

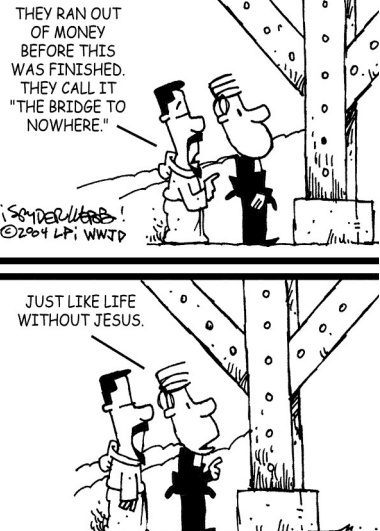
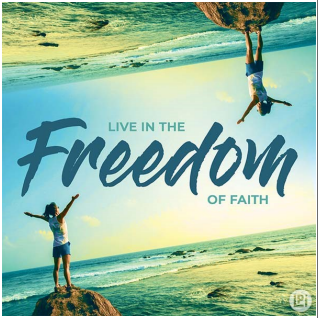






Today’s Gospel teaches us to be ready for the kingdom. The people of Jesus’s day expected it soon. The earliest Christians expected it soon. Certain groups throughout the centuries have tried to come up with the exact day and time, but Jesus says clearly no one knows when it will be. Until that time, lets us not pass up all the glimpses and tastes of the kingdom that pass by our way.

Also, please note that the mass for Holy Day Mass of the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Vigil Mass on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> in Lake Andes 6:30 PM; On Friday, 15th: in Platte 8:30 AM; in Geddes at 6:30 PM. On the Assumption of Mary, we celebrate the teaching of the Church that Mary was taken body and soul into heaven at the end of her life. We also celebrate the promise of what awaits us: we will one day be in heaven with Jesus. Have a Great Week! - Fr. Tom



WHY DO WE DO THAT?  
Parish Registration

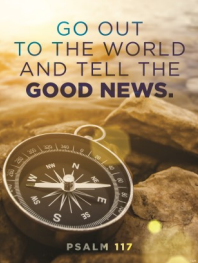
**Question: Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?**  
**Answer:** Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled. Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish. ©LP

GOSPEL MEDITATION

There was a young mother in my parish community who was depressed due to financial strain. She prayed for help. One morning before Mass, she placed on the counter a zip-lock bag filled with jewelry and old coins. Smiling, she explained she had been fixing an old cabinet and found the items hidden deep within the walls of her home. One particular coin could be worth as much as \$900,000. The contents of the bag—previously unknown to them—were now their prized possession. Their plans changed that week. They had to learn how much it was worth.

This week, the Lord tells us, **“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be” (Luke 12:34).** Our lives revolve around what we treasure. When we discover the treasure the Father gives us—the kingdom of God—everything changes. We might not know its precise value, but we rearrange our lives around it. The joy of this discovery should never be far from our minds.

Sometimes we go through times when we can’t find this treasure. It seems hidden. Or it appears like dirty old coins and worthless jewelry in a Ziploc bag. But how crazy would my parishioners be if they tossed it away without knowing the cash value? How much crazier are we if we center our hearts on any treasure except that of Jesus and his kingdom? Remember, the Father is pleased to give it to us. That’s why we put our hearts there, even when it is hidden. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi



**CATHOLIC TRIVIA:** What is the name for the short stories Jesus would tell to teach a spiritual lesson based on familiar life experiences?

LIVE THE LITURGY

We are the servants and God is our master. He has told us His will, and given us all that we need to carry out His directions. Do we have the courage to act as our master desires? Do we have what it takes to be stewards of God’s grace? ©LPi

Readings for the week of Aug 10, 2025

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27  
Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20  
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1  
Friday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28  
*Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56  
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15  
Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53



**St. Ann Parish**  
**Secretary:** Jackie Slaba  
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**CFSA Collected \$13,198.15/\$13,500 Need: \$301.85**  
**Reg Support \$1314 Kids \$1**

**Friday, Aug 15<sup>th</sup> - Assumption –6:30 PM**

Lector: Brenda Millar  
EM: Sandy DuFrain, Jen Simon  
Servers: Ty Rolland, Colten & Luke Petrik

**Sunday, Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> – 6 PM**

Lector: Mary Beth Kok  
EM: Dave & Lory DuFrain  
Servers: Wyatt Simon, Berklee & Metlee Mills



Condolences to the family and friends of  
Loretta Larson.

Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord,  
and let Your perpetual light shine upon him/her.  
May her soul rest in peace. Amen.



**St. Peter the Apostle Parish**  
**Secretary:** JoNell DeHaan  
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**Online Giving:** <https://onrealm.org/SaintPeterApost/Give>

**CFSA Collected \$14,310 \$21,000**  
**Reg Support \$2168 Online \$533 Need: \$6690**

**Friday, August 15–8:30am**

Volunteers needed

**Sunday, August 17–9:00am**

Lector: Andy P.  
Servers: Tanner & Miley L., Corbin B.  
EMs: Darrell M., Jennifer F.  
Ushers: Keith & Jane A.  
Counters: Andersons, Sherry T.

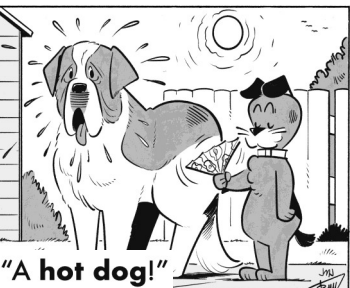
**ST PETER’S BAZAAR is Sunday, October 5, 2025.**

If anyone wants to donate to the chance prizes,  
contact **Cindy Reiser** by text or phone at **605-680-9713.**

**Deadline to contact is Sunday, August 31st.**



“What do you call a St. Bernard standing outside in the summer?”



“A hot dog!”

**BENEATH THE SURFACE**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman  
We all love a message about The Right Thing To Do. We all love when a priest or a nun or any Catholic with a microphone gets up and talks about the truth. We rise to our feet and applaud. And then, too often, we take a deep breath and walk to our car and forget all about it — because we think they were talking to someone else. ©LPi



**St. Mark Parish**  
**Secretary:** JoNell DeHaan  
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**CFSA Collected \$6610/\$11,500 Need: \$4890**  
**Reg Support \$1011**

**Assumption Friday, August 14–6:30pm**

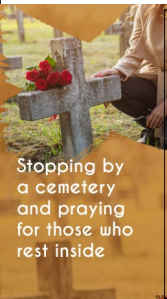
Volunteers needed

**Religious Education meeting following Assumption Mass on Friday, August 14 for those returning or interested in teaching CCD for the 2025-26 term.**  
**A local DRE/Contact is needed for the CCD program.**

**Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> – 11 AM**

Lector: Alec Weber  
EM: Steve Reiser  
Servers: Madelyn Ronfeldt, Tyler Ronfeldt, Suttyn Bergin, & Keelan Bergin  
Counters: Sierra Weber & Margaret Reiser  
Custodians/Ushers/Collection: Steve & Margaret Reiser  
Grounds: Mike Cuka

**Church Cleaning for August: Nora & Erica Svatos**



**Mass at St. Willibrord Cemetery (Robey)**

Monday, August 11, 2025  
6:30 PM

Go North of Platte on Hwy 45-11 miles  
Turn right (east) onto 265th St-4.9 miles  
Turn left onto 372nd Ave-1.2 miles  
Cemetery will be on the left  
Lawn chairs and water recommended

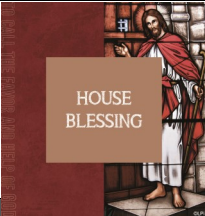
**855-783-1382**

*Please add this number to your contacts.*  
Text messages sent in the Holy Apostles Pastorate including Platte, Geddes and Lake Andes parishes will be sent from this number.

The **secretary@stpeterplattesd.org** email address is no longer active. Use **office@holypostlessd.org**

**Dante Harvest Festival**

Sunday, August 10 from 4-7PM at the Parish CCD Center



**DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED!**  
**House Blessing**

Catholics who move to a new place of residence often wish to have their dwelling blessed, to call the favor and help of God upon all those who live in the house and all those who will enter it.

The Roman Ritual (Book of Blessings) provides two formats for house blessings: one during the Easter or Christmas season (specifically for the Epiphany) and one for Ordinary Time. Those who live in the home must be present for a house to be blessed. A priest, deacon or lay person can administer the blessing, although if a lay person does so they must use the rites accorded to lay ministers in the Roman Ritual.

A house blessing includes Scripture readings, intercessions and a prayer of blessing. ©LPi