

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We pray in the Responsorial Psalm today: “Go out to all the world and tell the Good News!” That begins at home and with the education of our children in the ways of faith. I am pleased to know that we have all our teachers for St Peter’s & St Ann’s Religious Ed. Classes. But, still in need of a teacher of the combined 6th and 7th grades (5 students) at St. Mark’s. It is always very helpful to have a few individuals who would be willing of regular subs. Many thanks to those who have graciously taught the last several years and who are new!! If you are not teaching this year, perhaps you can be offer the Rosary in your own home while the children and students are in class. Thank you to all who said yes in passing on the Good News!

God Bless You All -- Fr. Tom

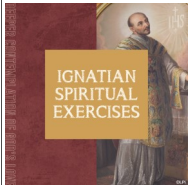
The **Order of Christian Initiation for Adults** (OCIA) is a year-long process of prayer, learning, and reflection designed for those seeking to become Catholic, those seeking the sacrament of Confirmation, and for those simply exploring the Catholic faith. It is open to all adults ages 18+. Contact Fr. Tom, Fr. Gary or Sr. Maribeth if interested.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?
Basilica Versus Cathedral

Question: What is the difference between a basilica and a cathedral?

Basilicas are churches that are so titled because of their antiquity, dignity, historical importance, or significance as centers of worship. A cathedral is the principal church of a diocese, which contains the chair of the bishop, or “cathedra” in Latin. The chair is the symbol of the bishop’s teaching authority. ©LPi

DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED!
Ignatian Spiritual Exercises

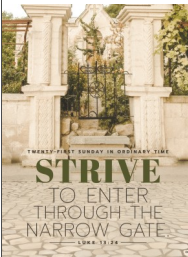


IGNATIUS SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises are prayers and meditations developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus (commonly referred to as the Jesuits). St. Ignatius of Loyola (1492-1556) was born to a noble Basque family. In his youth, he spent time at the Royal Court of Castile and fought in the Spanish army. He experienced a profound religious conversion during a long period of convalescence following a battle injury. Living in a cave outside of Manresa, he began to keep the journal that became the basis of the famous Spiritual Exercises.

The Spiritual Exercises are meant to accompany souls on a journey toward deeper contemplation of God’s love and a more meaningful understanding of his call to discipleship in the life of each person. Divided into four stages, or “weeks,” the exercises focus on the interior movements of the heart to unveil the will of God. ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION




STRIVE TO ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW GATE

I’ve been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: “Keep going! The peak is right there. It’s not as far as it looks. You can do it!” It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

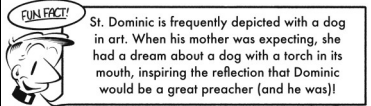
When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: “**Strive to enter through the narrow gate**” (Luke 13:24). How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, “How many people are going to make it to the top?” A normal response would be something like: “How is that a relevant question? Carry on!”

Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; *hypomone* in Greek). Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God’s grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going! — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

“How does St. Dominic travel?”



“He takes a Greyhound.”



St. Dominic is frequently depicted with a dog in art. When his mother was expecting, she had a dream about a dog with a torch in its mouth, inspiring the reflection that Dominic would be a great preacher (and he was)!


CATHOLIC TRIVIA: According to the Gospel stories, who was the first person to encounter the risen Jesus?


LIVE THE LITURGY

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate,” Jesus tells us. “Many will attempt...but will not be strong enough.” So let us never be so foolish that we rely on our own strength. Narrow does not mean unpassable — not if we ask for help. ©LPi

Readings for the week of Aug 24, 2025

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14






St. Ann Parish
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CFSA Collected \$13,198.15/**\$13,500 Need:** \$301.85
Reg Support \$1173 **Kids** \$1 **Assumption** \$100

Aug. 30th – 6 PM

Lector: Mike Slaba
EM: Sandy DuFrain, Mary Beth Kok
Servers: Max & Ty Masur, Oakley DuFrain



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

CFSA Collected \$14,510 **\$21,000 Need:** \$6490
Reg Support \$1780.97 **Online** \$555

Sunday, August 31–9:00am

Lector: Mary
Servers: Jimmy, Cambree, Caylee
EMs: Tim & Linda W
Ushers: Tim & Linda W
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**.

Magnify at the Mount REBOOT with Chris Stefanick


Wednesday October 22, 2025 from 7-9 PM at Mt Marty University Cimpl Arena 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.

The Holy Apostles Pastorate website (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 St. Peter’s and St. Mark’s and Jackie Slaba at St. Ann’s so we can get a list going. For example: Turning the lights on/off in the church? Paper products? Phone tree? Fill the Holy Water font...



St. Mark Parish
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CFSA Collected \$7610/**\$11,500 Need:** \$3890
Reg Support \$1543

Sunday, August 31st – 11 AM

Lector: Sally Florey
EM: Deb Ronfeldt
Servers: Emma Swanson & Ella Swanson
Counters: Sally Florey & Jeanne Payer
Custodians/Ushers/Collection: Deb Ronfeldt Family
Grounds: Rod Payer

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!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

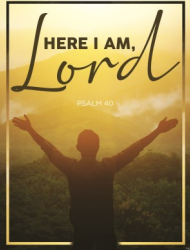
Platte–Geddes K-5 will begin on September 3rd. Students will be picked up at the Elementary Building by the flag poles. Snacks at 3:30 PM with classes from 4-5 PM.
Teachers meeting on August 27, 2025 at 4 PM.

Lake Andes K-12 Sessions will be held from 6:30-7:30 PM beginning on September 10th.

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 holypostlesd.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. You will be getting an email with the password.



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.

BENEATH THE SURFACE By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Jesus’ whole thing was that you *can* sit with us, whoever you are, wherever you’re from and whatever you’ve done. But there are a lot of lunch tables in the world, and not everyone wants to be at one with rules like “repent” and “be good to that person you really don’t like.” ©LPi

