

PARKSTON - DIMOCK - ARMOUR Community Bulletin

OCTOBER 25, 2026 | 30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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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.

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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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Parkston and Dimock Catholic Community

Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Dimock

St. Paul Apostle Church of Armour, South Dakota

Holy Apostles



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1968, 1980 CCC, OAB

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

Friday: 8:30am | Parkston

Saturday: 10:00am | Parkston-Bormann Manor

CONFESSIONS:

Wednesday: 12:00-1:00pm | Armour

Friday: 12:00-12:45pm |

Saturday: Parkston

Sunday: 4:00-4:45pm | Dimock

8:00-8:45am | Parkston

ADORATION:

Wednesday: 12:00-1:00pm | Armour

Friday: 9:00am-1:00pm | Parkston

*Watch 5pm Saturday Mass on Santel Channel 916 or stream on YouTube @ [sppindimock](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsppindimock) & 9am Sunday Mass on Santel Channel 910 or stream on YouTube @ [sacredheartparkston](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsacredheartparkston)



The Knightly News

The Parkston Knights of Columbus meet the second Sunday of each month at 7:30pm at the KC Hall.

The Ray Harrington Knights of Columbus of Armour meet the second Sunday of each month at 9:30am in the Parish Hall. Contact Grand Knight, Travis Sparks, with any questions.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The Catholic Daughters meet the first Thursday of each month at 7pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

Dear faith family,

Amendment L and the Common Good: A Statement from the Bishops of South Dakota

In the November 3 election, voters will decide a ballot question designated as Amendment L: “An amendment to the South Dakota Constitution Requiring that a Proposed Constitutional Amendment or Revision Receive an Affirmative Vote of Sixty Percent of the Votes Cast.”

We have in the past taken positions on ballot measures that had an objective moral content, such as measures to legalize abortion and recreational marijuana. We opposed these measures as they would have promoted behavior that, according to the Catholic Magisterium, is intrinsically evil. Amendment L is different. It proposes a change to the political process that cannot, of itself, be classified as good or evil. Yet this doesn't mean Amendment L is devoid of moral implications.

We often encounter political proposals that may be “morally neutral” in their direct content, but which can nevertheless have concrete effects on the common good – for better or for worse.

Forming a sound judgment on Amendment L requires that we evaluate its likely practical effects on our lives, culture and politics. This is a complicated process, and we believe Catholics acting in good faith might arrive at different conclusions. We urge the faithful to apply the principles of Catholic social teaching to Amendment L as they discern how to vote.

As bishops, we have applied these principles to Amendment L and have concluded the measure deserves our support. We believe passage of Amendment L will advance the common good for the following reasons:

- **Amendment L would contribute to the protection of the fundamental human rights enshrined in the constitution**
- **Amendment L supplements the “checks and balances” that protect minority rights**
- **Amendment L would advance the goals of the principle of subsidiarity**

We would not argue that South Dakota's existing state constitution is perfect, or that it could not be improved by future amendments. Nevertheless, we must account for the reality that numerous harmful amendments have advanced in recent decades that the Church has felt compelled to oppose out of concern for protecting the common good. We have already mentioned the egregious effort in 2024 to add a right to abortion to our constitution. The Church has opposed constitutional amendments to create a right to use recreational marijuana (Amendment A – 2020) and several amendments that sought to expand state-sponsored gambling.

Amendment L would not preclude harmful proposals from being advanced in the future. But it would enact a valuable safeguard by ensuring that only amendments that enjoy broad-based public support would become part of our permanent constitutional order. In this regard, it should be emphasized that Amendment L leaves untouched the existing process of passing ordinary *statutes* through ballot measures. These would still require only a simple majority (50 percent plus one) for passage. While this process too is subject to some of the problems we have identified earlier (e.g., interference from out-of-state interests), there is an important difference: flawed statutes can be amended by the people's representatives through the legislative process. But the legislature has no unilateral power to fix a problematic constitutional amendment.

The success or failure of Amendment L will have important ramifications for our shared life as South Dakotans. We pray that our reflections above will be considered seriously by the faithful for the sake of the common good.

Most Rev. Donald E. DeGrood

Most Rev. Scott E. Bullock

Bishop of Sioux Falls

Bishop of Rapid City

Please pray for those men and women serving in the 155th Engineer Company of the South Dakota Army National Guard, who are being activated. May the Lord protect them from any harm and may their time away from their families and friends be minimal.

DATE NIGHT WITH THE LORD – This Wednesday evening at Saint Paul the Apostle from 6:30pm till 7:45pm with Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available, as well. What a true witness of faith for our youth to see adults present on Wednesday evening!

World Mission Sunday - *One in Christ, United in Mission*

2026 celebrates 100 years of World Mission Sunday! World Mission Sunday helps ensure missionary dioceses and territories are not forgotten. Your offering is distributed to support the Church in places where it barely exists, where it is young, growing, and often facing poverty, isolation, or persecution. Pope Leo has spoken often about how important World Mission Sunday is for the Church. Serving missionaries for a large part of his priestly ministry, while being supported from the universal Church through World Mission Sunday, Pope Leo encourages us to offer to the mission work.

Envelopes can be found in the entryways of our Churches. Please make your checks out to the parish you support.

 *Let us hold in our prayers...*

Those quietly facing infertility or suffering from a miscarriage • Quila Walz • Marlene Buchholz • Jason Buchholz • Doug Bormann • Rosemarie Hafner
Tara Ziebart • Jo Kirk • Missy Jorgenson • Geneva Berg • John Gilman • Ron Neugebauer • Steve Krsnak • Mary Feiner • Parker Holbeck • Mary Reif
Dave Weber Family • Mary Jane Zwinger • Sherman Hilfiker • Scott Nice • Dave Brech • Londa Krull Peters • Patty Viereck • Ron Dufek • Josie Trebil
Denise Royston • Dylan Ernster • Elaine Neugebauer • Mary Foley • Maureen Dufek • Paul(Dick) & DeeDee Thury • Tanner Harrington • Verne Carda • Dave Krull
Keeley Rexwinkle • Mark Hoffman • Kelly Cross • Tom Herrmann • Jared Hettinger • Josh Spaans • Kayla Marsh • Peggy Fischer • Norma Sommer • Penny Austin
Ralph McGregor • Jean Mingo-Schmaltz • Milo Fousek • Dan & Karen Pipes • Bob Schlingen • Ramsey Horstman • Kinsley Horstman • Mark Schoenfelder
155th Engineer Company • Fr. Ken Koster

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, Oct. 27th
5:30pm(SsPP) - James & Carol Fergen †
Wednesday, Oct. 28th
8:30am(SH) - John & Joyce Mechtenberg Family
11:30am(SPA) - Carol Pesicka †
Thursday, Oct. 29th
8:30am(SsPP) - Souls in Purgatory †
Friday, Oct. 30th
8:30am(SH) - Mary Roth †
Saturday, Oct. 31st
10:00am(BM) - JB Weber †
5:00pm(SsPP) - Wilb & Darlene Hohn Family
Sunday, Nov. 1st
9:00am(SH) - Ed & Margaret Heisinger Family
11:00am(SPA) - Dennis Ziebart †

CATHOLIC TRIVIA Just for fun

Question: Other than Sundays, what are the names of the days on which Catholics are required to attend Mass?

Answer can be found on the back page, under the wordsearch.
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Priest Retirement Appeal Update:
Thanks to the amazing generosity of more than 2,000 parishioners throughout the diocese, we've reached 90% of our appeal goal, with over \$11.8 million given toward the \$13 million goal.
Please make sure all checks are made out to CCFESD.

Liturgy Committee Meeting has been moved to Thursday, Nov. 19th at 6pm at Sacred Heart.

Religious Ed Meal Program

A meal will be offered to all youth at Sacred Heart every other Wednesday throughout the RE year. Serving from 6:30pm-7:15pm. If you would like to donate food or help in the kitchen, scan the QR code to sign up!

Upcoming Meal Dates:
Nov. 4th, Nov. 18th, Dec. 9th



Parish Announcements

Sacred Heart
Altar Society Band 3 will serve the next funeral.
Please check the kitchen for your bowls and pans!

Ss. Peter & Paul
SsPP Altar Society & CUF Team: Annual Supper & Silent Auction - Saturday, Nov. 14th following 5pm Mass. The committee is asking for donated baskets, homemade crafts, baked goods, canned goods, etc. for the silent auction. Please contact Pat Sudbeck (770-8863) or Bev Weber (770-1532) if you would like to donate or have any questions.
Religious Ed: Saints & Sodas Night - Oct. 28th at 7pm in the parish hall.

St. Paul the Apostle
The Altar Society News:

- The Fall Supper is soon approaching. Please consider donating a basket of goodies for the silent auction by Oct. 27th
- The annual fall church cleaning will be Nov. 14th. We are asking for volunteers of all ages to come for a morning of cleaning and fellowship. More details to come.
- Friendly reminder, if you have not made your annual contribution to the Altar Society Flower Fund, please find the yellow envelope included in your offertory box and consider donating. Thank you!

Religious Ed: Adoration & Confessions - Wed., Oct 28th at 6:30pm

All Souls' Day Mass
Monday, Nov. 2nd | 9am | Sacred Heart

Although, this day is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation, parishioners are invited to pray for our faithful departed who are believed to be in purgatory. Our prayers here on earth help cleanse those souls in purgatory so they may live peacefully in the Kingdom of Heaven.

We send our deepest sympathies to the family of

John Reif

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."
- John 11:25-26



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The SSPP Altar Society & Catholic United Financial Team are having their annual Meal and Silent Auction on Saturday, November 14th following the 5:00pm Mass. They will be serving chicken Alfredo, spaghetti, garlic pull aparts, fruit, desserts and beverages. A free will offering is appreciated. **This supper is open to everyone from all parishes.** The Altar Society & Catholic United are looking for donations of items and baskets for the silent auction. Homemade crafts, homemade canned goods, and baked goods are some suggestions. If you would like make a donation please contact Pat Sudbeck @ 605-770-8863 or Bev Weber @ 605-770-1532.



Silent Auction

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St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church
Armour, SD

Annual Fall Supper
Sunday Nov. 1, 2026
4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Menu: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Dressing, Corn, Pie, Coffee, & Lemonade

Free Will Donation
Complete Dinners To Go:
3:30 PM to 7 PM Call (605)680-3932

Silent Auction 3:30-7pm benefitting the Altar Society

Movies for the kids in the lower level 4-7

SS PETER & PAUL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"For all the saints who from their labors rest, All their great reward in heaven is left."
— St. Bernard

Allhallowtide SAINTS AND SODAS NIGHT
FAITH + FUN + FELLOWSHIP

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28
AT 7:00 PM
DIMOCK HALL

The youth will view presentations/discussions on Saints while enjoying a **Saintly Soda!**

Remember the Saints
celebrate their witness
Enjoy a little sweetness



SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for October 25, 2026

Matthew 22:34-40

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: Another trap laid for Jesus. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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YOURSELF	THESE TWO	PROPHETS

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Trivia Answer: Holy Days of Obligation.

Liturgical Ministries - October 31st & November 1st

Sts. Peter & Paul	Sacred Heart	St. Paul the Apostle
EM: Jenny Fergen & Diane Kummer	EM: Dean Soukup & Denise Heisinger	EM: Dan S., Michael P., Travis S.
Lector: Paul Fergen	Lector: Josh Christensen	Lectors: Nathan H., Jeris T.
Servers: Mason Wipf, Jake Kroll, Volunteer	Servers: Emmy & Leo Christensen, Layton & Liam Horstman	Servers: Jace, Zach, Brooklyn, Grace & Marshall
Ushers: Darwin Kurtenbach, Glen Kummer, Charles Weber	Ushers: Chris & Sharisee Culbert Family	Ushers: Knights of Columbus
Gift Carriers: Glen & Dee Kummer	Gift Carriers: Chris & Sharisee Culbert Family	Gift Carriers: Knights of Columbus
Video: Doug Schlinging	Video: Quayden Culbert	Counters: Arlene & Barb
Rosary: Tom Fergen		

Church Support

Ss. Peter & Paul	Sacred Heart	St. Paul the Apostle
Envelopes \$1406.00	Envelopes \$3900.00	Envelopes \$805.00
Loose \$77.00	Loose \$154.25	Loose \$132.00
Harvest \$840.00	Wld Mission \$100.00	Funeral \$100.00

Adult Formation

Strollin' Through Scripture Bible Study with Fr Gary meets every Thursday from noon-1pm in the Sacred Heart education wing. All are welcome to come & go as their lunch period allows!

That Man Is You (TMIY) meets weekly on Monday mornings from 6-7:30am in the Sacred Heart Hall and Wednesday evenings from 6:40-8:10pm in the KC Hall. Men ages 18 and up are invited to attend this weekly presentation to deepen their faith in the Catholic church.

SHE group for women 18+ meets weekly on Monday evenings at Sacred Heart. Optional fellowship starts at 6pm with large group starting at 6:30pm and small group discussion to follow, concluding by 7:30pm. Please join us and bring a friend, Catholic or non-Catholic. Contact Dana Neugebauer at 605-655-4282 with questions.

Oh, Good Grief - A grief support group will begin in the Holy Apostles Pastorate for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. Using the book "Seasons of Hope: Bringing Comfort Through Catholic Grief Support", the group will meet monthly on Wednesdays at 3pm: Sacred Heart, Parkston (1st week of the month), St. Peter Rectory, Platte (2nd week of the month), St. John the Baptist, Wagner (3rd week of the month)

The "Cradle Catholic" Class allows you to have a richer, deeper knowledge and love of the Catholic faith. The class meets once a month and will cover the same topic at each of the three locations for the month. Feel free to bring your supper with you. Contact Sister Maribeth at 605-760-5295 with questions. Sessions are held at 6pm on Wednesdays: Sts. Peter & Paul, Dimock (1st week of the month), St. Peter, Platte (2nd week), St. John, Wagner (3rd week).

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

St. Peter's Turkey Dinner & Bazaar - Sunday, Oct. 25th from 4:30-7pm in the St. Peter Church Hall, Platte. Adults- \$18, Kids \$9. Serving turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, coleslaw, salads, pies & desserts.

St. Mary's Altar Society Soup Dinner - Sunday, Oct. 25th from 10:30am-1:30pm in the Dante CCD Center. Serving soups, sandwiches, desserts. Bid-a-basket, Bingo, and a kid's raffle and fish pond.

Salem Lutheran, Parkston Annual Bazaar - Nov. 1 from 10:30am-12:30pm. Serving pork loin sandwiches, potato salad, baked beans, hot dogs & pies. Take out available. Quilts and cards available for purchase. Funds raised help support our "Christmas Cheer" giving project, helping area mission projects.

Broom Tree Days of Recollection: November 10 – "Faith and Patriotism: Learn from the Past, Look to the Future," directed by Fr. Joe Forcelle, December 15 – TBD, directed by Fr. Steven Jones. Broom Tree Days of Recollection begin at 10am and include conferences, time for adoration, Mass, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The day ends in mid-afternoon. Because lunch is served, we ask that you please register by calling 605-263-1040. A prayerful donation is requested.

30th Annual Christmas at the Cathedral - Dec. 10th-13th. This year's theme, "Surrender" invites us to look through the eyes of St. Luke's Gospel, reminding us that the Christmas story is not just about a baby being born in Bethlehem. Proceeds benefit the Bishop Dudley House. To purchase tickets: 1) online at www.ccfesd.org 2) phone at 605-988-3765 3) email events@ccfesd.org or 4) at any Sioux Falls Hy-Vee location.

He Is Stable | Sioux Falls: The Lourdes Center is honored to host the holiday grief program "He is Stable: A Night for Grieving Hearts to Find Rest in His Peace" on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at St. Therese Catholic Church in Sioux Falls featuring guest speakers Fr. Kevin O'Dell and Deacon Denny Seiner. The evening, which begins at 6:30 p.m., will include presentations from individuals who have experienced grief along with a beautiful candle lighting ceremony. Christmas goodies and warm apple cider to follow. Registration is required and is now open online at thelourdescenter.com or by calling 605-988-3775. Free-will donations will gladly be accepted.

Freedom is Possible. - A Catholic-integrated support for men seeking freedom from pornography. You are not alone-and you do not have to fight alone. The Lourdes Center offers a confidential whole-person path toward lasting freedom, integrating Catholic anthropology, proven psychological insights, practical training and brotherhood. Scan the QR code or call The Lourdes Center for more info. 605-988-3775

