

## The Solemn Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, May 17th, 2026

Celebrated in Most Dioceses in the U.S. on this 7th Sunday of Easter

Today we are observing The Solemn Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Way back during the Paschal Season in 1999, most dioceses in the United States began observing this solemnity/mystery of our faith on the Seventh Sunday in the Season of Our Lord's Resurrection. That's twenty-seven years ago. It happens frequently on this Sunday that someone will ask, "Father, which readings are we using today?" Father then replies, "The same readings we have been using the last twenty-seven years." Well, there is a better answer to their question where one may still smile and wink: "It depends on where you are attending Holy Mass today."

By my count there are twenty-eight dioceses in the United States (that includes five archdioceses) where The Solemn Feast of the Ascension of the Lord is not transferred to this Sunday. Thus, in those places it remains celebrated on the Thursday that is during the Sixth Week of Easter. Those dioceses thus maintain the prayers and readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter on this Sunday. You do not have to go terribly far to find three dioceses where Ascension Thursday is still Ascension Thursday and where the Seventh Sunday in the Season of Our Lord's Resurrection is still that. Just go anywhere in Nebraska. The Archdiocese of Omaha, the Diocese of Lincoln, and the Diocese of Grand Island all keep the observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension on Thursday and do not move it to this Sunday. *Let me tell you, my fingers are now out of breath typing all that and I am sure after reading all that your eyes are out of breath as well!*

No work of sacred or religious art can come even close to depicting what the apostles would have witnessed when Our Lord ascended into heaven. So even the image here today does not come close. And to be honest, there are some depictions of this Mystery of the Ascension that should never have flowed from a brush.

Did Jesus really float, fly, or shoot up into the sky? Or was it something much more mysterious and glorious? Remember, that He tells us how near the Kingdom of Heaven is. Keep in mind the following truths.

The Kingdom of heaven is at hand. The Kingdom of Heaven is within your heart. Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father. We also know

### THE SACRED HEART AND THE ASCENSION

A Heart for us was given  
 His Most Sacred Heart at last  
 And in a world grown cold by sin  
 Flames of ardent love are cast.



His Divine Heart with now a Heart of Flesh  
 And with now a human soul  
 The Son of God gives His Most Sacred Heart  
 In this world His mercy He shall enscroll.  
 His Sacred Heart is anchored here  
 Now His Heart of Flesh and His Precious Blood  
 Ascend now with Him into heaven  
 But in our midst remains His Eucharistic Flood.

For in pouring forth His Sacred Heart  
 His life becomes this world's leaven  
 And ascending to His Father's side  
 His Sacred Heart draws this world close to heaven.

A splendid truth that I now must impart  
 On every Ascension Day  
 Is that the Sacred Heart is a Very Big Heart!  
 And now in my heart the world, to heaven, gives way.

*The above verses & the rest  
 submitted by Fr. Christopher for the Greater Glory of God*

that He is in our hearts and yet His Sacred and Eucharistic Heart is in the tabernacle of every church and chapel throughout the world.

We should concern ourselves less with what "direction" Jesus went when He ascended and more with what His Ascension accomplished. Heaven, after all, may be said to be a place and not a space. Ponder that statement for a while!

What is important for us to keep in mind about this mystery is revealed in the verses to the left. Our Lord's Ascension has brought heaven and earth closer together. His Ascension has not at all taken Him far away from us. Remember His last words in the Gospel today!



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*Bulletin deadline is no later than 12:00 pm on Tuesday. Please submit your bulletin news to  
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## 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](http://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](http://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:** Meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at the Knights of Columbus Unity Hall at 6:00pm.

**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 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 resume meeting in September.

**Shalom Choir:** Off for the Summer, will resume in the Fall.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at the HN Angelus Center, 6:30pm.

**Holy Name Choir:** Thursdays at 6:30pm. Call Jane Jaspers to sign up 605-370-1048.

**Watertown Area Right to Life:** Meet the last Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm at Midwest Bible Camp (1500 SD Hwy 20).

*For more information on any of the above, please call the number listed or your parish office.*

# Holy Name of Jesus

	05/23 Saturday 4:00pm	05/24 Sunday 8:30am	05/24 Sunday 10:30am
Altar Servers	<b>2 Volunteers</b> Ashyr Leddy	The Ducker Family	Tai Le, Nate Roe, Trallan Sumner
Extraordinary Ministers	David Musielewicz, Terri Bjerke, Amy Batta	Brad Kragh, Rich Thomas, Lori Wensing	Kathy Roe, Donna Schoenbeck, Karen Phillips
Ushers/Greeters	Troy & Carol VanDusen Dan & Sarah Reiffenberger	Donna Nogelmeier, Joe Tesch, Cory & Karen Akin	Todd & Jamie Mack Family
Gift Bearers	Dennis & Sue Paulsen	Brent & Stacie Volesky	Brian & Danica Boydston
Sacristan	Mary Reihe	Jeanne Flaherty	Jeanne Flaherty
Lector	Jim Hulscher	Lee Schoenbeck	Mike Miles

Sunday Collection: Envelopes: \$5,256.00, Loose: \$1,878.00, Kids: \$115.61. Weekly Average: \$12,468.76. Have you considered online giving? Please call 605-886-2628, we can help.

## Mass Intentions

05/19 Tue 8:30am +Russell & Evelyn DeVine  
 05/20 Wed 8:30am +Emily Flakus  
 05/21 Thu 8:30am +Lynford Maag  
 05/22 Fri 8:30am Poor Souls in Purgatory  
 05/23 Sat 4:00pm +Jim & Noah Comes  
 05/24 Sun 8:30am +Blondie & Marv Gales  
 05/24 Sun 10:30am +40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ordination for Father John Fischer

## 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



It is with great joy that we welcome **Izzy Ann Hilbur** in baptism. Izzy is the daughter of Keaton and Elizabeth (Ball) Hilbur.

**Forty years ago, on May 23, Father John Fischer was ordained a priest. Please help us celebrate him with a card shower in his honor. You may send your congratulations to his attention at 1009 Skyline Drive, Watertown, SD 57201. Thank you Father John for your devotion to the priesthood and the many lives you have touched.**

## What is the “Auspice Maria”?

*This symbol reminds us that we have a particularly powerful helpmate.*

You’ve seen the symbol many times on various religious objects: the delicate capitals of M and A intertwining.

Sometimes those letters are called the Marian Monogram, but they aren’t a monogram properly speaking—they don’t represent the initials of Mary’s names. They actually stand for the Latin phrase Auspice Maria, meaning “Under the protection of Mary.”

Doesn’t that phrase imitate the Blessed Mother’s own words concerning herself?

“Am I not here, I who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection?”

The phrase reminds us that Mary—the Mother of God—is also our mother.



From the cross, Our Lord generously bestowed His Mother on us, and in turn, entrusted us to His Mother. He never leaves us without help; in His loving mercy, He always gives us what we need when we need it. When we go astray, He always points to a path that will lead us back to Him. Often, that path back to Him is the same way that He came to us: through His Mother.

Mary took on her role as our mother wholeheartedly. Like the perfect mother she is, she never stops caring for us, listening to us, comforting us, and interceding for us. She’s watching out for us. She’s protecting us. She loves to hear us call upon her name and ask for her help.

# Immaculate Conception

	05/23 Saturday, 4:00pm	05/24 Sunday, 9:00am	05/24 Sunday, 11:00am
Altar Servers	Mass held at Holy Name of Jesus	Leyla Meester, Hudson Peterson, Anne Stromseth	Lucy Keltgen, Ellis Kahnke, Bennett Roby
Extraordinary Ministers		Chris Berger, Cindy LaBerge, Trish Spartz, Dave Redder	Lori Devine, Jay Trepanier, <b>Volunteer (2)</b>
Ushers		Tom Kranz, Nick Kranz, Dave Redder, Myron Keltgen, Spencer Lindner, <b>Volunteer (3)</b>	James Keltgen, Sharon Byer, James Kahnke, Dan Kahnke, <b>Volunteer (4)</b>
Greeters		Diane Kranz, Todd Meester, Molly Meester, Sandi Parkin	Carolyn Keltgen, Mike Makens, Alissa Makens, <b>Volunteer (1)</b>
Sacristan		Evan Meester	Jay Trepanier
Lector		Chris Berger	Sheri Kahnke

Weekly Giving: May 10th **Envelopes: \$5,771.00 Loose: \$1,300.08.** Automatic Giving Average \$3,400.00 per week. Weekly collection needs: \$15,000.00. Thank you for your continued support!

## Schedule of Holy Masses

05/19 Tue 11:00am +Hilda DeVille & +Roy Waba  
 05/20 Wed 12:10pm +Ross Mitchell  
 05/21 Thu 12:10pm +Tony Vitek  
 05/22 Fri 9:00am +Delores "Dode" Jellesma  
 05/24 Sun 9:00am +Konner Schleusner  
 05/24 Sun 11:00am +Paul VerDouw, Sr.

## 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

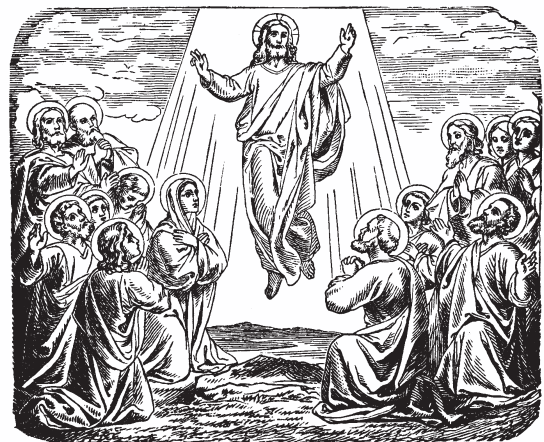
**Email:** [icoffice@avemariapastorate.org](mailto:icoffice@avemariapastorate.org)

## Corpus Christi

Sunday, June 7th, is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. There will be a Eucharistic Procession with Benediction after the 11am Mass at Immaculate Conception Parish.

Watch for more details next week!

**The outdoor Mass that had been planned at Ave Maria School has been replaced by this Mass.**



## Ave Maria Catholic School

**Phone: (605) 886-3883**

### End of School Year Changes

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation** - Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> - 6pm at Immaculate Conception Church all are welcome to join.

**Last day of school** - May 20<sup>th</sup> 12:20pm dismissal.

**Summer KOT Open House** - Thursday, May 21st, 4-6pm.

**Summer KOT Begins** - Tuesday, May 26th, (Must be pre-registered to attend).

**South Dakota Partners in Education has adjusted guidelines allowing more families to qualify for financial assistance.**

**For more information see our Facebook post or call the school office.**

**Save the Date:** Ave Maria Catholic School Golf Tournament, Friday, June 5th, at Cattail Crossings.

Registrations available in the school office or online at [www.icschoolwatertown.org](http://www.icschoolwatertown.org).

# Holy Rosary



Liturgical Ministers, 05/23 Saturday evening, 5:30pm

<b>Lector</b>	Carleen Mack
<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	Kennedy Kolb, Leon Mack, Arnie Haan
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Harper Mack, Harrison Mack, Madelyn Mack
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Mike Sturm, Jesse Bush
<b>Gifts/Offertory</b>	Volunteers

**Weekly Giving: Saturday, May 9th**  
**Reg.** - \$4,885.00, **Loose** - \$393.00, **Youth** - \$5.00.....  
 .....**Total - \$5,283.00** + Home Missions - \$40.00 (*No change*)

**2026 CFSA: This year's assessment - \$39,000.00**  
**Gifts so far - \$35,415.00, To meet assessment - \$3,585.00**  
**90%** of the assessment, **44%** participation from households  
 (*No change*)

**Steubenville Youth Conference Attendance Cost:**  
**Total Raised as of May 5<sup>th</sup> - \$5,190.48**

# Blessed Sacrament



Liturgical Ministers, 05/24 Sunday morning, 8:30am

<b>Lector</b>	Ann Caulfield
<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	Pat Callan
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Zach Schroeder, Emma Caulfield, Hunter Maag
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Scott Maag, Chad Byer
<b>Gifts/Offertory</b>	Tom & Sherri Sumner Family

**Weekly Giving: Sunday, May 10th**  
**Reg.** - \$520.00, **Loose** - \$21.25.....  
 .....**Total - \$541.25** + Home Missions-\$310.00 (*No change*)

**2026 CFSA: This year's assessment - \$14,500.00**  
**Gifts so far- \$14,130.00, To meet assessment- \$370.00**  
**97%** of assessment, **56%** participation from households  
 (*No change*)

**Steubenville Youth Conference Attendance Cost:**  
**Total Raised as of May 5<sup>th</sup> - \$3,457.48**

## Schedule of Holy Masses

05/18 Mon.	----	----	<Fr's. Day of Rest>
05/19 Tue.	8:30am	Kranzburg	Int. of Seth & Roni Mack
05/20 Wed.	8:30am	Kranzburg	+Matthew Hanten
05/21 Thur.	8:30am	Florence	+Ed & Barbara Mack
05/22 Fri.	8:30am	Kranzburg	+Mom & Dad Trepanier
05/23 Sat.	8:30am	Kranzburg	+Ted & Florence Ries

### The Solemn Feast of Pentecost

05/23 Saturday	5:30pm	Kranzburg	+Harold Arnold
05/24 Sunday	8:30am	Florence	Mass for the People



**FOUR SOLEMNITIES IN A ROW ON FOUR SUNDAYS IN A ROW (K & F):** Like it was this weekend for the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, incense will also be used on *The Solemn Feast of Corpus Christi*, June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW GROUNDSKEEPERS FOR ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY, WAVERLY (K):** After many, many years of mowing and taking care of the cemetery grounds, Chris and Tammy Stricherz have decided to step aside. We thank them for their dedication and care for so many years. We already have potential persons lined up to take over for them. If you have any questions, contact the office at Holy Rosary.

**THE OLD STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT HOLY ROSARY CEMETERY (K)** have been removed. They will be buried at a later date since they were blessed and used for a sacred purpose. We expect the new Stations of the Cross to be installed by June 12<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

**A RECENT BAPTISM AT HOLY ROSARY PARISH (K):** Kamden David Kranz, son of Dillon & Hannah (Comes) Kranz, was baptized last Sunday.

**MEMBERS OF THE MADONNA & ROSARY BANDS (K):** If you were not able to be present for the cancer walk or have not yet made a donation, please send your donation to Jill Lenards or Lois Fischer. You may also drop off your donation at the parish office. Please do this as soon as possible.

**MEMBERS OF THE ANNUNCIATION & GRACE BANDS (K):** Please make your donation if you have not contributed to the Pies & Petals fundraiser last weekend. Sammy Miller or Jody Bush will be accepting donations until the end of this month. You may also mail them or bring them by the parish office.

**THE ANNUNCIATION BAND (K)** will clean the church this week on Monday, May 18th beginning at 5:00pm Samantha Miller is the leader of this group. All help is appreciated.

## Parish Offices:

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

**Office Phone:** 886-9166, **Rectory Phone:** 886-3344

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**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-April Collection

Contributions are posted monthly.

## Saint Mary-April Collection

Contributions are posted monthly.

## Saint Michael-April Collection

Contributions are posted monthly.

### Schedule of Holy Masses

05/18	Mon	8:00am	Bryant Special Intention
05/19	Tues	NO MASS	
05/20	Wed	9:00am	Clark Marilyn Swanson
05/21	Thu	7:00am	Bryant Special Intention
05/22	Fri	8:30am	Henry Rod Cotten
05/23	Sat	8:00am	Bryant Special Intention
05/24	Sun	11:00am	Clark Ave Maria Pastorate

### Parish Offices

Office Hours: Mon, Tue, & Thu~3:30-5:30pm Wed~10:00am to 5:00pm

Phone: 605-532-3855

Father Baumberger: 605-868-6609

LeAnn Ducker: [lducker@avemariapastorate.org](mailto:lducker@avemariapastorate.org)

Nicole Sharp: [nsharp@avemariapastorate.org](mailto:nsharp@avemariapastorate.org)

Parish office for all 3 parishes: 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

The Ave Maria Pastorate welcomes Sara Vetch and Mary Weber on Tuesday, June 9th, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Watertown, SD. This beautiful evening will include presentations on how to find Jesus in grief along with guidance on how to pray in the darkest moments. There will also be time and space for prayerful reflection. Registration is required at the following link: [thelourdescenter.com](http://thelourdescenter.com). For more information, please contact us at [tlc@thelourdescenter.com](mailto:tlc@thelourdescenter.com) or call 605-988-3775. Healing happens here.

### Keyboard wanted

The youth choir is in need of an electronic keyboard. If you have one in good shape please call Allison Thyen at Immaculate Conception parish-605-886-4049.



## Area and Diocesan Events



**May 20, 2026-Sewing Workshop directed by Katherine Beaner "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.

**June 9, 2026-Day of Recollection directed by Deacon Mike McKeown.** "Learning to Live in the Divine Will". The gift of living in the Divine Will, revealed by Jesus to the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta, is an invitation to the true life of heaven, even while on earth. Jesus revealed to Luisa that living in the Divine Will is "the most beautiful and the brightest among all other sanctities. It will be the crown and the fulfillment of all the other sanctities."

**July 15, 2026-Abbey Family Picnic**-Bring your family and friends for an evening of laughter, food and community Spirit! Outdoor games, Music and Entertainment by "My Favorite Headache."

**August 25, 2026-From Age to Age Retreat directed by Fr. Vogel** Join us for a day of reflection focused on rediscovering peace and embracing the senior years as a time of grace, gratitude, and wisdom. Through prayer and reflection, we will look back with thankfulness and live the present with renewed insight and purpose. As one wise elder shared, "Sometimes you have to live twice before you really live once."

**For more information regarding these and future events visit [www.abbeyofthehills.org](http://www.abbeyofthehills.org) or email [events@abbeyofthehills.org](mailto:events@abbeyofthehills.org) or call 605-398-9200.**

In June of 1976 seven men were ordained for the Diocese of Sioux Falls. These men are all celebrating 50 years as ordained priests.

All seven priests will be honored at the

11:00 AM Parish Mass at St Joseph Cathedral on Sunday, June 7.

From 1:00--3:00 PM, there will be a reception for the 7, in the Cathedral Community Center in the lower level of the Cathedral.

The 7 ordained for our Diocese in 1976 are: Archbishop Thomas Gullickson, Father Thomas Heck, Father Michael Kelly, Father Kenneth Koster, Father John Lantsberger, Father Michael Wensing, and

Father James Zimmer. All are welcome to attend.

### Father James Zimmer 50th Anniversary of Priesthood

Please join me in thanking God for the immense gift of Christ's priesthood, "ever ancient and ever new", to which He has called me these past 50 years. I will offer the Mass on Trinity Sunday, May 31, at 11:00 AM, at St. Ann Parish, Humboldt, SD. Lunch will follow in St. Ann Parish Hall. No gifts, please. I ask only your presence—if that's not possible, your remembrance in prayer.

Please call or text me, 605-360-0788, or Paula Jarding, 605-695-0980, if you plan to attend, so we have a count for lunch.

### Father John Lantsberger and Father Michael Wensing 50th Anniversary of Ordination Mass and Open-House

Father Lantsberger and Father Wensing will concelebrate the 10:30 Mass on June 21<sup>st</sup> at Holy Name of Jesus. A reception in the parish hall will follow Mass. More details to follow.

**Important Faith Formation Dates**

<b>June 1-4</b>	<b>Vocation Bible School. 9am to 12pm Monday through Thursday Register by using QR code below or calling 605-878-2055. Ask for Loretta</b>
<b>July 29</b>	<b>Catechist Retreat - 12-8pm Immaculate Conception Church Parish Hall Coming Soon Registration Information</b>

**This Week On Formed:**



*Chime Travelers:  
A Series*

Join Patrick and Katie on thrilling time travel adventures! When bells chime, twins Patrick and Katie are whisked away to exciting times and places where they meet real-life heroes who shaped history – the saints! Packed with adventure, fun, and heart, Chime Travelers will inspire and entertain the whole family.

- Visit <https://formed.org/signup> / click “Continue to Sign Up/Login”  
Click “Need an Account, Sign up”
- Enter your information / Search for Ave Maria Pastorate
- Enjoy your new subscription!



**Registration Deadline is May 17th**

**Date:** June 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am to 12:00pm

**Location:** Holy Name of Jesus Parish Center

**Ages:** Students who have completed Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Adult Faith Formation Opportunities**

**Women’s Group, Book Study** - Holy Name of Jesus, on Thursday following the 8:30am Mass. Currently studying the “Wild Goose Series,” Please call Mavis Kemnitz for more information 605-880-5996.

**Bible Study Group** will meet on Tuesday mornings, immediately following 8:30am Mass at Holy Name of Jesus. Please call Karla Dagal, 605-881-8377, for more info.

**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](mailto: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.

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**Adoration Times**

**Holy Rosary, Kranzburg**

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