



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 2026
28TH 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

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Watertown, SD 57201

Office Hours

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

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Email Address:

icoffice@avemariapastorate.org

Discipleship & Evangelization:

(605) 878-2055

Ave Maria Catholic School:

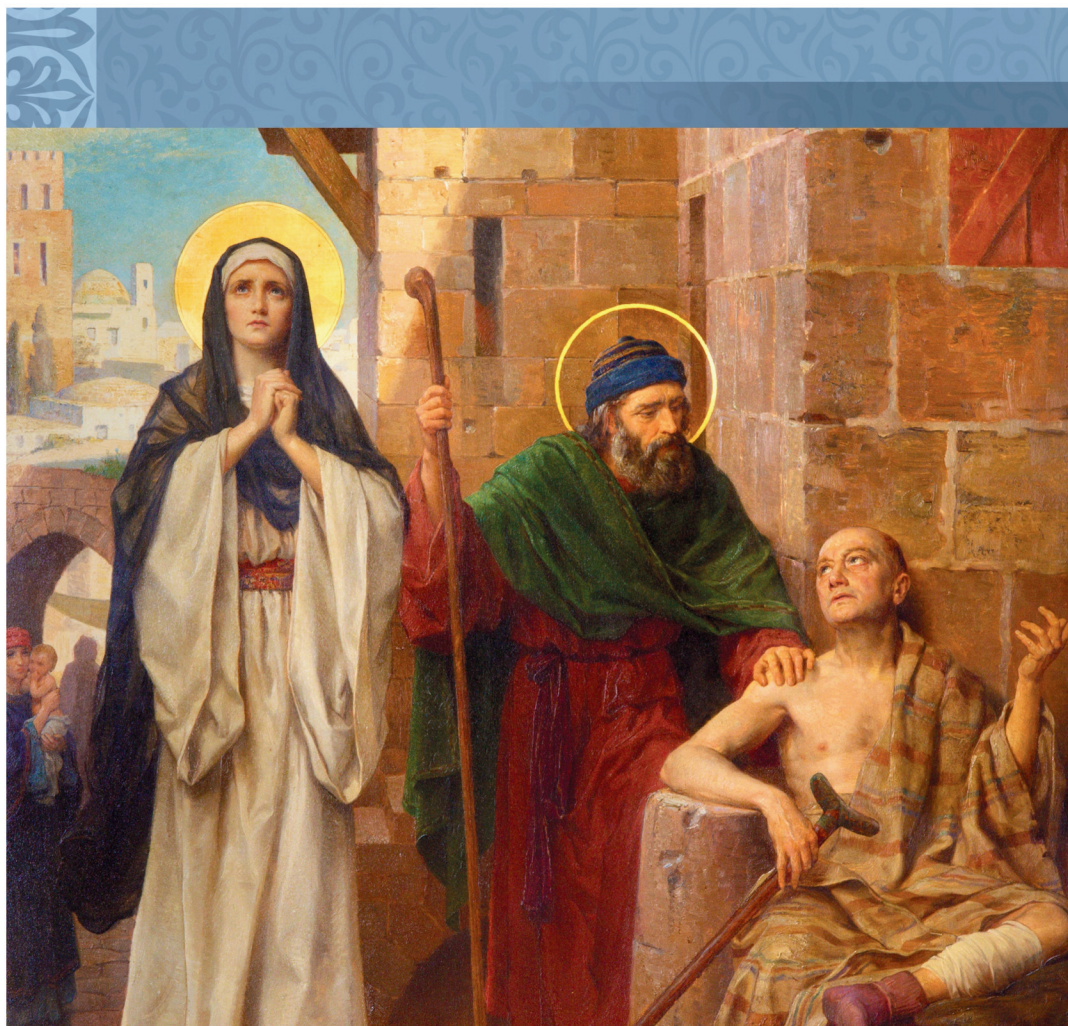
(605) 886-3883

Website:

www.avemariapastorate.org

Facebook:

Immaculate Conception Parish or
Ave Maria Pastorate



28th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast." Matthew 22:2-3

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, 25th
at Holy Rosary, Kranzburg



Sunday, October 18th

World Mission Sunday

There will be envelopes
available at the entry
of the church.

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.

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. ~ **October 27th, 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.

***Be sure to attend as we will be making the final preparations for the Annual Card/Cribbage fundraiser for charities.*

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

Oct 1st - \$500 Winner - Michael Mack, Watertown



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

October 3, 2026 - Abbey Youth Hunt

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

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

December 5, 2026 - Christmas Cantata

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.



Adoration Replacement & Subs

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

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!

October is Respect Life Month

We draw your attention to the **BABY BOTTLES** in the entryway of the church. Your donation reflects your commitment to strengthening a culture of life. These funds help to support all local Pro-Life efforts of the Watertown Area Right To Life.



www.watertownrighttolife.org

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Wednesday, Oct. 14th ~ 4-6pm
Saturday, Oct. 24th ~ 10am-noon

We are excited to welcome all youth in grades 4-12 from **Holy Name of Jesus & Immaculate Conception Church** to our next altar server training. All those looking to serve in this ministry are asked by Father Haggerty to attend one of these sessions. Pizza will be provided after training.



Please RSVP to Loretta Redder by calling (605)878-2055, emailing lredder@avemariapastorate.org or scanning the attached QR code.



**Those being trained must have received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion*

ONE IN CHRIST,
United in Mission

100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday
October 18th, 2026

"Let us be charitable about the missions, remembering that the Lord who said: 'Go teach all nations' is the same Lord who bewailed: 'I have mercy on the multitudes.'"

— **Blessed Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen**
National Director
The Pontifical Mission Societies USA
(1950 ~ 1966)

Last year your gift helped:

Form 41% of seminarians worldwide

Build 751 new churches

Sustain 1130 mission dioceses

Train 843,785 missionary catechists

Support 50% of all religious sisters worldwide

GIVE BY TEXT
"MISSIONS26"
TO 53555

Bingo and Bites a Halloween Bash

Saturday, October 24th

12:00 - 2:30

Knights of Columbus Hall

Bingo, Soup/Sandwiches, Caramel Apple Bar, Photo Booth, Face Painting and more!

Raffles

Cash Prizes

Gift Cards

Fundraiser for Ave Maria students going to Rome next summer



Annual Card Party

Whist • Pinochle • Bridge • Cribbage

Where: Immaculate Conception Church Hall
 110 3rd Street SE

When: Sunday, October 18, 2026
 Time: 2:00pm
 Cost: \$10.00

1st and 2nd Place Prizes in all divisions

Lunch Raffles Door Prizes Silent Auctions

Tickets may be purchased from CDA members or at the door.

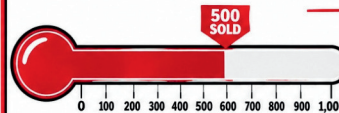


Raffle Tickets

GOAL
1000
 TICKETS



PRIZE
 1968
Mercury Cougar
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Drawing will be held in
NOVEMBER

ButterflyMX

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.

SCHEDULE OF HOLY MASSES & INTENTIONS

10/13	Tuesday	12:10	+Robert Welch
10/14	Wednesday	12:10	+Alfred & Armella Fox
10/15	Thursday	12:10	+Bob Comes
10/16	Friday	9:00am	+Bernie & Bobbie Klapperich
10/17	Saturday	8:00am	For Priests Serving at Newman Centers
10/17	Saturday	4:00pm	+Sy Korbel
10/18	Sunday	9:00am	+Lyle & Rosemary Walker / +John & Katherin Mitzel
10/18	Sunday	11:00am	+Dion VanWell

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 17th at 4:00pm

Sacristan: Dave Redder

Lector: Kathy Roggenbuck

Altar Servers: Nathan Boehm, **Volunteers (2)**

EMHC: Carla Dandurand, Dianne Zafft, **Volunteers (2)**

Ushers: Mike Zafft, **Volunteers (7)**

Greeters: Rita Waba, **Volunteers (3)**

Sunday, October 18th at 9:00am

Sacristan: Matthew Kranz

Lector: Wanda Clement

Altar Servers: Elliot & Kolt Johnson, Rylie Walder

EMHC: Roger & Wanda Clement, Katie Gruman, Tanya Maag

Ushers: Brian DeBoer, Wayne Jenc, Kevin Kerkvliet, Tom Kranz, Spencer Lindner, Jeff Maag, Bob Spears, Jamie Whiting

Greeters: Kristin Jenc, Eileen & Garry Mislan, Tammy Rogness

Sunday, October 18th at 11:00am

Sacristan: Ryan Hanten

Lector: Erin McBurney

Altar Servers: Ellie Henderson, Ben Roberts, Gage Robison

EMHC: Ann Roby, Scott Schwinger, Kathy Stewart, Dale Valberg

Ushers: Sharon Byer, Greg Hanson, Tyler Roberts, Scott Schwinger, **Volunteers (4)**

Greeters: Anne, Elise & Meredith Hanson, **Volunteer (1)**

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 22:1-14

Some friends invited me to one of the most famous and expensive restaurants in the country. I was grateful and eager to go. One invited friend even flew from another state for the experience. Every bite and sip was truly memorable and delicious. But my friends' teenage children spent much of the time on their phones, complained about the food, and generally ignored the once-in-a-lifetime experience. I wanted to yell, "C'mon, you guys! Look what you're missing!"

In today's parable, Jesus describes people invited to an amazing wedding feast who respond with inexplicable indifference. He says, "***Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business***" (Matthew 22:5). The problem is not that they choose evil but that they allow other desires to distract them from an amazing opportunity. The feast is prepared, but their hearts are elsewhere. In Christ Jesus, God offers each of us a wildly extravagant offer: a place at the wedding banquet between heaven and earth.

What are your current excuses for the delay in engaging with Jesus? How are you postponing a deepening of your relationship with him under the guise of responsibility? The good news is that the feast is ready. His invitation remains. Hear the Lord say to us, "C'mon, guys! Look what you're missing!" Then respond with concrete action.

~ **Father John Muir** ©LPi

WEEKLY GIVING

Oct 4th Envelope: \$8,099.00 Loose: \$2,127.42

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

Thank you for your continued support!