

**Holy Apostles Pastorate
Weekend Mass Schedule**

Fr. Tom Clement
Saint Ann, Geddes: Saturday 6 PM
Saint Peter the Apostle, Platte: Sunday 9 AM
Saint Mark, Lake Andes: Sunday 11 AM

Fr. Gary DeRouchey
SS Peter & Paul, Dimock: Saturday 5 PM
Sacred Heart, Parkston: Sunday 9 AM
Saint Paul the Apostle, Armour: Sunday 11 AM

Fr. Jim Friedrich
Saint John, Wagner: Saturday 5:30 PM
Assumption of the BVM, Dante: Sunday 9 AM
Saint Paul, Marty: Sunday 11 AM

Daily Mass

Tuesday:
St Ann, Geddes: 5 PM *Adoration 4 PM*
Assumption of the BVM, Dante: 5 PM
SS Peter & Paul, Dimock: 5:30 PM

Wednesday:
St Peter the Apostle, Platte: 8:30 AM *Adoration 9 AM*
St Paul the Apostle, Armour: 11:30 AM *Adoration 12-1 PM*
St John, Wagner: 5 PM *Adoration 4:15 PM*

Thursday:
Saint John, Wagner: Thursday 8:30 AM
Lake Andes (Nursing Home): Thursday 1:30 PM

Friday:
Saint Peter the Apostle, Platte: Friday 8:30 AM
Sacred Heart, Parkston: Friday 8:30 AM
Adoration following Mass until 1 PM
Saint Paul, Marty: Friday 1 PM *Adoration 1:30 – 5 PM*

1st Saturday:
Assumption of the BVM, Dante: Mass 9 AM
Adoration 9:30 AM

Saturday:
Parkston (NH/Assisted Living): Saturday 10 AM

- CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY**
- To feed the hungry (Matthew 25:35)
 - To give drink to the thirsty (Matthew 25:35)
 - To clothe the naked (Matthew 25:36)
 - To shelter the homeless (Matthew 25:35)
 - To visit the sick (Matthew 25:36)
 - To visit the imprisoned (Matthew 25:35)
 - To bury the dead (Tobit 1)
- SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY**
- To instruct the ignorant (Matthew 16:15)
 - To counsel the doubtful (John 14:27)
 - To admonish sinners (Luke 15:7)
 - To bear wrongs patiently (Luke 6:27-28)
 - To forgive offences willingly (Matthew 6:12)
 - To comfort the sorrowful (Matthew 11:28)
 - To pray for the living and the dead (John 17:24)

Sacraments:
St. Peter/St. Ann/St. Mark:
Fr. Tom Clement

Marriage Preparation:
Contact Fr. Tom at least six months prior to wedding.

New parishioners
Contact *Fr. Tom* to register

Anniversaries
Publish Milestone anniversaries in the Bishop's Bulletin.

Baptisms
Contact *Fr. Tom Clement*

OCIA
Catholic preparation study
Contact *Sr Maribeth Wentzclaff*

Phone Prayer Chain:
St. Ann: Eileen Carda
St. Peter: Ruth Anderson

Knights of Columbus:
St. Peter/St. Ann: Mark Hegge
St. Mark: Joe Schultz

Altar Society
St. Ann: Sandy DuFrain
St. Peter: Jennifer Fay
St. Mark: Margaret Reiser

Volunteer Schedule
St. Ann's: Jackie Slaba
St. Peter's: Kathy Hegge
St. Mark: Jenna Leibel

Music Coordinator
St. Peter: Katie DeNeui,
St. Ann: Donna Travis
St. Mark: Russell/Jackie Gall

Hall Rental
St. Ann: Julie Pavel
St. Peter: JoNell DeHaan

Life
St. Mark's: Alec/Sierra Weber

Religious Ed Coordinator
Platte-Geddes: Joe Tegethoff

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<p align="center">Councils <i>Fr. Tom Clement</i> Deacon Joe Tegethoff</p> <p align="center">St. Ann-Parish Jennifer Simon Mark Slaba Jentry VanderPol Amy Rolland Shawn DuFrain</p>	<p align="center">St. Ann-Finance Mary Beth Kok Don Millar Dan Schulte Marlys Krietlow</p> <p align="center">St. Mark Council: Margaret Reiser Steve Reiser Carla Winkler Noreen Laska Joe Schultz</p>	<p align="center">St. Peter Finance Rob Reiser Tait Sibbel Linda Whalen Matt Gerlach Todd Larsen</p> <p align="center">Holy Apostles Council: Brenda Millar, St. Ann Russell Gall, St. Mark Darrell Mueller, St. Peter</p>	<p align="center">St. Peter Parish Trisha Frandsen Darrell Mueller Corey Rabenberg Haley Stluka Mark Hegge, KC Jennifer Fay, AS Becky Erickson, Cemetery</p>
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**Holy Apostles Parishes
of St. Ann, St. Mark & St. Peter the Apostle**

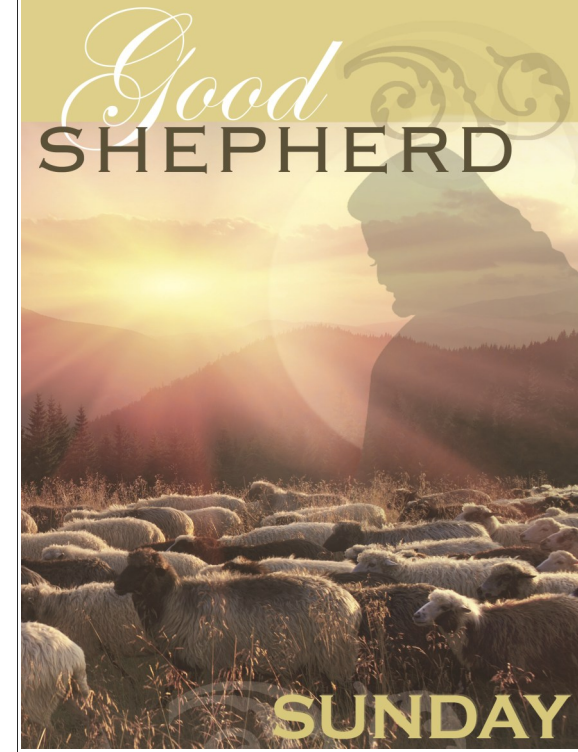
Holy Apostles Website: <https://holypostlessd.org>
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 <p>St. Ann PO Box 137 303 5th St Geddes, SD 57342</p>	 <p>St. Mark PO Box 250 251 N 3rd Ave Lake Andes, SD 57356</p>	 <p>St Peter the Apostle 321 Ohio Ave Platte, SD 57369</p>
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Weekend Mass: Saturday at 6 PM **Weekend Mass: Sunday at 11 AM** **Weekend Mass: Sunday at 9 AM**
Mass on-line at stpaulstmark.com

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
For priests in crisis.

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.




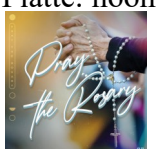
**Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 25-26, 2026**

Entrance Antiphon
The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Communion Antiphon
The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

LIVE THE LITURGY
“The sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice,” Jesus says. Do we know the voice of Jesus when he speaks to us? Have we spent time in conversation with him? This week, listen for the voice of Jesus in your life, and follow where it leads. ©LPi

<p align="center">Mass Intentions</p>  <p align="center">Rosary M-F Platte: noon</p> 	Confessions are heard during Adoration & 30 Minutes prior to Mass.			
	Apr 27	Monday	No Mass	
	Apr 28	Tuesday Adoration 4 PM Mass 5PM	Geddes	Loretta Larson+
	Apr 29	Wednesday Mass 8: 30 AM Adoration 9-10 AM	Platte	RAIN
	Apr 30	Thursday LA NHCC Mass 1:30 PM	Lake Andes	John Thomson+
	May 1	Friday Mass 8:30 AM	Platte	Frank & Marguerite Larsen+
	May 2	Saturday Mass 6 PM	Geddes	Ig & Agnes Masur+
May 3	Sunday Mass 9 AM Rosary 10.:30 AM Mass 11 AM	Platte Lake Andes	Parishioners Ray & Lois Barkley+	

We welcome Bishop DeGroot to Holy Apostle's pastorate this weekend, as he celebrate Sunday's mass at St. Mark's in Lake Andes and then on to Confirmation in Wagner for 44 candidates from 7 of our 9 parishes in our pastorate. Welcome to Bishop DeGroot and congrats to those confirmed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit!

With today's gospel talking about the sheepfold, it brings back good members of us kids having the good fortune of being the receivers of bottle lambs from a local farmer in the spring. (It was probably not as fortunate for our parents or our "in-town" neighbors at the time!) In some ways, it taught us responsibility for caring for them daily, but for us, it was just the fun of raising them. Of course, there was heartache when one just didn't make it--no matter how hard we tired. One of the exciting things was they indeed recognize our voices. When we got off the school bus and came near the yard they would start baaing. May we recognize the voice of our Shepherd in our daily walk and responsibilities that are entrusted to us. Peace & Joy - Fr. Tom

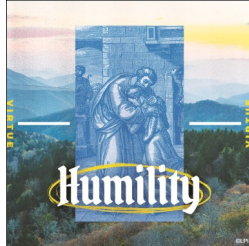


VIRTUES, EXPLAINED! – CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Humility

True humility does not require us to ignore, underestimate, or hide our gifts — it merely demands that we use these gifts rightly, with the knowledge that they are from our Creator and meant for His glory, not our own.

Humility, says the Catechism, is also the key to a fruitful prayer life: "Humility is the foundation of prayer. Only when we humbly acknowledge that 'we do not know how to pray as we ought,' are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer." (CCC 2559) ©LPi



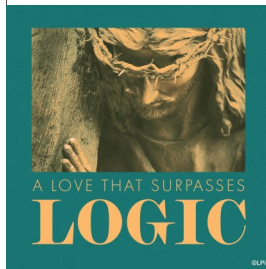
WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Exaltation of the Cross

What is the history behind the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, is credited with having discovered the true cross around 330. She traveled to the Holy Land and uncovered the places associated with Jesus' life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated.

The day after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, September 14, 335, the actual cross was displayed for veneration. Egeria, a women traveler to Jerusalem around the year 386, kept a diary that has survived. She tells of the unique veneration of the wood of the cross that took place on Good Friday, something maintained ritually to this very day.



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus manifested by his total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death. ©LPi

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."

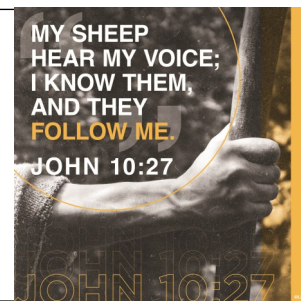
C.S. Lewis once said that Jesus does not leave us the option of calling him merely a good teacher. If someone speaks like him, he is either lying, crazy, or telling the truth. John's Gospel won't let us stay sentimental. Jesus means it. He reveals a love that surpasses logic — a love that measures worth 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* ©LPi



Readings for the week of April 26, 2026
 Monday: Acts 11:1-18/ Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/ Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/ Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/ Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
 Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/ Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12



St. Mark Parish
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2026 CFSA Goal \$12,500 \$4420remaining
 Reg Support \$1120

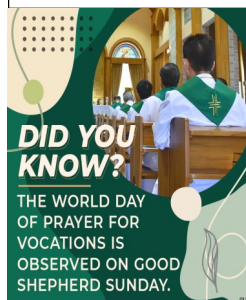
**Church Cleaning for May: Ruth Bergin & Carla Winckler-
 Sunday May 3rd – 11 AM**

Lector: Joe Schultz
 EM: Deb Ronfeldt
 Servers: Tyler Ronfeldt & Madelyn Ronfeldt
 Counters: Sue Schultz & Deb Ronfeldt
 Custodians/Ushers/Collection: Deb Ronfeldt Family
 Grounds: Jay Maynard

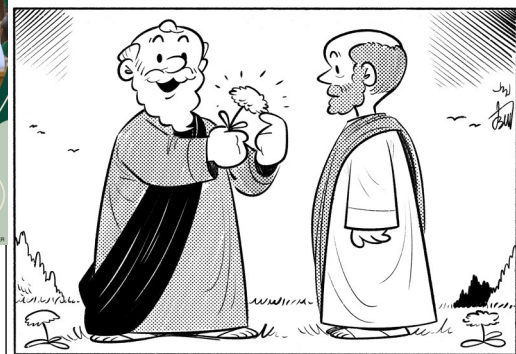
Newly Baptized Blessings for **Rhett Lee Plooster**
 Son of Calby and Brooke
 Who was Baptized into our Catholic family on April 19, 2026.

WELCOME TO OUR FELLOWSHIP St. Mark's potluck on Sunday April 26 after the 11:00am mass. Bishop DeGroot will be celebrating mass with Fr. Tom and joining us for a quick meal after mass and then going to St. John's in Wagner for confirmation. There will also be an **Altar Society** meeting after our meal.

May Birthdays
 Larry Johnson-3, Adara Hopkins-4, Chris Leibel-5, Kassidy Khali-5, Julie Thomson-6, Avery Schacht-12, Aspen Laska-18, Bayley Johnson-27, Alison Frankenstein-31, Roger Houseman-31

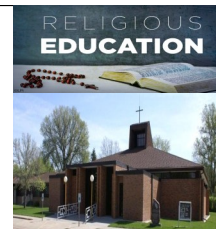


"What is St. Mark's favorite flower?"



CATHOLIC TRIVIA:
 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?

"A dandelION."
FUN FACT! In art, St. Mark is depicted with a winged lion, a reference to the beginning of his Gospel, with St. John the Baptist "calling out" in the wilderness.
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4/29 - Last day of CCD for P-G K-5 and Lake Andes youth

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Reg Support \$1192
May 2nd - 6 PM

Lector: Lory DuFrain
 EM: Jackie Slaba, Jen Simon
 Servers: Wyatt Simon, Max & Ty Masur

St. Ann Council Meeting is April 28 at 7 PM.

May Birthdays

Will Millar (1), Eileen Carda (4), Kinslee Huggins (4), Patrice Mushitz (4), Rete Slaba (5), Colleen Schulte (18), Branson Kok (18), Yareli Mendoza Garnica (18), Melanie Millar (22), Maddi Millar- (24), Levi Wojciechowski (26), Dawn Schulte (28), Austin Huggins (31), Weston VanderPol (31)

Congratulations to **Elliot Cwach** who will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord) at **Confirmation** today!



St. Peter the Apostle Parish

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Online Giving: <https://onrealm.org/SaintPeterApost/Give>

2026 CFSA Goal \$22,500/\$5381 remaining
 Reg Support \$1388 Online \$332.50
Sunday, May 3 9:00 AM

Lector: Mary V.
 Servers: Macksyn & Annisten N., Jameson L.
 EMs: Tim & Linda W.
 Ushers: Darren D., Mark H.
 Counters: Jenna B., Todd L.

USHERS & GREETERS Is God calling you or your family to be a greeter/usher? Prayerfully consider this act of stewardship for our parish. Contact Kathy Hegge at 605-770-0001 if you are interested.

May Birthdays

Cathy Gukeisen-1, Macksyn Nachtigal-2, Jack Sibel-2, Liam VanZee-4, Matthew Randall-6, Jeana Foxley-8, Kathy Hegge-8, Melanie Sondgeroth-8, Miley Larson-10, Mary Vanderheiden-10, McKenzie DeHaan-11, Tyler Pranger-13, Nash VanZee-14, Tanner Dyk-14, Andy Pranger-16, Rob Hoffman-23, JoAnn DeBoer-24, Vera Lampy-24, Jadon Petersen-25, Braden Anderson-27, Rebecca Erickson-28

AED demo for **everyone** May 31 following Mass.

P-G Senior Appreciation Mass
 April 3, 2026 in Platte
 Mallory Gant, Sutton VanderPol,
 Montana Petersen, Thais Venuto

