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Holy Name of Jesus Immaculate Conception Blessed Sacrament Holy Rosary St. Henry St. Mary St. Michael

Sunday, February 9th, 2025 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus asks us to step out in faith if we are to follow Him. Taking this step is a risk, but it is a risk worth taking. In our Gospel reading today, Jesus asks Simon Peter to take this risk. He says, "Put out into the deep water and lower your nets for a catch." To Simon Peter this seems to be a futile action. He says "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at Your command, I will lower the nets." He takes the risk, and he finds that his actions are not in vain. Rather, when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come help them. They came and filled both boats.

The one risk taken by Peter, to listen to Jesus, not only filled his boat, but others too! Furthermore, Jesus tells Peter he will be catching men for the Gospel. He will be making disciples of all nations. All this because Peter was willing to take a risk. Not so much a risk, but rather an act of trust! If the church is to grow, and we are to have more disciples, we need to trust Jesus and take the risks that He is inviting us to take.



From the Desk of Father Shaun Haggerty

If we are to make disciples, we need to trust Jesus and His promptings. If it is our own labors, we will catch nothing! But if we are listening to God, we will not only be filled, but others as well.

Our bishop has called us to be true disciples. He set our diocesan vision to be "Lifelong Catholic Missionary Disciples Through God's Love." If we are to be true disciples, we must trust Jesus and make acts of trust amid difficulties, be it a shortage of fish or a shortage of disciples.

In our Set Ablaze ten-year plan for Immaculate Conception School, we determined that we would rename our school to Ave Maria Catholic School. This reflects a school that is for the whole pastorate. We also determined that our school is growing in enrollment and that we want it to continue to grow and make disciples. We determined we wanted to explore the possibility of a Junior High and even a High School. We also determined that our current facility needs major repairs. Lastly, we commissioned an exploratory committee to address these questions. This committee began to meet on Dec 5th, 2024, and we will continue to meet often. In our first meetings we found that Father Richard Fox had a "facilities assessment" done. This was done by COOP Architecture and Sichmeller Engineering in the Fall of 2022. We reviewed this assessment and then had Catalyst Construction give us a free estimate of the cost to make all the recommended changes listed in the facilities assessment. The cost is a whopping \$13 million! The estimated cost to build new, is about the same, if not a little cheaper. I am not sure what the future is for our current school facility, but I do know we want to continue to make disciples. I know that to do so will mean taking risks or rather trusting Jesus for a great catch! Please keep this committee in your prayers as we discern what Jesus is asking of us and that we would have the courage and faith to trust Him.

Your Pastor in Christ,
Fr. Shaun Haggerty

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Office of Discipleship & Evangelization:
(605) 878-2055 (Faith Formation) **pg 7**

Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin news must be emailed to both IC
dschroeder@avemariapastorate.org & HN
llane@avemariapastorate.org no later than
Monday at 5:00pm.

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. Visit the website for all the 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.

Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA):

If you are not currently Catholic and would like to learn more, please call (605) 878-2055 or email Missy Baumberger directly at mbaumberger@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 located 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: Meet the 2nd Tuesday at Unity Hall (219 1st Ave. SE) at 6:00pm.

Co-Dependents Anonymous (CODA): Meetings are Monday at 5:30pm, at HNJ Parish Center. Call Janet for information (605) 520-3135.

Foster Parent Support Group: First Tuesday, 6:30pm, HNJ Angelus Center.

Homebound Ministry: Are you or a family member unable to attend Sunday Mass because you are homebound? Would you like to receive Communion in your home? Ave Maria has trained homebound ministers who will bring Communion to your home. If you are interested in becoming a homebound minister, or would like the Eucharist brought to you, please contact Bridget at (605) 886-4049.

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 Tuesday at 7:30pm; 4th Degree Knights meet the 3rd Tuesday at 7:30pm at Unity Hall (219 1st Ave SE).

National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI): Meetings are held the 1st Monday of the month (note date change- **Feb 10th**) at 7:00pm in the IC Parish Hall. Please call (605) 595-6415 for more details.

Quilters: IC Parish Office Basement, 1st and 3rd Monday at 1:00pm.

Remembrance Group: Time of prayer, fellowship, and study for all who have lost a spouse. Meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month at 10:30am in the IC Parish Hall. Join us Feb 25th.

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 of each month with a Rosary at 7:30am, Mass at 8:00am followed by a meeting.

Sharon's Shawls: Meet on 1st Thursday, at HNJ, St. Martin's Room at 6:30pm. Use office door entrance.

Shalom Choir: Meet at HNJ on Wednesdays at 5:45pm. Please join us!

St. Vincent de Paul Society will meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month in the HNJ Angelus Center at 6:30pm.

Holy Name Choir: No HNJ choir practice until Monday, March 3. HNJ choir practices in March will be on Mondays at 6:30 pm.

Traveling Crucifix: The Serra Traveling Vocations Crucifix is being used to involve parishioners, especially children, in praying daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. If desiring to host the crucifix, please call Diane (605) 886-7799 or Carolyn (605) 882-0708.

Watertown Area Right to Life: Meet the last Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm at Midwest Bible Camp. (1500 SD Hwy 20)
For more information on any of the above, please call the number listed or your parish office.

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. after 12:10pm Mass, Wed. & Thurs. 6:30am 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.



Holy Name of Jesus

	02/15 Saturday, 4:00pm	02/16 Sunday, 8:30am	02/16 Sunday, 10:30am
Altar Servers	Mass	Abby Maag, Emiri Kranz, Chase Paszek	Nate Roe, Trallan Sumner, Tai Le
Extraordinary Ministers	will	Mike & Laurie Danforth, Philip Mittleider	Dave & Mary Petersen, Kathy Roe
Ushers/Greeters	be	Donna Nogelmeier, Joe Tesch, Matti & Christie Kranz	Rich & Vergene Comes Bill Rieffenberger Mike Miles
Gift Bearers	at	Todd & Mary Thoennes	Kevin & Mary Winkels
Musician	Immaculate	Jane Rokusek	Jane Rokusek
Sacristan	Conception	Lisa Lane	Lisa Lane
Lector	Parish	Nicki-Yackley-Franken	Mike & Jan Mullin

Weekly Giving: Envelopes: \$9,361.00, Loose: \$2,001.00, Kids: \$48.00, Total: \$11,410.00, Auto Payments: \$10,409.00. Weekly average: \$12,960.89

Mass Intentions

02/10 Mon No Mass
 02/11 Tues 8:30am +Venard & Mena Cordell
 02/12 Wed 8:30am +Chuck Fischer
 02/13 Thu 8:30am Poor Souls in Purgatory
 02/14 Fri 8:30am +Warren & Mildred Johnson
 02/15 Sat 4:00pm Mass at Immaculate Conception
 02/16 Sun 8:30am +Roland & Loretta Fischbach
 02/02 Sun 10:30am Zachary Kemnitz-Happy Birthday

Holy Name of Jesus Adult Choir

No HNJ choir practice until Monday, March 3. HNJ choir practices in March will be on Mondays at 6:30 pm.

Prayer Request Contacts

Dorothy Foss-605-882-2375 Jan Mullin-605-886-4605
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Mavis Kemnitz-605-880-5996 Lisa Lane-605-520-7700
 Mary Reihe-605-881-3096 Sue Brandsrud-605-881-5508
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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



What's the incredible story of Élisabeth and Felix Leseur?



She was a staunch atheist, and she was a devout Catholic, but Élisabeth never ceased praying for union with her husband in God and His Church. Élisabeth and Felix were young and very much in love—more in love with each other than with their faith. When Felix told his soon-to-be-bridal that he was practicing the Faith only to keep up appearances, she didn't mind in the least. Neither of them expected any tension to arise from the situation. After their marriage in 1889, however, the young couple gradually grew apart in their spiritual lives. Felix became increasingly atheistic; Élisabeth, after great confusion, was inspired to learn about her faith. The more she learned, the more devout she became. Meanwhile, Felix filled the house with atheistic books. Husband and wife soon clashed. Finally, Élisabeth decided that the only argument that could win Felix back to the Church was intense and undistracted prayer. For the next fifteen years, she dedicated her life to prayer for her husband's conversion. She recorded her spiritual journey secretly in a diary. Around the same time, her health crumbled, and she lived in intense physical suffering. Just before her death, she wrote a note to Felix, saying, "In 1905 I begged Almighty God to send me sufferings with which to pay the price of your soul. The day I die, that price will be paid. There is no greater love to be found in a woman than when she gives her life for her husband."

Élisabeth passed away in 1914 at the age of forty-eight. When Felix found her diary, his own spiritual journey began. In 1917 he returned to the Faith. Six years later, he was ordained a Dominican priest. Élisabeth persevered in her faith with humility and fervent devotion despite hostility and ridicule from her beloved husband. Living the Faith well can be difficult even among those who share the same beliefs: so, let Élisabeth's example be an encouragement to you in your everyday struggle towards a deep and purposeful spiritual life.



Immaculate Conception

	2/15 Saturday, 4:00pm	2/16 Sunday, 9:00am	2/16 Sunday, 11:00am
Altar Servers	Jack Rieffenberger, Levi Sparks, Volunteer	Violet & Carol Tesch, Leyla Meester	Hannah & Emma Mathews, Ellis Kahnke
Extraordinary Ministers	Jane Fox, Jo Vitek, Dave Redder, Bill Chase	Matt Kranz, Trish Spartz, Kevin Kerkvliet, Chris Berger	Lori Devine, Cindy Brink, Ann Roby, Amy Pekelder
Ushers	Brenda & Bill Ortmeier, Donna & Robert Lantgen	Tom Kranz, Kevin Kerkvliet, Kelly Tesch, Vicki Bierschbach	Dan & James Kahnke, Austin & Kenneth Lacher
Greeters	Kim Miller, Steve Raml, Sharon Miller, Volunteer	Todd & Molly Meester	Maxine German, Pat Walder
Musician	Danielle HH, Ina Wesche	Mary Fox, Julie Kjenstad	Mary Fox, Lorette Tobin
Sacristan	Jo Vitek	Matt Kranz	Carla Roby
Lector	Rick Gully	Chris Berger	Sheri Kahnke

Weekly Giving: Feb 2nd - Env \$10,671.00; Loose \$1,732.25; Automatic Giving Average \$3,400.00 per week. Weekly collection needs: \$15,000.00. Thank you for your continued support!

Schedule of Holy Masses

2/11	Tue	12:10pm	+Rodney & Clela Murtle
2/12	Wed	7:00am	+Mary Pester
2/13	Thur	7:00am	Josh Thorson
2/14	Fri	9:00am	Mark Kranz
2/15	Sat	8:00am	For all South Dakota Serrans
2/15	Sat	4:00pm	+Alfred "Butch" Fox
2/16	Sun	9:00am	+Paul & Rose Cordell
2/16	Sun	11:00am	+Tom Pester

Parish Office

Monday-Thursday: 9:00am to 5:00pm (closed one hour for lunch); Friday: 9:00am-12:00pm
 Phone: (605) 886-4049
 Mailing Address: 309 2nd Ave SE, Watertown, SD 57201
 Email: icoffice@avemariapastorate.org

*Please remember to pick up
 Immaculate Conception's Bulletin.*

Immaculate Conception School

Phone: (605) 886-3883

Pizza Ranch - February 10th, 5pm-8pm. Come support the Immaculate Conception 2nd Graders.

No School - February 14th and 17th - **NO SCHOOL MASS** Friday, February 14th.

Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year and Summer KOT is Open: *Current IC School Families:* January 21-February 7.

Now OPEN to Ave Maria Pastorate members: February 10 - February 28.

Opens to the Public: March 3, 2025.

Catholic United Financial Raffle Begins - Students are selling raffle tickets for \$10 each. All proceeds from this raffle stay with Immaculate Conception School. This year's goal is \$18,000. If they reach their goal they get to slime Mrs. Schleusner and pie Mr. Young. Look for students selling raffle tickets at the SCRIP tables after Mass next weekend, February 15th & 16th.

The Paper Truck is No longer taking Paper. CARDBOARD ONLY!

The Paper Crew is in need of extra help Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Please contact Dave Redder (605) 881-7345 or Brian DeBoer (605) 868-0955 if you are interested.



Holy Rosary

Liturgical Ministers, 02/15 Saturday Eve. 5:30pm

Lector	Kennedy Kolb
Extraordinary Ministers	Leon Mack, Mary Mack, Darwin Mack
Altar Servers	Marty Mickelson, Spencer Ries, Zachary Ries
Ushers/Greeters	Mike Sturm & Jesse Bush
Gifts/Offertory	Volunteers

Weekly Giving: Sat., Feb 1st
 Reg. - \$7,491.00; Loose - \$184.00; Youth - \$9.00.....
Total - \$7,684.27 + Building Fund - \$20.00

Schedule of Holy Masses

02/10 Mon	----	----	< Fr.'s Day of Rest >
02/11 Tue	8:30am	Kranzburg	+Souls in Purgatory
02/12 Wed	8:30am	Kranzburg	+Souls in Purgatory
02/13 Thur	8:30am	Florence	+Alan Rogers (Moved Here)
02/14 Fri	8:30am	Kranzburg	+Souls in Purgatory
02/15 Sat	8:30am	Kranzburg	+Souls in Purgatory
02/15 Sat	5:30pm	Kranzburg	Don. Lenards/Angela Mack
02/16 Sun	8:30am	Florence	Mass for the People

In the Schedule of Masses there are days where the intention is listed as “+Souls in Purgatory.” This is because we are currently low on Mass intentions. The Sunday openings are fewer in number, and like other parishes, we can only permit so many Sunday slots to be requested by one person. (For example, Holy Name of Jesus Parish permits one individual to request four weekend/Sunday Mass slots per year.) Get your requests in now if you want specific dates. Remember, some specific dates may not be able to be honored due to days off, vacation time, and the like.

Blessed Sacrament

Liturgical Ministers, 02/16 Sunday 8:30am

Lector	Bryan Maag
Extraordinary Minister	Jill Kahnke
Altar Servers	Henry Kahnke, Carly Schwinger, Austin Stemwedel
Ushers/Greeters	Tom Sumner, Trent Sumner
Gifts/Offertory	Jon & Alex Kahnke Family

Weekly Giving: Sun., Feb. 2nd
 Reg. - \$485.00; Loose - \$134.00.....
Total - \$619.00 + Maintenance - \$90.00

Parish Offices

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00am to 4:00pm
 (closed 12:00pm-1:00pm); Friday 8:00am-12:00pm
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 Ofc. 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

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH WILL HOST ITS SOUP DINNER (F) on Sunday, March 2nd from 11:00am until 1:00pm at the Florence Community Center. A free will offering will be the “cost of admission.” Potato soup, chicken noodle soup, and chili will be served along with homemade breads and desserts. We are also going to have a later Mass time that Sunday morning so that Mass ends closer to the start time of the Soup Dinner. Holy Mass that morning will either be at 9:30am or 10:00am. We are waiting to see if a retired priest will be able to take the 11:00am that Sunday at Immaculate Conception. (Fr. Christopher is currently scheduled to take that Mass.) If a retired priest can take the 11:00am Mass at Immaculate Conception, then Fr. Christopher can offer Mass at 10:00am instead on that day.

DOES THE CARPET IN CHURCH LOOK DIFFERENT (F) at Blessed Sacrament? We had it cleaned this past Monday.

THE SCHWANKE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP (K) is once again available to any high school senior who is an active member of Holy Rosary Parish. This is a \$1,000 scholarship. The South Dakota Community Foundation manages this scholarship and now has a portal on the web where you may apply for it. Register your account as an individual at goapply2.akoyago.com/SDCFscholarships. You may contact the parish office for more information.

CENSUS INFORMATION UPDATING (K & F) - As of February 3rd, Holy Rosary has received 101 forms back. That is 54% of the forms that were sent out for the parish. (There is no change in this number from the last report.) However, Blessed Sacrament has now received 39 forms back. That is 42% of the forms that were sent out. (That is a change in the number received that was reported last week.) Keep those forms a comin’ on in! Please return yours even if you don’t need to make any changes. The form may be mailed, dropped in the collection, or dropped off at any pastorate parish office.

FIRST CONFESSIONS FOR THE CHILDREN AT BLESSED SACRAMENT & HOLY ROSARY (F & K): *At Blessed Sacrament* - this very weekend after Holy Mass on Sunday, February 9th. *At Holy Rosary* - on Saturday, February 22nd at 10:00 AM.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE CEMETERY ARE IN NEED OF REPLACING (K). So far, we have the cost of 5 of the 14 Stations covered. The cost is \$4,000.00 for each Station. We would like to get this done this summer. Contact Beth Mack with any questions. This will go a very long way in making our cemetery look very nice.

THE DOOR GOING INTO THE KITCHEN ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE PARISH HALL/AUDITORIUM (K) is likely going to be replaced. We are gathering price quotes on a new door that hopefully will not have the handle on the outside that one pulls down to open. All the extra traffic in and out of that door seems to have worn out the opening/locking mechanism of the door. *As you read this, you may be thinking that you are indeed someone who has faced the wrath of that door!*

Saint Henry

Monthly Giving: Total-\$2,765.00, Christmas-\$20.00, Solemnity of Mary-\$175.00

Saint Mary

Monthly Giving: Total to be published monthly.

Saint Michael

Monthly Giving: Total-\$7,355.00 Holy Days-\$830.00

Schedule of Holy Masses

02/10 Mon 10:30am	Castlewood	Funeral mass for Ron Thyen
02/11 Tues 10:30am	Henry	Funeral Mass for Tom Foster
02/12 Wed 9:00am	Clark	+Donna Zirbes
02/13 Thur 7:00am	Bryant	Stella Ostrander
02/14 Fri 8:30am	Henry	Chad Barringer
02/15 Sat 8:00am	IC-Wtn.	Serra Mass
02/16 Sun 11:00am	Clark	+Sharon Wilson, Bonita Sharp & Tom Foster

Liturgical Ministries Sign Up Sheet will be in the Main Entrance (East) of the church for anyone that is not on the Ministry Schedule and would like to be.

Parish Offices

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00am-12:00pm
 Phone: (605) 532-3855
 Father Baumberger (605) 868-6609
 Parish office for all 3 parishes: 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

February 9th, Super Bowl Pancake Breakfast

Serving from 9:00am to 1:00pm

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall

All Are Welcome!!!!

Football Pool boards will still be available at the Pancake breakfast for an opportunity to get your lucky spot before the game!!!



As a pastorate we extend our deepest sympathies to Joe and Nicole Sharp on the loss of Joe's mother **Bonita Sharp**.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her.

Diocesan & Area Events



Day of Recollection February 11, 2025. Speaker Wade VanDover. The title of his talk is "Heaven, If We Would Only Imagine." The day includes 2 talks, mass, lunch, Adoration and Confession. Begins at 10am and concludes at 3pm.

Join in the fun at the Abbey for the **Annual Vespers & Valentines Candlelight Dinner, Friday, February 14, 2025.** Celebrate this occasion with reflection and prayers followed by a romantic dinner of your choice. This is an ecumenical event welcoming couples of all faiths.

For more information or to register for any of the above events, please visit our website <https://www.abbeyofthehills.org/calendar-events> or call 605-398-9200.



We are very excited to announce that the 25th annual Gift of Hope concert will feature up-and-coming singer, songwriter, and musician, Seph Schlueter, on Tuesday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m. at Bishop O'Gorman Performing Arts Center, Sioux Falls.

All proceeds benefit The Lourdes Center's Gift of Hope Fund. Together, we are helping people of all faiths, ages, and walks of life who experience anxiety, grief, despair, abuse, loss, or pain of separation. All can receive help, hope, and healing from the ministry of The Lourdes Center.

Order your tickets TODAY on-line at ccfesd.org, or for more information, call 605-988-3701.

ARE YOU FEELING LIKE YOUR CROSS IS GETTING TOO HEAVY TO CARRY?

Are you in need of Simon of Cyrene to come to your aid? **CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA**, is a weekend Catholic retreat program that is designed to help you carry your cross. The next retreat is scheduled for March 21-23, 2025, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

2024 Contribution Statement Request

Please fill out this form and drop it in the collection if you wish to receive your Contribution Statement. You may also call or email your parish office.

Parish: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Thank you for your generosity to your respective parishes!

Discipleship & Evangelization

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Sun., Feb 9	Classes at Blessed Sacrament, Florence & St. Henry (5:30pm at St. Henry)
Wed., Feb 12	Class at HNJ, IC, HR, SMB and SMC.
Sun., Feb 16	Classes at Blessed Sacrament, Florence & St. Henry (5:30pm at St. Henry)
Wed., Feb 19	Class at HNJ, IC, HR, SMB and SMC.
Sun., Feb 23	Classes at Blessed Sacrament, Florence & St. Henry (5:30pm at St. Henry)
Wed., Feb 26	Class at HNJ, IC, HR, SMB and SMC.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

SAVE THE DATE - K-6th Grade Holy Kids Summer Camp - is designed to teach kids about their call to holiness in an engaging and memorable way! The camp is for elementary students. We will be inviting older students to assist as helpers. The camp will be directed by the Pro Ecclesia Sisters out of Sioux Falls and will be held Monday, June 23rd, through Thursday, June 26th, ending with a family event. This camp is open to the pastorate. Watch upcoming bulletins for more information.

SAVE THE DATE - 7th - 12th Grade Lumen Christi Summer Camp. June 21st - June 27th. More information to come.

Steubenville Rochester Conference - Conference will be held in Rochester, MN, July 11-13th. Participants will leave July 10th, to enjoy a day at Valley Fair prior to the conference. We encourage youth currently in 8th grade thru 12th grade to consider attending this life changing event. For more information, please contact Sarah Haman at 605-878-2055 or shaman@avemariapastorate.org. A meeting will be held soon to share more detailed information with all those that are registered.

Confirmation Retreat -Saturday, February 22nd 1-6:30pm at Immaculate Conception Church. **Registration required by February 9th.** To register visit our pastorate website or scan the QR code. Questions, call 605-878-2055.



Discipleship Camp - Early bird registration is now open. Discipleship Camp is a transformative experience for the youth in middle school & high school. Camp is held in Irene, SD. Register on the Sioux Falls Diocese website.

February Service Project - 'Somethin' Sweet for the Sisters' Saturday, February 15th. 9-12th grade students, please join us to honor our local Sisters by arranging & delivering a St. Valentine gift. Scan code to register.



ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

That Man Is You, Men's Group - Become a Man After God's Own Heart; Men's Leadership Program. Spring classes have begun. Held on Thursday mornings at 6:30am, in the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall. Craig Swarhout (763) 458-0718 & Chris Swiden (605) 280-6864, group leaders.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation) Classes held at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Center on Tuesdays, 6:30pm. For questions call 605-878-2055.

Women's Group - 'SHE, Shall Be Called Woman: Transforming Women and Their Families in God's Love. Classes held Wednesdays, at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall from 8:45-10:00am. Kristin VanLaecken, group leader.

Women's Group - Journey Deeper Into the Life of Jesus Christ through rediscovering the power of the rosary; **The Glorious Mysteries.** Tuesdays at 4:30pm at Holy Name of Jesus Angelus Center. Mavis Kemnitz, group leader.

Young Men's Group (Ages 18-29) - Young Catholic Men searching for deeper purpose, brotherhood and a stronger faith. Weekly meetings held Mondays at 7pm @ Immaculate Conception Parish Center. Call Ryan Hanten for more information at 605-881-0683.

Rosary Fellowship Group - Join families from the pastorate to pray the rosary, and enjoy light refreshments. This group meets weekly on Mondays at 6pm. Please contact Jody at 605-690-1529 or join our Facebook group 'rosary and ice cream nights' for more information. All ages are welcome.

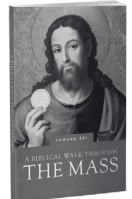
For more information on these opportunities or if you have a group that you would like promoted, please call 605-878-2055.

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33 Days to Eucharistic Glory Consecration by Matthew Kelly & A Biblical Walk through the Mass Dr. Edward Sri



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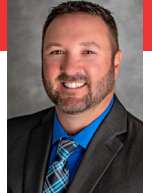
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