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WELCOME!

If you are looking to become 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.

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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.

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[St. Paul Apostle Church of Armour, South Dakota](#)



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 | 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 @sppindimock & 9am Sunday Mass on Santel Channel 910 or stream on YouTube @sacredheartparkston



The Knightly News

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



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

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

DEROUCHEY'S DELIGHT

Dear faith family,

HAPPY EASTER!

Please pray for our students as they enter into the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday, April 26th at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church in Wagner. They will join other students within our pastorate as Bishop Donald DeGroot presides at the 2:00pm Mass. May each of these confirmandi be open to the fullness of the sacrament as they begin a new chapter in their spiritual journey as “defenders of the faith” and “soldiers of Christ.”

This Wednesday, we will celebrate the closing Mass for religious education at Saints Peter & Paul and at Sacred Heart. Mass will be at 7pm at Sacred Heart and at 7pm at Saints Peter & Paul with Father Gerry. Next Wednesday, we celebrate the closing Mass for religious education at Saint Paul the Apostle. Amazing that the year is over and I extend the parishes' deepest appreciation for all those who assisted in the religious education program: the teachers, office staff, speakers, and kitchen crews. Your dedication to the youth of our faith family is truly appreciated. May the Lord reward you for your generosity of self.

Next weekend, each of the parishes will celebrate First Communion. May we keep each of these students in our prayers as they prepare to receive the most holy and sacred gift of our faith – the Holy Eucharist.

Last Sunday, the gospel message was “on the road to Emmaus” from the Gospel of Luke. In their journey, two of Jesus' disciples experienced their hearts set afire as Jesus opened up to them the beauty of the Scriptures. In this period of liturgical fast, we have the opportunity to spend more time with the Sacred Scriptures to experience God in a personal way. Vatican II tells us that Jesus is to be equally venerated in the Eucharist and in the Bible. Therefore, we are encouraged to read and study the Sacred Scriptures. Even some of our former presidents believed in the importance of reading and understanding God's Words.

- Abraham Lincoln stated: “The greatest gift that God gave to human beings is the Bible.”
- John Quincy Adams said that it was a principle of his to read the Bible through each and every year.
- Theodore Roosevelt stated: “A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education.”

This Sunday, the gospel message is Jesus as the Good Shepherd from the Gospel of John. As we are reminded that the shepherd calls his own sheep by name, we know that our Lord and God calls each of us by name to come and follow Him. He is the Gate that opens to eternal salvation.

We hear Jesus inviting us to be His sheep as He is the Good Shepherd. “Saint Maximus the Confessor, an abbot of the seventh century, pointed out the close parallel between the forgiving shepherd and the forgiving Christ. Of Jesus he said, ‘When He found wandering in the mountains and hills the one sheep that had strayed from God's flock of a hundred, he brought it back into the fold, but He did not exhaust it by driving it. Instead, He placed it on His shoulders and so compassionately, He restored it safely to the flock. -- Jesus, our Good Shepherd, calls on us, the sheep of His fold, to return to Him, whether we have wandered far or near. He asks us to confess our sins and change our hearts. We need not fear to say, ‘I am sorry’. He who calls will treat us gently. He not only loves us; He respects us”. (Father Robert F. McNamara).



The Jews have a beautiful legend that helps explain why God chose Moses to be the leader of His people. “When Moses was feeding the sheep of his father-in-law in the wilderness, a young lamb ran away. Moses followed it until it reached a ravine, where it found a well to drink from. When Moses got up to it, he said: ‘I did not know that you ran away because you were thirsty. Now you must be weary.’ He took the lamb on his shoulders and carried it back. Then God said: ‘Because you have shown pity in leading back one of a flock belonging to another man, you shall lead my flock Israel.’”

Congratulations to our Confirmation Students!

Aalehya Lauren 'Cecelia' Wilson • Abbe Mae 'Rose of Lima' McClure • Alaina Michele 'Maria Goretti' Royston
Anna Marie 'Teresa of Avila' Weber • Ashley Jo 'Catherine of Sienna' Hoffman • Bella-Rose Therese 'Bernadette' Kroll
Claire Elizabeth 'Teresa of Calcutta' Sommer • Jaxon Louis 'Sebastian' Leischner • Jaxx Douglas 'Sebastian' Kurtenbach
Kenley Elizabeth 'Mary Magdalen' Henke • Mattilynn Clair 'Theodora' Double • Matthew Jacob 'John the Apostle' Weber
Alexander James 'Joseph' Werkmeister • Andrew David 'Vincent Ferrer' Bitterman • Dawson Joseph 'Hubert of Liege' Timmermans
Jace Austin 'Michael the Archangel' Werkmeister • Lexie Marie 'Therese of Lisieux' Fousek • Matthew James 'Hubert of Liege' Messer
Michael Reed 'Isidore' Ross • Peytyn Rose 'Francis of Assisi' Medricky • Reed Cooper 'Sebastian' Woerner
Ryenn Michael 'Teresa of Andes' Loneman • Sarah Mae 'Therese of Lisieux' Krull • Tayla Ann 'Elizabeth of Hungary' Hinckley
Wyatt Allen 'Sebastian' Timmermans • Zachary Dennis 'Isidore' Ziebart

To watch the Holy Apostles Pastorate Confirmation, use the link; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyT4QQ-mLHA>
or find the link on the Holy Apostles webpage, listed under the 'What's Happening - Upcoming Events' tab.

 *Let us hold in our prayers...*

Those quietly facing infertility or suffering from a miscarriage • 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 • Mary Feiner • Mary Jane Zwinger • Mary Newcomer • Parker Holbeck
 Marley Whitaker • Sherman Hilfiker • Scott Nice • Dave Brech • Londa Krull Peters • Loren Schmidt • Patty Viereck • Ron Dufek • Josie Trebil • Mary Reiff
 Denise Royston • Dylan Ernster • Elaine Neugebauer • Mary Foley Paul (Dick) & DeeDee Thury • Maureen Dufek • Tanner Harrington • Kayla Marsh
 Loren Buchholz • Verne & Delores Carda • Dave Krull • Alex Laffey • Keeley Rexwinkle • Dave Hoffman • Mark Hoffman • Mike Brezina • Kelly Cross
 Tom Herrmann

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, April 28th

5:30pm(SsPP) - 1st Communicants

Wednesday, April 29th

8:30am(SH) - Thuria Samara † & Nicole Saunders †

11:30am(SPA) - Urban & Rita Koster †

Thursday, April 30th

8:30am(SsPP) - Parishioners †

Friday, May 1st

8:30am(SH) - Edgar & Hattie Magera †

Saturday, May 2nd

10:00am(BM) - JB Weber †

5:00pm(SsPP) - Mark Hoffman †

Sunday, May 3rd

9:00am(SH) - Jim, Joan & Gerard Sommer †

11:00am(SPA) - Jill DeJong †

CATHOLIC TRIVIA Just for fun

Question: In religious art, it is common to use a circle of light above Jesus or another holy person's head to set them apart. What is this "circle of light" called?

Answer can be found on the back page, under the wordsearch.
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CDA News:

CDA Meeting: Thursday, May 7th | 7pm at SH
 Lunch Committee: Gale Kurtenbach & Rosemarie Hafner

Thank you to all that attended our Spring Salad Luncheon and to the CDA members who brought salads, ground chicken, and worked that day!

Thank you Kathleen for being such a great co-chair!! Raffle winners will be posted in next week's bulletin.

Parish Announcements

Sacred Heart

Altar Society Band 4 will serve the next funeral.

Easter Lilies are available in the breezeway between the church and hall for anyone wanting to take one(or a few) home to plant in their flower bed.

Ss. Peter & Paul

No Announcements

St. Paul the Apostle

No Announcements

Religious Ed Announcements

Sacred Heart & Sts. Peter & Paul RE: The last night of RE is Wednesday, April 29th! Fr. Gary will celebrate closing Mass at SH at 7pm & Fr. Thury will celebrate closing Mass at SsPP at 7pm. All SH students will attend Mass at 7pm! There will be no classes at 5:30pm.

St. Paul the Apostle RE: The last night of RE is Wednesday, May 6th! There will be closing Mass at 6:30pm that evening.

ALL PARENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND! PARISHIONERS ARE ALSO WELCOME TO ATTEND!



CONGRATULATIONS TO NASH RAYMOND, SON OF SPENCER & ALYSON LUCAS, WHO WAS BAPTIZED AT SACRED HEART.

May he learn to follow Jesus through the influence of the Holy Spirit & be blessed with abundant graces from the Lord.

Home Missions Collection

Today we begin our collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Nearly 75 dioceses in the United States and its territories receive funds for churches in rural areas where they are unable to sustain basic pastoral ministries. With your donation, churches throughout the US will be able to provide basic pastoral services including: Mass, the sacraments, religious education, ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and lay people.

Additional information can be found at <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-home-missions>

*Envelopes for the collection can be found in the entrance of our churches. Thank you for your support.

THANK YOU SO MUCH

A BIG **THANK YOU** to everyone that contributed to the Religious Ed Meal Program!! Your generous food donations helped us feed many mouths this school year. The students enjoyed the many different meals along with getting to talk and hangout with friends. A special thank you to our kitchen volunteers; Michelle Sudbeck, Sharisee Culbert, Karen VanZee, Brittany Schoenfelder, Lisa Herrmann, Linda Mulder, Diane Baumiller, Rose Wagner, & Kathleen Wingen. **THANK YOU!**

IGNITE YOUTH GROUP

Join us for a bonfire, s'mores, and yard games



GRADES 8-12

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 - AFTER CCD MASS
 SACRED HEART LAWN



The Saints Peter and Paul Catholic United Financial Team and the Altar Society will be hosting a supper in recognition of The First Communion Students on Saturday, May 2nd following 5:00pm mass. The group will be serving beef and chicken lasagna, garlic bread, fruit, beverages and desserts.

Free Will Offering Appreciated!

First Holy Communion

First Communicants:
 Paisley Double
 Harvey Fergen
 Paisley Holzer

*This event is made possible by Catholic United Financial - SS Peter and Paul - Team 143

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for April 26, 2026

John 10:1-10

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Cycle A: Good Shepherd Sunday. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

NOT ENTER	SHEEPFOLD	A THIEF
THE SHEEP	GATEKEEPER	OPENS
HEAR	CALLS	BY NAME
LEADS THEM OUT	AHEAD OF THEM	A STRANGER
WHO CAME	LISTEN	WHOEVER
COME	GO OUT	TO STEAL
DESTROY	I CAME	ABUNDANTLY

HE CALL HIS OWN

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A S T R A N G E R S P L
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Trivia Answer: Halo.

Liturgical Ministries - May 2nd & 3rd

Sts. Peter & Paul	Sacred Heart	St. Paul the Apostle
EM: Bridget Weber & Suzie Moege	EM: Jennifer Sprecher & Marty Royston	EM: Tammy S., Travis S. & Sr. Maribeth
Lector: Linda Weber	Lector: Alaina Royston	Lectors: Brittany L. & Tracy H.
Servers: Kirby & Brody Holzer, Ruth Weber	Servers: Braxton Wermers, Emmy & Leo Christensen, Crosby Fischer, Culley Leischner	Servers: Alex, Jace, Brooklyn, Zach & Grace
Ushers: Nick Weber, Dan Boehmer, Glen Kummer	Ushers: Chris & Sharisee Culbert Family	Ushers: Larry Holbeck, Jeff Cleveland, Terry Hinckley & Casey Carda
Gift Carriers: First Communicants	Gift Carriers: Chris & Sharisee Culbert Family	Gift Carriers: First Communicants
Video: Doug Schlingen	Gift Carriers: Chris & Sharisee Culbert Family	Gift Carriers: First Communicants
Rosary: Prelude Music (Rosary if done by 4:45)	Video: Roger Waltman	Counters: Arlene & Barb

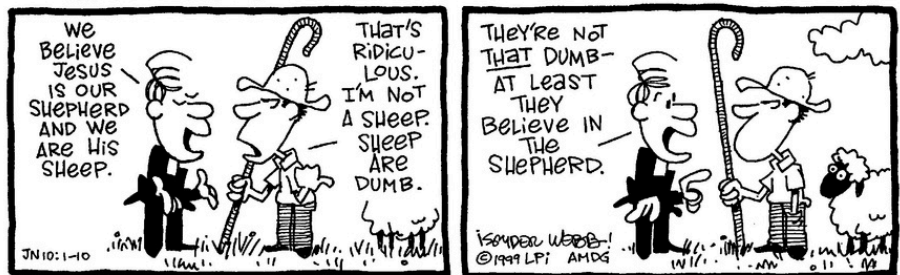
Church Support

Ss. Peter & Paul		Sacred Heart		St. Paul the Apostle	
Envelopes	\$4594.00	Envelopes	\$4295.00	Envelopes	\$3020.00
Loose	\$201.00	Loose	\$163.00	Loose	\$104.00
Masses	\$30.00	Masses	\$70.00		
Easter	\$335.00	Easter	\$470.00		
Candles	\$32.00	Good Friday	\$210.00		
Good Friday	\$10.00	Rice Bowl	\$250.00		
		Donation	\$1600.00		
CFSA Goal:	\$24,500.00	CFSA Goal:	\$55,000.00	CFSA Goal:	\$24,000.00
Raised:	\$15,080.00	Raised:	\$52,875.00	Raised:	\$16,920.00

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.

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11

My most boring job was working at an insurance company as a college student. My main task? Filing. Now imagine if I had told my supervisor, "I just want you to know, I'm willing to die for these files." She would have called a psychiatrist — or at least security.

There is something absurd in Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "I am the good shepherd... I lay down my life for the sheep." (John 10:11) It sounds noble, until you think about it. No one dies for sheep. Not a hired hand. Not even a good shepherd. Sheep are important, sure, but not worth a human life. And yet, Jesus insists: I will die for them. The crowd understandably responds: "He is out of his mind."

C.S. Lewis once said that Jesus does not leave us the option of calling him merely a good teacher. If someone speaks like him, he is either lying, crazy, or telling the truth. John's Gospel won't let us stay sentimental. Jesus means it. He reveals a love that surpasses logic — a love that measures worth not by strength or success, but by the willingness to suffer unto death. The Good Shepherd's madness is mercy. His cross makes no earthly sense and yet it makes divine sense. He lays down his life not for kings or saints but for sheep — for the ordinary, the unworthy, for you and me.

Think of someone who may feel unworthy of love. Do something simple and generous for them, not because they deserve it, but because Jesus did the same for you. — Father John Muir

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DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

The Guiding Star Cycle Show Workshop is an educational, interactive, multi-media, fertility awareness workshop for young girls, ages 9-12. Instruction will be led by Meghan Krueger on Wednesday, May 20th from 9am - 2pm in Wagner. Cost is \$50 per young woman. Space is limited. Register at <https://guidingstar.kartra.com/page/0Gr5>. Any questions can be directed to cycleshow@theguidingstarproject.com

Broom Tree Day of Recollection - Lectio Divina: Hearing God's voice in the Scriptures, by Fr. Nick Haiar on Tuesday, May 5th beginning at 10am.