



**Sunday, February 16th, 2025 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Last week in my bulletin, I listed the 10-year Set Ablaze goals for our school. We want to rename our school to “Ave Maria” to reflect a pastorate-wide school. We recognize that our school enrollment has been growing, and we want to continue to grow it. We want to explore adding grades, namely junior high and even possibly high school. We want to address the major repairs that are needed on our current school facility. Lastly, we wanted to commission an “Exploratory Committee” to address these questions. This Exploratory Committee began meeting on December 5th, 2024, and I want to give you an update on the Immaculate Conception Catholic School. After consultation with the finance councils of Immaculate Conception Church, Holy Name Church, Immaculate Conception School Council, the Ave Maria School Exploratory Committee, and approval from Bishop Donald DeGrood and his team, an offer was placed for the Roosevelt School property that went up for sale on January 13th. The Watertown Public School Board accepted our offer on February 10th, at their monthly board meeting. They unanimously voted to sell us the school! Thank you to all those who have been praying that God’s will be done. We plan to close on the property and have full ownership by the end of March. Holy Name, Immaculate Conception, and Immaculate



Conception School will all pay one third of the purchase price of \$875,000. Purchasing this property will help ensure the future of Catholic education in our pastorate, and the ability to grow our enrollment and the possibility of expanding our grades. These are all goals that we have set out in our Set Ablaze Pastoral Plan. Our current facility needs major repairs, and the purchase of this property gives us some great options in deciding what Catholic education will look like in the future of Ave Maria. Please pray for our school Exploratory Committee, as we discern what to do next. In the next week or two, we will begin having contractors go through and give us quotes of the cost to get the school ready for the fall. If it is not possible to get it ready before the fall, we will wait until the next year to move in. Some of the major things that would need to be addressed are the kitchen, building a chapel, phone system, Wi-Fi, classroom plaster and painting, classroom air conditioning, etc. We estimate the cost of repairs and updates to be close to a million dollars, if not a little more. God has created an opportunity for us to build the future of Catholic education in our pastorate. I am very thankful to God and for all parties involved in helping to ensure a bright future for Catholic education in the Ave Maria Pastorate. It is the responsibility of all members of the Catholic faith to support this beautiful mission of the church. We must find ways to educate the youth of our pastorate in the Catholic tradition. To do this we must keep improving our Catholic schools, religious education programs and what is being offered to home-schooled families in our pastorate. Our Lady of Lourdes Pray for us, Fr. Shaun Haggerty  
P.S. Feb 10th, is the Feast Day of St. Scholastica, the patron saint of Education. What a day to have our offer accepted for the property on her Feast Day.

From the Desk of Father Shaun Haggerty

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- Holy Name of Jesus: (605) 886-2628 **pg 3**
- Holy Rosary Office: (605) 886-9166 **pg 5**
- Holy Rosary Rectory: (605) 886-3344
- Immaculate Conception: (605) 886-4049 **pg 4**
- IC School: (605) 886-3883 **pg 4**
- Saint Henry: (605) 532-3855 **pg 6**
- Saint Mary: (605) 532-3855 **pg 6**
- Saint Michael: (605) 532-3855 **pg 6**
- Office of Discipleship & Evangelization: (605) 878-2055 (Faith Formation) **pg 7**

**Bulletin Deadline**

**Bulletin news must be emailed to both [dschroeder@avemariapastorate.org](mailto:dschroeder@avemariapastorate.org) & [HNllane@avemariapastorate.org](mailto:HNllane@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 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:** For all who have lost a spouse. Join us monthly for prayer, fellowship and spiritual growth. Next meeting is **Tuesday, January 28th 10:30am** in the IC Parish Hall.

**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!

**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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Website



## 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](http://avemariapastorate.org).



# Holy Name of Jesus

	02/22 Saturday, 4:00pm	02/23 Sunday, 8:30am	02/23 Sunday, 10:30am
Altar Servers	Mass	<b>1 Volunteer</b> Emiri Kranz, Abby Maag	Kaeden & Treyton Himmerich, Lydia Schochenmaier
Extraordinary Ministers	is	Knights of Columbus	Heidi Stoick, Karen Phillips, Ryan VanLaecken
Ushers/Greeters	held	Knights of Columbus	Bruce & Marne Hult Wayne & Wendy Kluver
Gift Bearers	at	Knights of Columbus	Bryan & Cindy Wientjes
Musician	Immaculate	Dawn Kinsman	Jane Rokusek
Sacristan	Conception	Sue Brandsrud	Mary Reihe
Lector	Parish	Knights of Columbus	Tom Marquardt
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

02/17 Mon No Mass  
 02/18 Tues 8:30am +Evelyn DeVine  
 02/19 Wed 8:30am +Lew Feuerstein  
 02/20 Thu 8:30am +Leroy & Lorraine Beaudry  
 02/21 Fri 8:30am +Lynford Maag  
 02/22 Sat 4:00pm Mass at Immaculate Conception  
 02/23 Sun 8:30am +Brenda Brandenburger  
 02/23 Sun 10:30am +Tom & Elaine Lesnar

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 We offer our prayers and deepest sympathy to Jeanne (Dan) Flaherty on the loss of her sister, **Ellen Wissink**.

**Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her.**



## Who was the “rich young man” who went away sad? *Ever wonder what happened to that poor fellow?*

If you’re anything like me, you feel a bit sorry for the rich young man in the three Synoptic Gospels. He comes to Jesus and asks, “What must I do to have eternal life?” knowing that merely obeying the Commandments is not enough. He is told that he must give up the thing to which he is most attached: in his case, his wealth. We root for him every time we read it, but instead of choosing the treasures of Heaven, he goes away sad, disappointed that he cannot have both celestial and earthly things. Who was this man? Do we know what happened to him? Did he go bury himself in a worldly life, or did he think better of it and come back to Jesus, and tell him he’d do anything for Him—for Heaven?

We can’t know for sure, but there is a theory out there as to the identity of this man—a theory which derives from definite clues in Scripture.

Some say that the rich young man is none other than St. Mark himself.

One clue is Mark’s apparent wealth. His mother’s (large) house was used as a meeting place for early Christians and it was there that Peter resorted after his miraculous release from prison (see Acts 12:12).

Another, even more compelling clue, is the wording of St. Mark’s account of this incident. Let’s read Jesus’ response to the young man’s question:

And Jesus, looking upon him, loved him and said to him, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” —Mark 10:21

Mark is the only one who says that Jesus “loved him.” It seems that such an intangible detail could only be known and understood by the one who experienced it firsthand. Only one who saw the look on Jesus’ face—and allowed this look to penetrate his heart—would have known its meaning.

Maybe it was the memory of that look, and the immense love behind it, that lingered with the wealthy Mark and motivated him to leave the wide, easy way that leads to destruction and embrace the life of a disciple, missionary, Evangelist, and martyr.

Are we prepared to leave our attachments behind and live a radically different life? The Beatitudes are a great place to start. They are Christ’s eight-part path to true blessedness—to the fullness of life sought by the rich young ruler.

## Prayer Request Contacts

Dorothy Foss-605-882-2375 Jan Mullin-605-886-4605  
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## Sacristan Contact Information

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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

# Immaculate Conception

	2/22 Saturday, 4:00pm	2/23 Sunday, 9:00am	2/23 Sunday, 11:00am
Altar Servers	Aleah & Eli Jaeger, Rylie Walder	Nora & Rudy Stutzman, Jaide Johnson	Lucy Keltgen, Olivia Soulek, Jack Kreutner
Extraordinary Ministers	Mike Zafft, Chuck Clausen, Ina Wesche, Mike Roethler	Nick Kranz, Denise Hoff, Tanya Maag, Kathy E Tesch	Lisa Kreutner, Kathy Stewart, Jay & Karen Trepanier
Ushers	Rick Gully, Mike Zafft, Chuck Clausen, <b>Volunteer</b>	Bob Spears, Jamie Whiting, Steve Horning, Kelly Tesch	James Keltgen, Brian DeBoer, Lisa Kreutner, Kristina Schmidt
Greeters	Elaine Ries, Rita Waba, Don & Judy Becht	Jerry & Lee Corey	Carolyn Keltgen, Shelly Dupont
Musician	Jody Thompson	Danielle HH, Adult	Jody Thompson
Sacristan	<b>Volunteer</b>	Evan Meester	Jay Trepanier
Lector	Rachael Jaeger	Linda Mitzel	Tammy Meyer

Weekly Giving: Feb 9th - Env \$8,261.00; Loose \$1,372.50; Automatic Giving Average \$3,400.00 per week. Weekly collection needs: \$15,000.00. Thank you for your continued support!

## Schedule of Holy Masses

- 2/18 Tue 12:10pm +Jan Wermers
- 2/19 Wed 7:00am +The DeVille Girls
- 2/20 Thur 7:00am +Mel Reichling
- 2/21 Fri 9:00am For the Mass Intentions of Fr Lee Fortin
- 2/22 Sat 4:00pm +Ken Roethler
- 2/23 Sun 9:00am +Carl Weber
- 2/23 Sun 11:00am +Janet Becking Marrow

## 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](mailto:icoffice@avemariapastorate.org)

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

## Immaculate Conception School

**Phone: (605) 886-3883**

**No School** - February 17th

**Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year and Summer KOT is Open:**

**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 a piece. 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.

Paper Truck is No longer taking Paper. **CARDBOARD ONLY**

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, 02/22 Saturday Eve. 5:30pm

Lector	Juanita Propst
Extraordinary Ministers	Dan Meseberg, Rita Meseberg, Arnie Haan
Altar Servers	Jenna Beutow, Harrison Mack, Addison Mack
Ushers/Greeters	Mike Sturm, Jesse Bush
Gifts/Offertory	Volunteers

**Weekly Giving: Sat., Feb. 8th**  
 Reg. - \$2,561.27; Loose - \$207.00; Youth - \$2.00 .....  
 .....Total - \$2,710.27 + Building Fund - \$40.00

### Schedule of Holy Masses

02/17 Mon	----	----	< Fr.'s Day of Rest >
02/18 Tue	8:30am	Kranzburg	+Jim & Jimmy Lenards
02/19 Wed	8:30am	Kranzburg	+Alvin & Emma Mack
02/20 Thur	8:30am	Florence	Special Intention
02/21 Fri	8:30am	Kranzburg	+Souls in Purgatory
02/22 Sat	8:30am	Kranzburg	Int. of Leon & Carleen M.
02/22 Sat	5:30pm	Kranzburg	+Heidi Mack
02/23 Sun	8:30am	Florence	+Ron Bohls

In the Schedule of Masses above, there are days where the intention for the Holy Mass is listed as "+Souls in Purgatory". This is because we are currently low on Mass intentions for daily Masses. 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 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. *Please Note: Holy Mass that morning will be at 9:30am.*

**THE HOLY ROSARY PARISH 9TH & 10TH GRADERS (K)** will be serving The Banquet at Grace Lutheran Church in Watertown on Monday, March 3rd. More information will be given to students at religious ed class. Thank you to Carleen Mack who heads up the organizing of this service project.

**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](http://goapply2.akoyago.com/SDCFscholarships). You may contact the parish office for more information.

**THE HOLY ROSARY CONFIRMATION STUDENTS (K)** will make a Confirmation retreat with other students from our pastorate on Saturday afternoon/evening, February 22nd at Immaculate Conception Parish in Watertown. The retreat runs from 1:00pm until 6:30pm. It includes Holy Mass for the weekend.

**REMEMBER THAT FIRST CONFESSIONS AT HOLY ROSARY PARISH (K)** are scheduled for 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 and a few other persons have expressed interest in participating in this. The cost is \$4,000.00 for each Station. We would like to get this done this summer. Contact Beth Mack with any questions or to donate at 605-881-5050. This will go a very long way in making our cemetery look very nice.

**FYI ON REPLACING THE DOOR INTO THE PARISH HALL KITCHEN (K) -** We have received an estimate of \$2,749.20 from Glass Products out of Watertown. This door with its handle and lock has given us trouble for quite a while. A month back we were barely able to get it locked back up on that very cold Sunday.

## Blessed Sacrament

Liturgical Ministers, 02/23 Sunday 8:30am

Lector	Tony Kahnke
Extraordinary Minister	Lyle Tschakert
Altar Servers	Grace Kahnke, Adrian Flisrand, Carl Moes
Ushers/Greeters	Bryan Maag, Terry Kahnke
Gifts/Offertory	Tyler & Nicole Schwinger

**Weekly Giving: Sun., Feb. 9th**  
 Reg. - \$790.00; Loose - \$72.00 .....  
 .....Total - \$882.00 + Maintenance - \$20.00

### Parish Offices

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00am to 4:00pm  
 (closed 12:00pm-1:00pm); Friday 8:00am-12:00pm  
 Ofc. Phone: 886-9166, Rectory Phone: 886-3344  
 Ofc. Email: [elindner@avemariapastorate.org](mailto: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



## Saint Henry

Weekly Giving: Total to be published monthly.

## Saint Mary

Weekly Giving: Total to be published monthly.

## Saint Michael

Weekly Giving: Total to be published monthly.

### Schedule of Holy Masses

02/17	Mon 8:00am	Bryant	Special Intention
02/18	Tues	No Mass	No Mass
02/19	Wed 8:00am	Clark	Virgil & Marie Hamann
02/20	Thur 7:00am	Bryant	Special Intention
02/21	Fri 8:30am	Henry	Maxine & Dale Clausen
02/22	Sat 8:00am	Bryant	Special Intention
02/23	Sun 11:00am	Clark	Thomas Bjerke

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.

**Ash Wednesday is March 5th: and will be celebrated at the sites and times below**

**St Henry - Henry: 4:30 pm**

**St Mary - Bryant: 6:00 pm**

**St Michael - Clark: 7:30 pm**

### 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

### 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!

## Diocesan & Area Events



### Women's Lenten Retreat February 28-March 2

#### "Lent: A Pilgrimage of Hope"

In this Jubilee year, join us at the Abbey of Hills for a women's retreat: "Lent, a Pilgrimage of Hope." Jeremiah 29:11 assures us that God has plans to give us HOPE in the midst of the challenges of life. We can trust that His love can calm our spirits, heal our hearts and lift our eyes to heaven. Opportunities for Catholic Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration and Prayer Ministry will be included in the weekend.

**SAVE THE DATE: March 7, 2025 - Abbey Annual Fish Fry**

#### Men's Lenten Retreat March 7-9, 2025, "Come Follow Me - An Invitation."

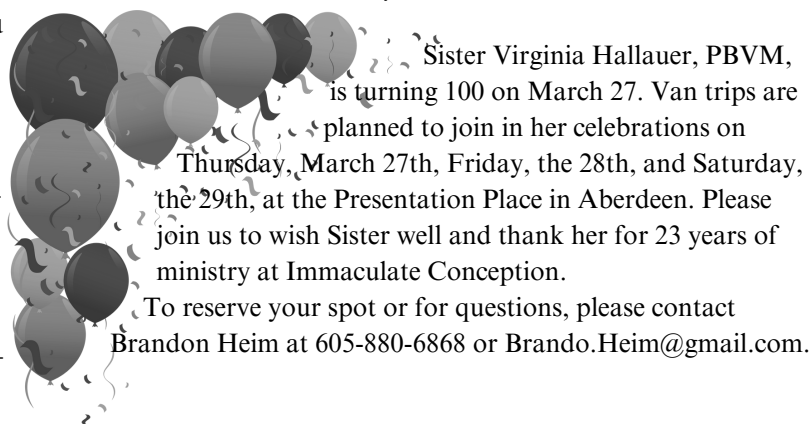
Christ invites, he beckons each of us to come to him. When we answer the call to follow, we allow Christ to carry the burden. We recognize the journeys of those around us and do so in fellowship with one another. Jesus extends the boundless love and mercy of God to all of us. His peace, which passes all understanding on our part, is extended for all of us. His invitation is to all. Will you accept His invitation to follow Him this Lent?

**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.**

### Presentation Sisters Catholic School Scholarship Applications

In keeping with the Presentation Sisters belief and commitment to Catholic education, we are pleased to announce that we will once again be accepting applications for Presentation Sisters Catholic School Scholarships. We will be awarding 40 - K-12 \$750 tuition assistance scholarships and 3 - \$1500 high school tuition scholarships for the 2025-2026 school year. Catholic School principals have received the application forms for the upcoming school year. We invite any interested student to complete the application process.

Submission deadline is Friday, March 21, 2025. You can visit [www.presentationisters.org](http://www.presentationisters.org) to print application forms. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Schaffer at 605-229-8417 or [jschaffer@presentationisters.org](mailto:jschaffer@presentationisters.org).




Sister Virginia Hallauer, PBVM, is turning 100 on March 27. Van trips are planned to join in her celebrations on Thursday, March 27th, Friday, the 28th, and Saturday, the 29th, at the Presentation Place in Aberdeen. Please join us to wish Sister well and thank her for 23 years of ministry at Immaculate Conception.

To reserve your spot or for questions, please contact Brandon Heim at 605-880-6868 or [Brando.Heim@gmail.com](mailto:Brando.Heim@gmail.com).

# Discipleship & Evangelization

## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

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.
Sun., Mar 3	Make up class at St. Henry (5:30pm at St. Henry)
Wed., Mar 5	<b>March Encounter Event: Ash Wednesday.</b> Students attend Mass with their family. 

## 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.

**Stebenville 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 Wednesday, February 19th at 7:30pm at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Center. Please plan to attend if your child is registered or would like more information on registering.**

**Confirmation Retreat** -Saturday, February 22nd 1-6:30pm at Immaculate Conception Church. If you still need to register for this retreat, call Sarah Haman at 605-878-2055

**Discipleship Camp** - Discipleship Camp is a transformative experience for the youth in middle school & high school. Camp is held in Irene, SD. Register at [sfcatholic.org](http://sfcatholic.org).

*The Spring Discipleship & Evangelization newsletter has been mailed out to all of our registered Faith Formation families. A copy for the rest of the pastorate can also be found on our pastorate website. If you are a registered family and did not receive a copy, please contact our office at 605-878-2055. This issue has important information regarding the sacraments. Thank you.*

## ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

**That Man Is You, Men's Group** - Held Thursdays at 6:30am, Immaculate Conception Parish Hall. Craig Swarhout (763) 458-0718 & Chris Swiden (605) 280-6864, group leaders.

**OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation)** Adults not currently Catholic, desiring to learn more about the Catholic faith. Held Tuesdays at 6:30pm, Holy Name of Jesus Parish Center.

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

**Women's Group** - Rediscover the power of the rosary; **The Glorious Mysteries.** Held Tuesdays at 4:30pm, 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. Held Mondays at 7pm, Immaculate Conception Parish Center. Call Ryan Hanten for more information at 605-881-0683.

**Young Couples Group** - Mission of the Family. Next gathering February 16th at 2pm. This group is aimed at young married couples. For more info contact Shelby at 605-237-9691.

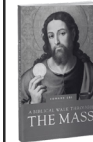
**Rosary Fellowship Group** - Mondays at 6pm. Please contact Jody at 605-690-1529 or join our Facebook group 'rosary and ice cream nights' for more information. All ages are welcome.

## Pastorate Lent Study Opportunities

*Join our Pastorate on a Spiritual Pilgrimage this Lent*



Learn to give yourself more fully to Christ this lent through prayer, reflection and daily resolutions. Participants will read the book **'33 Day's to Eucharistic Glory'** by Matthew Kelly. Weekly zoom calls will also be offered for those desiring deeper discussion; call Missy to register for call 605-878-2055. Books will be free & available at the entrance of each parish.



The Mass is nothing short of Amazing. Through it we encounter God in the Most intimate way. Join us for a 6 week study called **'A Biblical Walk through the Mass'** by Dr. Edward Sri. Classes will start Tues, Feb 25 at 6:30pm at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Center. Study materials (\$30) are recommended but not required; scholarships available. Ryan & Jen VanLaecken study leaders.

*For more information or to register for any of the opportunities listed above call Missy Baumberger at 605-878-2055 or email [mbaumberger@avemariapastorate.org](mailto:mbaumberger@avemariapastorate.org).*

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



**3:00pm Holy Hour of Mercy with Fr. Christopher**  
**February 16th**, Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Wtn  
**February 23rd**, Immaculate Conception, Wtn  
**March 2nd**, Holy Rosary, Kranzburg

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