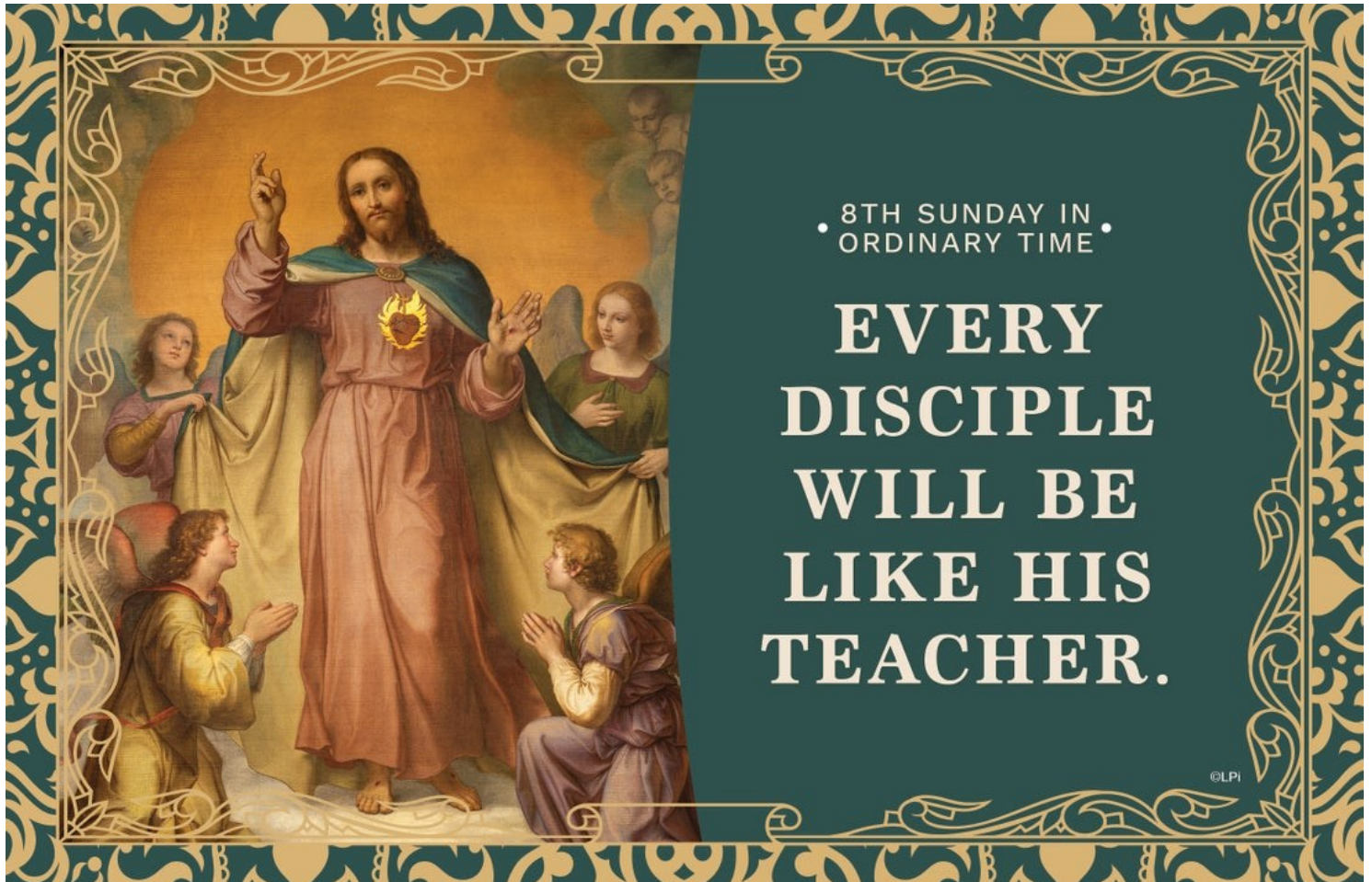




IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND, 2025
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



8TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

**EVERY
DISCIPLE
WILL BE
LIKE HIS
TEACHER.**

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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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Immaculate Conception School: (605) 886-3883

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SPIRITUAL REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

One of the things that older pastors and younger priests occasionally quarrel about is the proper balance between work and prayer. I know one pastor who complains that his younger associate ignores the people and the parish because he wants to spend more time in prayer. And the young priest complains that the pastor gives him too much work to do and no time to pray. The Lord’s words this Sunday speak into this tension with an image that can help us find a proper balance between life and prayer.

Jesus says, **“For every tree is known by its fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles”** (Luke 6:44). When we are deeply rooted and cultivating our relationship with Jesus, we are going to bear the fruit of that love in our lives. No fruit, no good prayer. How do we know that we are praying well? We are experiencing concrete fruits of love for others in our lives.

Someone who prays well will, sooner or later, burst forth the “figs” and “grapes” of acts of love. But without concrete commitment to deeds of selfless service to others, our prayer time is as useless as thorn bushes and brambles. Let’s recommit ourselves to be men and women of prayer *and* service. And hopefully the pastors will help their associates to pray *and* serve fruitfully...with minimal quarreling.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY
CELEBRATE THE HOLY JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE
11 DAYS: OCTOBER 13-23, 2025

VENICE * PADUA * FLORENCE * ASSISI * ROME * PAPAL AUDIENCE
 WITH VATICAN CITY AND THE HOLY DOORS





Hosted by
FR. SHAUN HAGGERTY

\$5299 FROM MINNEAPOLIS*

*Air/land tour price is \$4769 plus \$530 gov't taxes/airline surcharges

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DON'T MISS OUT! SIGN UP TODAY!

MASS INTENTIONS

3/04	Tuesday	12:10pm	+Edward P & Mary Gribbin
3/05	Ash Wednesday	9:00am	+Mark Bierscheid
3/05	Ash Wednesday	12:10pm	The needs & intentions of the Sisters of Mother of God Monastery.
3/05	Ash Wednesday	6:30pm	+Ruth Erickson
3/06	Thursday	7:00am	Matti & Christie Kranz's Family
3/07	Friday	9:00am	+Tom Pester
3/09	Sunday	9:00am	+Evie Kahnke
3/09	Sunday	11:00am	+Mary Gribbin

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE & EVENTS

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	3/08 Saturday 4:00pm	3/09 Sunday 9:00am	3/09 Sunday 11:00am Schola Mass
Altar Servers	Mass	Anne Stromseth, Jonny Winnett, Hudson Hughes	IC School Students (3)
Extraordinary Ministers	At	Dennis Thyen, Linda Mitzel, Sue Mack, Tammy Rogness	Kristina Schmidt, Fred Deutsch, Ed DeVries, Carla Roby
Ushers	Holy	Kristi & Tom Jerzak, Doug & Vicki Bierschbach	Ed DeVries, Ernie Vavruska, Ron VanLaecken, Dennis Martenson
Greeters	Name	Dawn Thyen, Vic Mitzel	IC School Students (2-4)
Musician	In	Danielle HH, Adult Choir	Organist TBD, IC School Choir
Sacristan	March	Evan Meester	Volunteer
Lector		Denise Hoff	IC School Student

Weekly Giving: Feb 16th - Env \$7,782.00; Loose \$1,408.26. Feb 23rd - Env \$5,434.00; Loose \$1,523.68. Automatic Giving Average \$3,400.00 per week. Weekly collection needs \$15,000.00. Thank you for your continued support!

Ecumenical Lenten Services will be at First Congregational in Watertown.

Fr Baumberger will be leading the service on Wed, March 19th at Noon.

Food will be provided by IC Family Groups. HN Groups will be serving the meal. More details to follow.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY—(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

	3/05 Wednesday 9:00am	3/05 Wednesday 12:10pm	3/05 Wednesday 6:30pm
Altar Servers	IC Students (4th, 5th and 6th Graders)	Ellie Henderson, Volunteers (2)	Rylie Walder, Elliot & Kolt Johnson
Extraordinary Ministers & Ashes	IC Staff (Hoff, McElhany, Mack, Ziemer)	Volunteers (3) , Donna Lantgen	Volunteer (2) , Dave Eide, Chris Bergen
Ushers	Volunteers (4)	Volunteers (2) , Bob Lantgen, Dennis Martenson	Volunteers (4)
Greeters	IC Students (6th Graders) Gifts brought up by 1st Graders	Volunteers (4) , Missy Baumberger	Volunteers (4)
Musician	Mary Fox, IC School Choir	Danielle HH, Deb Schroeder	Jody Thompson
Sacristan	Carla Roby	Jay Trepanier	Volunteer
Lector	6th Graders	Rick Gully	Chris Bergen

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**.

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.

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—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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION NOTES

Holy Hour of Mercy—Sundays at 3:00pm



Led by Fr Christopher

March 2nd, 9th and 23rd at Holy Rosary, Kranzburg

March 16th at Immaculate Conception, Watertown

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 Unity Hall (219 1st Ave SE) at 6:00pm.

Catholic Daughters extends a heartfelt **Thank You** to all who came to share in the fun at our Super Bowl Community Breakfast, to the Confirmation students who earned their service hours, to Knights Dave Redder and Tom Benthin for firing up the grills, to our Court St. Rita members and all who played in the Super Bowl Pool Raffle, it was a very successful event with great participation.

Congratulations to our \$50.00 winners:

1st Quarter - Matt Kranz-x2, Dan Biersonbaon, Carla McGregor, Todd Mack, Darwin Stromseth

2nd Quarter - Debbie Kranz, Ina Wesche, Sue Brandsrud, Barb Aarstad, Mike Steinhoff, Maxine Bruggeman

3rd Quarter - Bob DesLauries, Barb Kienast, Kathy Busch, Marty Mack, Kathleen Deutsch, Mike Steinhoff

4th Quarter - \$100.00 winners: Riley Hoffman, Matt Kranz, Kathy Quale, Bill Ortmeier, Tom Kranz, Jacob Stromseth

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).

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 20th —\$100 Winner— Anne Larson, 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.

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



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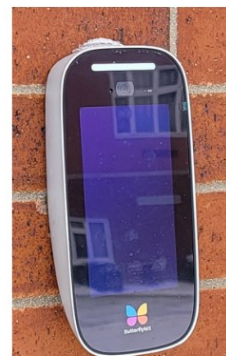
When you walk up to the doors, the lights on the devices will either be green or red. If the light is green, just pull the door handle and enter the building. Sometimes, you might need to pull a little harder on Door #1. If the light is red, the door is locked.

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.

