



DISCIPLESHIP & EVANGELIZATION

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Letter from the Director of Discipleship & Evangelization

Happy Easter. He is Risen. He has Risen Indeed!

The season of Easter is the most important of all liturgical times, which Catholics celebrate as the Lord's resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. The Octave of Easter comprises the eight days which stretch from the first to the second Sunday. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14) (*Reflection from USCCB.org*)

As we head into the last days of another academic year, I find strength and encouragement as I look back on both the blessings and the challenges that have accompanied us on our journey. The challenges have been real; no more Sunday Mass, feelings of lost identity, combining of classes, rotating priests, etc. All things that could lead us into despair and rejection if we let it. But as we enter into the Season of Easter, we are reminded that in the center of all our suffering, is the Risen Christ. Just as those on the road to Emmaus, we may not recognize Him right away, but our faith assures us that He is there. We can bet our life on it. As we begin to ponder what God desires for our pastorate this next year, we beg you to pray for us in our planning. We also invite you to join us Wednesday, May 7th for our next Encounter event where we will welcome, Dr. Mike Scherschligt from Kansas. This is a family event you will not want to miss. More info can be found on the back of this newsletter or our website.

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Youth Formation

SCHEDULE

Apr 20th/23rd- 20th Week of K-10th Faith Formation

Apr 27th/30th- Final Week of regular K-10th Faith Formation!

May 7th- Encounter Event/ End of Year Wrap Up with Dr. Mike Scherschligt at IC, 6:30pm



Jun 4th-6th Maria Goretti Vocations Camp at the Abbey

Jun 23rd-26th Holy Kids Summer Camp at Holy Name of Jesus

Jun 23rd-27th Lumen Christi with 7th-12th grade

Jul 10th-13th Steubenville Youth Conference and Valley Fair

Jul 29th-Aug 1st JP II Vocations Camp at the Abbey

Congratulations!

We wanted to wish a very special congratulations to all of the students throughout Ave Maria Pastorate that have recently been confirmed into the church and those who have received their First Reconciliation and First Communion.

The Sacraments of the Catholic Church are a beautiful gift. Please know your parish and pastorate families are praying for you as you continue to dive deeper in your individual faith journeys.

Holy Kids Camp

June 23rd-26th
Holy Name of Jesus Parish

Holy Kids Camp will be led by the Pro Ecclesia Sancta Sisters for children K-5th grade, 6-12th grade students are encouraged to register as helpers. There are limited spots available. Monday-Wednesday will run from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Thursday will be a fun family day from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Cost of registration is \$50 which covers crafts, snacks, t-shirt and a bag (max \$100 per family).

Register by scanning the QR code or visiting our website.



Congratulations to the 2025 Ave Maria Graduating Class!

Congratulations to the seniors throughout Ave Maria pastorate! Please know that as you move onto your next steps in life, your parish and pastorate families will be praying for you!

The Sioux Falls Diocese would like you to fill out a survey regarding your future plans. Please watch your emails for additional information when it is available. Thank you!

Summer Opportunities for Teens

Maria Goretti Vocations Camp, June 4th-6th at the Abbey of the Hills

A Vocations Camp for girls ages 12-16, led by religious sisters. For more information visit <https://sfcatholic.org/vocations/vocations-camps/>.

D-Camp (Discipleship Camp) at Broom Tree Youth and Family Camp

During the day you will hear talks to help you grow in your faith, bond with a small group of other teens, compete in all-camp Olympic games, have the chance to go to Mass, Confession, and Adoration, and meet lots of new friends! Dates available for Junior High and High School ages. For more information visit <https://sfcatholic.org/youth/d-camp/>

Lumen Christi Junior and Senior High Youth Camp June 22nd -26th location is to be announced, watch the bulletin for updates

Join the Lumen Christi ministry team for a five-day evening program for Junior High and High School youth going into grades 7-12th. These nights will go from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The missionaries will provide talks, testimonies, small groups, and games. The evening program will run Sunday night through Thursday evening. Scan the QR Code to register!



JP II Vocations Camp, July 29th-August 1st at the Abbey of the Hills

A vocations camp for boys ages 12-16, led by priests and seminarians from our diocese. For more information visit <https://sfcatholic.org/vocations/vocations-camps/>.

Adult Formation

Prayer Opportunities

Adoration

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

Watch the bulletin for additional times and locations this summer!

Apr 27th Holy Rosary, Kranzburg

May 4th Holy Rosary, Kranzburg

May 11th Holy Rosary, Kranzburg

May 18th Immaculate Conception, Watertown

May 25th Holy Name of Jesus, Watertown

Jun 1st Holy Rosary, Kranzburg

Adoration every Wed from 7:30am until Thurs
at 6:50am 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 on Mondays at 6:00pm. Contact Jody at 605-690-1529 for more information. All ages are welcome.

Men's Discipleship

That Man is You! Men's Group

The men's group will continue to meet every Thursday at 6:30am in the Immaculate Conception Church Hall.

Huge Thank You to Our 24/25 Catechists!



On behalf of Ave Maria pastorate, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to you for giving your time and talent to teach our Faith Formation students. Our program would not be successful without each and every one of you. We wish you a restful summer and hope to have you back next year if you feel called. May God bless you and your loved ones!

Year of Jubilee Passport Card

Join us for a very exciting activity that will not only help to celebrate the Year of Jubilee but will also give you an opportunity to explore the various parishes in our pastorate. If your parish would like to invite others to join you to pray the rosary or other activity to count towards their passport, please email the details to gtschakert@avemariapastorate.org. More information or to print off a passport card, visit our website by scanning the QR code.



JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE to ITALY

CELEBRATE THE HOLY
JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE



hosted by

FR. SHAUN HAGGERTY

11 DAYS: OCTOBER 13-23, 2025

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with the Vatican and the Holy Doors

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Anointing Mass

May 13th at Immaculate Conception Church

All Catholics wishing to receive the Sacrament of Anointing are welcome to attend. Mass will begin at 11:00am with lunch to follow.

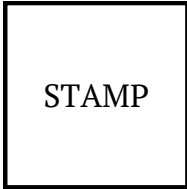
SAVE THE DATE

Assumption of Mary Celebration!

Previously known as Immaculate Conception School, Ave Maria School and Faith Formation Center has now relocated to 412 2nd St SE, Watertown, SD 57201. Join us for an open house and Mass on August 15th. More details to come!



309 2nd Ave SE
Watertown, SD 57201



Encounter



Living as a Eucharistic People

AVE MARIA PASTORATE PRESENTS

6:30pm Presentation

(Activities for K-6 Faith Formation)

7:30pm Prayer followed by Fellowship

Immaculate Conception Parish, Wtn



WEDNESDAY, MAY 7TH

Dr. Mike Scherschligt

**Leading People to Jesus Through Friendship,
Conversation, and the Rosary**

President & Founder of Holy Family School of Faith



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Visit <https://schooloffaith.com/daily-rosary-meditations> or scan the QR code to listen to the Daily Rosary Meditation podcast.