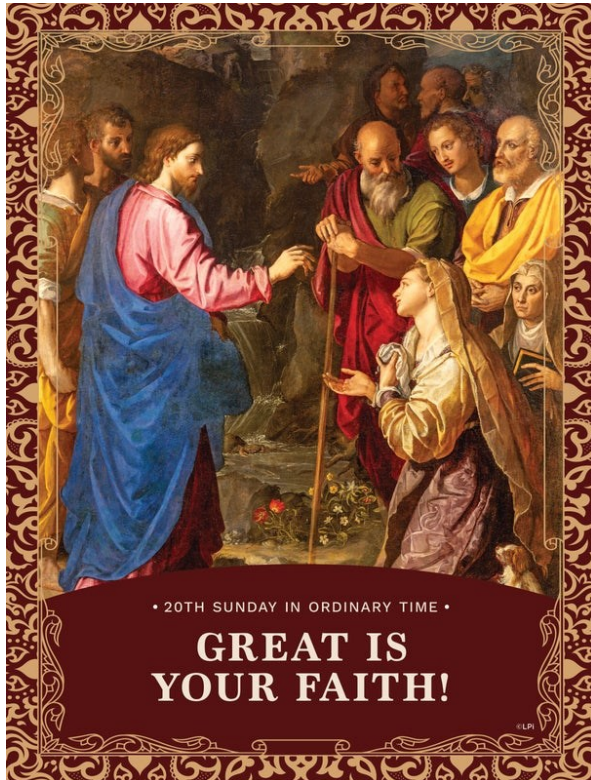




GOSPEL MEDITATION: TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Does God ignore or act a bit rough with you? Jesus crosses the border into the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon, the territory long outside the covenant. There, a Canaanite woman calls out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David." At first, he is silent. Then he rebuffs her. "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the Church Fathers saw this not as an insult but as an initiation. Christ draws out of her heart a deeper faith.

She presses on. "Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Jesus' silence and response solidify her humility and trust. She thus becomes a model for prayer for centuries of Christians. St. Augustine said she shows how sinners come to grace by moving from silence to humility to perseverance.

This woman is the Church. She is you and me. She is every soul who dares to cry out from the margins, who endures divine silence until it turns to compassion. When Jesus says, "O woman, great is your faith," it is the joyful cry of God discovering faith where the world least expects it. Even the smallest crumb of Your mercy, Lord, is enough to heal the soul. Do we have the courage to show faith like that?

- Father John Muir

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In a world of almost countless denominations and attitudes toward the Gospel, where do Catholics stand? Just as Isaiah writes today of "a house of prayer for all peoples", so we would yearn that the fulness of the helps to salvation in the Catholic Church, in doctrine, sacraments and charity, be fully shared with all people. Check out St. Paul's comment regarding King Agrippa's faith in Acts 26:29: "I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am - except for these chains."

"Sending a BIG Thank You" began a letter I received from the family of Fr. Paul Sykora for the celebration, cake and conversation last Sunday at Dante! Let us be as generous to Jane Blaha who gave us a way-ahead notice of her desire to retire from church cleaning

following the Harvest Fest - how do we do this? Note that I changed the Mass Intention for today's 9am Mass to +William & Barbara Hron. Turning now to Wagner, Ray & Bonnie Soukup and Marla Soukup are helping me bring Holy Communion to the homebound; let us know if you or someone else is prevented for three weeks or more from getting to Mass so that we can go to them to bring Holy Communion. If you haven't picked up in either church entry the list of names for making nominations for Dante's Parish Council, do so and get it to me (one person emailed her nominations) by today. In addition to all the complements on the food, I also heard thanks simply for making the event happen: What a blessing to be a parish united in making events such as this happen!

Fr. Jim



Please keep the following in your thoughts & prayers: Mary Hurd, Brenda George, Joe Nedved, Keith Kuca, Sylvia Beeson, Waylon Koupal (infant son of Tyler & Tayleigh Koupal), Eleanor Andersh, Joe Morrison, Miko Kotab, Konnor Deurmier, Dustin Scheuffele, Roger Cuka, Jennifer Wiley. Contact Theresa Koupal if you would like a name added to (or taken off) the list. Names of those on the list are also added to the daily Rosary intention list at St. John's.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED: AUGUST 16

- ◆ Saint Bernard of Clairvaux: Catholic Saints
 - ◆ The Queen Mother/Lectio: Mary, Episode 4
 - ◆ Pope Saint Pius X: Catholic Saints
- Remember that you can watch FORMED for FREE! Visit www.formed.org to sign in or set up an account or download the FORMED app on your smart phone or tablet.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 19
4:15 p.m. - St. John's
Friday, August 21
1:00 p.m. - St. Paul's
Saturday, August 22
4:30 p.m. - St. John's
Sunday, August 23
8:15 a.m. - Assumption
3:00 p.m. - St. John's
(Mercy Hour)

**CRADLE
CATHOLICS CLASS**
Wednesday, August 19
6:00 p.m.
St. John's Church
Basement

MASS SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Memorial/Feast Day	Mass Location/Time	Intention
Monday	August 17	Monday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
Tuesday	August 18	Tuesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time	5:00 p.m. - Assumption	Dorothy Dixon †
Wednesday	August 19	Wednesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time/ Saint John Eudes, Priest	5:00 p.m. - St. John's	Keith Schroeder †
Thursday	August 20	Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church	10:00 a.m. - GSC	Patty Buus †
Friday	August 21	Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope	1:30 p.m. - St. Paul's	Sister Joan Vittengl
Saturday	August 22	Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:00 a.m. - Marty Convent	Sister Miriam Shindelar
		Vigil of the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Jeanne Soulek †
Sunday	August 23	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Vit Krcil †/ Ron Pavel †
			11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Frank Krcil †

SAFE ENVIRONMENT RENEWAL TIME

On July 1, 2026, all members of the diocese who are required to be compliant with the Safe Environment Policy (all clergy, religious, employees, as well as those whose ministry serves minors or vulnerable adults) are required to renew their compliance. Click the link below to login to CMG Connect and renew your compliance. For all those who periodically minister (like religious education catechists or Catholic school staff), they must be compliant BEFORE they are in ministry or are active in their employment. Login to CMG Connect and renew your compliance - <https://siouxfalls.cmgconnect.org>. If you need help completing your Safe Environment compliance, contact your local safe environment coordinator.

BROOM TREE DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

August 25
The Penitent Lifestyle
Directed by Archbishop Gullickson
September 22
TBD, Directed by Father Jim Mason
October 13
Gratitude: The Gift that Keeps on Giving
Directed by Father Joe Vogel
These day-long retreats run from 10 am to 3 pm and include two conferences, Mass, built-in time for Adoration, and an opportunity for Confession. Lunch is provided. The value of these retreats is \$50/person.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED!

The local food pantries are in need of donations of non-perishable food items as well as personal care items (body wash, shampoo, laundry detergent). Parishioners of all parishes are asked to leave their donations in the containers in the entryways of their churches. The ROCS Community 15Closet is also in need of children's and men's clothes. Clothes can be dropped off at the Community Closet. Thank you, in advance, for your generous donations to this worthy cause!



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS MEETING

Thursday, September 3
6:30 p.m.
St. John's Church Basement

Please note that the meeting date has been moved from September 10 to September 3. Standing rules will be discussed, so all CDA members are encouraged to attend!



MERCY HOUR
Sunday, August 23
3:00 p.m.
St. John's

Adoration - Confessions
Praise - Worship

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who was the first pope to select a double regnal (see definition below) name?

Answer: Pope John Paul I

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Of or pertaining to the reign of a monarch (or pope)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE				LOOKING AHEAD Monday, August 17	
"Serve the Lord with gladness" — Psalm 100	Saturday, August 22 5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Sunday, August 23 9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Sunday, August 23 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	NO MASS Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's Tuesday, August 18 Mass at 5:00 p.m. at Assumption Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's Saint John's Altar Society Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Church Basement Saint John's Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 19 Adoration & Confessions at 4:15 p.m. at St. John's Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's/Daily Rosary Following Thursday, August 20 Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Wagner Good Samaritan Center/ Daily Rosary Following Friday, August 21 Confessions at 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Mass at 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Adoration from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's Cemetery Saturday, August 22 Mass at 9:00 a.m. at Marty Convent Confessions at 4:30 p.m. at St. John's Daily Rosary at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's Sunday, August 23 Confessions at 8:15 a.m. at Assumption Mass at 9:00 a.m. at Assumption Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Mercy Hour at 3:00 p.m. at St. John's	
	EM	Mieke Slaba/ Jim Thornton	Volunteer Mary Jo		
	Lector/ Cantor/ Intercessions	Becky Brunsing	Julie Uchytel Amy/ Sr. Miriam/ Georgia		
	Altar Servers	Hannah, Luke, Rachel & Jacob Holzbauer	Trent Uchytel/ Josiah Krcil Tegan/ Kalea		
	Music	Guitar Choir	Marilee Krcil		
	Ushers	Gene Niehus/ Colin Soukup/ Paul Eggers/ Lynn Soukup/ Jim Eggers	Don Krcil/ Volunteer Jeff/ Tim S.		
	Greeters	Fran Podzimek	Judy		
	Gift Bearers	Jim & Jay Kafka Family	Charles Roth Family Emmy & Cathy		
	Rosary	Ray & Bonnie Soukup			
	Sacristan	Jim Thornton			
	Collection Counters	Becky Brunsing/ Jim Eggers	Charles Roth/ Adam Uchytel Sr. Miriam/ Emma		
ST. JOHN'S COLLECTION Amount Needed Each Week \$2750.00 August 8 \$2833.00 Thank you for your generosity - every gift matters and is appreciated! The following amount was also received: June EFT/Online Donations \$1352.00				 CDA BINGO AT WAGNER GSC Thursday, August 20 3:00 p.m. GSC Dining Room Members of our parishes are invited to assist the Catholic Daughters with BINGO at the Wagner Good Samaritan Center (helping residents watch their cards, handing out prizes). Any and all help would be appreciated - by the Catholic Daughters and by the nursing home residents!	
ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING Tuesday, August 18 5:30 p.m. St. John's Church Basement We will be discussing the fellowship feast and Family Fun Day scheduled for Sunday, September 27. Each band should be represented by at least two members - particularly the May, June, July and August bands, who will be heading up the planning for this year's Family Fun Day!				PRAYER FOR CONVERSION IN OUR COMMUNITIES Dear God, Move in our community: Bring Your light to the darkness, Your justice to the oppressed, Your hope to those in despair, Your healing to those in pain. Work in us, Lord, and change our hearts, making us more loving, more merciful, and more compassionate. Amen ©LPi	
 FALL BOOK STUDY AT ST. JOHN'S: SECRETS OF THE SACRED HEART Cost of this 12-week study will be \$10 per person (to cover the cost of the book). The study will begin sometime after Labor Day. Contact Theresa Koupal (contact information can be found on the front page of the bulletin) if you are interested or want more information - and let her know what day and time works for you so we can firm up details about this study.					
SEPTEMBER POTLUCK Saturday, September 12 6:30 p.m. (After 5:30 p.m. Mass) St. John's Church Basement <i>The potluck has been moved to September 12 because of Labor Day weekend (September 5-7).</i>				SAINT PIUS X St. Pius X (1835 – 1914), born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto, was from the Austrian Empire in what is now modern-day Veneto, Italy. He was the 257th Pope and served from 1903 until his death in 1914. St. Pius X's love for the Eucharist was evident from a young age and he carried this devotion throughout his life. As Pope, he emphasized the importance of fostering a personal relationship with Jesus through the Sacrament, advocating for its accessibility to all Catholics, regardless of social status. One of St. Pius X's most significant contributions to the Church was the role he played in lowering the age of eligibility for First Communion. Recognizing the significance of early spiritual formation, he sought to enable children to receive the Eucharist as soon as they reached seven years old. He believed that children could experience the profound graces of the Eucharist, grow in their faith at an early age, and that the reception of Holy Communion regularly in a child's life would set the foundation for a lifetime of spiritual growth. His papacy was also marked by his efforts to combat the rising tide of modernism — a movement that challenged traditional Catholic teachings. He wrote an encyclical entitled "Pascendi Dominici Gregis," subtitled "On the Doctrines of the Modernists," condemning modernist errors and safeguarding the integrity of Church doctrine. His commitment to preserving the traditional scope of Catholicism, especially the teachings of Christ's true presence in the Eucharist, earned him the epithet "Pope of the Eucharist." Despite his rejection of modernism, St. Pius X was the first Pope to use a typewriter for his encyclicals, signaling an embrace of modern technology during his time as Pope. St. Pius X, Pope of the Eucharist, pray for us! © LPi	



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to these parishioners who will celebrate birthdays this week:

August 17: Dennis Soulek (SJ); August 18: Jen Robertson (SJ); August 20: Blayke Cimpl (A), Shona Kocer (SJ), Ashley Koupal (A), Sarah Koupal (A), Tanner Krcil (A), Beau Tolsma (A); August 22: Carolyn Kocer (SJ), Miranda Medricky (SJ), Brayden Carda (SJ), Karson Kuhlman (SJ); August 23: Julie Powers (A), Jennifer Leibel (A)

Also, Happy Birthday to any St. Paul's parishioners who celebrate birthdays this week!



Happy Anniversary to these couples who will celebrate wedding anniversaries this week:

August 18: Adam & Julie Uchytel; August 19: Ron & Christine Kokesh (SJ); August 20: David & Chloe Kocer (SJ), Josh & Lindsey Wiechmann (SJ) Tyler & McKayla Krcil (A), Roger & Jessica Cihak (A); August 22: Keith & Cindy Kuca (A); August 23: Lavern & Marcella Rezac (A).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2026

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

CHESS, NOT CHECKERS

There's a saying that good leaders have to play chess, not checkers.

It will surprise no one who knows me well that I am terrible at chess. It's not so much a lack of skill (although that's part of it) as a lack of effort. I find chess exhausting. To succeed at this complex game of strategy, you have to see not just the board in front of you, but the person in front of you — and more than that, you have to

consider not just what is, but what could be.

I prefer checkers.

When I read a Gospel passage like today's, I think of what Jesus would be like as a chess player. It's so easy to see this account of the Canaanite woman and her tenacity and take it at face value, as a reminder to pray without ceasing, to never stop asking God for what we need. And certainly, it is that.

But it's not only that.

We see a woman begging God for help, and we see God refuse — at first. We see her persist, and we see

him capitulate. At least, that's what it looks like to us.

What does it look like to Jesus?

Jesus sees this woman's face and hears her words, just as his disciples do — but he also sees her heart. He sees her whole life. He sees every moment that leads up to this one. He sees her belief, but he also sees her unbelief. He sees her wounds. He sees her daughter.

He sees the game board not just for what it is, but for what it could be.

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ST. JOHN'S FAMILY FUN DAY - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Mark your calendars and save the date for St. John's annual Family Fun Day on Sunday, September 27! Members of the May (food), June (set up/take down), July (games), and August (raffle) bands have begun their meetings in preparation for the day. If you are a member of the May, June, July, or August Bands, expect to hear from your chairmen - Jan Holzbauer (May), Bonnie Soukup (June), Lisa Cihak (July), and Lori Kokes (August). We hope you can all join us for a fun-filled day of a free will family-friendly meal, games, and raffle. Watch future bulletins for more information!

EVERYDAY STEWARSHIP: GIVE MERCY TO OTHERS

The Jubilee Year of Mercy is now in the history books and looking back I wonder if I have been changed at all by the observance. Certainly the focus on mercy wasn't all about God's mercy toward me? Yes, I focused on my sin and the need for God's forgiveness and grace, but hopefully that changed how I live my life and how I offer mercy to others.

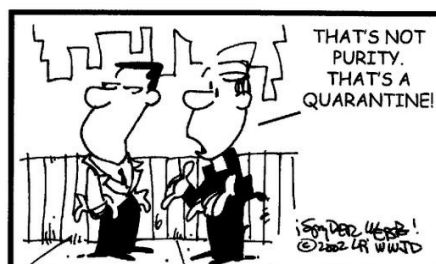
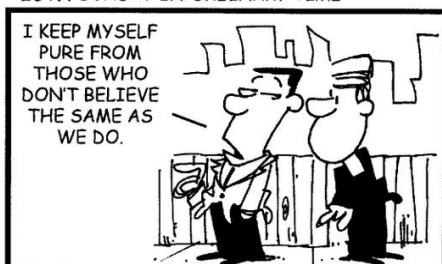
The mercy we receive from God is not something we are to keep bottled up or hidden from others. Jesus taught us to treat others the way we would like to be treated and to love everyone, even our enemies. When Jesus healed the Canaanite woman I wonder what she did next. I would hope she in turn offered mercy and healing to others. Of course, I know she was imperfect just like me so I am sure in no time she was back to needing the mercy of Jesus. Her demon was gone, but there is always a new evil around every corner.

However, the fact that we are a broken people always in need of mercy does not lessen the command for us to offer mercy. Mercy is a gift like so many others that God lavishes on us with great generosity. We are called to cultivate this and share it with others as well. If we cannot do that then what was the real effect of God's mercy in our lives? If we do not allow God to change us into more generous stewards ready to offer mercy and love to all, then perhaps we are fooling ourselves that we are true disciples of Jesus at all.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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