



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH, 2026

SOLEMN FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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

Weekend Masses

Sat: 4pm(June); Sun:9am & 11am

Confessions

Tue, Wed, Thu after 12:10pm Mass;

Sat: 3pm-4pm (June)

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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Watertown, SD 57201

Office Hours

Mon-Thu: 9am-5pm; Fri: 9am-Noon

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(605) 886-4049 IC Parish

Email Address:

icoffice@avemariapastorate.org

Discipleship & Evangelization:

(605) 878-2055

Immaculate Conception School:

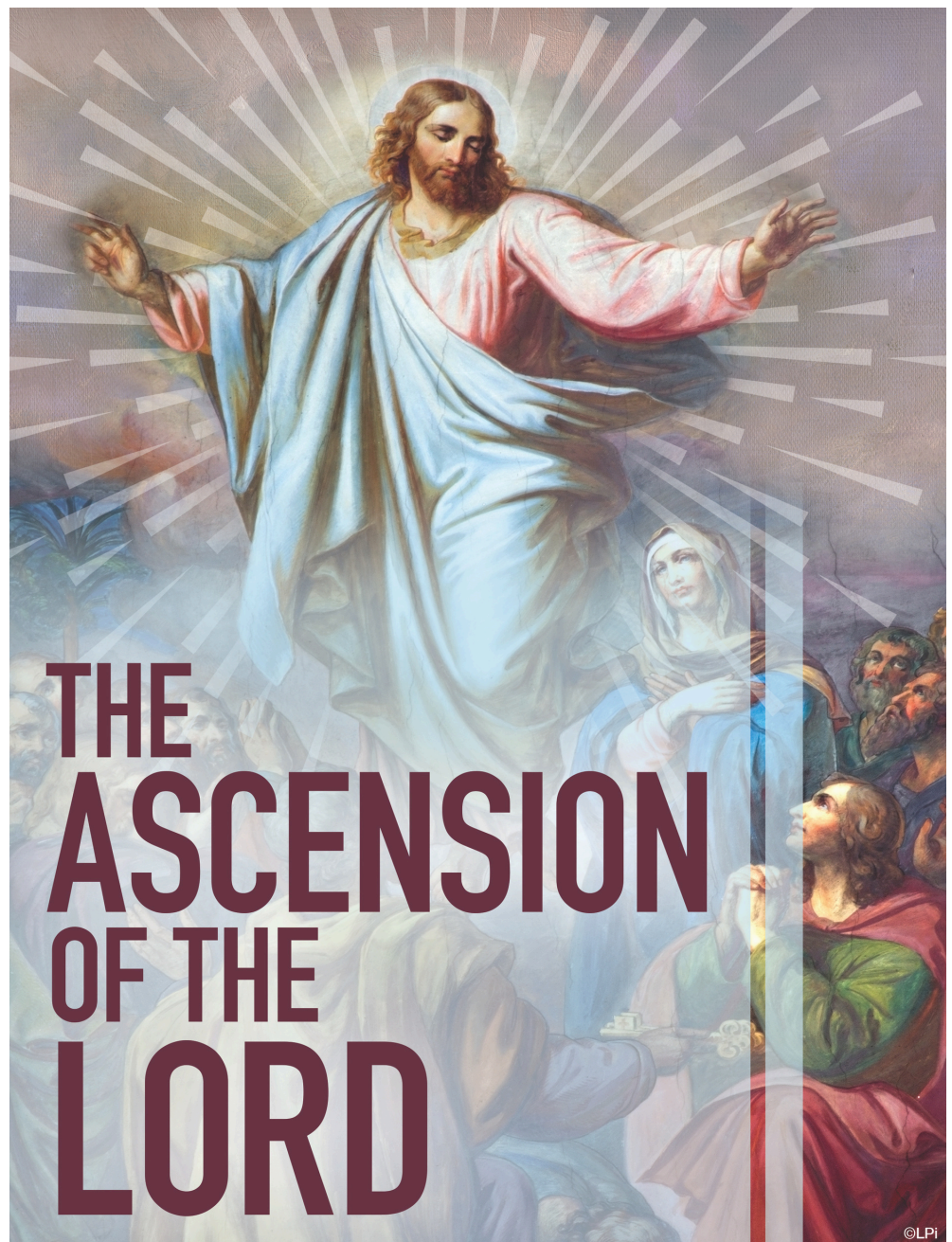
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Immaculate Conception Parish or
Ave Maria Pastorate



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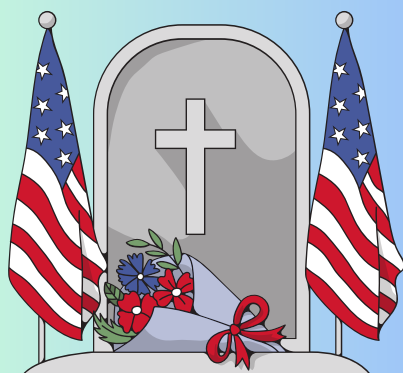
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Save the Date

Monday, May 25th Memorial Day

Mass will be at 8:45am.

Holy Name is the backup location
in case of bad weather.



AA

Weekly meetings held on Tuesday at 6:30pm & Thursday at 5:45pm—Parish Office Basement.

ADULT CHOIR

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. Come & sing!

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**.

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. Weekly meetings are held at Ave Maria Catholic School on Tuesday from 6:30-8pm. 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 **May 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

5/19	Tuesday	12:10pm	+Hilde DeVille & +Roy Waba
5/20	Wednesday	12:10pm	+Ross Mitchell
5/21	Thursday	12:10pm	+Tony Vitek
5/22	Friday	9:00am	+Delores "Dode" Jellesma
5/24	Sunday	9:00am	+Konner Schleusner
5/24	Sunday	11:00am	+Paul VerDouw, Sr

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, May 23rd at 4:00pm

Mass will be held at Holy Name of Jesus

Sunday, May 24th at 9:00am

Sacristan: Evan Meester

Lector: Chris Berger

Altar Server: Leyla Meester, Hudson Peterson, Anne Stromseth

EMHC: Chris Berger, Cindy LaBerge, Trish Spartz, Dave Redder

Usher: Tom Kranz, Nick Kranz, Dave Redder, Myron Keltgen, Spencer Lindner, **Volunteer (3)**

Greeter: Diane Kranz, Todd Meester, Molly Meester, Sandi Parkin

Sunday, May 24th at 11:00am

Sacristan: Jay Trepanier

Lector: Sheri Kahnke

Altar Server: Lucy Keltgen, Ellis Kahnke, Bennett Roby

EMHC: Lori Devine, Jay Trepanier, **Volunteer (2)**

Usher: James Keltgen, Sharon Byer, James Kahnke, Dan Kahnke, **Volunteer (4)**

Greeter: Carolyn Keltgen, Mike Makens, Alissa Makens, **Volunteer (1)**

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

Not long after my brother's first child was born, a beautiful little girl named Mary Elise, I asked him what it was like. Was he nervous?

Overwhelmed? He said, "When I first held her, I was in such shock. I think I just said, 'I am your dad. I am your dad.'" That moment marked a deep transformation for him. He was not just holding a baby; he was stepping into a new identity. Over the years, I have seen him live his fatherhood with quiet sacrifice, joy, and faithfulness. It started with that moment of truth. This, I propose, is a glimpse of what Jesus means when he prays, "Consecrate them in the truth." (John 17:17) To be consecrated is to be set apart in love, not taken out of the world. Consecration sends us into it with a new identity, always one that binds us to him and to others in love. Our bond to Jesus and others is the deep truth that he continually renews.

Whenever we speak deep truths about ourselves, we experience this renewal: "I have sinned;" "I need help;" "I forgive you;" "I take you as my husband;" "I believe in one God..." Whether in confession, in the liturgy, or in a recovery group, truth heals and transforms. And the deepest truth of all? That we belong to the Risen and Ascended Christ. Our lives are no longer just ours. We are his and he is ours. Name one truth you need to step into more deeply, about yourself, someone else, or God. Maybe put it on a note on your mirror. Let that truth consecrate you this week.

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— **Father John Muir (LPI)**

WEEKLY GIVING

May 10th Envelope: \$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!

Sacrament of Marriage



Congratulations!

Anthony Gibson & Kelly Sternhagen

Married

Saturday, May 16th, 2026



Baptism



Ila Regina Barker

Daughter of Daniel and EmmaLea Barker

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*Holy Hour of Mercy—
Sundays at 3:00pm Led by
Fr Christopher*



May 24th, 31st June 7th Holy Rosary, Kranzburg

FAMILY ROSARY

First Saturdays thru the summer

Family Rosary at
Foundation Plaza on Kemp



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

CDA meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6pm

Next meeting: May 12th

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

May 7th—\$100 Winner—Carissa Quale

ABBEY OF THE HILLS

Days of Recollection Schedule

June 9, 2026 by Deacon Mike McKeown “Learning to Live in the Divine Will”

July 14, 2026 by Fr Farke “So Where Did We Come From: A Trip Through Genesis”

August 11, 2026 by Dr Michael Moran “Who is the man of the Shroud Turin?”

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”

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

June 7th is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

There will be a Eucharistic Procession with Benediction after the 11:00 am Mass.

Watch for more details next week!




JUNE 1
BIG STONE CITY

JUNE 8
PIERRE

REGISTER:
605.988.3701



Benefiting Seminarian Education & Formation



Congratulations Graduates

Taking children to Church can, admittedly be a challenge.

Crying babies and fussy children are normal but when your child is past the point of no return these steps might help.

- Sit in the front.** Yes, it's counterintuitive, but kids behave better when they can see what's going on.
- Don't start out in the cry room.** We have a cry room, nursery and a side chapel. Go in only for as long as it takes to quiet your child. You and your child will get more out of the experience.
- Know when to hold 'em.** If you must remove your child from the sanctuary, hold them the entire time you are in the cry room or the back of the church. Letting your child play and run in the back of the church teaches him — through simple Pavlovian conditioning — that they need to cry and fuss to earn play time. If your little one makes you leave, be loving, sympathetic, compassionate and affectionate, but do not put him down. When he's quiet, return to the pew.
- Engage them.** For children under 4 or so, bring some quiet, soft, preferably religiously themed items. Keep them in a special "going to Mass bag" that is reserved for church. That will keep these activities special. Regardless, try to put these things away before the consecration. At the elevation, point to the host and whisper something like, "Look at the miracle! Look at Jesus. Say, 'I love you Jesus!'"
- Don't do Mass in shifts.** If you feel you aren't "getting anything out of Mass" when you bring small children, you are missing the point. What you get is the joy of passing your faith on to them. That's what you signed up for when you became a Catholic parent. Yes, it can be tough, and yes, you may certainly do other things to get your spiritual needs met, but Sunday Mass is for your family. **Go as a family!**

<https://www.teachingcatholickids.com/have-small-kids-5-tips-to-helping-you-make-it-through-mass/>



Family Groups

The mission of the family groups is to plan, coordinate and host a variety of fellowship related functions during the year. ALL registered parishioners are assigned to a family group in which the members are called upon when needed to help prepare, serve, provide a salad or dessert for a meal, or help with setting the tables and cleaning up.

Functions Include:

- Anointing Mass
- Feast Day Dinners
- Various Special Occasions
- Funeral Luncheons
- Keeping the Lord's House Clean

We are looking for volunteers to help keep our kitchen clean. Email Amy to inquire: apekelder@avemariapastorate.org



Registration Deadline is May 17th

Date: June 1st through 4th, 9:00am to 12:00pm

Location: Holy Name of Jesus Parish Center

Ages: Students who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade

