mon	8:00am	Bryant	Lynda Lanners
10/20	Tue	10:00am		NO MASS
10/21	Wed	9:00am	Clark	Mary Ann Hurlbert
10/22	Thur	7:00am	Bryant	Gary Campbell
10/23	Fri	8:30am	Henry	Living & Deceased members of Colletta & James Johnson
10/24	Sat	8:00am	Bryant	Joseph & Elener Sterzinger
10/25	Sun	11:00am	Clark	Ave Maria Pastorate

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
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

Ave Maria Pastorate Moving to New Online Giving Platform

Ave Maria Pastorate is moving to a new platform for you to give online. You can access the online giving platform on the **Ave Maria Pastorate website** or using one of the following links:

Holy Name:
https://onrealm.org/HolyNameJesusPa/Give/now

Immaculate Conception:
https://onrealm.org/ImmaculateConce/Give/now

Holy Rosary:
https://onrealm.org/HolyRosaryParis28736/Give/now

St. Mary, St. Henry and St. Michael:
https://onrealm.org/SaintMichaelPar26661/Give/now

Blessed Sacratment:
https://onrealm.org/BlessedSacramen/give/now

Please watch for detailed "Text to Give" options to come.

World Mission Envelopes along with an information card on how to give via "Text to Give", will be available in the foyer of your parish.

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.

Senior Day at the Abbey| October 20, 2026. The focus of this day will help us reflect on advancing years as a time of grace and growth in wisdom as we look through our lives with gratitude. The day-long retreat also includes Mass and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Anointing. Lunch is provided. Registration is required.

Women's Weekend of Silence | October 23-25, 2026 3:00 PM Friday ends 2:00 PM Sunday. This is an opportunity to spend time with Jesus that is free from distractions, responsibilities, technology and noise. There are no expectations, no speakers or classes and even no talking. This is an environment to "just be" to rest in fellowship with our Lord. Registration is required.

FALL BANQUET | October 28th begins at 10:00 AM and ends 3 PM Join us for an inspiring evening featuring Chad Greenway. former Minnesota Viking as our Keynote Speaker. "Faith after Football" Your donation supports The Abbey and its mission of peace, hospitality, and renewal. Tickets are limited - call today to reserve yours!

Area Fall Dinners

11/01/2026-Immaculate Conception Parish Hall-Pancake Feed to support Seminarians from Sioux Falls Diocese. Serving 9:30am - 1:00pm. Free Will Offering. Sponsored by Watertown Area Serra Club and Knights of Columbus

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.

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The Cretin Council Knights of Columbus have announced that Robert Spears is the September Knight of the Month. The Family of the Month is Kevin and Sandy Kerkvliet.

Congratulations!

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.

St. John of Capistrano-Feast Day October 23

John of Capistrano, OFM (Italian: Giovanni da Capestrano; 24 June 1386 – 23 October 1456) was an Italian Franciscan friar and Catholic priest from the town of Capestrano, Abruzzo. Famous as a preacher, theologian, and inquisitor, he earned himself the nickname "the Soldier Saint" when in 1456, at age 70, he led a Crusade against the invading Ottoman Empire at the siege of Belgrade with the Hungarian military commander John Hunyadi.

Elevated to sainthood, he is the patron saint of jurists and military chaplains, as well as the namesake of two Franciscan missions, one in Southern California and the other in San Antonio, Texas.

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
Watertown, SD

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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!
It is not to late to join us! Tuesday evenings 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 18th - No Holy Hour of Mercy
October 25th - Holy Hour of Mercy

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

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