



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH, 2026
20TH 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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Immaculate Conception Parish or
Ave Maria Pastorate



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Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's
daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

AVE MARIA PASTORATE PRIESTS

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour of Mercy

Sundays at 3:00pm

Led by Fr Christopher

August 16th & 30th
Sept 13th, 20th & 27th
at Holy Rosary, Kranzburg



CATHOLIC TRIVIA ~ JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who was the first pope to select a double regnal name??

Answer: Pope John Paul I

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

08/18	Tuesday	12:10pm	+Bernie & Bobbie Klapperich
08/19	Wednesday	12:10pm	+Jackie Brennan & Kim Spartz
08/20	Thursday	12:10pm	Matt & Stephanie Roby Family
08/21	Friday	9:00am	+Edward P. Gribbin
08/22	Saturday	4:00pm	+ Raymond & Ethel Zirbes
08/23	Sunday	9:00am	+Anna Mae (Cordell) Griffith
08/23	Sunday	11:00am	+Rod & Brian Wesche

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 22nd at 4:00pm

Sacristan: Jo Vitek

Lector: Connie Stoebner

Altar Servers: Nathan Boehm, Gage Robison, Eli Ward

EMHC: Michael Roethler, Connie Stoebner, Jo Vitek, Dianne Zafft

Ushers: Pete Bauman, Bill & Brenda Ortmeier, **Volunteers (5)**

Greeters: Bridget Bauman, Steve Raml, **Volunteers (2)**

Sunday, August 23rd at 9:00am

Sacristan: Carla Roby

Lector: Tom Kranz

Altar Servers: Jack Schleusner, Carol & Violet Tesch

EMHC: Tammy Rogness, Becky Tesch, Dan & Patty Walker

Ushers: Greg Endres, Steve Horning, Wayne Jenc, Mryon Keltgen, Mark Kerkvliet, Kelly Tesch, David Zaug, **Volunteer (1)**

Greeters: Kristin Jenc, Tammy Rogness, Becky Tesch, **Volunteer (1)**

Sunday, August 23rd at 11:00am

Sacristan: Jay Trepanier

Lector: Rob VanLaecken

Altar Servers: Meredith & Nick Hanson, Lucy Keltgen

EMHC: Kathy Stewart, Jay Trepanier, Rosemary VanLaecken, **Volunteer (1)**

Ushers: Ed DeVries, Greg Hanson, James Keltgen, Ron VanLaecken, **Volunteers (4)**

Greeters: Anne & Elise Hanson, Carolyn Keltgen, **Volunteer (1)**

WEEKLY GIVING

August 9th Envelope: \$7,128.00 Loose: \$1,569.05

Automatic Giving Average \$3,600.00 per week. Weekly Collection needs \$16,000.00.

Thank you for your continued support!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS WWMD?

WWJD bracelets were all the rage about 25 years ago in Christian circles. I've always wondered if a WWMD bracelet might not make just as much sense, and maybe more. What Would Mary Do?

I would argue that Mary was the most exemplary steward who ever lived. Her answer was always "Yes." Yes, Lord, I am Your handmaiden. Yes, I will visit Elizabeth, and help her in the last difficult months of pregnancy. Yes, I will bring my son up in the Mosaic law and present him at the Temple of Jerusalem. Yes, I will give him to the crowds and to public ministry. Yes, I will offer him on this Cross, if it is Your will.

Yes, yes, yes.

Well, I can't be like Mary, we think to ourselves. There's an intimidation factor with the Blessed Mother and Catholics sometimes — one that almost exceeds that of Christ. Perhaps it's because we are in awe of the fact that she was not divine in any way — she was a mere creation, like us — but somehow, she always had the courage to say yes. How could she do it, when we find it so hard?

Well, God certainly lavished on Mary extraordinary graces. Her lack of original sin liberated her to conform her will to God's.

But God is impatient to give us, too, all the graces we need to be a steward in the example of Mary. He's waiting for us simply to ask. Just as in Adam we died, so in Christ — through Mary — we live.

What can we say yes to today, in Mary's example?
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

The Assumption

Question: *What lessons should I learn from the Assumption of Mary?*

Answer: Growing in holiness is similar to training in a sport. We need someone to show us how we can live our faith well. Mary is a model of sanctity. She shows us how to be faithful to God's will, living each day with confidence in God's mercy and love. At the Nativity, in Jesus' public ministry, and at the Crucifixion, we see her steadfast trust. She allows the Lord to use her life to accomplish his plan for her and for all of us. In the Preface of the Mass for the Assumption of Mary, we pray: "For today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church's coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people."

It is this image of holiness that we strive to imitate. In the office, at home, or in our community, we look for signs of God's grace that call us to an ever greater love of him and each other. A greater awareness of God is a sign of our conversion of heart that lives the lessons Mary teaches.

*"Baptised in the name of the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit"*

Arkin Rodney Henningsgaard

Son of Anders & Lindsay

Beckett William Meyer

Son of Dillan & Kahley

God Bless You



*Welcome to the
Catholic Faith*

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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: September 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

August 6th- \$100 Winner - Molly Meester, Watertown



Days of Recollection Schedule

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.

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!!

This is just the beginning, God is good ALL the time!
We will welcome a new round of TECites into our family at **East River TEC #2, Oct. 10-12** at Ave Maria School in Watertown.



Fall Faith Formation Registration Is Now Open!

Sign up by visiting the Ave Maria Pastorate website. Click on "FF Registration," then choose the church you are a member of, and register your children.

For the best experience, please register using a computer or laptop instead of your phone.

Need help navigating the website? Call
Loretta Redder at 605-878-2055.

Are you a catechist and need a promo code?
Call Loretta Redder at 605-878-2055.

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

AVE MARIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
AVE MARIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION
15TH ANNUAL

BARN DANCE

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

MUSIC BY
The Backroads

STEAK DINNER & DANCE \$100	DANCE ONLY \$50
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AVE MARIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL OFFICE
OR ONLINE USING THE QR CODE



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STEAK DINNER INCLUDING BEVERAGES 6PM

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