



DISCIPLESHIP & EVANGELIZATION

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‘Psalm 95:8’

Letter from the Director of Discipleship & Evangelization

The Psalm 95:8, “if today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts,” has always made me stop to ponder. What could ever make my heart become hard if I was gifted to hear the Father’s voice? Isn’t that what we all long for? To hear Him speak direction and guidance into our lives? But, what if he says something we don’t want to hear? I think if we’re honest, it may be one of the things that holds us back from growing in our prayer lives. It’s hard enough to hear things we don’t like from those we can see but how do we deal with hearing from the One that created not only the entire universe but me... and you.

With this in mind, I wanted to share with you that in prayer, I believe the Lord has spoken. At the end of this month, I will be returning to Him the position of being your pastorate Director of Discipleship & Evangelization. It has been a true gift to serve in this role. Some of my greatest gifts were being able to work along side the leadership team, parish coordinators and getting to know you as parishioners. Even though this is not what I wanted to hear, I am confident that the Lord has something beautiful in store for each of us.

As we head into another Advent season, I invite you to join me in recommitting to creating a space of silence to let Him speak. Whether we find immediate joy or what feels like hardship by what He says, we can trust that He knows what is best for all. May this silence help us to experience the gift of His love, peace and joy in new ways this upcoming Christmas Season. God bless Ave Maria Pastorate.

Missy Baumberger, Pastorate Director of Discipleship & Evangelization

“Silence is God’s first language; everything else is a poor translation. In order to hear that language, we must learn to be still and to rest in God.” St. Teresa of Calcutta

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Youth Formation

SCHEDULE

Nov. 9th /12th- K-10th Faith Formation for all parishes

Nov. 16th /19th- K-10th Faith Formation for all parishes

Nov. 23rd- K-10th Faith Formation for Blessed Sacrament only

No Faith Formation class on November 26th and 30th for Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 3rd- K-10th Faith Formation for all parishes except Blessed Sacrament

Dec. 7th/10th- K-10th Faith Formation for all parishes

Dec. 14th/17th- K-10th Faith Formation for all parishes

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No Faith Formation class from December 21st to December 31st for Christmas Break

Jan. 4th/7th- K-10th Faith Formation for all parishes

Jan. 11th/14th- K-10th Faith Formation for all parishes

Jan. 18th/21st- K-10th Faith Formation for all parishes

In the event of inclement weather, most parishes will follow their local school schedule. Any changes to this calendar can be found on our pastorate website at www.avemariapastorate.org or on the pastorate Facebook page.



We Are Hiring!

Pastorate Director of Discipleship and Evangelization

We are hiring for a Director of Discipleship and Evangelization. If you are interested in applying for this position please visit our website at www.avemariapastorate.org/employment for the application and job description.

Please join us in praying that God will provide the perfect person for this position.

Questions for Kids!

As parents, you are your child's first teacher in their faith. One way to create conversation with your child around their faith is to ask questions after Faith Formation class. We have listed some possible questions below.

- What did you talk about in class?
- What prayer did you pray in class today? Could we pray it together?
- Was there something that made you wonder today?
- Did you learn something that surprised you today?
- What was your favorite part of Faith Formation today?

Young Adult Group

The Young Adult Group is for college age men and women. The group meets at Ave Maria Catholic School Library on Thursdays at 6:30pm. Contact Parker at 605.878.2055 for more information.

Turkey Bingo Holy Name of Jesus

November 23, 2025, 2:00pm

You can play 21 games of Bingo for \$10. The 21st game will be played for a \$100 gift card to Walmart, County Fair or Hyvee. All proceeds will go to the Radio Mass on 99.1 KXLG & Radio Rosary on KWAT. Raffle tickets are \$20 each or 3 for 50. Year of Jubilee prizes will be drawn for those that participated.



Second Grade Sacraments

Dates to Remember

Eucharistic Retreat, Mar 14 at 9:00am
(check with your coordinator if your parish is attending)

Holy Name of Jesus

First Reconciliation Retreat, December 3rd
First Reconciliation, January 21st
First Communion, April 12th at 10:30am

Immaculate Conception

First Reconciliation Retreat, December 10th
First Reconciliation, January 28th
First Communion, April 12th at 2:00pm

Blessed Sacrament

First Communion, April 19th at 8:30am

Holy Rosary

First Communion, April 18th at 5:30pm

St. Henry

To Be Determined

St. Mary

To Be Determined

St. Michael

First Reconciliation, April 8th
First Communion, April 12th at 11:00am



Confirmation

Reminders

- Nov. 12th Watertown Sponsor Form due
- Dec. 17th Watertown Confirmation Names/Saint Form is due
- Jan. 21st Confirmation Retreat registration and payment due
- Jan. 28th Letters due to Bishop DeGrood for Watertown Confirmation students
- April 8th Confirmation rehearsal at 7:00pm at Holy Name of Jesus Church
- April 11th Confirmation at 10:30am at Holy Name of Jesus Church

Confirmation Retreat

February 7th, 2026

Save the date for the Ave Maria Pastorate Confirmation Retreat held at Immaculate Conception Church. Sponsors will be required to attend. More details to come.

Adult Formation

Prayer Opportunities

Adoration

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

Nov 16th Holy Rosary, Kranzburg

Nov 30th Holy Name of Jesus, Watertown

Dec 7th Holy Rosary, Kranzburg

Dec 21st Holy Rosary, Kranzburg

Dec 28th Holy Rosary, Kranzburg

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

Rosary

- Rosary Prayer Group meets Mondays 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.

Register for FORMED.org

Thanks to a generous donor, we were able to renew our pastorate's subscription to FORMED.org! Formed guides and supports you along your spiritual journey; over 4,000 different titles to choose from with something for everyone in the family!

Follow the instructions below to register for your account.

1. Visit <https://formed.org/signup> and click "Continue to Sign Up/Login"
2. Click "Need an Account, Sign up"
3. Enter your information
4. Search for Ave Maria Pastorate
5. Enjoy your new subscription!



FORMED.org Highlight: Advent Resource

You have a choice this Advent: Get caught up in the annual rush of shopping, decorating, and parties or slow down and take a few minutes each day to remember who this season is really about—Jesus. Follow along with this six video series during Advent, with the option to purchase the companion Journal on your own.

Communal Penance Service - December 14th, 2:00pm at Holy Name of Jesus.

'He Is Stable'- Grief Event

Dec 9th at 6:30pm, Immaculate Conception

This event is an evening of prayer and encouragement for those who are experiencing grief due to the loss of a loved one. The evening will include presentations about finding the light of Christ in the midst of grief. Warm your heart and soul with a candlelit ceremony, cookies, cider and the anticipation of Christmas. Registration is required. Register at www.thelourdescenter.com

Women's Discipleship

SHE Shall Be Called Women

- Wednesday at 8:45am in the Immaculate Conception Boardroom
- Wednesday at 6:30pm at Ave Maria Catholic School

Women's Group, Book Study - Tuesdays at 4:30pm at Holy Name of Jesus Church, Book, *Miracles Do Happen* by Sister Brieg McKenna.

Young Women's Group- College aged women's group meets weekly. Contact Ilse for more information by calling 605.886.4049 or email ivital@avemariapastorate.org

Couple's Formation

Two Soul's United In Christ Marriage Retreat Fri, Nov 14th - Sat, Nov 15th

Retreat leaders, Peter & Theresa Martin are authors of the book 'The Rule: St. JPPI's Rule for a joy-filled Marriage of Divine Love.' Retreat held at Immaculate Conception Church in Watertown. Registration to start at 5:30pm, retreat to begin at 6:00pm. Scan the QR Code above for more information and to register.

Young Couples Group

This group meets every other week and is aimed at young married couples. Childcare is available, however we ask that you provide a small stipend in exchange. Location rotates between involved couples that are interested in hosting, this is optional. To learn more please contact Shelby at 605.237.9691.

Men's Discipleship

4Fathers 4Families, Men's Group- Wednesdays at 6:30pm at Ave Maria Catholic School Library. Mission is to strengthen men in their sacred role as spiritual leaders of the home. Contact Chris for more information at 605.280.6834.

Watertown Men's Group - Thurs's 6:30am, Immaculate Conception Church Hall. For more information contact Craig Swarhout at 763.458.0718.

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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Christmas Mass Times



Holy Name of Jesus, Watertown

Christmas Eve- 4:30pm, 7:30pm
Christmas Day- 8:30am

Blessed Sacrament, Florence

Christmas Eve- 4:00pm

St. Henry, Henry

Christmas Eve- 6:00pm

St Michael, Clark

Christmas Day- 9:00am

Immaculate Conception, Watertown

Christmas Eve- 4:00pm, 9:00pm*
Christmas Day- 9:00am

Holy Rosary, Kranzburg

Christmas Eve- 6:00pm
Christmas Day- 9:00am

St. Mary, Bryant

Christmas Eve- 4:00pm

