

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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Parkston and Dimock Catholic Community

Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Dimock

St. Paul Apostle Church of Armour, South Dakota

Holy Apostles



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16

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
[@ssppindimock](#) & 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.

The Ray Harrington Knights of Columbus of Armour meet the second Sunday of each month at 9am 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.



DEROUCHEY'S DELIGHT

Dear faith family,

On behalf of the altar servers, I would like to extend a personal thank you to Steve Wagner for providing transportation for our youth to Armour for their bowling party last week; to Jami Werkmeister for organizing and hosting the great event; and to the Armour Bowling Alley for hosting our 40 students. It was great seeing the three parishes having fun together and the Bowling Alley made amazing pizzas for them. Thank you to all the servers who give of yourselves as you serve at the Altar of God. Your efforts are truly appreciated!

Recently, the Church has been hearing from different diocesan bishops concerning the practices of funeral Masses. Due to them swaying towards secular events not religious celebrations, bishops have begun to give instructions to their parishioners and clergy. For example, Bishop Antonio Suetta addresses the question: "Is there an absolute right to a Catholic funeral?"

Rather than leaving the issue as potential controversial pastoral judgment by the parish priest, Bishop Suetta published a pastoral handbook to set out how his diocese should handle Catholic funerals. It addresses Freemasonry, cremation, public sinners, funeral home practices, speeches by relatives and friends, personal objects brought into churches and the growing tendency to turn a liturgical funeral into a celebration of the deceased's personality. At its heart is a question: "What exactly is a Catholic funeral for?" Bishop Suetta's answer is: "The funeral is not principally a public ceremony in which a community celebrates the life of the deceased. It is an act of the Church: prayer for the dead, reverence for the body in anticipation of the resurrection and consolation for those who remain..."

A funeral Mass, for example, is not supposed to become an open microphone for family members recounting anecdotes, political commitments, sporting loyalties or personal passions. The bishop warns against excessive eulogies and interventions that can displace the liturgy itself. References to a favorite football team, political movement or other affiliations may be familiar at secular memorials, but, in his view, they can obscure the distinctly Christian meaning of the occasion.

The underlying concern is not a rejection of grief. Quite the opposite: Catholic funerals are supposed to address grief by placing it within a larger horizon. The Christian response to death is not simply to preserve someone's memory but to entrust that person to God. This is also why Suetta rejects what he describes as the "secularization" of death. When the funeral becomes primarily an exercise in remembering the personality, achievements and preferences of the deceased, the Christian proclamation of death and resurrection can become secondary...

[The document] reiterates that Catholic funerals should favor burial, while recognizing that cremation is permissible when chosen for reasons compatible with Christian belief. What is not permitted is the scattering of ashes or their transformation into commemorative objects such as jewelry. The distinction reflects the Church's insistence that cremation does not erase the Christian understanding of the human body or the hope of bodily resurrection...

And perhaps that is the most significant development. At a time when Catholic funerals can easily become indistinguishable from secular celebrations of life, Suetta is asking the Church to recover a basic distinction: a Christian funeral is certainly about a person who has died, but it is ultimately about God, judgment, mercy and the resurrection."

So often, our funerals become more focused on the externals rather than the true meaning of the celebration of the gifts of our faith as we offer our prayers for the soul of the deceased and for the comfort of his/her family. Offering a Mass for the deceased or for the comfort of the family brings far more grace than a plant or flower arrangement that is thrown into the dumpster after the service. Prayers are eternal.

Bishops are also addressing wedding celebrations as they continue to seek secular approval versus being a reverent and holy celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Too often wedding planners are on the constant edge to out-do the previous wedding activities or they turn to Hollywood to be their example rather than seeking the guidance of the Church.

Both weddings and funerals are liturgies of the Church and NOT the sole desires of the individuals.

On Wednesday, August 26th, I will have the second of the altar servers' training at Sacred Heart at 5:00pm. This is for any 4th grader and above within one of our parishes who would like to learn how to serve or/and enhance your ability to serve at the different liturgies. This is not mandatory but an opportunity.

Our Thursday brown baggin' Bible study will continue our stroll through the Book of Romans. All are welcome to join in our discussions.



ALTAR SERVER BOWLING & PIZZA PARTY



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

Milo Fousek • Dan & Karen Pipes • Bob Schlinggen

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, Aug. 25th

5:30pm(SsPP) - Hattie Magera †

Wednesday, Aug. 26th

8:30am(SH) - Jean Hafner †

11:30am(SPA) - Morton Willcutts

Thursday, Aug. 27th

8:30am(SsPP) - Don Fergen †

Friday, Aug. 28th

8:30am(SH) - Linda Weber †

Saturday, Aug. 29th

10:00am(BM) - Bernadine Thomas †

5:00pm(SsPP)-SsPP, SH & SPA Parishioners

Sunday, Aug. 30th

9:00am(SH) - Easton Wagner †

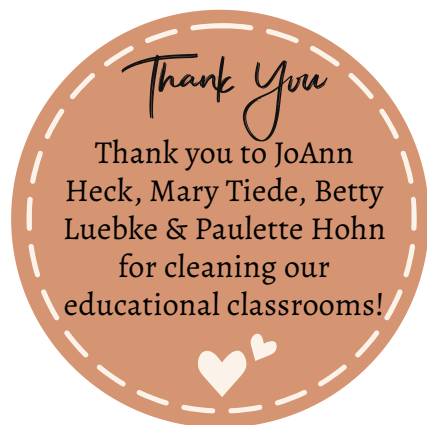
11:00am(SPA) - Urban & Rita Koster †

CATHOLIC TRIVIA *Just for fun*

Question: What is the name of the very first ecumenical council of the Catholic Church, held in 325 AD?

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.

Please check the kitchen for your bowls and pans!

Ss. Peter & Paul

No Announcements.

St. Paul the Apostle

No Announcements.

ALTAR SERVER TRAININGS

Wednesday, Aug. 26th | 5pm | Sacred Heart

Wednesday, Sept. 2nd | 6:30pm | St. Paul the Apostle

For anyone 4th grade and above, including all current servers. This training is not required, but available to those who would like to learn more.

Fall Book Study at St. John's, Wagner

Secrets of the Sacred Heart

Starting Tuesday, Sept 8th | 4pm

St. John's Church Basement, Wagner

\$10 to cover the cost of the book. Contact Theresa Koupal if you would like to join! 605-481-1565

Congratulations

KC Scholarship Winners

Jayden Digmann

Lexie Schoenfelder

CDA Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 3rd | 7pm

Sacred Heart Parish Hall

Religious Ed 2026-2027

ALL: Sacred Heart, Sts. Peter & Paul & St. Paul the Apostle will begin the year on **Wednesday, Sept. 9th** with Mass at SH & SsPP at 7pm and Mass at SPA at 6:30pm. Find out more about your parish's RE Program & how you can help out by reading below!

SACRED HEART: SH will continue with split class times. 1st-4th grades will have class from 5:30-6:45pm & 5th-12th grades will have class from 7-8:15pm. Mass on Sept. 9th will be at 7pm, with NO 5:30pm classes! If you have a 1st grader this coming year, please reach out to Bailee to register your child. Additionally, if you would like to teach or be a substitute, reach out to Bailee by emailing parkston@holypostlessd.org or calling 928-3676. Sacred Heart is needing a teacher for 2nd grade!

Sacred Heart will be offering the meal program again this year to all our youth every other Wednesday, serving from 6:30pm-7:15pm. More info will be posted in the coming weeks.

STS. PETER & PAUL: SsPP will have 1st - 9th grade classes from 7-8:15pm. All 10th graders will attend Confirmation class in Parkston. 11th - 12th grades join the Parkston class as well. If you have any questions, please email Bridget Weber at bridgetzirbel@hotmail.com.

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE: SPA will have 1st - 12th grade class from 6:30-7:30pm. If you are interested in teaching or being a substitute, please reach out to Jim Werkmeister.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for August 23, 2026
Matthew 16:13-20

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: Jesus sets the foundation of his church. Find words in all directions in the puzzle.

PEOPLE OTHERS SIMON PETER BLOOD BUILD GIVE ON EARTH	SON OF MAN ELIJAH SON OF JONAH REVEALED THIS CHURCH THE KEYS ORDERED	THE BAPTIST THE PROPHETS FLESH ROCK THE GATES BIND TO TELL
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THE ROCK

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Trivia Answer: The First Council of Nicaea.

Liturgical Ministries - August 29th & 30th

Sts. Peter & Paul	Sacred Heart	St. Paul the Apostle
EM: Dan Schoenfelder & Donna Ripp	EM: Lindsay Weber & Jennifer Sprecher	EM: Michael, Nathan & Troy
Lector: Linda Weber	Lector: Carol Gilman	Lectors: Melanie & Sr. Maribeth
Servers: Kirby & Brody Holzer, Volunteer	Servers: Nora & Mae Shepardson, Ella Jodozi, Luke Weber	Servers: Tayah, Tegan, Jacoby, Melody & Chase
Ushers: Steve Weber, Kash Neugebauer, John Weber	Ushers: Chris & Sharisee Culbert Family	Ushers: Larry Holbeck, Jim Werkmeister, Cameron Hinckley, Jeff Cleveland
Gift Carriers: Kelly Holzer Family	Gift Carriers: Chris & Sharisee Culbert Family	Gift Carriers: The Messer Family
Video: Bob Schoenfelder	Video: Quayden Culbert	Counters: Jami & Barb
Rosary: Virginia Weber		

Church Support

Ss. Peter & Paul	Sacred Heart	St. Paul the Apostle
Envelopes \$1876.00	Envelopes \$2785.00	Envelopes \$1069.00
Loose \$197.00	Loose \$159.54	Loose \$150.00
Masses \$10.00		Holy Day \$55.00
War Relief \$100.00		

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Only Peter Has the Answer By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

“What do you think of the Pope?” After the election of Pope Leo XIV in 2025, all my non-Catholic friends texted me this question. The result of the papal conclave was dominating the news cycle, and everyone was curious about this man who would now be so prominent on the world stage, making me temporarily popular with people who apparently need more (and better) Catholics in their lives. In today’s Gospel, we see Jesus entrust Peter and his heirs with the stewardship of the kingdom here on earth, creating an unbroken line of authority that stretches through the millennia all the way to our current Pope — whoever he is at the time you are reading this. I don’t know if you like the Pope. The same goes for your local bishop and your pastor. If a friend texted you, “What do you think of him?” I have no idea how you would respond. All I know is this: it doesn’t really matter. What really matters is what we would say if a friend texted us the same question about Jesus Christ: “What do you think of him, and why?”

In today’s Gospel, Jesus doesn’t ask his disciples to take an IQ test. He doesn’t try to find out which one is the nicest, the hardest worker, the most humble, or even the holiest. He asks a very simple question: “Who do you say that I am?” Peter has the answer. I am not Catholic because I like the Pope. I am not Catholic because the human representatives of the Church have anything to offer me (they often do, but this is beside the point). I am Catholic because only Peter has the answer. ©LPi

Sacred Heart is now accepting online giving through On Realm/Ministry Platform. This new option offers parishioners a chance to give online by ACH bank transfer or through credit card. To set up your payment, visit

<https://onrealm.org/SacredHeartPari6889/give/now> or scan the QR code and 'Sign In' or 'Create an Account'.

This link can also be found on the website, www.holyapostlessd.org, under the 'Holy Apostles Parishes' tab. Clicking on 'Sacred Heart' and scrolling down to the 'Online Giving' button.

*If you currently give by ACH or credit card through OSV and would like to change, call the Diocese at 605-988-3717 to cancel your payment and follow the steps to get set up under the new option.



Parishioners from SH, SsPP, & SPA can see their family information and envelope contributions by visiting the website, clicking on the 'Holy Apostles Parishes' tab, finding their parish, and scrolling to the bottom to click on the 'MP Directory-My Account' button. If you have any questions, contact Bailee in the SH Office.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Broom Tree Days of Recollection: August 25 – “The Penitent Lifestyle,” directed by Archbishop Gullickson; September 22 – TBD, directed by Fr. James Mason; October 13 – “Gratitude: The Gift that Keeps on Giving,” directed by Fr. Joe Vogel. 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. A prayerful donation is requested.

Sacred Heart Pastorate of Mitchell invites area women to join our annual silent retreat on Sept. 25-27 at Broom Tree Retreat Center! The retreat is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola and walk through the life of Christ. Retreat begins Friday evening and closes Sunday around 1pm. The weekend includes presentations, quiet time alone, opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration, confession and Mass. The fee is \$300 per person and includes 2 nights' lodging, 6 meals, and the retreat program. Visit mitchellcatholic.org/ministries/retreats for more information and to register. You may also pay by check made payable to Holy Family Church. If you need assistance to register, contact Christine at 605-996-3842.

The 55th Annual South Dakota Right to Life Convention will be held in Sioux Falls on Sept. 18-19 at LifeChange Church Friday, Sept. 18 from 7-8:30 p.m. (free – doors open at 6 p.m.) and Saturday, Sept. 19 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (registration is required at www.SDRightToLife.org). There is a youth track on Saturday for middle and high school students. Internationally known keynote speakers will be Dr. George Delgado, pioneer of the abortion pill reversal, Sr. Deirdre Byrne, sister, soldier and surgeon, and Norman Woods, executive director of SD Family Voice.