

Youth Formation

SCHEDULE

Sept 3rd, 5:00pm- Catechist Meeting for St. Michael's Parish

Sept 3rd, 7:00pm- Catechist Meeting for Watertown parishes at Immaculate Conception (IC) Church Hall

Sept 7th, 9:30am- Catechist Meeting for Blessed Sacrament Parish

Sept 10th, 6:15pm- Catechist Meeting for St. Mary's Parish

Sept 10th, 7:00pm- Parent Meeting for St. Mary's Parish

Sept 14th, 9:30am- Parent Meeting for Blessed Sacrament Parish

Sept 14th- Parent Meeting for St. Michael's Parish after 11am Mass
Bring a dish to pass for a pot luck following the meeting!

Sept 17th, 6:30pm- Parent Meeting for the Watertown Parishes at Ave Maria Catholic School

Sept 24th, 6:30pm- Sacrament Meeting, First Reconciliation and First Communion for Watertown Parishes (2nd grade) at IC Church Hall

Sept 24th, 7:30pm- Sacrament Meeting, Confirmation for Watertown Parishes (10th grade) at IC Church Hall

Sept 28th, 9:30am- First class for Blessed Sacrament Parish!

Oct 1st- First class for the rest of the pastorate!

- St. Mary's K-6th, 3:30-5:00pm
- St. Michael's K-6th, 4:00-5:00pm
- St. Mary's 7th-10th, 6:30-8:00pm
- St. Michael's 7th-10th, 6:30-8:00pm
- Holy Name of Jesus and Immaculate Conception K-10th, 6:30-7:30pm
- Holy Rosary K-10th, 7:00-8:15pm
- St. Henry K-10th, 7:00-8:15pm

REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 18TH

Registration for Faith Formation will be available on Ministry Platform, the online parish database. The link will be accessible through our website and found on the Ave Maria Facebook page. When you register, please create your account with the email you registered for your parish with to match with your profile. If you are not sure which email to use, please call (605) 878-2055 for assistance.

Catechists Wanted!

All parishes in the pastorate are in need of catechists and helpers! If you are interested in becoming a catechist or helper for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation year, please call the Discipleship & Evangelization Office at (605) 878-2055. Registration fees are free for all those who help in this ministry.

Save the Date: Confirmation

Retreat- February 14th at the Abbey of the Hills in Marvin, SD

Confirmation- April 11th at 10:30am, Holy Name of Jesus

OPEN HOUSE Pastorate Celebration

SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2025

NEW AVE MARIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
412 2ND ST SE WATERTOWN, SD 57201



- ROSARY STARTING AT 4PM
- PROCESSION THROUGH THE SCHOOL
- MUSIC FROM THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR
- BRIEF PROGRAM
- BLESSING OF TEACHERS AND CATECHISTS
- DOOR PRIZE
- FINANCIAL FUNDRAISING REPORT

Save the Date: First Reconciliation & First Communion

First Reconciliation-

- Holy Name of Jesus, Jan. 21st, 6:30pm
- Immaculate Conception, Jan. 28th, 6:30pm
- Blessed Sacrament, TBD
- Holy Rosary, Feb. 25th
- St. Henry, TBD
- St. Mary, TBD
- St. Michael, TBD

First Holy Communion-

- Holy Name of Jesus, Apr. 12th, 10:30am
- Immaculate Conception, Apr. 12th, 2:00pm
- Blessed Sacrament, Apr. 19th
- Holy Rosary, Apr. 18th
- St. Henry, TBD
- St. Mary, TBD
- St. Michael, TBD

Adult Formation

Prayer Opportunities

Adoration

Holy Hour with Father Christopher 3:00-4:00pm:

Aug 17th Holy Name of Jesus, Watertown

Aug 24th Holy Rosary, Kranzburg

Aug 31st Immaculate Conception, Watertown

Sept 7th Holy Rosary, Kranzburg

Sept 14th Holy Rosary, Kranzburg

Sept 21st Holy Name of Jesus, Watertown

Adoration every Wed at 7:30am until 6:50am on Thurs at Immaculate Conception

Rosary

- Rosary Prayer Group meets every Monday at 9am in the Immaculate Conception Chapel
- Rosary prayed following daily Mass on the first Wednesday of each month at St. Michael, Clark.
- Rosary Fellowship Group meets weekly on Mondays at 6:00pm. Please contact Jody at 605-690-1529 or join the Facebook group 'rosary and ice cream nights' for more information. All ages are welcome.

Grieving with Great Hope

Every Tuesday, Beginning September 30th- October 28th, 6pm-8pm at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall

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. A *Grieving with Great Hope* workbook is \$15.

To register please contact Bridget Bauman, Parish Nurse at (605) 886-4049 or at bbauaman@avemariapastorate.org

Bazaar & Roast Beef Dinner

Sunday September 28th, 11:00-2:00pm at Holy Rosary Parish
There will be games, a silent auction, raffle, a delicious roast beef dinner and fun times to be had! We hope to see you there.

Upcoming Events of Encounter

- August 25th - LATC Kickoff & Welcome Back
- September 28th - Holy Rosary Roast Beef Dinner & Parish Bazaar
- September 28th - School & FF Center Open House
- September 30th-October 28th Grieving with Great Hope
- October 13th-23rd - Ave Maria Pilgrimage to Italy
- November 14th-15th - Two Souls United in Christ Marriage Retreat hosted by Ave Maria Pastorate
- November 23rd - Holy Name of Jesus Turkey Bingo and Pie Auction

Men's Discipleship

Men's Group

Check the bulletin for meeting time and location. For questions, contact Craig Swarthout at (763) 458-0718.

That Man Is You! (TMYI)

That Man Is You! honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. Check the bulletin for meeting time and location. For questions, contact Chris Swiden at (605) 280-6864.

Young Men's Group (ages 18-29)

Young Catholic Men searching for brotherhood and a stronger faith. Meets Mondays, 7pm, Immaculate Conception Parish Center. Contact Ryan Hanten for more information at (605) 881-0683.

Couple's Formation

Young Couples Group

This group is set to return in the Fall of 2025. To learn more contact Shelby at (605) 237-9691.

Couple's Retreat at Broom Tree- Oct. 31st-Nov. 2nd, to learn more, visit <https://www.broom-tree.org/retreats/scheduled-retreats>

Two Souls United in Christ Marriage Retreat- Nov 14th- 15th hosted by Ave Maria Pastorate. See back page for additional details.

Women's Discipleship

SHE Shall Be Called Women

She Shall Be Called Woman (SHE) is a program that engages the deepest longings of the feminine heart. It's a place for women who want to be truly known and loved on their journey with the Lord. Check the bulletin for meeting time and location.

Women's Group

Held at Holy Name of Jesus will return to meeting on Tuesdays, as of Aug 12th. The group is currently reading, 'Miracles Do Happen' by Sr Briege McKenna. For questions, contact, Mavis Kemnitz, group leader.

Young Women's Group

We are looking to start an opportunity for women, ages 18 to 25, that have a desire to grow in faith, friendship and community. For more information contact Missy at (605) 878-2055 or mbaumberger@avemariapastorate.org.



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Ave Maria Pastorate
Pilgrims of Hope

Join us this summer on a local pilgrimage throughout Ave Maria Pastorate. Participating may gain you and your family a plenary indulgence and get you entered into a drawing for a gift blessed by Pope Leo XIV purchased during the Ave Maria pilgrimage to Italy this October.

To read more about this opportunity, scan the QR code or visit our pastorale website at www.avemariapastorate.org/yearofjubilee.

A time to reorient our lives to the eternal.

A MARRIAGE RETREAT

Two Souls United in Christ

Retreat Leaders:
Peter & Theresa Martin

NOVEMBER 14TH-15TH
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
309 2ND AVE SE, WATERTOWN, SD

Allow yourselves the opportunity to step into a place of peace and sacredness. You and your spouse will learn about St. John Paul II's Rule for marriage and experience the deep, spiritual union available in a sacramental marriage.