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WELCOME!

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.

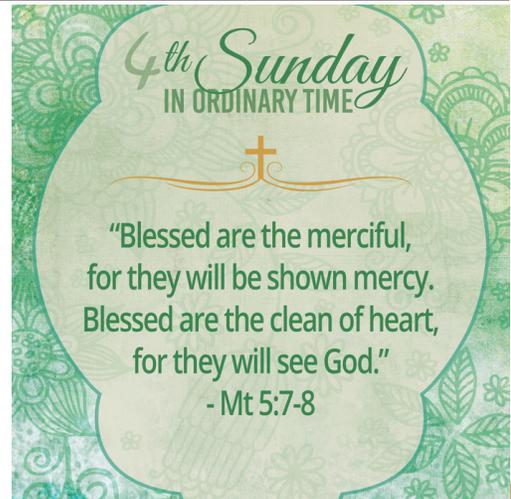
SACRAMENTS

- 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.

FACILITIES CONTACTS

- SH Hall Rental:** Parish Office, 928-3676
- SsPP Hall Rental:** Kevin Murtha, 605-677-8666
- Parkston KC Hall Rental:** Mike Thury, (H) 928-3562, (C) 605-770-6440

- 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



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
10:00am | Corsica-Nursing Home
- Friday: 8:30am | Parkston
- Saturday: 10:00am | Parkston-Bormann Manor

CONFESSIONS:

- Wednesday: 12:00-1:00pm | Armour
- Friday: 12:00-12:45pm | Parkston
- Saturday: 4:00-4:45pm | Dimock
- Sunday: 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 @ssppindimock & 9am Sunday Mass on Santel Channel 910 or stream on YouTube @sacredheartparkston

WELCOME TO HOLY APOSTLES PASTORATE!

- Holy Apostles Pastor:** Fr. Tom Clement | Platte Rectory: 605-337-3710 | frthomasclément@sfcatholic.org
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Connect with all 9 parishes within Holy Apostles Pastorate by visiting holypostlessd.org. Here you will find Mass times, bulletins, a calendar of events, faith formation info, & more for each parish and the pastorate.

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.

Connect with us on Facebook!

- [Parkston and Dimock Catholic Community](#)
- [Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Dimock](#)
- [St. Paul Apostle Church of Armour, South Dakota](#)



4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



DEROUCHEY'S DELIGHT

Dear faith family,

As I was preparing the homily on the Beatitudes for this weekend, I came across the saying: "God helps those who help themselves." People like to quote this saying for "it's in the Bible." Where? Sadly, it is not found in Sacred Scripture but most commonly known from Benjamin Franklin's Poor Richard's Almanac published in 1757. However, it's origin comes from Algernon Sydney in an article titled Discourses Concerning Government in 1698.

With the Feast of Saint Blaise on this coming Tuesday, February 3rd, the parish will celebrate the blessing of throats during the 5:30pm weekday mass at Saints Peter & Paul and following all the masses next weekend. The blessing of the throats may be received by non-Catholics. The Blessing of the Throats is a Catholic ritual usually observed on the feast of Saint Blaise. One variation is the consecration by prayer of two candles, which are crossed and held over the heads or against the throats of the people being blessed.

Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him.

The following blessing is usually given: "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and every other illness, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." The priest then makes the sign of the cross over the recipient. The lay faithful may also assist in extending the blessing without the sign of the cross.

Parish meetings:

This past week both the Sacred Heart and Saint Paul the Apostle Finance Committees met. For Sacred Heart, we received an update on the project status. With the anticipation of the pews being finished before the weekend, the eight projects of 2025 will have been completed with maybe a couple of loose ends to tie up. Overall, things went very well. We are now looking at the next item of business which is the installation of a screen/projector in the hall for overflow and presentations.

For Saint Paul the Apostle, the two major projects for 2025 went well with the addition of a new water fountain in the hall area. However, we discovered in the projects that we have an issue with rotting boards in our soffits; therefore, we are put out a request for some bids. Additionally, we continue the discussion of expanding the east foyer. The expansion would include space for gathering for weddings and funerals, additional handicap bathrooms and an area to display the beautiful stained-glass window from Saint George. It would also move the bell tower which is in need of repair as well. Father Gallagher had initiated the original plan; however, he was unable to complete the task before his death. Further information is being sought on the future of this project.

On Tuesday, the Pastorate Pastoral Council meets at 7:00pm at Saint Paul the Apostle. If you have any concerns that you would like to express to your pastor, Father Tom Clement, you are encouraged to share them with your representative: Jim Werkmeister, Diane Sandhoff or Tricia Neugebauer. One key focus of Tuesday's discussion will be on the celebration of the liturgical seasons of Lent and Easter.

This coming Thursday, February 5th at 7:00pm, the Saints Peter & Paul Finance Committee will meet. We also experienced two major projects with the tuck pointing and replacement of one of the HVAC units. The second unit will be replaced here in 2026. Additionally, we are investigating the possibility of renovation a lift which will make both the church and basement accessible.

PLANNING...

Due to a mandatory deanery meeting in Yankton, there will be NO brown baggin' Bible study on Thursday, February 5th.

Friendly reminder....

With the installation of the new pews and carpet, let us be mindful of what we wear and what we bring into the pews so that we may maintain their beauty. For example, please - no metal toys of any kind. It takes but a moment for them to do permanent unnecessary damage. Additionally, I have not seen a starving child in our community. Let's make wise choices of food and drink items that we bring into the church. For example - colored drinks are best left outside the church.



SUPER BOWL BOARD

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2026 Steubenville Attendees

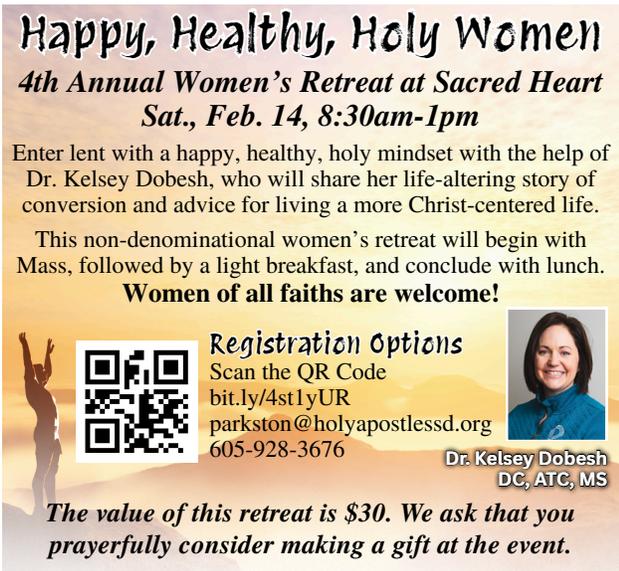


FUEL UP

GAS-PUMPING FUNDRAISERS

Parkston Food Center

SUN., FEB. 15 • 9:30AM-12:30PM



Happy, Healthy, Holy Women

4th Annual Women's Retreat at Sacred Heart

Sat., Feb. 14, 8:30am-1pm

Enter lent with a happy, healthy, holy mindset with the help of Dr. Kelsey Dobesh, who will share her life-altering story of conversion and advice for living a more Christ-centered life.

This non-denominational women's retreat will begin with Mass, followed by a light breakfast, and conclude with lunch.

Women of all faiths are welcome!

Registration Options
Scan the QR Code
bit.ly/4st1yUR
parkston@holypostlessd.org
605-928-3676



Dr. Kelsey Dobesh
DC, ATC, MS

The value of this retreat is \$30. We ask that you prayerfully consider making a gift at the event.

 *Let us hold in our prayers...*

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 • 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 • Patty Viereck • Ron Dufek • Josie Trebil • Jill DeJong • Mary Reiff • Denise Royston
 Dylan Ernster • Pat Tapp • Elaine Neugebauer • Alora Marsh • Mary Foley • Paul (Dick) & DeeDee Thury • Maureen Dufek • Brad Weber
 Tanner Harrington • Kayla Marsh • Loren Buchholz • Verne & Delores Carda • Dave Krull

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, Feb. 3rd
 5:30pm(SsPP) -John & Joyce Mechtenberg Family
Wednesday, Feb. 4th
 8:30am(SH) - Earl & Lucy Sly †
 11:30am(SPA) - Shirley Reensch †
Thursday, Feb 5th
 8:30am(SsPP) - Marie Erpenbach †
Friday, Feb 6th
 8:30am(SH) - Robert Don Gomes † & Teodoro Pedrosa †
Saturday, Feb 7th
 10am (BM) - Jeremiah & JoAnn Boehmer †
 5:00pm(SsPP) - Alejandra Acebedo & Aleth Pedrosa †
Sunday, Feb. 8th
 9:00am(SH) -
 11:00am(SPA) - †

CATHOLIC TRIVIA *Just for fun*

Question: Who were the very first people to visit Jesus after he was born?
Answer can be found on the back page, under the wordsearch. ©LPi

Sacred Heart Religious Ed Meal Program

Once again, Sacred Heart will provide meals for Religious Education students on certain Wednesday evenings. This year, meals will be offered on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month.

A SignUp Genius has been created for parents other parishioners to volunteer to prepare and serve the meals and/or donate item(s) for the meals. Meals are served from 6:30pm-7pm with meal prep starting at 5:30pm. This meal is available to ALL CCD students, with younger students eating after class, and older students before.

To sign up, scan the QR code or visit signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45AAAD28A7FBC16-60949839-sacred or contact Bailee in the office!

Upcoming Meal Dates:
 Feb. 11 & 25 | March 11 & 25
 April 8 & 22



Parish Announcements

Sacred Heart

Altar Society Band 4 will serve the next funeral.
Altar Society has new officers: President Diane Baumiller, Vice President Jane Mehlhaff, Secretary Tammy Sommer and Treasurer Betty Luebke. Thank you to outgoing president Tammy Schoenfelder for her service and dedication over the years. **Ladies, please submit your \$10 dues to the office or drop them in the collection.**
CDA Meeting - Thursday, February 5th at 7pm in the parish hall.

Ss. Peter & Paul

SsPP Finance Council Meeting - Thursday, Feb. 5th at 7pm

St. Paul the Apostle

KC Soup Luncheon- Sunday February 8th in the parish hall following Mass.



Catholic Daughters, if you haven't paid your yearly CDA dues of \$25 for 2026, please send to Chris Newton, 406 S. Chapman Dr., Parkston, SD 57366. We always welcome new members!

Thank you!
 Thank you to everyone who offered their thoughts, prayers, & well wishes throughout the year. Your kindness is appreciated and did not go un-noticed.
 -Deacon Barry Wagner

Liturgy Committee Meeting
 Thursday, Feb. 12th | 5:30pm
 Sacred Heart Parish Hall

*Members representing each parish are asked to attend.

KC Scholarship
The Parkston Knights of Columbus are gifting two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors of Sacred Heart & Sts. Peter & Paul. The students must be actively participating in their faith and write, at minimum, one full page on what their faith means to them and how they plan to use their faith throughout college and into their adult life.
Applications can be mailed to: Knights of Columbus, PO Box 502, Parkston, SD 57366 and must be received by May 1st. Contact Roger Waltman with any questions 605-999-6245.



Let the students going to *Stuebenville* serve your family *Breakfast*
 Join us for pancakes, sausage & eggs
Sun., Feb. 1 • 10am-noon
(or until gone)
at Sacred Heart
Freewill donations accepted!

SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for February 1, 2026

Matthew 5:1-12a

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: Teaching on the mountain. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

MOUNTAIN	DISCIPLES	BLESSED
HEAVEN	MOURN	COMFORTED
MEEK	HUNGER	THIRST
MERCIFUL	SEE GOD	PEACEMAKERS
CHILDREN	OF GOD	PERSECUTED
UTTER	EVIL	REJOICE
BE GLAD	REWARD	GREAT

EIGHT POINTS

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Trivia Answer: Two local shepherds who were told about Jesus by an angel.

Church Support

Ss. Peter & Paul	Sacred Heart	St. Paul the Apostle
Envelopes \$2,325.00	Envelopes \$1,465.00	Envelopes \$1,130.00
Loose \$114.00	Loose \$3,250.00	Loose \$152.00
	Masses \$90.00	Candles \$68.00

Liturgical Ministries - Feb 7th & 8th

Ss. Peter & Paul	Sacred Heart	St. Paul the Apostle
EM: Jessica McMartin & Jenny Fergen	EM: Jennifer Sprecher & Denise Heisinger	EM: Kristen T, Carly S, Mary B
Lector: Donna Ripp	Lector: Carol Gilman	Lector: Tracey S & Rebecca Thury
Servers: Coltyn & Braxtyn Raymond, Juliette Beyer	Servers: Nora & Mae Shepardson, Brexten Overby, Lucy Sprecher	Servers: The Timmermans
Ushers: Glen Kummer, Dan Boehmer, Matthew Weber	Ushers: Mike & Audrey Bowar Family	Ushers: Bill Harrington, Casey Carda, Dan Harrington, Daniel Harrington
Gift Carriers: Glen & Dee Kummer	Gift Carriers: Mike & Audrey Bowar Family	Gift Carriers: Carl Baier Family
Video: Pat & Kim McCann	Video: Roger Waltman	Greeters: Volunteers
Rosary: Pat & Kim McCann		Counters: Jami W & Theresa F



The Knightly News

The Parkston Knights of Columbus meet the second Sunday of each month at 7:30pm at the KC Hall. **Next meeting: Feb. 1.** (Note date change due to the Super Bowl.)

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.

The 9-week **SHE group** session for women 18+ began Mon., Jan. 19 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.

The **"Cradle Catholic" Class** allows you to have a richer, deeper knowledge and love of the Catholic faith. We will explore topics like Mary, the Saints, catechism material, etc. The class meets once a month and will cover the same topic at each of the three locations for the month. The gatherings will be at 6pm on Wednesday evenings and will last approximately one hour. 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).

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A priest I know was once falsely accused of a terrible crime. The claim was wild and easily disproved, but for a while, it didn't matter. In the atmosphere shaped by the abuse crisis of the early 2000s, the public assumption was guilty until proven innocent. His name was dragged through the mud, and his ministry placed on hold. I had the privilege — and the burden — of walking closely with him during that time.

He was angry. He was confused. He felt abandoned and deeply disoriented. The last thing on his mind was the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: "Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me ... Rejoice and be glad" (Matthew 5:11-12). Rejoice? He felt anything but.

And yet... something holy slowly grew in him. Not overnight, and not without pain. But as the truth came to light and his name was cleared, I watched him become more Christlike — more patient, more compassionate, more detached from human approval.

Maybe you haven't faced something so dramatic. But where do you feel judged? Misrepresented? Overlooked? Maybe someone else got the credit or the promotion. Maybe someone you love isn't getting their due. In those moments, the Cross of Jesus is near. When we feel accused, that's when we ask him for the grace not just to endure, but somehow, mysteriously, to rejoice and be glad. — Father John Muir