



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 2025**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



7TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

“Give, and gifts will  
be given to you.”  
- Lk 6:38

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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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**SPIRITUAL REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL**

One of my favorite new singers/songwriters is Noah Kahan. I'm a little biased because, like me, he is originally from Vermont. In a fine song entitled "Stick Season," he sings of his hope to "cancel out the darkness I inherited from dad." This lyric articulates his painful recognition of a dark spiritual "inheritance" from his father, and his hope to be free of it. We all inherit some degree of evil from our earthly forebears. It's easy to feel doomed to repeat their darknesses.

But we're not so doomed, thank God. This week's Gospel proclaims this. Whatever good or bad we received from our parents, we have a more definitive and perfect inheritance in God. Jesus commands us, "**Be merciful just as your Father is merciful**" (Luke 6:36). We have a perfect Father in heaven and are destined to inherit and reflect *that* perfect and merciful love. We have an inheritance of light, not darkness, and thus a whole new possibility of magnanimous love. Like any inheritance, this is a free gift to us.

What are we destined to repeat? Not the darkness of our earthly parents. We are destined to be a reflection of *God's* life. Jesus liberates us from the inevitability of repeating whatever evils and imperfections are in our familial or cultural upbringings. It's time to claim that perfect inheritance.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



**Ash Wednesday  
 Mass Times**

March 5th, 2025

Holy Name of Jesus, Watertown 8:30am   12:00pm   5:30pm	Immaculate Conception, Watertown 9:00am   12:10pm   6:30pm
Blessed Sacrament, Florence 6:00pm	Holy Rosary, Kranzburg 7:00am^   7:30pm
St. Henry, Henry 4:30pm	St. Mary, Bryant 6:00pm
St. Michael, Clark 7:30pm	

^ Distribution of ashes, no Mass (30 min or less)

Ecumenical Lenten Services will be at First Congregational United Church of Christ.

**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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

2/25	Tuesday	12:10pm	Ora & Gunnar Kjellsen
2/26	Wednesday	7:00am	+Kathy Horning
2/27	Thursday	7:00am	Rita Chase
2/28	Friday	9:00am	+Evie Kahnke
3/1	Saturday	8:00am	For all the priests in our pastorate.
3/2	Sunday	9:00am	Parishioners of Ave Maria Pastorate
3/2	Sunday	11:00am	+Stella Ostrander

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.

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

**Gift of Hope Concert**  
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## MINISTRY SCHEDULE & EVENTS

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
	3/01 Saturday 4:00pm	3/02 Sunday 9:00am	3/02 Sunday 11:00am
Altar Servers	<b>Mass</b>	KC	Ellis Kahnke, Olivia Soulek, Lily Pekelder
Extraordinary Ministers	<b>At</b>	KC	Lisa Schwinger, Ann Roby, Carla Roby, <b>Volunteer</b>
Ushers	<b>Holy</b>	KC	Dan & James Kahnke, Scott Schwinger, Vic VanWell
Greeters	<b>Name</b>	KC	Tyler Roberts, Lisa Schwinger
Musician	<b>In</b>	Mary Fox, Alison Thyen	Mary Fox, Madeline Sow
Sacristan	<b>March</b>	KC	Carla Roby
Lector		KC	Sheri Kahnke

Weekly Giving: Feb 16th: Env \$ to be listed next week; Loose \$ to be listed next week; Automatic tithes \$3,400.00. Weekly needs \$15,000.00. Thank you for your continued support!

# JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

## CELEBRATE THE HOLY JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

### 11 DAYS: OCTOBER 13-23, 2025

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### DON'T MISS OUT! SIGN UP TODAY!



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 28<sup>th</sup> & Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> 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).

# 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.

**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 us 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**— 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



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 23rd at Immaculate Conception, Watertown

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

March 16th 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 Raffle Winner:**

February 13th —\$100 Winner— Donald Mack

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

