

SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for September 7, 2025

Luke 14:25-33

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: the challenges of discipleship. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

CROWD LEAVING WIFE CANNOT CARRY BUILD PEACE

TRAVELING MOTHER CHILDREN MY DISCIPLE CROSS THOUSAND GIVE UP

COMES TO ME PARENTS SISTERS WHOEVER SIT DOWN TWENTY RENOUNCE

RENOUNCE

LW KJOWH OEV ERE
EMCOM ESTOMET
AOYSITDOWNOR
VTRDWORCONTA
IHRNIC HUNHWV
NEAALSNAODEE
GRCNACCUW INL
IOSRETSISLTI
VHHCDAFGPAYN
EVABNEBUILDG
UEODCHILDREN
PARENTSSORCB

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Trivia Answer: A dalmatic is the outer vestment worn by a deacon.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

How to Hate the Christian Way By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

When I was a kid, we had the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair. It was a chair in my parents’ foyer where an offending child had to sit for five or ten minutes if they uttered the words “dumb,” “stupid” or “hate.” The rules in my house growing up were very clear. We don’t call anyone stupid. We don’t call anyone dumb. And we hate no one and nothing.

Well, today, Jesus has to sit in the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair. For someone who talks about love so much — for whom love is a legacy and a commandment — it seems weird that in today’s Gospel Jesus is calling us to hatred. It makes us question everything we think we understand about him, about God, about discipleship.

I’ll let you guess which of the kids in my family spent the most time in the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair (Hi! It was me). But I didn’t really think my sister was stupid, and I didn’t really hate my brother. Those were just the words I used, even though they were strictly forbidden — maybe because they were strictly forbidden. They were the strongest words I knew, and you need strong words for strong feelings. Jesus knew that hate is a really strong word. It’s a word that gets people’s attention. And I think what he wants to do today, more than anything, is get our attention. He wants to force us to consider the ways in which our attachments to this world — and even to other people — supersede our attachment to God. He wants us to radically evaluate what (and who) we love and how we love it and how much of our souls, our lives, ourselves we have let this love consume. It’s a tough assignment, and we don’t like it. Maybe we kind of hate it. That’s okay: hate has its place. So take a seat in the chair and give it a ponder.

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Diocesan & Community Happenings:

St. George’s Annual Fall Supper: St George in Scotland is hosting their Annual Fall Supper on Sept. 7th from 4-7pm in the parish hall. Serving broasted chicken, ham, cheesy potatoes, salads, buns, and pie. Adults \$15, children (ages 3-10) \$7, 3 & under-free. Raffle tickets & CYO bake sale will also be available.

31st Annual Bishop’s Charity Hunt—Monday & Tuesday, Sept 15-16 at the Horseshoe K Ranch, Kimball, SD. This isn’t just a hunt; it’s a memo-rable outing with lodging, meals, a trap shoot, pheasant hunting & cleaning, and fellowship. You’ll connect with fellow hunters, attend daily Mass, and interact with priests and Newman Center Directors from our diocese. All proceeds directly benefit the New Catholic Campus Minis-try in our diocese. For more info & to register, visit www.ccfesd.org or call 605-988-3701.

SD Right to Life Convention—September 26 & 27 at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pierre. Great food, youth breakout session, adoption panel, special music, pregnancy center panel, basket row, and 30+ exhibitors. Register at www.SDRighttoLife.org, call 605-220-8678, or email Dale.SDRTL@gmail.com

Sioux Falls Life Chain: Sunday, October 5th from 2-3pm on the north sidewalk of W. 41st, between S. Sertoma Ave & S. Western Ave. Signs will be provided.

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Sacred Heart	Sts. Peter & Paul	St. Paul the Apostle
Envelopes \$3143.00	Envelopes \$537.00	Envelopes \$920.00
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Assumption \$25.00	Masses \$40.00	
Projects \$100.00	Candles \$39.00	


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<u>Servers:</u> Ruth Weber, Coltyn & Braxtyn Raymond	<u>Servers:</u> Dylan Mehlhaff, Easton Schoenfelder, Emmy Christensen, Braxton Wermers	<u>Servers:</u> The Timmermans
<u>Ushers:</u> Steve Weber, Bob Schlimgen, Slayton Neugebauer	<u>Ushers:</u> Eric & Heather Prunty, Brad Oakley, Scott Hohn	<u>Ushers:</u> Bill Harrington, Dan Harrington, Daniel Harrington,Casey Carda
<u>Gift Carriers:</u> Tim & Millie Wermers	<u>Gift Carriers:</u> Brad & Carrie Oakley Family	<u>Gift Carriers:</u> Michael Plooster Family
<u>Video:</u> Dan Schoenfelder	<u>Video:</u> Roger Waltman	<u>Greeters:</u> Volunteers
<u>Rosary:</u> Dan & Susan Schoenfelder		<u>Counters:</u> Jami W & Theresa F

Parkston/Dimock/Armour Community Bulletin

September 7, 2025 – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time


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Welcome to Holy Apostles Pastorate!

Connect with all 9 parishes within Holy Apostles Pastorate by visiting holycopostlessd.org. Here you will find Mass times, bulletins, a calendar of events, faith formation info, & more!
Watch FORMED for free! Members throughout our pastorate are invited to sign up for FORMED under [St Peter the Apostle Church](#), Platte or [Sacred Heart Parish](#), Parkston.

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Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 5pm (Dimock)
Sunday: 9am (Parkston)
11am (Armour)

Weekday Masses:
Tuesday: 5:30pm (Dimock)
Wednesday: 8:30am (Parkston)
11:30am (Armour)
Thursday: 8:30am (Dimock)
10am (Corsica-Nursing Home)
Friday: 8:30am (Parkston)
Saturday: 10am (Parkston-Bormann Manor)

Confessions:
Wednesday: 12-1pm (Armour)
Friday: 12pm-12:45pm (Parkston)
Saturday: 4pm-4:45pm (Dimock)
Sunday: 8am-8:45am (Parkston)

Adoration:
Wednesday: 12pm-1pm (Armour)
Friday: 9am-1pm (Parkston)

Welcome All New or Returning Parishioners!

If you are looking to become a Catholic or make the journey back home and need assistance with any of the Sacraments, please contact Fr Gary DeRouchey or Bailee in the office at 605-928-3676 to set up an appointment.

Sacraments

Baptism: Contact the pastor to schedule class and baptismal date.

Marriage: Contact the pastor at least six months before the proposed wedding date to begin marriage preparation.

Anointing of the Sick: If you are sick, in the hospital or are having a procedure, contact the pastor for anointing.

Connect with Us!

Find our bulletins online at holycopostlessd.org
Connect with us on Facebook at [Parkston and Dimock Catholic Community, Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Dimock, & St. Paul Apostle Church of Armour, South Dakota](#)

Watch 5pm Saturday Mass & 9am Sunday Mass on Santel Channel 910 or stream Sunday Mass on YouTube [@sacredheartparkston](#)



SH Hall Rental: Parish Office, 928-3676

SsPP Hall Rental: Kevin Murtha, 605-677-8666

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Sacred Heart Cemetery, Parkston & St. Mary’s Cemetery, Rural Parkston: Gregg Wagner, 605-505-0323, Rita Wagner, 605-770-0556

Cathedral Cemetery, Tripp: Lynn Schoenfelder, 605-505-0178



DeRouchey’s Delight

Dear Faith Family,

The real cost of Christian discipleship is meeting daily the demands Jesus makes upon his followers. Winston Churchill told the English people that he had nothing to offer them but "blood, sweat, toil, and tears" in their fight against the enemies of England. Jesus demands that His followers carry a cross-- the sign of death.

- Andrew died on a cross
- Simon the Zealot was crucified
- Bartholomew/Nathaniel was flayed alive
- James (son of Zebedee) was beheaded
- The other James (son of Alphaeus) was beaten to death
- Thomas was run through with a lance
- Matthias was stoned and then beheaded
- Levi Matthew was slain by the sword
- Simon Peter was crucified upside down
- Jude Thaddeus was shot to death with arrows
- Philip was hanged

The demands that Jesus makes upon those who would follow him are extreme. Christianity is not a Sunday morning religion. It is a hungering after God, to the point of death if need be. It shakes our foundations, topples our priorities, pits us against friends and family, and makes us strangers in this world.

At this time, Sacred Heart is in need of a religious education teacher for 4th grade. If no one volunteers, the parents of these students will be asked to teach their students at home. If you have any questions, please contact Bailee in the office. Reminder -- there will be lector/Eucharistic minister training on Thursday, September 11th at 7:00pm at Saint Paul the Apostle for anyone who wishes to be a lector or Eucharistic minister for the parish family of Sacred Heart, Saints Peter & Paul, and Saint Paul the Apostle. There are no specific diocesan or Church requirements to be a lector except that one needs to be able to reverently proclaim the Word of God. However, to be an extra ordinary minister of the Holy Eucharist and to be commissioned in the Diocese of Sioux Falls, the Church (not Father) requires:

- (a) Be confirmed, practicing Catholics, and if married in a valid marriage;
- (b) Have knowledge of the teachings of the Catholic Church which are applied to their lives;
- (c) Show proper respect to and reverence for the most Holy Eucharist; and
- (d) Have participated in a training session which covers the following:
 - i. Catechesis about the most Holy Eucharist and the role of the laity in the life of the Church
 - ii. Catechesis about acceptable forms of Eucharistic piety
 - iii. Instruction about the proper and reverent manner of distributing Holy Communion under both Species
 - iv. Instruction on the Diocesan norm for purifying sacred vessels used to carry Holy Communion
 - v. Instruction about the Rite to be followed when taking Holy Communion to the homebound and the infirm.

For those who have chosen NOT to attend one of the trainings offered, the parishes will assume you do not desire to remain as an Eucharistic minister and your name will be removed from the parish list. If you have any questions concerning being an Eucharistic minister or lector, please ask. It is a true privilege and honor to be called to be a minister within the celebration of our liturgies and no one has a “right” to serve. For those desiring to be an extraordinary minister of the Holy Eucharist, you must be commissioned through the permission of the Bishop of Sioux Falls and one’s commission is for three-years. It is not automatically renewed. Commissioning for our parishes will be on the weekend of September 21st at each of our weekend masses. A special blessing will be extended to all our lectors following the commissioning.

Calendar.... Religious education begins this Wednesday, September 10th at 6:30pm at Saint Paul the Apostle. ALL students and parents are invited to participate in the opening Mass as well as all parishioners as prayer warriors.

Our brown baggin’ Bible study at noon on Thursday is stollin’ through the Gospel of Matthew. All are welcome to join.

Let Us Pray...

Please keep these individuals in your prayers at this time:

- Quila Walz, Kathy Behrend, Marlene Buchholz, Jason Buchholz, Albin Brech, Don Fergen, Doug Bormann, Rosemarie Hafner, Tara Ziebart, Jan Eggers, John Reif, Jo Kirk, Ronda & Larry Wilson, Missy Jorgenson, Geneva Berg, Dave Weber Family, Brady Plucker, Ron Neugebauer, John Gilman, Steve Krsnak, Louie Ludwig, Mary Feiner, Mary Jane Zwinger, Mary Newcomer, Parker Holbeck, Marley Whitaker, Sherman Hilfiker, Scott Nice, Pat Boehmer, Dave Brech, Londa Krull Peters, Loren Schmidt, Sara (Kurtenbach) Sutton, Patty Viereck, Ron Dufek, Josie Trebil, Jill DeJong, Mary Reiff, Mike & Denise Royston, Dylan Ernster, Pat Tapp, Elaine Neugebauer, Alora Marsh, Mary Foley

If you would like to schedule a Mass for a loved one or add yourself or someone in your family to the prayer list, please contact your parish office. A stipend of \$10 for the scheduling of a Mass is appreciated.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sacred Heart

SH Altar Society Band 2 will serve next funeral. Please check the kitchen for your missing bowls and pans! We appreciate your tasty donations, but do not have the room to store the containers. With the renovation coming up, any bowls or pans not picked up will be donated or thrown. SH Office will be closed Wednesday, Sept. 10th.

Sts. Peter & Paul

No Announcements

St. Paul the Apostle

RELIGIOUS ED: 1st night with opening Mass: Sept 10th at 6:30pm. Altar server training following Mass. Altar Society Meeting—Monday, Sept 8th at 7pm Thank you for the many prayers and support. Baby Alora is improving, but still has a ways to go. God has been so good to us and we are so grateful. With love, Jonah & Jazman Marsh

Holy Cross/St. Mary’s Catholic United Financial is collecting items for the teachers at Parkston Elementary to use in their classrooms. There will be a box in the back of Sacred Heart and in the hall until Sept. 28th. Items being collected: any school supplies, hats, gloves and sweatpants etc. Thank you for helping us collect these items! Any questions, please contact Rose Walz.

Gentlemen, TMIY will begin again on Monday, September 8 starting at 6AM. We will be hosting a Wednesday night meeting at the KC Hall, next to Schuver’s Café, on September 10. Fellowship starts at 6:40PM with large group starting at 7:10PM. Small group will follow the large group with conclusion at 8:10 PM, so anyone who would need to pickup children from Religious Education will be able to do so. If there are questions, please speak with any of the Core Team. They are Joshua Christensen, Francis Froehlich, Cody Sprecher, Andrew Roth, Kyle Timmerman, and Doug Fischer.

Ladies, our SHE program will begin on Monday, Sept. 15th at Sacred Heart. Fellowship begins at 6pm with large group starting at 6:30pm and small group discussion to follow. The night concludes at 7:30pm. We invite any ladies back who were with us this spring, along with anyone new! We would love for you to join us. If you have any questions, please reach out to Dana Neugebauer.

Sacred Heart Religious Education News

- Religion times: 1st-4th grades meet from 5:30pm-6:45pm, 5th-12th grades meet from 7pm-8:15pm
- We are still searching for a 4th grade teacher. Teachers are provided with a teacher’s manual for our curriculum to assist them with their weekly lessons. Additional resources are available in the online portal. Different activities can be planned and approved throughout the year. If the Lord is calling you to serve or if you have any questions about teaching, please reach out to Bailee.
- Sacred Heart is also searching for a Director of Religious Ed to work alongside Father Gary to guide our teachers and youth through a successful year! If you are interested in the DRE position, would like to teach, or would like to be put on the substitute list, contact Fr. Gary or Bailee!