



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2026
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend Masses

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

Confessions

Tue, Wed, Thu after 12:10pm Mass;
Sat: 3pm-4pm (October)

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

309 2nd Ave SE
Watertown, SD 57201

Office Hours

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

Parish Office:

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Email Address:

icoffice@avemariapastorate.org

Discipleship & Evangelization:

(605) 878-2055

Ave Maria Catholic School:

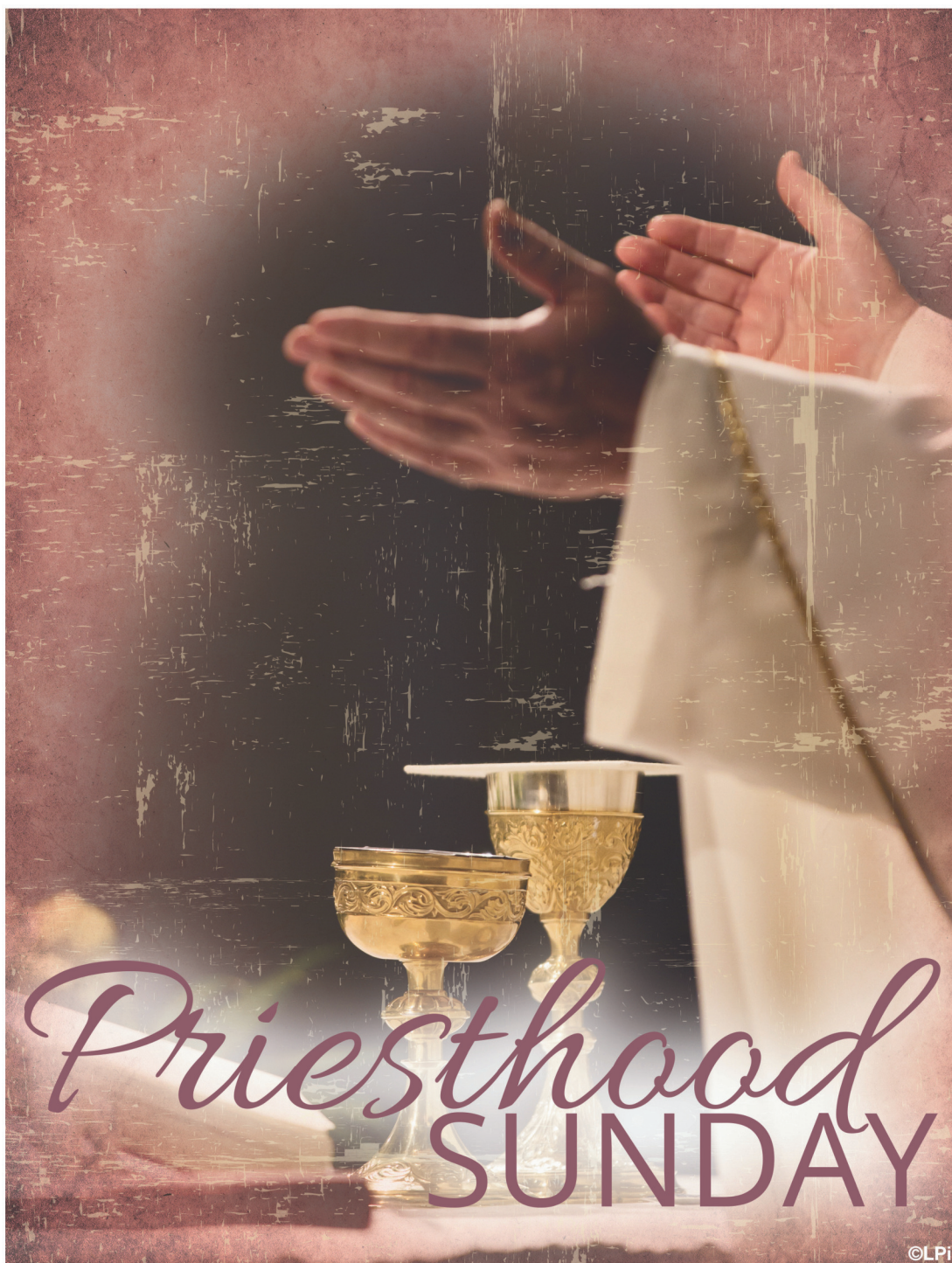
(605) 886-3883

Website:

www.avemariapastorate.org

Facebook:

Immaculate Conception Parish or
Ave Maria Pastorate



Priesthood
SUNDAY

AVE MARIA PASTORATE PRIESTS

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Hour of Mercy

Sundays at 3:00pm

Led by Fr Christopher

October 11th & 18th

at Holy Rosary, Kranzburg

No Holy Hour of Mercy on October 4th



Today is **National Priesthood Sunday.**

Please take this opportunity to thank and celebrate our Priests. Do something special to thank them: a thank you, a card or something special to appreciate them.

AA

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

ADULT CHOIR - Off during the summer months

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.

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** or email Alison directly at athyen@avemariapastorate.org.

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. Please call **(605) 878-2055** for more information. **OCIA classes on Tuesday's at 6:30 at Ave Maria School & Faith Formation Center.**

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. ~ **September 29th, 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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

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

Next meeting: October 13th at KC Unity Hall at 6:00 pm.

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

Sept 17th - \$100 Winner - Mark & Susan Schmit, Bristol, SD



Days of Recollection Schedule

October 13, 2026 by Wade VanDover "Divine Mercy - The End of Times"

November 10, 2026 by Fr Tyler Mattson "Living God's Word"

December 8, 2026 by Christopher Gromis "I Didn't Go Looking for Rome"

January 12, 2027 - By Jacob Brooks "Can We Trust the Bible? Discovering Salvation History"

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

Events at the Abbey

November 13-15, 2026 - Women's Fall Retreat "O Come Let Us Adore Him"

October 3, 2026 - Abbey Youth Hunt

October 20, 2026 - "A Day of Spiritual Reflection for Seniors"

December 5, 2026 - Christmas Cantata



EVERY TUESDAY
OCTOBER 6TH - NOVEMBER 3RD
6:00-8:00 PM

GRIEVING WITH GREAT *Hope*

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall
110 3rd Street, SE Watertown

\$20 for Grieving With Great Hope
Workbook

To register please contact **Bridget Bauman**,
Parish Nurse at (605) 886-4049 or at
bbauman@avemariapastorate.org



Marriage Blessings

Congratulations

Tyler Stadheim & Margaret Stromseth

Married

Friday, September 25th, 2026

Priest Retirement Special Appeal

The Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls has launched a Priest Retirement Special Appeal. The appeal will help fund the Priest Pension Fund and Priest Medical Fund. These funds support the priests as they transition into senior status or face medical needs. With an increase in retirement, inflation, and healthcare costs, there are not sustainable funds for the future. The funds are projected to reach a shortfall of \$13 million. To sustain the funds, the appeal goal is \$13 million. During the quiet phase, \$10 million has already been raised in cash and pledges. \$3 million remains to be raised to ensure our priests are cared for. Our priests have spent their lives caring for, loving, and serving you throughout your life. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the appeal. Every gift, regardless of size, helps strengthen the future of care for all priests in our Diocese.

To donate, visit ccfesd.org/priest-retirement or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your generosity.



A Look Ahead.....Clergy Days Oct 6th - 8th

Due to the priests attending Clergy Days, there may be changes to the Daily Mass schedule and Adoration. Please check next week's bulletin, the website & the church doors for information regarding daily Mass.

Upcoming Events in the Pastorate & Area

Sept. 27 ~ Holy Rosary Bazaar and Roast Beef Dinner,
Kranzburg, Holy Rosary Parish Hall

Sept 27 ~ St Liborius Parish Roast Beef and Turkey &
Dressing Meal, St Liborius Parish, Polo, SD

Oct 4 ~ St. Mary Parish of Clear Lake, SD ~ Fall
Festival

Oct 14 & 24 ~ Altar Server Training - watch for more
info or Contact Loretta Redder at the
IC Parish Office ~ 886-878-2055



**Reminder: Door codes expire after
one year. If your code is no longer working, you
may need to call the office and sign up for a new
code. ~ Thank you**

First Friday Breakfast Potluck

Friday, Oct 2nd

following 9:00am Mass
at IC Parish Hall

Please join us in fellowship



Adoration Replacement & Subs

A permanent adoration replacement will soon be
needed for the **Midnight on Wednesday**
until 1:00am on Thursday time slot.

Please prayerfully consider other time slots as well if
you would like to commit an hour to pray with Jesus.
It is always nice to have more than one person present.

Please call the Immaculate Conception office at
886-4049 if you would like to help. ~ God Bless!

FAMILY ROSARY

First Saturdays thru the Summer

Family Rosary at
Foundation Plaza on Kemp Ave
at 9:00 am

Saturday, Oct 3rd



East River TEC #2
Ave Maria School, Watertown, SD
October 10-12, 2026

Register now at EastRiverTEC.com for a
retreat experience like no other. In three
days' time, we'll take you through the life,
death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and
equip you to share His love with others.

The registration fee of \$85 covers all retreat
expenses, including materials, lodging at Ave
Maria Catholic School and meals.



SCAN TO REGISTER

Space is limited, so reserve your spot today!

**Please Join Us For Our Annual
Blue Mass**

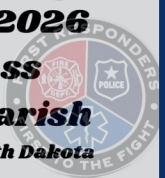
**Sunday, October 11th, 2026
at the 10:30am Mass**

Holy Name of Jesus Parish

1009 Skyline Drive, Watertown, South Dakota

All First Responders

Are Welcome!!!



SCHEDULE OF HOLY MASSES & INTENTIONS

09/29	Tuesday	12:10pm	+Ron Flemming
09/30	Wednesday	12:10pm	+Bernie & Bobbie Klapperich
10/01	Thursday	12:10pm	+Ora & Margaret Saylor
10/02	Friday	9:00am	+Sy & Mary Korbel
10/03	Saturday	8:00am	For an increase of Vocations to the Permanent Diocanate
10/03	Saturday	4:00pm	For Ave Maria Pastorate
10/04	Sunday	9:00am	+George & Katherine Reichling
10/04	Sunday	11:00am	+Arlene Buetow

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, October 3rd at 4:00pm

Sacristan: Sheila Grabow

Lector: Rick Gully

Altar Servers: Aleah, Eli & Mia Jaeger

EMHC: Paulette DeVille, Rachael Jaeger, Elaine Sietsema, Mike Zafft

Ushers: Bob Albers, Bill & Brenda Ortmeier, Elaine Sietsema, Mike Zafft, **Volunteers (3)**

Greeters: Kris Fey, Steve Raml, Rita Waba, **Volunteer (1)**

Sunday, October 4th at 9:00am

Sacristan: KC

Lector: KC

Altar Servers: KC

EMHC: KC

Ushers: KC

Greeters: KC

Sunday, October 4th at 11:00am

Sacristan: Ryan Hanten

Lector: Amy Pekelder

Altar Servers: Marissa Quale, Emily Thorson, Lily Pekelder

EMHC: Carissa Quale, Kathy Stewart, Amy Pekelder,

Volunteer (1)

Ushers: Myron Keltgen, Patrick Quale, **Volunteers (6)**

Greeters: Shelly Dupont, Alissa Makens, **Volunteer (2)**

WEEKLY GIVING

Sept 20th Envelope: \$5,101.00 Loose: \$1,526.00

Automatic Giving Average \$3,600.00 per week. Weekly Collection needs \$16,000.00.

Thank you for your continued support!

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 21:28 32

This Sunday, Jesus tells a short, uncomfortable story. A father asks two sons to go work in the vineyard. One says no, but later goes. The other says yes, but never shows up. It is a parable so simple, we almost miss how sharp it is. Jesus is clear about who it is for. This is not aimed at pagans or outsiders. It is aimed squarely at religious people, people who know the right words and sound obedient.

Jesus is not condemning unbelief so much as disobedience. The polite hypocrisy that says the right things while quietly resisting the Father's will. St. John Chrysostom put it bluntly, "Not words, but deeds, are what God requires. Nothing so exasperates Him as insincere obedience, while nothing so delights Him as repentance."

Every disciple must face that mirror. Do I publicly profess faith in Christ while privately resisting what He asks of me? It is easy to say, I believe in God in my heart. But if faith never becomes action, it slowly becomes an illusion.

Jesus does not expose hypocrisy to shame us. He reveals it to heal us. He wants our hearts and our deeds to speak the same word, to let our yes truly mean yes. Like the second son who initially refused but afterwards changed his mind and went, Jesus invites us to step into the Father's will, however late, however imperfectly.

Challenge: Where are your public faith and private obedience divided? Where do you say, I will go, but never enter the vineyard? Go, get to work, even if it is late. The Father's vineyard is still open.

~ **Father John Muir** ©LPi