

As you may already heard, we welcome Bishop DeGrood back to the Diocese to resume his shepherding in the Office of Bishop. He has extended deep gratitude to Bishop Kettler for his assistance while he was away. Welcome Back Bishop DeGrood!

Also, this weekend, in the letter to the Hebrews, we hear that well know line: “persevere in running the race that lies before us...” With quoting just part of the verse, one could almost apply to anything! But to get the fuller meaning, we need the fuller context. “Let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us **while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.**” With most colleges and Tech students are heading off to classes soon, as well as our local schools starting up, it may be a good idea to cut out the above verse from the bulletin and tuck it in a card for them. Many of us know what it is like to be away from home for the first time; the reminder to persevere and keeping the faith in focus can be a challenge. Many of the college campus have a Newman Center--a Catholic place to celebrate mass and grow in faith with their peers-- right close to campus! Parents, encourage your son or daughter to get registered at the Newman Center or with the local parish that offers outreach for young students. Let us pray for all our students, teachers and staff as the new school year begins.

God be with you! -- Fr. Tom Clement

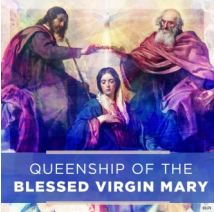
### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### Queenship of Mary

**Question:** Why do we have a feast for the Queenship of Mary?

For many of us, the language of kings and queens may seem like they belong to history or a medieval movie. Royalty have absolute authority over a kingdom and their subjects, a concept that is foreign to many of us today. While Jesus doesn’t rule a political kingdom, we honor and recognize him as the King of Kings, Lord of Heaven and Earth. To God alone belongs absolute authority over all of existence.


We may think of queens as the spouse of the king, but there is another key relationship: the king’s mother. In Biblical history, we see instances where the mother of the king is given due as a queen herself, complete with a throne! Mary’s guiding influence over her Son is seen most notably in the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary is not Queen on her own merit. She is “full of grace” and “blessed” in “all ages” because of the reign of her Son. ©LPi



### DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED!

#### Gregorian Chant

Defined by a monophonic (meaning a single melody without harmony or chords), unaccompanied song, Gregorian chant is a form of sacred music used in liturgical settings and prayer. It has been synonymous with Catholic musical worship since the first millennium.



### GOSPEL MEDITATION

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, “You shouldn’t be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don’t. If I stop pushing you, it means I don’t think you have any more potential.” He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. “**Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?**” he asks, “**No, tell you, but rather division**” (Luke 12:51). He wants you and me—in fact, all the earth—to participate in the luminous glory of God. That’s why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents’ wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let’s thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi


**CATHOLIC TRIVIA:** In what form did the Holy Spirit appear to the Apostles during Pentecost?


### LIVE THE LITURGY

Jesus tells us that he has come to set fire to the earth. What can we give him as kindling? Let us look into our souls and see where the fire of Christ can be ignited, and pray that our souls may be consumed by its life-giving flames. ©LPi

### Readings for the week of Aug 17, 2025

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53  
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22  
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30  
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16  
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14  
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40  
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12  
Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30






### St. Ann Parish

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**CFSA Collected** \$13,198.15/**\$13,500 Need:** \$301.85  
**Reg Support** \$620 Kids \$4

**Aug. 23rd – 6 PM**

Lector: Keith Mushitz  
EM: Jen Simon, Don Millar  
Servers: McKenzie & Trace Mushitz, Lenlee Mills



### St. Peter the Apostle Parish

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**CFSA Collected** \$14,510 **\$21,000 Need:** \$6490  
**Reg Support** \$1560.50 **Online** \$580

**Sunday, August 24–9:00am**

Lector: JoNell  
Servers: Hadli, Monroe, Vivian  
EMs: JoNell, Trisha  
Ushers: Josh & Christina K  
Counters: Todd, Teresa

**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.**

The Holy Apostles Pastorate website ([holypostlessd.org](http://holypostlessd.org)) has a new look and new features. There are several new features being added to better aid in communicating what is happening in our parishes.

At our last Holy Apostles Pastorate Council, there was discussion about the need to have a Procedures manual for tasks that make our parishes run smoothly.


If you do anything, large or small for the parish, please contact JoNell DeHaan at 605-680-0870 so we can get a list going.

For example: Turning the lights on/off in the church? Who takes care of paper products? What is involved in serving coffee and rolls? Who changes the missals? Phone tree? Fill the Holy Water font.....

### Magnify at the Mount REBOOT with Chris Stefanick

Wednesday October 22, 2025 from 7-9 PM at Mt Marty University Cimpr Areana in Yankton. REBOOT! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience for all (ages 12 and up), of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life, from prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more! Tickets are VERY limited.

We are currently checking to see if there are any special rates for parishes and whether this is something we should take our HS students to.



### St. Mark Parish

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**CFSA Collected** \$6610/**\$11,500 Need:** \$4890  
**Reg Support** \$1874

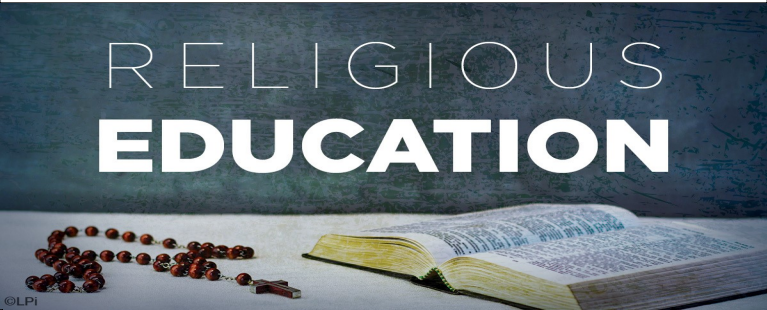
**Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> – 11 AM**

Lector: Larry Lucas  
EM: Rita Svatos  
Servers: Landon Ronfeldt, Tate Bennett, & Taryn Bennett  
Counters: Becky Snyder & Sue Schultz  
Custodians/Ushers/Collection: Larry & Deb Lucas  
Grounds: Jay Maynard

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

**NEEDED**

St. Mark’s needs a local person to take on the role of “DRE”/point person there. Teachers/Subs are also needed. Please make it known to Fr Tom if you are planning to teach or not to teach this year-Jesus is calling You!



**Platte-Geddes Evening Sessions** for grades 6-12 will begin on August 27th at 6:30 PM with a night of fellowship. Supper will be provided.

**Platte–Geddes K-5** will begin on September 3rd. Students will be picked up at the Elementary Building by the flag poles. Snacks at 3:30 PM with classes from 4-5 PM.  
**Teachers meeting on August 27, 2025 at 4 PM.**

**Lake Andes K-12 Sessions** will be held from 6:30-7:30 PM beginning on September 3rd.

Media Consent forms need to be completed. All students who participated in the 24-25 program are registered. Parents of known Kindergarten age children have been contacted. If you are new, please contact JoNell DeHaan @ 605-680-0870.

**Please help us help your child get to heaven.**

We all want to ensure the best chance for your children. There is a link on [holypostlessd.org](http://holypostlessd.org) under each of the parishes for resources for parents that go along with our series. Please be aware of and reinforce what is being taught.

One tool that we are asking the High School youth to use is a **prayer journal**. Nothing fancy, just something to write in. Each day starting the day with a sentence or two about how they plan to bring Jesus into their day and ending with how it worked for them.