

PARKSTON - DIMOCK - ARMOUR Community Bulletin

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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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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



15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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](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.



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,

Thank you for all the birthday greetings, cards and gifts. They are truly appreciated; however, it is becoming more difficult to “pay forward” all those calories that came with all the desserts. I think I will have to diet from future birthdays.

I must have an allergy to technology when I leave Parkston. As soon as I was heading to the airport on Monday for my flight, I began to having difficulties with messaging on my phone. So, if you have tried to message me this past week, I most likely did not get it. However, if you need to get ahold of me, you can call or email me (unless I mess that up too.) Additionally, you can contact Bailee.

The Priest Conference in West Virginia went well. One of the most positive observations of the conference for me was that the priests could sit at a table and not need to look at their phones during the meals. There were some pretty interesting conversations as I met priests from across the nation as well as out of our country. This reminded me of a story told about a child's observation of their grandpa.

Twenty-four Hours' Work Day

Grandpa logged in long hours on the railroad or in the mines, but when he came home there were no faxes waiting for him to answer, no cellular phones or e-mails to interrupt his after-dinner smoke. Home was home, not a pit-stop for data-gathering before heading back to the office. Today, there is no down-time, no escape from other people. We have cell phones in the car and beepers in our pockets. We carry them to the Church, to the beach and to the bathroom. Dr. Mark Moskowitz, Boston Medical Center, states that: “A lot of people are working twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, even when they're not technically at work. It's a guaranteed formula for breakdown.” A reminder to us all – do we allow ourselves to have down-time from technology?

There are 215 priests at the conference representing 84 dioceses and 14 religious orders from 38 states and 4 other countries. One of the priests is a classmate of mine from seminary and another is the son of Dr. Scott Hahn.

Another wonderful observation was that though not everyone can find the CORRECT note, the chapel was filled with the joyful noise of all the voices. Even when we may not know the song or hymn, the voices rang out with full participation. Oh to imagine – to get everyone singing in our own parishes.

Within the sessions of Dr. Scott Hahn, I feel like an elementary student in the midst of a doctorate presentation. Dr. Hahn can present for 90 minutes without notes (and very few breaths). The overall theme of the conference is on the Psalms. Dr. Hahn's focus is how to read, pray and proclaim the psalms in parish ministry. Additionally, Dr. Hahn encouraged the use of psalms as liturgical music. Though he did not want to influence any specific missalette, he did state that it was important for priests to work with their musicians and cantors to enhance the liturgies in our parishes. The power of music has a lasting effect.

Another presenter is Dr. John Bergsma. He is inviting us to see the big picture of Sacred Scripture rather than focusing on the words or specific verse. He said that too often people can't see the forest because they are focusing too much on one specific tree. I can see that happening when one focuses on one specific passage and does not put it into the full context of the entire Bible. Other presenters are encouraging us to see the importance of preaching and unfolding the psalms in our homilies and Bible studies.

Overall, the conference went very well. Now – I am on vacation in Florida where I will spend time at the synagogue with my rabbi friend, visit with my neighbors, and maybe take a walk or two on the beach. I will return for Mass on Friday, July 17th.

There will be NO Thursday brown baggin' Bible study this week for I am on vacation. We will return on July 23rd as we continue our stroll through the Book of Romans. If you have ANY sacramental needs please contact Father Ken, Father Gerry or Bailee.

 Let us hold in our prayers...

Those quietly facing infertility or suffering from a miscarriage • Quila Walz • Kathy Behrend • Marlene Buchholz • Jason Buchholz • Doug Bormann
Rosemarie Hafner • Tara Ziebart • Jan Eggers • John Reif • Jo Kirk • Missy Jorgenson • Geneva Berg • John Gilman • Ron Neugebauer • Steve Krsnak
Dave Weber Family • 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 • Maureen Dufek
Paul(Dick) • DeeDee Thury • Tanner Harrington • Verne Carda • Dave Krull • Alex Laffey • Keeley Rexwinkle • Mark Hoffman • Mike Brezina • Kelly Cross
Tom Herrmann • Jared Hettinger • Josh Spaans • Kayla Marsh • Peggy Fischer • Norma Sommer • Ralph McGregor • Jean Mingo-Schmaltz • Rachel Boreson

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, July 14th

5:30pm(SsPP) - Mark Ripp †

Wednesday, July 15th

8:30am(SH) - Lorraine Weber †

11:30am(SPA) - No Mass

Thursday, July 16th

8:30am(SsPP) - Fr. Tom, Fr. Gary & Fr. Jim

Friday, July 17th

8:30am(SH) - Rose Andert †

Saturday, July 18th

10:00am(BM) - JB Weber †

5:00pm(SsPP) - Pamela Bialas †

Sunday, July 19th

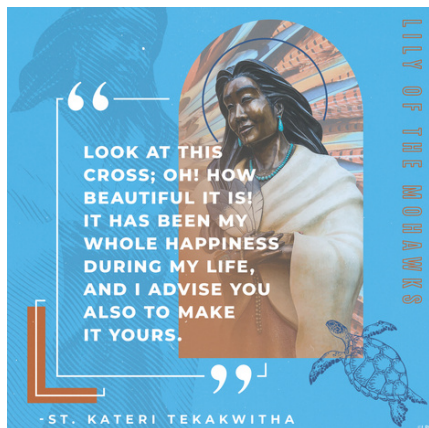
9:00am(SH) - Stephen Michael Hafner †

11:00am(SPA) - Jeanne Soulek †

CATHOLIC TRIVIA Just for fun

Question: In what country did both the Christmas tree and the Advent wreath originate?

*Answer can be found on the back page, under the wordsearch.
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Parish Announcements

Sacred Heart

Altar Society Band 1 will serve the next funeral.

Watering of Church Grounds - A sign-up sheet is in the main entrance of SH for individuals/families to help water the landscaping plants and new grass planted by the parking lot. Watering should be completed once per week, if no rain. If you and/or your family would like to assist in watering this summer, please check the sign-up sheet for any open weeks. Thank you!

Ss. Peter & Paul

No Announcements.

St. Paul the Apostle

Potluck Luncheon Sunday, July 26th after 11am Mass. Our Steubenville attendees will be present to speak about their experience at the youth conference and answer any questions. They would also like to thank our parish for their generous support and prayers they received. We are beyond grateful! Thanks again!

**FR. GARY WILL BE ON VACATION JULY 6TH - 16TH.
PLEASE REACH OUT TO FR. THURY OR FR. KEN FOR
ANY EMERGENCIES.**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO
LANE & KIM (WEBER) CACEK
WHO ENTERED INTO THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE ON
JULY 11TH AT STS. PETER & PAUL**

May Christ remain in the foundation of their marriage and strengthen their love for each other every day.



We send our deepest sympathies to the families of

Dave Hoffman & Albin Brech

May their souls 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



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Gardener and the Soil By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

I began writing this piece by googling "how do you make soil fertile?" which should tell you everything you need to know about my own abilities as a gardener. I remember seeing a packet of seeds in the store one summer as a child and convincing my mother to buy them. They were delphiniums, which bloom into a beautiful cone shape if you know what you're doing. Alas, I didn't. I chose for my garden a particularly dry spot of earth right next to my backyard playset, scattered the seeds, congratulated myself, and went on my merry way. I returned occasionally to water the area, but only when I remembered to. Nothing grew, not even a little sprout. I was more than heartbroken — my faith was shaken. I had planted these seeds! I had watered them! (A little.) There was sunlight! All my childhood books and rhymes said this was all you needed. Was it all a lie? Of course it wasn't a lie. Seeds need soil, sunlight, water, and oxygen — good soil, adequate sunlight for whatever the plant is, and consistent water. So what seeds need more than anything is a gardener. (At least, delphiniums do.)

When I hear the parable of the rich soil and the rocky ground in the Gospel of Matthew, I often miss the point. I think Jesus is trying to give me a message about how I should be. "Be better." That's what I think he's telling me. I forget that I am only the soil. I cannot enrich myself; all my efforts to do so will come to nothing. What he is telling me is to ask the gardener: "Make me what I need to be."

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for July 12, 2026

Matthew 13:1-9

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: the parable about seeds and earth. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

JESUS	WENT OUT	THE SEA
CROWDS	STOOD	PARABLES
SOME SEED	FELL ON	THE PATH
SCORCHED	WITHERED	THORNS
CHOKED	SIXTY	EARS
TAKEN AWAY	EYES	HEART
BLESSED	PROPHETS	FRUIT

SEED GROUNDS

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Trivia Answer: In Germany.

Liturgical Ministries - July 18th & 19th

Sts. Peter & Paul	Sacred Heart	St. Paul the Apostle
EM: Kim McCann & Tim Neugebauer	EM: Jeff Murtha & Audrey Bowar	EM: Carly S., Elli H., & Sr. Maribeth
Lector: Beth Kroll	Lector: Ryan Murtha	Lectors: Brittany L. & Tracy H.
Servers: Jake Kroll, COLtyn & Braxtyn Raymond	Servers: Emmy & Leo Christensen, Dylan Mehlhaff, Ella Jodozi	Servers: Alex, Jace, Brooklyn, Grace & Zach
Ushers: Darwin Kurtenbach, Matthew Weber, Glen Kummer	Ushers: Mike & Audrey Bowar Family	Ushers: Daniel Hoffman, Bill Harrington, Dan Harrington, Cameron Hinckley
Gift Carriers: Glen & Dee Kummer	Gift Carriers: Mike & Audrey Bowar Family	Gift Carriers: David & Natalie Holstein
Video: Pat & Kim McCann	Video: Chuck Murtha	Counters: Jami & Allison
Rosary: Pat & Kim McCann		

Church Support

Ss. Peter & Paul	Sacred Heart	St. Paul the Apostle
Envelopes \$1586.00	Envelopes \$2840.00	Envelopes \$1015.00
Loose \$72.00	Loose \$293.00	Loose \$169.00
Masses \$10.00	Peter's Pence \$155.00	
Candles \$62.00	Masses \$60.00	
	Home Mission \$50.00	

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Sometimes I feel capable of absorbing almost anything except God's Word. My mind soaks up song lyrics, sports trivia, and endless online content. But what was the reading at Mass this morning? I struggle to recall. That realization discourages me, and it leads to an uncomfortable question. What is my heart really for? Is it shaped for constant information and distraction, or is it truly designed for God? Am I capable of deeply receiving His Word?

Jesus speaks directly to this today with a simple image. "The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it." By comparing the Word of the Kingdom to a seed, Jesus reveals something hopeful about us. The human heart is made for that seed. Soil and seed belong together. No matter how compacted, rocky, or overgrown the ground has become, the Sower never stops sowing. God loves our hearts. He sees them as a farmer sees his fields, full of potential. Human hearts can indeed "understand the Word." Understanding does not mean mastering information. It means letting the Word sink in, interacting with it, and giving it a home. It means trusting that, beneath the surface, God is at work in quiet and hidden ways. When we allow the Holy Spirit to loosen the soil of our hearts through prayer, repentance, and simplicity, the same Word that created the universe begins to bear fruit in us, 30, 60, even a hundredfold.

Lord Jesus, Sower of life, soften the soil of my heart. Let Your Word take root in me again, and bring forth the fruit You desire.

Amen. — Father John Muir

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DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Finding the Sacred in Every Day - Saturday, August 1st 9am - Sunday, August 2nd 1:30pm. A spiritual retreat for women ages 26-40 to reflect on your experience of God within the many aspects of your daily life. Sponsored by Sacred Heart Monastery. Register by July 27th. For more information and to register, email Sr. Carmy at shmyankton.vocationdirector@gmail.com or call 605-668-6092.

East River TEC #1 - Calling all teens (ages 16+) and young adults! Join the revival of TEC in the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls. Registration is NOW OPEN for East River TEC #1! The registration fee of \$85 covers all retreat expenses, including materials, lodging at Ace Maria Catholic School and meals. Go to EastRiverTEC.com/event-details/east-riveritec-1 to register.

Taste the Goodness - Saturday, August 1st from 5-9pm in downtown Sioux Falls. Participants can enjoy fellowship while tasting a wide variety of foods, craft beers, wines, sodas and other beverages. Music will be provided, along with a great mobile bidding silent auction, as well as games and activities. This is a come and go event benefitting the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House.

33rd Annual "Bishop's Cup" - Monday, August 17th at The Country Club of Sioux Falls and the Minnehaha Country Club with a shotgun start at 12:30pm. Teams can choose to play a four person scramble or play each individual ball with the two best balls scored hole by hole. This tournament benefits Broom Tree Retreat Center.