



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH, 2025

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



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“Him alone
shall you serve.”
- Lk 4:8

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

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

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.

Parish Office Address: 309 2nd Ave SE, Watertown, SD 57201

Office Hours: Mon-Thu: 9am-5pm; Fri: 9am-Noon
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Employment Opportunity

Ave Maria Pastorate is seeking a full-time accountant to join our finance team. Duties include accounts payable, accounts receivable, reconciliations, processing contributions, working with the annual Catholic Family Sharing Appeal campaign, and other various tasks. Please go to www.avemariapastorate.org for a complete job description and employment application.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

One of the most fascinating moments in American history is when George Washington could have become the king of the newly liberated United States and didn't. At the height of his power and fame, on Dec. 23, 1783, he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief, and went home. The astonished King of England remarked that in doing so, Washington was "the greatest man in the world." Greatness is often defined by what we could do but don't. Greatness is measured by the temptations we overcome.

Jesus' greatness is revealed in his victory over temptations, too. The three offered him by the devil contain, we might say, all potential possible temptations: food, power and fame. They correspond to the triple human needs of body, soul and spirit. In overcoming these three, he says "no" in essence to every and even the greatest temptation. We see that every desire of his humanity — body, soul and spirit — is perfectly united to God, to love. This is a power available to each member of his body. It is the path to true greatness. How can we, who so easily fall into even small temptations, find the power to overcome large ones? By entering into the great dynamics of Jesus' temptations.

Lenten challenge: This first week of Lent, list some concrete ways you can overcome temptations that correspond with your desires. For example, you may give up snacks between meals, choose not to participate in an activity of which you are an expert, and decide to reduce social media posting by 50%. It may not seem like much, but by saying "no" to the tyranny of food, power, and fame (in this example), you'll discover true greatness.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

MASS INTENTIONS

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| 3/11 | Tuesday | 12:10pm | +Tony Trautner |
| 3/12 | Wednesday | 7:00am | +Snookie Reichling |
| 3/13 | Thursday | 7:00am | +Ron Flemming |
| 3/14 | Friday | 9:00am | +Jim Dugan |
| 3/15 | Saturday | 8:00am | For all seminarians from our diocese |
| 3/16 | Sunday | 9:00am | +Kathy Horning |
| 3/16 | Sunday | 11:00am | +The DeVille Girls |

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.

NEW—Immaculate Conception Parish Scholarship

A scholarship has been established to assist an Immaculate Conception student with higher education expenses. The scholarship will be awarded annually in the amount of \$1,000 and is intended for tuition and/or books. One scholarship will be awarded each year. Applications are available at the parish office or avemariapastorate.org. Applications must be submitted by **March 31, 2025**.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE & EVENTS

| LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE | | | |
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| | 3/15 Saturday 4:00pm | 3/16 Sunday 9:00am | 3/16 Sunday 11:00am |
| Altar Servers | Mass | Braden Jenc, Violet & Carol Tesch | Marissa & Patrick Quale, Ben Roberts |
| Extraordinary Ministers | At | Mark Miller, Carla Roby, Kathy E Tesch, Kevin Kerkvliet | Carissa Quale, Cindy Brink, Donna Lantgen, Lori Devine |
| Ushers | Holy | Wayne Jenc, Vicki Bierschbach, Kelly Tesch, Mark Miller | Austin & Kenneth Lacher, Greg Hanson, Brian DeBoer |
| Greeters | Name | Kim Miller, Kristin Jenc | Maxine German, Pat Walder |
| Musician | In | Mary Fox, Alison Thyen | Mary Fox, Kristin VanLaecken |
| Sacristan | March | Matthew Kranz | Ryan Hanten |
| Lector | | Doug Bierschbach | Lori Devine |

Weekly Giving: Mar 2nd - Env \$12,365.00; Loose \$1,036.00. Automatic Giving Average \$3,400.00 per week. Weekly collection needs \$15,000.00. Thank you for your continued support!

SAINT PATRICK'S Pre-FEAST DAY FUN




Saturday, March 15th
Holy Rosary Parish Hall- Kranzburg
6:00 PM until 8:00 PM (or so)

Join us for an evening of Food, Fun & Fellowship.
Bring your Family & Friends.
If you are new to the parish come
& get acquainted.

THE EVENT IS FREE!
Door Prizes & Children's Activities

An evening of appreciation to all Holy Rosary Parish event supporters!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Via Crucis™

Fridays night at 5:15pm starting on March 7th in the church.
IC School Stations at 2:30pm starting on Friday, March 14th at IC.

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE to ITALY




**CELEBRATE THE HOLY
JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE**

hosted by
FR. SHAUN HAGGERTY

11 DAYS: OCTOBER 13-23, 2025
\$5299 from MINNEAPOLIS*
(Air/land tour price is \$4769 plus \$530 govt. taxes/airline surcharges)

*Visit Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi, and Rome
with the Vatican and the Holy Doors*

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ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

(Wednesdays in Lent)

When: Wed, March 19th at noon
Where: First Congregational in Watertown

Who: Fr Baumberger will be leading the service on March 19th.

Food will be provided by IC Family Groups.
HN Groups will set up, serve and clean up the meal.

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. Please call (605) 595-6415 for more details.

O CIA—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—This group is not your typical grief group but rather seeks to provide an environment of community with each other as we continue to walk through life. Join us for a 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 us March 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 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— 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.

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).

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION NOTES

Holy Hour of Mercy—Sundays at 3:00pm

Led by Fr Christopher



March 9th and 23rd at Holy Rosary, Kranzburg

March 16th at Immaculate Conception, Watertown

Adoration begins at 7:30am on Wednesdays and continues until 6:50am on Thursdays. **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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

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

Catholic Daughter Scholarship: Court St. Rita 534 will be awarding their Annual \$500.00 Scholarship to a High School senior whose mother/grandmother or aunt is an active, lifetime or deceased Catholic Daughter member of Court St. Rita. Applications can be picked up at the Watertown High School or call Linda Mitzel at 605-881-4110. Deadline is April 1, 2025.

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 Raffle Winner:

February 27th —\$100 Winner— Carla Dandurand, Watertown

40 Cans for 40 Days

The Knights of Columbus will again be collecting nonperishable food items for the food pantry at The Salvation Army.

Friday Night Fish Frys

The KC Fish Frys start Friday, Mar 7th at the Unity Hall. Serving dinner from 4:30pm-7:00pm. The cost is \$15 per person. Dine In and Curbside are again available.

TODAY!

PASTORAL BENEFIT

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FOR

JOCELYN ZIMPRICH

Sunday, March 9th at IC Parish Hall

Serving: 9:00am –1:00pm

Extra parking on the IC School Playground

Yummy KC Rolls too!!



BUTTERFLYMX SYSTEM

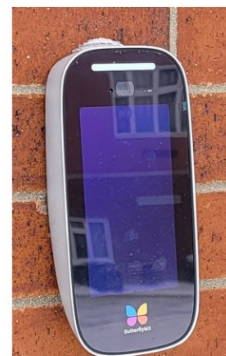
When you walk up to the doors, the lights on the devices will either be green or red. If the light is green, just pull the door handle and enter the building. Sometimes, you might need to pull a little harder on Door #1. If the light is red, the door is locked.

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 lock on the backside of the Yale lock. That will cause connection problems. Use the door rest.

