



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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ORDINARY TIME**

They left everything
and followed him.
- Lk 5:11

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Weekend Masses: Sat: 4pm (Feb); Sun: 9am & 11am

Confession: Tue after 12:10pm Mass; Wed & Thu @ 6:30am;
Sat: 3pm—4pm (Feb)

Weekday Mass Schedule: Daily Mass: Tue 12:10pm; Wed -Thu
7am; 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 7:30am until 6:50am Thu (through
the night). Benediction at 6:50am. Mass at 7:00am.

Chapel is open available from 7am-7pm Mon-Fri and 7am-8pm Sat-Sun.

Flocknote Notifications: To stay informed on all the important
information from Fr Haggerty and upcoming events: Text
AVEMARIASD to 84576.

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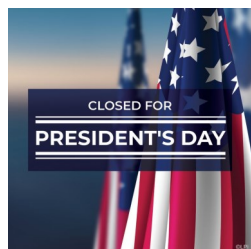
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Pastorate Offices will be closed
on the following dates:



and

Tuesday, February 18th

Mandatory training for the
Diocese's new parish software.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

My parents' garage is full of old junk that no longer serves any purpose in my life. As a 46-year-old man, I admit that's pretty lame. Either due to my sentimentality or laziness (or both, probably), I just couldn't get myself to throw things away. But a few days ago, by a grace of God, I thought: "I'll hire my nephew Ryan to throw a bunch of my stuff away — he couldn't care less about my junk!" And you know what? It worked. In one day, Ryan chucked the majority of his uncle's useless stuff. I feel so free, ready for a new junk-free chapter in my life.

This kind of thing happens in this Sunday's Gospel. Peter's net is full of useless junk. Luke says he and the others are cleaning their nets after catching no fish. Imagine them dejectedly and impatiently removing a nasty assortment of seaweed, sticks and muck. The Lord teaches and calls them once their nets are cleared out. So it goes with us. Spiritual life begins by removing that which is useless and merely taking up space in our hearts, minds and lives. Then Jesus teaches and acts in a marvelous way in our lives, too.

So what's junking up your net? What habits, attachments, possessions, preoccupations? If, like me, you struggle to clean your nets by yourself, ask the Lord to send you someone like my nephew to be your "Peter" and help you clean it out. It is well worth it. Once Peter's net is clean, he is free to make a wonderful catch. —
Father John Muir @LPi



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them...

Harlin Bachmann (January 23, 2025)

Bob Endres (January 30, 2025)

MASS INTENTIONS

2/11	Tuesday	12:10pm	+Rodney & Clea Murtle
2/12	Wednesday	7:00am	+Mary Pester
2/13	Thursday	7:00am	Josh Thorson
2/14	Friday	9:00am	Mark Kranz
2/15	Saturday	8:00am	For all South Dakota Serrans
2/15	Saturday	4:00pm	+Alfred "Butch" Fox
2/16	Sunday	9:00am	+Paul & Rose Cordell
2/16	Sunday	11:00am	+Tom Pester

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE & EVENTS

Liturgical Ministry Schedule			
	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 tithe \$3,400.00. Weekly needs \$15,000.00. Thank you for your continued support!

Gift of Hope
20th Annual Concert

LISTEN TO SEPH'S #1 HIT: "COUNTING MY BLESSINGS"

FEATURING MUSICAL ARTIST
Seph Schlueter
A SPECIAL CANDLELIGHT PERFORMANCE

TUESDAY
March 18
7:00 p.m.

Get Tickets

BISHOP O'GORMAN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
SIOUX FALLS

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605-988-3701

BENEFITING: THE LOURDES CENTER GIFT OF HOPE FUND

PRESENTING SPONSORS: Avera, First PREMIER Bank

PRODUCED BY: Catholic Community Foundation

At The Lourdes Center, we strive to stay rooted in our love of Jesus and our care for His people. Our growing team aims to **integrate a Catholic vision of the human person with the psychological sciences in the support of human flourishing during times of grief, uncertainty or transition.**

The Lourdes Center has seen a significant increase in demand for counseling services, retreats, programs, and education. Support for The Lourdes Center helps to ensure that the organization remains responsive to the evolving needs of the community and extend the reach of their services to those in need.

On average, The Lourdes Center sees **100 CLIENTS EACH WEEK** for individual counseling

The Lourdes Center added more than **250 NEW CLIENTS** in 2024

OUTREACH LOCATIONS

- 1 ABERDEEN
- 2 BROOKINGS
Pius XII Newman Center on SDSU Campus
- 3 SIOUX FALLS
- 5 WATERTOWN
- 6 YANKTON

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Lourdes Center (formerly known as Catholic Family Services) was established in 1961.
- The Lourdes Center supports people of all faiths, ages, and walks of life.

SERVICES OFFERED

- One-on-One Counseling
- Grief and Loss Support
- Retreats
- Healing Programs
- Educational Presentations



The funds raised for the Gift of Hope Fund will support the expansion and enhancement of The Lourdes Center's services and programs to meet the increasing demand from the community:

- PROGRAM EXPANSION**
Developing and expanding programs like grief support, healing retreats, education initiatives and one-on-one services.
- SPACES & RESOURCES**
Enhancing infrastructure, acquiring equipment, and securing venues, including partnerships with schools, to accommodate more clients and facilitate programs effectively.
- FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY**
Strengthening financial resources to sustain and grow the mission of supporting individuals during times of grief, uncertainty, or transition.

Learn more at www.thelourdescenter.com

PARISH MINISTRIES

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH MINISTRIES

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

ADULT CHOIR— The Adult Choir sings the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 9:00am. Practices are the Thursday before at 6:00pm. IC has a Funeral Choir that sings when requested. The Funeral Choir does not practice beforehand, just come and sing. Join anytime.

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 FAMILY GROUPS— Annual family dues are \$15.00. The dues pay for the decaf coffee that is served for every event. You can use your envelope or a plain envelope with “Family Dues” written on the front.

IC QUILTERS—1st & 3rd Monday at 1:00pm, Parish Office Basement.

THE LOURDES CENTER—Call (605) 988-3775 to schedule an appointment with Sara Vetch, LPC-S (Catholic).

NAMI—Meetings are held the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. (**Feb 10th meeting instead of Feb 3rd**) Please call (605) 595-6415 for more details.

OCIA—OCIA is for those who are not currently Catholic or baptized Catholic desiring Holy Communion or Confirmation. The weekly meetings are held at Holy Name Parish Center on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00pm. Please call (605) 878-2055 to sign up.

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 Parish Hall. Join use February 25th.

ROSARY MAKERS—2nd Monday of the month at 1:00pm in the Parish Hall.

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP—Weekly meetings on Monday at 9:00am 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 the office, 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.

WATERTOWN AREA RIGHT TO LIFE— The next meeting is Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 5:30pm at Midwest Bible Camp.

WATERTOWN MEN'S GROUP—Thursday mornings 6:30-7:30am in the IC Parish Hall. Call Craig at (763) 458-0718 with questions.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION NOTES



During a Wed night **Pastorate Event**, the monstrance will be taken from the altar in the chapel at 7:30pm and moved to the main body of the church for 30 minutes of Adoration until 8:00pm.

Wednesday Funerals: The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed 30 minutes before the funeral. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed again 30 minutes after the funeral.

Holy Hour of Mercy—Sundays at 3:00pm

Led by Fr Christopher

Feb 9th at Holy Rosary, Kranzburg

Feb 16th at Holy Name of Jesus, Watertown

Feb 23rd at Immaculate Conception, Watertown

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

The Catholic Daughters meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Unity Hall (219 1st Ave SE) at 6:00pm.



Mission Statement: Catholic Daughters of the Americas strive to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all mankind.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

All Knights meet the 1st Tuesday at 7:30pm & the 4th Degree Knights meet the 3rd Tuesday at 7:30pm at the Unity Hall.



Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus Raffle Winner:

January 30th —\$100 Winner— Bevers family, Watertown

The Vacation Raffle has been mailed.

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: 8:00am (Chapel), coffee & and inspirational speaker (Parish Hall).

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.

BUTTERFLYMX SYSTEM

When you walk up to the doors, the lights on the devices will either be green or red. If the light is green, just pull the door handle and enter the building. Sometimes, you might need to pull a little harder on Door #1. If the light is red, the door is locked.

Chapel Entrance: Press “door pin,” enter your code. The door will unlock, you will see the green checkmark and hear a chime. Pull the handle and enter. (The QR code only works with the chapel entrance.)



Alley Entrance: Enter **your code** and press #.



Main Entrance: As you walk up to the church, approach door #1 and enter **your code** followed by the # sign. Notice—**Handle #1** must be pulled, no other handle will work.



To Exit: Press the green “push to exit” button.



To access the **Kitchen** or the **Altar Sacristy:** Press the “Yale” button to wake up the lock, enter **your code** and press the **checkmark**. The lights on the display will disappear and you can open the door. Notice - Do not turn the knob on the back of the lock. That will cause connection problems. Use the door rest.

