



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 10TH, 2026
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Weekend Masses

Sat: 4pm(June); Sun:9am & 11am

Confessions

Tue, Wed, Thu after 12:10pm Mass;
Sat: 3pm-4pm (June)

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

309 2nd Ave SE
Watertown, SD 57201

Office Hours

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

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Email Address:

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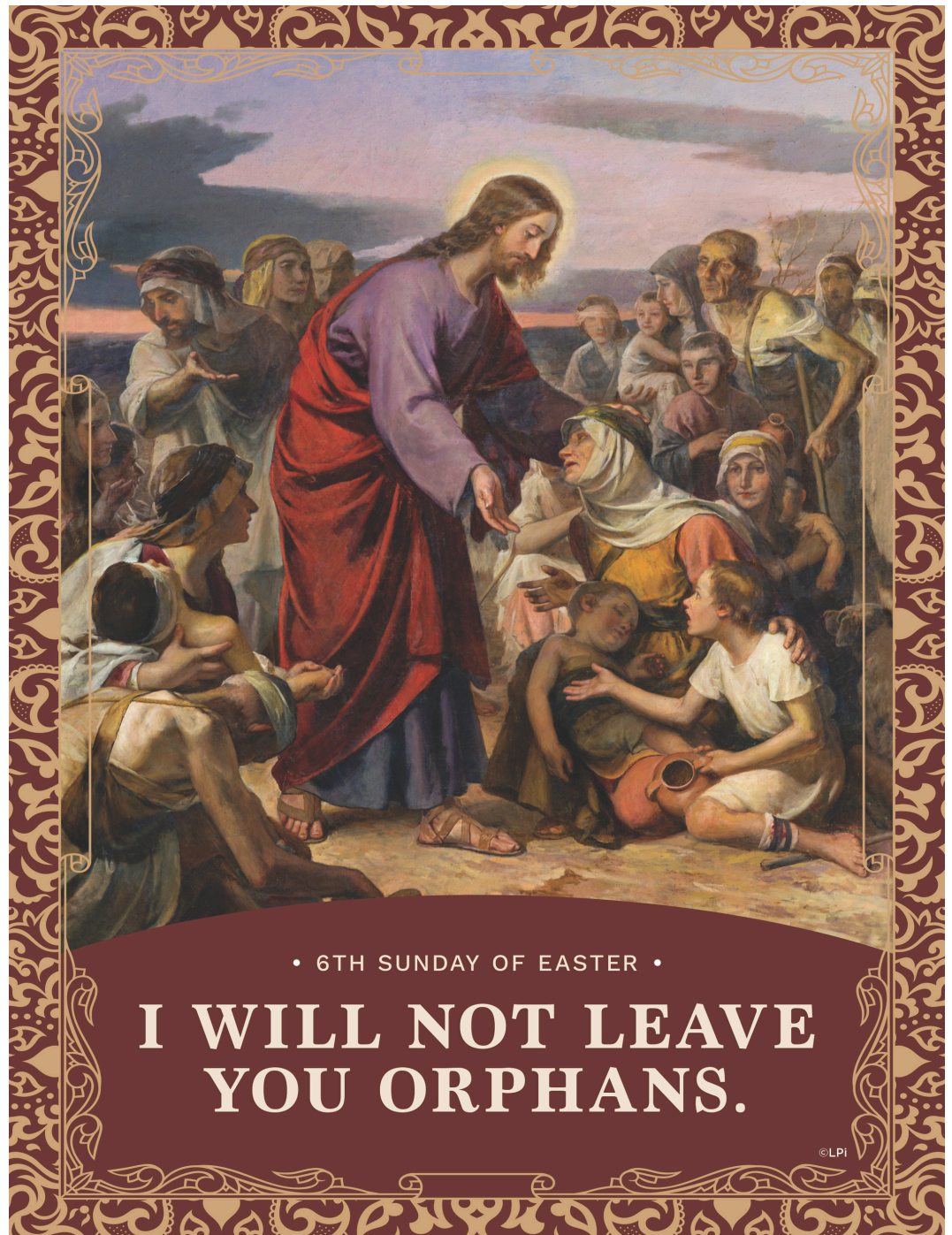
(605) 886-3883

Website:

www.avemariapastorate.org

Facebook:

Immaculate Conception Parish or
Ave Maria Pastorate



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**I WILL NOT LEAVE
YOU ORPHANS.**

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AA

Weekly meetings held on Tuesday at 6:30pm & Thursday at 5:45pm—Parish Office Basement.

ADULT CHOIR

Adult Choir every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 9:00am. Practices are the Thursday before at 6:00pm. IC also has a Funeral Choir that sings when requested. Come & sing!

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**.

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 1:00pm, 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. Weekly meetings are held at Ave Maria Catholic School on Tuesday from 6:30-8:00pm. 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 **May 26th, 2026**.

ROSARY MAKERS

Meets 2nd Monday of the month at 1:00pm in the Parish Hall.

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Weekly meetings on Monday at 9:00am 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

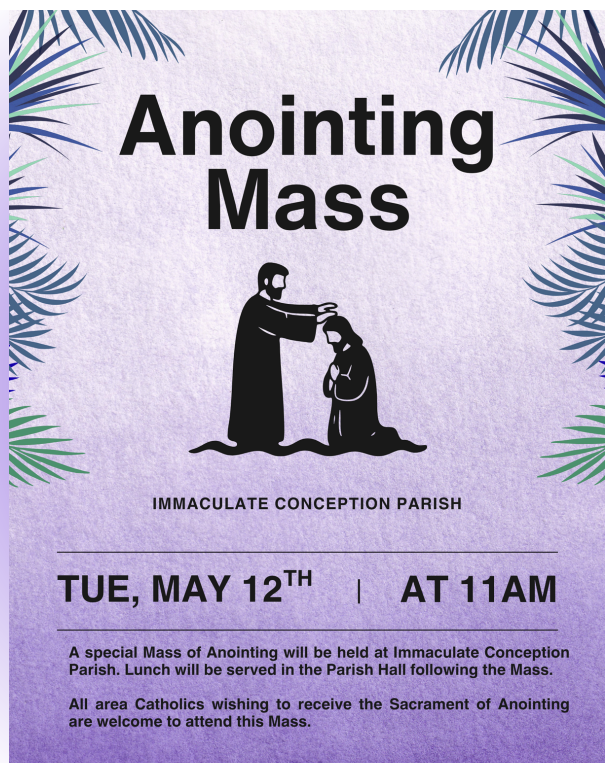
Meetings are held the 2nd & 4th Monday at 6:30pm at Holy Name in the Angelus Center. If you need assistance please call **(605) 503-7475**.

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.



Anointing Mass

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

TUE, MAY 12TH | AT 11AM

A special Mass of Anointing will be held at Immaculate Conception Parish. Lunch will be served in the Parish Hall following the Mass.

All area Catholics wishing to receive the Sacrament of Anointing are welcome to attend this Mass.

SCHEDULE OF HOLY MASSES & INTENTIONS

5/12	Tuesday	11:00am	+ Darlene Murphy
5/13	Wednesday	12:10pm	+ Dode Jellesma
5/14	Thursday	12:10pm	+Dave Lindner
5/15	Friday	9:00am	+Lee Ann Maag
5/17	Sunday	9:00am	Don & Leslie Kranz
5/17	Sunday	11:00am	Michele & Scott Bares Family

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, May 16th at 4:00pm

Mass will be held at Holy Name of Jesus

Sunday, May 17th at 9:00am

Sacristan: Matt Kranz

Lector: Denise Hoff

Altar Server: Maddix Hunke, Rylie Walder, Eli Ward

EMHC: Carla Roby, Denise Hoff, Lana Waege, Donna Speidel

Usher: Steve Horning, Mark Miller, Doug and Vicki Bierschbach, **Volunteer (4)**

Greeter: Kim Miller, Dawn Thyen, **Volunteer (2)**

Sunday, May 17th at 11:00am

Sacristan: Jocelyn Zimprich

Lector: Volunteer

Altar Server: Jaydi and Jessalyn Zimprich, Olivia Soulek

EMHC: Jocelyn Zimprich, Donna Lantgen, **Volunteer (2)**

Usher: Ryan Hanten, Donna and Robert Lantgen, Ernie Vavruska, **Volunteer (4)**

Greeter: Shelly Dupont, Maxine German, **Volunteer (2)**

WEEKLY GIVING

May 3rd Envelope: \$6,707.00 Loose: \$1,867.25

Automatic Giving Average \$3,400.00 per week.

Weekly Collection needs \$15,000.00. Thank you for your continued support!

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

In my family, we can hardly speak about orphans without tears. My father was adopted as a baby. He frequently told us stories of how his parents welcomed him not just into their home but into their hearts. It was never merely a relocation or a legal transaction. It was the joy of being chosen, of receiving a family, a name, and a place where he belonged forever. Even in his later years, recalling that gift still moves him to tears of tender gratitude. That is the kind of tenderness behind Jesus' words in today's Gospel: **"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."** (John 14:18) He is going away, but not abandoning us. Instead, he sends us the Advocate, the Holy Spirit — his own Spirit, shared with the Father — who dwells in us. Through the Spirit, Christ is present in us, and we are present in him. His Spirit gives us a home and a family.

We deepen this knowledge in the sacraments, in prayer, and in the daily life of the Church. The Spirit is the bond of belonging, the power that makes us God's sons and daughters, not spiritual orphans. And this is not a one-time event. There is always a deeper outpouring of the Spirit available to us, a fresh appropriation of the promise that we are never abandoned.

If only we could be as grateful as my dad is for his adoption, realizing that we have been adopted by God Himself. In Christ, we are never left as orphans.

— **Father John Muir (LPI)**

In Memoriam

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them...

Morgan Markve

January 16, 1990 - April 22 2026

Shannon Tesch

March 28, 1970 - April 24, 2026



Advertisement for the 31st Annual Bishop's Fishing Tournament. The image shows four people smiling, with one holding a fish. The text includes: "31ST ANNUAL BISHOP'S FISHING TOURNAMENT", "JUNE 1 BIG STONE CITY", "JUNE 8 PIERRE", "REGISTER: 605.988.3701", and "Benefiting Seminarian Education & Formation". A QR code is also present.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Holy Hour of Mercy—
Sundays at 3:00pm Led by
Fr Christopher**



May 17th, 24th, 31st-Holy Rosary, Kranzburg

FAMILY ROSARY

First Saturdays thru the summer

Family Rosary at
Foundation Plaza on Kemp



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

CDA meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm

Next meeting: May 12th

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: 8:00am (Chapel), coffee & and inspirational speaker (Parish Hall).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

All Knights meet the 1st Tuesday at 7:00pm & the 4th Degree Knights meet the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00pm at the Unity Hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE WINNER

April 30th—\$100 Winner—Randy Holiday, Hayti

ABBAY OF THE HILLS

May 12, 2026 Day of Recollection

by Fr. Andrew Thuringer

"an Open Heart, the Prereqs for Prayer"

How do we prepare ourselves to get the most out of prayer? Using art we'll examine and practice two important building blocks that lead to relational prayer: Receptivity and Magnanimity.

May 15-17, 2026- Men's Silent Ignatian

Retreat directed by Fr. Joe Vogel

Introduction to Ignatian Prayer Learning to Follow God's Divine Will. This silent Ignatian retreat offers a chance to come away with the Lord. You will leave behind the distractions and noise of the world and encounter Him and His great love, message and purpose for you in a deep and richly fulfilling way-that can be taken home with you and lived each day.

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

CORPUS CHRISTI

Sunday, June 7th

10:30am Outside Mass
at Ave Maria School and Faith Formation Center
Eucharistic Procession
to follow.

Freewill lunch will be served
by Steubenville Youth.

No 10:30am Mass at Holy Name
and no 11:00am Mass at IC.

Bring your own lawnchairs.

Thank You

Thank you so much for assisting with
the clean up of St Mary's Cemetery.
Over 30 people came and helped.
We so appreciate all of you!



Save the Date

Monday, May 25th
Memorial Day Mass will
be at 8:45am.
Holy Name is the backup
location in case of bad
weather.

REMINDER

Baccalaureate Masses
will be held
on Sunday, May 17th
10:30 at Holy Name
11:00 at Immaculate
Conception

