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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.

## FACILITIES CONTACTS

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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

## 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](http://holypostlessd.org). Here you will find Mass times, bulletins, a calendar of events, faith formation info, & more for each parish and the pastorate.

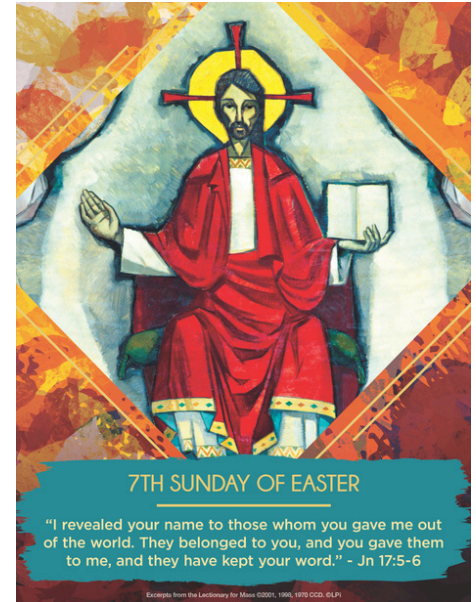
Watch FORMED for free! Members throughout our pastorate are invited to sign up for FORMED under St. Peter the Apostle Church, Platte or Sacred Heart Parish, Parkston.

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](#)



## 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 Knights 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!***

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

This past Friday, we entered into the Novena of the Holy Spirit for the Pentecost. This is a time of nine days of public or private prayer for some special occasion or intention. Novenas' origin goes back to the nine days that the disciples and Mary spent together in prayer between Ascension and Pentecost Sunday. [Copies of the novena are in the foyer.]

Today, we celebrate the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, which is normally celebrated on Thursday (40 days after Jesus' Resurrection); however, due to the desire of the American bishops to maximize participation of the solemnity, the solemnity was moved in most dioceses to Sunday to replace the 7th Sunday of Easter.

Prior to Jesus' Ascension to heaven, Jesus left us the command to go and baptize and teach to observe the commandments of the Lord. This command extended to His apostles is also extended to each of us in our baptism as we are united in the ministries of Christ as priest, prophet and king. May we use this week to prepare ourselves for the Solemnity of Pentecost as we reflect on the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we have received and how we may use them to build the kingdom of God.

A prayer of an elderly man: "Lord, I am not yet what I would like to be. But thank you, lord, because I ain't no longer what I used to be." May this be our prayer through our journey of life that we may grow deeper in love with God and one another as we continue on our path towards holiness.

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Please join in our weekly noon Bible study on Thursdays. We are currently strollin' through the Book of Romans. All are welcome to join in the discussion!

Please join in our Memorial Day Mass at Sacred Heart Cemetery on Monday, May 25th at 8:00am. Please bring your own chairs.

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This past Tuesday, we concluded with parish finance committees. The Sacred Heart Finance Committee opted to expand its committee from 3 to 5 members. Father Tom Clement has asked that I extend an invitation to two parishioners to begin serving on the committee at our July meeting.

A balanced budget has been proposed to each of the finance committees with a final approval to be sought at the annual corporate meeting in July. However, one aspect of the finance activities that I have failed to provide is a better follow-up with CFSA. First, I want to extend our appreciation to all those who have already participated in the 2026 Annual Appeal. Your support is truly appreciated. As one aspect of CFSA is to provide for the education of our future priests. Currently, it costs roughly \$47,000 per seminarian in major seminary.

For those who may have not participated in this year's appeal yet, I invite you to discern being part of the appeal. The funds raised through CFSA are a critical supplement to the ministries of the diocese. Your gift helps support over 30 diocesan ministries such as the formation of future priests, ministry to the homebound or imprisoned, youth faith formation, support of Newman Catholic Campus ministries, and respect for life.

As a parish community, we are not only working to assist the Diocese in this appeal but we can aid ourselves. For example, the excess raised at Sacred Heart will go for additional technology; such as new and improved hearing devices for those who have difficulty hearing at Mass. Also, we will be installing a screen and overhead projector in the hall.

If Saint Paul the Apostle would exceed their goal, the monies could assist in the restoration of the Saint George stained-glass window, which has been residing in the rectory's garage for years. However, we are still in need of some \$8,000 to meet our goal. If the goal is not met, the funds come from our parish account.

If Saints Peter and Paul would exceed their goal, the monies could assist in the parish's expense for chip sealing the parking area in front of the church. However, we are some \$10,000 short of obtaining our goal.

 *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 • Patty Viereck • Ron Dufek • Josie Trebil • Mary Reiff • Denise Royston  
 Dylan Ernster • Elaine Neugebauer • Mary Foley • Paul (Dick) & DeeDee Thury • Maureen Dufek • Tanner Harrington • Loren Buchholz • Verne & Delores Carda  
 Dave Krull • Alex Laffey • Keeley Rexwinkle • Dave Hoffman • Mark Hoffman • Mike Brezina • Kelly Cross • Tom Herrmann • Jared Hettinger  
 Josh Spaans • Eunice Snyder

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, May 19th**  
 5:30pm(SsPP) - Parishioners †  
**Wednesday, May 20th**  
 8:30am(SH) - Kenny & Louise Weber  
 11:30am(SPA) - Jeanne Soulek †  
**Thursday, May 21st**  
 8:30am(SsPP) - Fr. Hal Barber †  
**Friday, May 22nd**  
 8:30am(SH) - Brady Plucker †  
**Saturday, May 23rd**  
 10:00am(BM) - Joanie Sommer †  
 5:00pm(SsPP) - Jim & Millie Wagner †  
**Sunday, May 24th**  
 9:00am(SH) - Sara (Kurtenbach) Sutton †  
 11:00am(SPA) - Londa Krull

*Parish Announcements*

**Sacred Heart**

**Altar Society** Band 3 will serve the next funeral.

**New Grass** has been planted along the parking lot sidewalks. Please avoid walking through the dirt and new seed. Thank you!



**A Watering Sign-up** has been created for parishioners to help in watering the new landscaping and flowers around our facility this summer. The sign-up is located in the main entrance.

**Ss. Peter & Paul**

**No Announcements**

**St. Paul the Apostle**

**No Announcements**


**CATHOLIC TRIVIA** *Just for fun*

**Question:** Before the Gospel is proclaimed at Mass, Catholics make small signs of the cross over which body parts?

*Answer can be found on the back page, under the wordsearch.*  
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A Teacher Appreciation Meal will be held on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> in Armour. Mass will begin at 6:30pm with a meal to follow. All teachers are invited to attend. **Please RSVP to Sister Maribeth by May 25th** by text or email. Cell: 605-760-5295, Email: mwentzlaff@yanktonbenedictines.org

 **Memorial Day Mass**  
 Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> | 8am  
 Sacred Heart Cemetery

Mass will be moved to Sacred Heart in the event of rain.



ALL PARENTS! We want to hear your thoughts on your Religious Ed program! Please visit the following link or scan the QR code to give us your thoughts & suggestions. Thank you!

<https://forms.gle/vFsUsCTmvY3YQvEj8>



**We send our deepest sympathies to the families of**

*Jeanette "Skip" Welch  
 Denny Liebart*

**May their souls rest in eternal peace.**

*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."  
 - John 6:51*



**Fr. Tom Heck, along with his classmates, will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. Together, they will be concelebrating the 11am Mass at**

**St. Joseph Cathedral on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. A reception in the basement of the Cathedral will follow from 1-3pm. All are invited.**

**Fr. Ken Koster will be celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood at Sacred Heart on June 7<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to the parish hall after 9am Mass for cake, fruit, coffee & juice.**

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

Not long after my brother's first child was born, a beautiful little girl named Mary Elise, I asked him what it was like. Was he nervous? Overwhelmed? He said, "When I first held her, I was in such shock. I think I just said, 'I am your dad. I am your dad.'" That moment marked a deep transformation for him. He was not just holding a baby; he was stepping into a new identity. Over the years, I have seen him live his fatherhood with quiet sacrifice, joy, and faithfulness. It started with that moment of truth. This, I propose, is a glimpse of what Jesus means when he prays, "Consecrate them in the truth." (John 17:17) To be consecrated is to be set apart in love, not taken out of the world. Consecration sends us into it with a new identity, always one that binds us to him and to others in love. Our bond to Jesus and others is the deep truth that he continually renews. Whenever we speak deep truths about ourselves, we experience this renewal: "I have sinned;" "I need help;" "I forgive you;" "I take you as my husband;" "I believe in one God..." Whether in confession, in the liturgy, or in a recovery group, truth heals and transforms. And the deepest truth of all? That we belong to the Risen and Ascended Christ. Our lives are no longer just ours. We are his and he is ours. Name one truth you need to step into more deeply, about yourself, someone else, or God. Maybe put it on a note on your mirror. Let that truth consecrate you this week. — Father John Muir

# SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for May 17, 2026

John 17: 1-11a / Matthew 28:16-20

Following is a word search based on the Gospel readings for both the Seventh Sunday of Easter and the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, Cycle A. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

|           |              |             |
|-----------|--------------|-------------|
| THE HOUR  | ETERNAL LIFE | TRUE GOD    |
| THE WORK  | WORDS        | I PRAY      |
| WORLD     | DISCIPLES    | WENT TO     |
| GALILEE   | MOUNTAIN     | DOUBTED     |
| IN HEAVEN | ON EARTH     | GIVEN TO ME |
| MAKE      | NATIONS      | NAME        |
| HOLY      | THE END      | OF THE AGE  |

## PRAYER

M B R I D G A L I L E E  
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 T D D V P H N M R C H D  
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 E D O U B T E D Y N N S

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## Liturgical Ministries - May 23rd & 24th

| Sts. Peter & Paul  | Sacred Heart  | St. Paul the Apostle   |
|--|---|--|
| <b>EM:</b> Jessica McMartin & Kim McCann                   | <b>EM:</b> Jeff Murtha & Dean Soukup                          | <b>EM:</b> Dan S., Elli H., Troy Z.  |
| <b>Lector:</b> Darwin Kurtenbach                           | <b>Lector:</b> Lisa Sprecher                                  | <b>Lectors:</b> Tammy S. & Jonna S.  |
| <b>Servers:</b> Kirby & Brody Holzer, Jake Kroll           | <b>Servers:</b> Sydney & Gracelyn Royston, Lily & Cora Bialas | <b>Servers:</b> Matt, Callie, Carter & Camden                                |
| <b>Ushers:</b> Charles Weber, Steve Weber, Kash Neugebauer | <b>Ushers:</b> Chad & Dana Jodozi Family                      | <b>Ushers:</b> Daniel Hoffman, Jeff Cleveland, Terry Hinckley, Travis Sparks |
| <b>Gift Carriers:</b> Kelly Holzer Family                  | <b>Gift Carriers:</b> Chad & Dana Jodozi Family               | <b>Gift Carriers:</b> Fran Harrington Family                                 |
| <b>Video:</b> Pat & Kim McCann                             | <b>Video:</b> Quayden Culbert                                 | <b>Counters:</b> Travis & Jim  |
| <b>Rosary:</b> Pat & Kim McCann                            |   |  |

## Church Support

| Ss. Peter & Paul       | Sacred Heart           | St. Paul the Apostle   |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Envelopes \$1904.00    | Envelopes \$5608.00    | Envelopes \$1240.00    |
| Loose \$60.00          | Loose \$203.50         | Loose \$177.00         |
| Masses \$40.00         | Home Mission \$60.00   |                        |
| Home Mission \$100.00  |                        |                        |
| Good Friday \$5.00     |                        |                        |
| Gaza Relief \$50.00    |                        |                        |
| CFSA Goal: \$24,500.00 | CFSA Goal: \$55,000.00 | CFSA Goal: \$24,000.00 |
| Raised: \$15,280.00    | Raised: \$58,175.00    | Raised: \$17,020.00    |

Trivia Answer: On their forehead, lips, & chest(near their heart).

### Home Missions Collection

We continue 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.

### (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

When Words Fail By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

I love words [obviously; I'm a writer]. But sometimes, words are like teeny, tiny cages. They enclose and confine and restrict our understanding of supernatural realities that are, by their nature, bigger than language. We do the best we have, with the words that we have, to express who God is. We use terms like "Father" and "Son" because they are the most accurate. But often, without really noticing, we give the words too much weight, and we find ourselves thinking of Jesus as a human son and the Creator as a human father, with all the implications those particular words carry for different people. That's why I love hearing Christ speak to God the Father in the Gospels. These one-sided conversations [at least from our viewpoint] pull back the curtain just a little on the breathtaking intimacy that exists between the two. Our misunderstandings of their relationship - framed by our own human experience of fathers and sons, of time and place, of creation and death - are shattered. "Now glorify me, Father, with you," Jesus says, "with the glory that I had with you before the world began." Before the world began. In our collective imagination, too often we imagine Jesus as being connected - tethered, really - to a certain time and place: the Incarnation, and all that came after. But let's not get confused: the Incarnation means that the Son became flesh, and dwelt among us. The Incarnation does not mean that the Son became. The Son was. From the very beginning, He was. Begotten, not made. Consubstantial. We say these words every week in the Creed. But saying them isn't enough. We have to take them into the silence of our hearts and hold them there. We have to invite the Spirit to move among them. Rearrange them. Liberate them. Unleash them. Only then will we understand what words fail to explain.

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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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:cycleshow@theguidingstarproject.com)

**Holy Kids Camp** - Children entering K-5th grade this fall are invited Holy Kids Camp, a uniquely Catholic VBS program hosted by the Pro Ecclesia Sancta sisters at St. John Paul II School in Mitchell May 26-28 from 9am-noon! Throughout their days at camp, children will engage in fun, games and snacks all geared to ignite the hearts of the new generation of disciples. Camp will conclude with Family Night at 6pm on May 28. Register by scanning the QR code or visiting <https://forms.gle/FuVqf6Eoo9gcdFw5A>. The \$20 registration fee includes a t-shirt and snacks. No child will be turned away due to financial hardship. For further information, email [familyformation@mittellcatholic.org](mailto:familyformation@mittellcatholic.org) or call 605-996-3842.

