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The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 25th, 2026

We gather this weekend to celebrate the 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time. The readings are from Exodus 22:20-26, 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 and Matthew 22:34-40.

In our first reading from Exodus, we hear the Lord speaking to Moses about the covenant God is giving his people. They are talking about the Law and how to live it. In their discussion, we see them talking about aliens, widows, and orphans. How the Israelites were in a similar position; remember how you were treated. Then they talk about lending money and do not become an extortioner to those who borrow from you. Be fair in your dealings with others. God reminds them and us that he is a merciful and compassionate God to those in need.

St. Paul, in our second reading, is reminding the readers of his letter of his recent visit to them. "Remember my behavior and actions while I was with you so you can become a model to all believers." St. Paul is reminding us to be an example to all people but especially to other believers. This reminds me of what my parents usually said to us kids as we headed out the door, "to remember where you come from and who you represent."

In Matthew, we continue our reading of the building tension between Jesus and the leaders of the Jewish people. The Pharisees took their turn at trying to trap him by asking about the Law that God has given them. Jesus' answer sums up the entire Law with his answer to love God, and then to love your neighbor. Everything depends on this to understand who Jesus is.

The readings this weekend are a call for us to look honestly at ourselves and ask whether we reflect the love of God to our neighbor and to ourselves. What example are we setting for those around us?

A special thank you to all who wished me a Happy Birthday – for the greetings, cards, and gifts. Thank you so much, I am truly blessed to serve you all.

Save the Date: Turkey Bingo is coming! It will be on Sunday, November 22, 2026, at 2 pm at Holy Name Parish Center.

There will be Mass on All Souls Day at Holy Name on Monday, November 2nd at 8:30 am.

Have a Blessed Week!

Father John Fischer



Don't Forget to Fall Back!



DAILY SAVINGS TIME ENDS ON NOVEMBER 1!!!

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Ave Maria Catholic School: 605-886-3883 **Pg 4** **Office of Discipleship & Evangelization (Faith Formation)** 605-878-2055 **Pg 7**

Bulletin deadline is no later than 12:00 pm on Tuesday. Please submit your bulletin news to Lisa Lane: llane@avemariapastorate.org.

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 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.



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: Will meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Knights of Columbus Unity Hall at 6:00pm. Come pray with us.

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 at 10:30am in the IC parish hall 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 meet the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 at HNJ St. Martin's room. Please enter through the office door.

Shalom Choir: Practice is on Wednesdays at 5:15pm. New voices are always welcome, please call Jane Rokusek at 605-881-0746.

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

Holy Name Choir: Has resumed practice. Call Jane Jaspers to sign up and for more information, 605-370-1048.

Watertown Area Right to Life: Meet at Midwest Bible Camp on the last Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm.

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

Holy Name of Jesus

	10/31 Saturday 4:00pm	11/01 Sunday 8:30am	11/01 Sunday 10:30am
Altar Servers	Mass	Xane, Berkely, Zeke Fligge	Paityn, Kinleigh & Addalyn Boydston
Extraordinary Ministers	will	Keith & Cindy Mack, Pastel Fligge	Brian & Danica Boydston Mitch Reed
Ushers/Greeters	be	Dave & Theresa Weigel Jon & Laura Hegge	Bill Rieffenberger, Jim Hulscher Bruce & Marne Hult
Gift Bearers	celebrated	Jason & Sheila Schroeder	Gary & Rose Steen
Sacristan	at	Lisa Lane	Lisa Lane
Lector	Immaculate Conception	Wade Fligge	Nicki Yackley-Franken

Sunday Collection: Envelopes: \$5,199.00, Loose: \$1,000.00, Kids: \$64.00, on-line: \$11,207.50. Weekly Average: \$12,128.44. Weekly amount needed to meet budget-\$16,000.00. Have you considered online giving? Please call 605-886-2628, we can help.

Mass Intentions

10/27 Tue 8:30am Poor Souls in Purgatory
 10/28 Wed 8:30am +Don Witt
 10/29 Thu 8:30am +John & Ester Lesnar
 10/30 Fri 8:30am +Bill Frost
 10/31 Sat 4:00pm Mass at Immaculate Conception
 11/01 Sun 8:30am +Mike Dylla
 11/01 Sun 10:30am +Verda Urevig
 11/02 Mon 8:30am +Barbara Leemhuis ALL SOULS DAY

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

The Remembrance Mass will be held on November 7th at the 4:00pm Mass. Letters have been mailed inviting family members of parishioners who have passed away this past year to this Mass. If you did not receive one, please call LeAnn at 605-886-2628.

Also, if you have a loved one's photo that you would like to share for the all souls bulletin board, please drop it off in the office before November.

HALLOWEEN: ITS ORIGINS AND CELEBRATION

The celebration of Halloween has dual origins. The first is in a pre-Christian Celtic feast associated with the Celtic New Year. The second is in the Christian celebration of All Saints Day (Nov. 1st) and All Souls Day (Nov. 2).

The Celtic Feast: The ancient Celtic peoples who inhabited England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and Brittany (NW France) celebrated their New Year's Day on what would be November 1st on our calendar. Prior to their conversion to Catholicism these peoples practiced a pagan religion controlled by a priest class known as Druids. New Year approached, was a time to consider the mystery of human death. It was believed that on the last night of the year the lord of death, Samhain, allowed the souls of the dead to return to their homes. Souls that had died in sin, and in Celtic belief were imprisoned in the bodies of animals, could be released through gifts to the lord of death, including human sacrifices. It was also thought that evil spirits, demons, ghosts, witches were also free to roam around this night and could be placated by a feast. They would also leave you alone if you dressed like them and thus appeared to be one of them. Families would also extinguish their hearth fires on this evening to be re-lit from a common New Year's bonfire built on the hilltops, which was meant to symbolize the driving away of darkness and evil with the coming of the new year. The jack-o-lantern as a means of scaring away evil and providing light may be a vestige of this custom.

The Christian Feasts of All Saints and All Souls: In the early Church, Christians frequently had to operate "underground" due to persecution by the Roman state. Many martyrs died for their faith in Jesus Christ. At the end of the third century, the martyrs became so many that in some places it was impossible to commemorate even the most significant of them. The need for a common feast of all martyrs was becoming evident. Beginning with Gregory III, the celebration of a feast of All Saints was commemorated at St. Peters on November 1. Gregory IV, extended this feast to the entire Church.

The feast of All Souls developed more gradually, first with a monastic celebration of their departed on October 1st. This seems to have occurred first in Germany in the 900s. From there it spread to other dioceses, including Rome. In 1915, Pope Benedict XV extended the celebration the whole church.

Halloween during Christian Times: The Celtic peoples conversion to Christianity did not dampen their enthusiasm for the pre-Christian year-end custom of feasts, bonfires, and masks. The proximity to the developing Christian feasts of All Saints and All Souls resulted in an attempt to move the celebration to the evening before All Souls, when children would go door to door receiving treats for a promise of prayer for the dead of the household. This attempt to associate the Celtic remembrance of the dead with the Christian memorial ultimately failed and the celebration remained a year-end custom (by the old Celtic calendar), though Halloween remains primarily a children's feast.

With the massive emigration of Irish in the last century the All Hallows Eve customs of costumes, jack-o-lanterns and trick or treating, were transported to North America. Scary costumes remain the historical norm for Halloween. Today many families, and even parishes, hold group celebrations, often with costumes of the saints, the poor souls, or famous Catholics (such as the Pope, Mother Teresa or the like) and other elements which re-enforce the Christian side of Halloween's origins.

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Immaculate Conception

	10/31 Saturday, 4:00pm	11/01 Sunday, 9:00am	11/01 Sunday, 11:00am
Altar Servers	Aleah, Eli & Mia Jaeger	Ellie Henderson, Ben Roberts, Bennett Roby	Nick Hanson, Marissa Quale, Molly Thorson
Extraordinary Ministers	Paulette DeVille, Rachael Jaeger, Elaine Sietsema, Kathy E Tesch	Sheila Grabow, Cindy LaBerge, Lana Waage, Volunteer (1)	Carissa Quale, Michael Roethler, Kathy Stewart, Rosemary VanLaecken
Ushers	Bob Albers, Pete Bauman, Chuck Clausen, Rick Gully, Dave Redder, Elaine Sietsema, Mike Zafft, Volunteer (1)	Steve Horning, Wayne Jenc Volunteers (6)	Greg Hanson, Lisa Kreutner, Bill & Brenda Ortmeier, Patrick Quale, Ron VanLaecken, Volunteers (2)
Greeters	Bridget Bauman, Kris Fey, Elaine Ries, Rita Waba	Kristin Jenc, Volunteers (3)	Don & Judy Becht, Corrine Kallemeyn, Volunteer (1)
Sacristan	Jo Vitek	Volunteer Needed	Ryan Hanten
Lector	Rachael Jaeger	Volunteer Needed	Rosemary VanLaecken

Weekly Giving: October 18th **Envelopes: \$6,358.00 Loose \$1,805.85.** Automatic Giving Average \$3,600.00 per week. Weekly collection needs: \$16,000.00. Thank you for your continued support!

Schedule of Holy Masses

10/27 Tue 12:10pm +Dale Buetow
 10/28 Wed 12:10pm +Sy Korbel
 10/29 Thu 12:10pm +Ronald Cooley
 10/30 Fri 9:00am +Les Staufer
 10/31 Sat 4:00pm +Paul & Rose Cordell
 11/01 Sun 9:00am For Ave Maria Pastorate
 11/01 Sun 11:00am +Colleen Vavruska

DO YOU PLAY THE PIANO?

 Immaculate Conception and Holy Name of Jesus Parishes are seeking accompanists to play for weekend Masses.

What we offer:

- A supportive community and flexible scheduling.
- Start by playing 1 Sunday a month.
- ANY and ALL skill levels are welcome.
- Training will be provided for those who have never led music for Mass before.
- Payment for accompanists is \$75 per Mass.

Contact Music Director, Alison Thyen, if you have questions or are interested in being trained:
athyen@avemariapastorate.org or call IC Office: 605-886-4049

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

Knights of Columbus Raffle Winner:

Oct 15th - \$100 Winner: Brian & GerriAnn DeBoer, Wtn

All Souls Day Mass

Monday, November 2nd at 5:30pm
 at Immaculate Conception Parish

FAMILY ROSARY

Family Rosary at
 Foundation Plaza on Kemp Ave
 at 9:00 am
Saturday, November 7th

Pancake Breakfast

Sun., Nov 1st
 at IC Parish Hall

**Serving from
 9:30am - 1:00pm**
Free Will Offering

Help support the
 Seminarians from the
 SF Diocese

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 Serra Club & Knights of
 Columbus*

Ave Maria Catholic School

Phone: (605) 886-3883

Early Dismissal - Wednesday Oct. 28th - Teacher InService

Divine Chaplet - Friday, Oct. 30th in Ave Maria Gym

Early Dismissal - Thursday, November 5th at 12:20pm - Conferences K-6 | 1-8pm

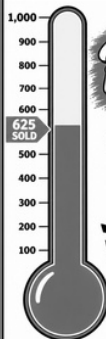
Book Fair - Thursday, November 5th 1-8pm

3rd Grade Living Saint Wax Museum - Friday, November 6th 1-1:30pm | Library

Raffle - 1968 Mercury Cougar XR7

Drawing will be held December 8th at the 9:00am School Mass
 Celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
 Help us Reach our Goal and purchase a ticket TODAY!





Raffle Tickets

GOAL
1,000
 TICKETS

PRIZE
 1968
 Mercury Cougar
 XR7

Drawing will be held
DEC 8TH
 AT 9AM MASS

Holy Rosary

Liturgical Duties, 10/31 Saturday evening, 5:30pm

Lector	Carleen Mack
Extraordinary Ministers	Leon Mack, Virgil Thiewes, Lynne Tesch
Altar Servers	Laberge Bros.
Ushers/Greeters	Mike Zaug, Leon Spartz
Gifts/Offertory	Volunteers

Weekly Giving: Saturday, October 17th

Reg. - \$3,009.50, **Loose** - \$160.25, **Youth** - \$3.00.....
**Total** - \$3,169.75 + World Missions - \$105.00

Schedule of Holy Masses

10/26 Mon.	----	----	No Mass - Fr.'s Day of Rest
10/27 Tue.	8:30am	Kranzburg	Int. of Pete Mack
10/28 Wed.	----	----	No Mass - Chapel Mass/Class Visits
10/29 Thur.	8:30am	Florence	+Paula Mack
10/30 Fri.	8:30am	Kranzburg	+Janet Zaug
10/31 Sat.	8:30am	Kranzburg	Paul & Orrie Palm

Solemn Feast of All Saints (All Saints' Day)

10/31 Saturday	5:30pm	Kranzburg	Missa Pro Populo (For the People)
11/01 Sunday	8:30am	Florence	+Dec. Mbrs. of the Parish

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

11/02 Monday	8:00am	Kranzburg	+Souls in Purgatory
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THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HAVEN CENTER (AMP) in Watertown, Brookney Delgado, will be at Holy Rosary Parish on Sat. eve., Nov. 14th to answer questions about and to give out information on the Haven Center and its work. A table will be set up following Mass at the back of church. Anyone desiring an individual or group tour of the Haven Center may call **605-878-1265** or e-mail **info@havencentersd.org**. The same contact information may be used to arrange for someone to come and give a presentation about their mission to a group meeting.

THERE WILL BE HOLY MASS FOR ALL SOULS' DAY (K) on Mon., Nov. 2nd at 8:00 AM at Holy Rosary Parish. Following Mass we will gather in the cemetery to bless the new Stations of the Cross. After that there will be coffee and rolls served in the parish hall.

NEW ONLINE GIVING PLATFORM & OTHER DIGITAL OPTIONS (K, F, AMP): We are going to a new platform coinciding with the program for our parish databases. Each parish will have its own address/link to the giving platform (*they are listed below*), and contributions will go directly to the parish bank account. Fees for the new platform will be lower. Time will be saved when data is reviewed and posted to individual accounts. *QR codes will be made available.* There will also be a Text To Give option for each parish. (*They are also listed below.*)

Holy Rosary Parish - <https://onrealm.org/HolyRosaryParish28736/Give/now>

Blessed Sacrament Parish - <https://onrealm.org/BlessedSacramen/Give/now>

HRKRANZ to 73256

OR BSFLOR to 73256

Standard text message & data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text **HELP** to 73256 for help. Text **STOP** to 73256 to cancel. Text entries above are not case sensitive.

AS IS THE CASE EVERY NOVEMBER THE BOOK OF THE DEPARTED (K & F) will be at the front of the church for all record the names of those who have died whom they are praying for. It will be there for you to inscribe names for the entire month of November.

UPDATE ON HOLY ROSARY BAZAAR & ROAST BEEF DINNER TOTALS (K): Additional donations by parish members have raised the final profit for the Bazaar & Roast Beef Dinner to \$21,092.72. **BEWARE ALL BEASTS!...the bazaar and dinner will return next year! Watch your backs!**

CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS (K): The next meeting is October 28th at 7:00 PM at Jeffrey's.

We are raising funds to plant some new tree in the cemetery. A dollar-for-dollar match through the state jurisdiction will match up to \$2,500.00 for this. Raffle tickets are available in the parish office or from Sharon Mack for \$25.00 each to win \$500.00, 250.00, or \$100.00 cash. The drawing will take place on December 17th.

Blessed Sacrament

Liturgical Duties, 11/01 Sunday morning, 8:30am

Lector	Carmen Tschakert
Extraordinary Minister	Kathy Pommier
Altar Servers	Zach Schroeder, Derek Flisrand, Judd Hemmingson, Collyns Caulfield
Ushers/Greeters	John Moes, Scott Maag
Gifts/Offertory	James & Ann Caulfield Family

Weekly Giving: Sunday, October 18th

Reg. - \$890.00, **Loose** - \$425.00.....**Total** - \$1,315.00 +
 World Missions - \$765.00, Maintenance - \$10.00

It is not too late to contribute to the *World Mission Sunday Collection*. Turn in your envelope or make a contribution on your parish's on-line giving site. The address is listed below across from the cartoon. When you go to the site click on the down arrow next to "Adult Envelopes" to reveal the World Mission Sunday giving field.

Parish Offices:

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

- **Office Phone:** 605-886-9166,
- **Rectory Phone:** 605-886-3344
- **Fr. Christopher's Email:** frchristopherhughes@sfcatholic.org
- **Office Email:** elindner@avemariapastorate.org

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

September Contributions: \$3,356.00

Saint Mary

September Contributions: \$2,672.25

Saint Michael

September Contributions: \$8,100.00

Mass Intentions

10/26	Mon	8:00am	Bryant	Linda Horrell
10/27	Tue	10:00am	LNNH	Gary Campbell
10/28	Wed	9:00am	Clark	Marlys Benson
10/29	Thur	7:00am	Bryant	Laurie Kranz
10/30	Fri	8:30am	Henry	Jerry O'Neil
10/31	Sat	8:00am	Bryant	AJ Horrell
11/01	Sun	11:00am	Clark	Duane Larson

ALL SOULS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Bryant	8:00am
Clark	5:30pm
Henry	7:00pm

Parish Offices

Clark Office Hours: Wednesday 10am-5pm
Phone: 605-532-3855
Father Baumberger: 605-868-6609
LeAnn Ducker: lducker@avemariapastorate.org
Nicole Sharp: nsharp@avemariapastorate.org
Parish office for all 3 parishes: PO 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

Area Fall Dinners

11/08/2026-St. Michael Parish, Clark November 8th 11:00am-1:00pm
Adults: \$12, Ages 6-12: \$6, 5 and under free. Menu: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes and gravy, corn, coleslaw, pie and a bun. You can call in to go orders 605-233-0851. Make sure to visit our Country Store for some delicious baked goods!

MASS WILL BE HELD AT 9:00AM FOR THIS SUNDAY ONLY.

If you know of an area dinner that is not listed here, please let us know, we would love to add it to our list.

Pancake Breakfast

Sun., Nov 1st
at IC Parish Hall

Serving from
9:30am - 1:00pm
Free Will Offering

Help support the Seminarians from the
SF Diocese

Sponsored by the Wtn Area Serra Club & Knights of Columbus



Area and Diocesan Events



FALL BANQUET | October 28th begins at 10:00 AM and ends 3 PM. Join us for an inspiring evening featuring Chad Greenway, former Minnesota Viking as our Keynote Speaker. "Faith after Football" Your donation supports The Abbey and its mission of peace, hospitality, and renewal. Tickets are limited - call today to reserve yours!

Men's 12-Step Spiritual Retreat | November 6-8, 2026 3:00 PM Friday ending at 10:30 Sunday. Men's 12-Step November 6-8, 2026 Step away for a weekend created especially for men walking the 12-step path, or simply curious about it. Registration is required. Since 1974, these retreats have been a place where stories are shared, friendships are formed, and hearts find room to breath. Reservations required.

Women's Fall Retreat | November 13-15, 2026 7:00 PM Friday and concludes noon on Sunday. "O Come Let Us Adore Him" As we near Advent and the Christmas season, we will consider how angels facilitate the adoration of God, this knowledge can help us rediscover peace in the midst of a season that can be stressful and busy. Reservation is required.

Advent Retreat | December 11-13, 2026 starts at 7 pm on Friday and concludes Sunday before noon with Fr. Gregory Tschakert.

In this weekend retreat, we will take a deeper dive into the identity of Jesus as revealed to us in the Scriptures and the Tradition of the Church. Then from this identity we will consider how our faith in Jesus calls us to discipleship in every facet of our lives. This retreat will be focused on the life and ministry of Jesus and will also include the celebration of Mass and the opportunity for Confession and spiritual counsel.

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



Give the Gift of Prayer!

All are invited to come and pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory on Saturday, November 7th, at 10:00 A.M. at the Saint Mary's Cemetery in Watertown.

A Plenary Indulgence is granted to those who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the departed from November 1st through November 8th.

Please gather with our CDA sisters to pray the Holy Rosary for these holy souls in need of our prayers. All are welcome!

Ave Maria Pastorate Moving to New Online Giving Platform

Ave Maria Pastorate is moving to a new platform for you to give online. You can access the online giving platform on the **Ave Maria Pastorate website** or using one of the following links:

Holy Name:

<https://onrealm.org/HolyNameJesusPa/Give/now>

Immaculate Conception:

<https://onrealm.org/ImmaculateConce/Give/now>

Holy Rosary:

<https://onrealm.org/HolyRosaryParis28736/Give/now>

St. Mary, St. Henry and St. Michael:

<https://onrealm.org/SaintMichaelPar26661/Give/now>

Blessed Sacrament:

<https://onrealm.org/BlessedSacramen/give/now>

Discipleship & Evangelization ~ 605-878-2055

It is not too late to register for Faith Formation!!!

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

Need help navigating the website?

Are you a catechist and need a promo code?

Call Loretta Redder at 605-878-2055.

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

Help Bring Others Home: Join Our OCIA Team!

We're building a team to walk with those exploring the Catholic faith. You don't need to be a theologian, just willing to share your faith and love others. Here's how you can help:

- **Presenter:** Share a teaching or personal witness with the group.
- **Group Leader:** Guide small group discussion and help inquirers ask questions.
- **Hospitality:** Welcome everyone with a warm greeting, refreshments, and a friendly face.
- **Prayer Warrior:** Commit to praying for our inquirers and the team throughout the process.

Interested?

Contact the Director of Discipleship and Evangelization at pschlenker@avemariapastorate.org or call the Faith Formation office at 605-878-2055.

Hallow for Ave Maria Pastorate

Scan the QR code to get into Ave Maria Pastorate's group in Hallow. Everything will officially launch later, but you can start now by downloading the app and joining the community!



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If you are reading this, you are being called!

We are in need of a few catechists and helpers at all grade levels.

If this is something you have considered, now is your time to reach out to Jake or Loretta at 605-878-2055!



Are You Interested In Learning More About The Catholic Faith?

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is for you!

Classes will start on Tuesday, September 15th at 6:30pm. Please call the Faith Formation office at 605-878-2055 for more information.

Classes are held at Ave Maria Catholic School.

Fiat Youth Group has begun!

Every Sunday from 6:30-8:30pm at Ave Maria Catholic School for High School, bring your Bibles and journals, and get ready to have fun!

You can sign up using this QR Code.



Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

Women's Group, Book Study - Holy Name of Jesus, on Tuesdays at 4:30pm. Currently studying the video series, "Chosen." Please call Mavis Kemnitz for more information 605-880-5996.

'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 Swarthout 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

Young Men's Group - Held Mondays, 7pm, Immaculate Conception Parish Center Basement. For more info, call Ryan Hanten at 605-881-0683.

Adoration Times

Holy Rosary, Kranzburg, Holy Hour 3:00-4:00pm

October 25th - Holy Hour of Mercy

November 1st - Holy Hour of Mercy



Wed, 12:40pm - Thurs noon at Immaculate Conception



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