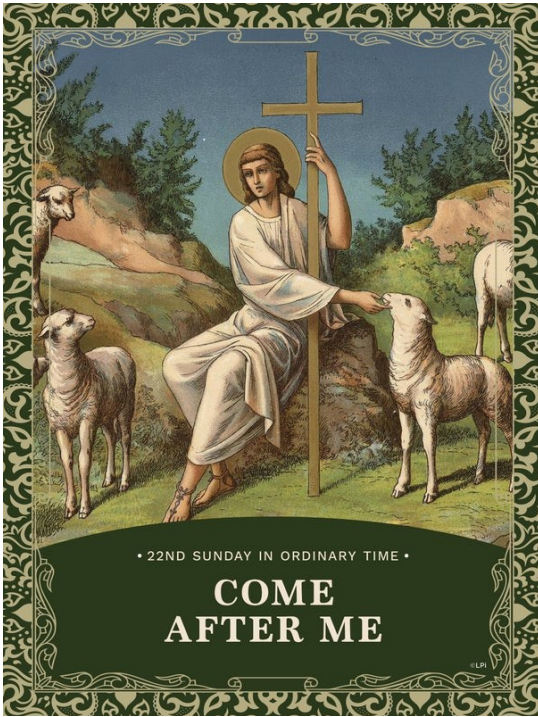




GOSPEL MEDITATION: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Do you know what it is like to be thrilled by the power of Christian faith one moment and then utterly fail in it the next? I do. That is Peter in today's Gospel. After last week's bold confession, he now hears Jesus speak of suffering and death, and something in him recoils. He takes Jesus aside and tries to correct him. Jesus responds with the shocking rebuke, "Get behind me, Satan."

Peter is the mirror of every disciple. We love Jesus until he contradicts the script we have written for our lives. Peter does not reject Jesus. He rejects a suffering Jesus. So do we, whenever we avoid a hard responsibility, resist a demanding relationship, or cling to comfort instead of choosing love. We want a Lord who supports our plans, not one who overturns them.

Yet Jesus does not discard Peter. He redirects him. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." In effect, Jesus says, stop trying to lead me. Let me lead you. Discipleship does not begin with heroism or clarity but with surrender. It means trusting that God's path to life often passes through places we would never choose.

Peter is all of us. We move from insight to confusion, from confidence to correction. That is why we should have hope. Jesus patiently teaches us again and again. Trust me. Get behind me. Follow me. When we stop fighting the crosses that come and start carrying them with him, we discover a freedom deeper than comfort and a love stronger than fear.

- Father John Muir

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August 30, 2026
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I have often turned early on in Marriage preparation to today's second reading, "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." Just as from the get-go I point out to couples that we do not conform ourselves to the world's loose views of marriage, so also Jesus points out very clearly in the Gospel that saying no to the cross is thinking as human beings do, not as God does: "Get behind me Satan!...Who loses his life for my sake will find it." Yes, Lord, we give our lives to you.

As I write, I await report of the counsel of Dante's council last night (I had a wake); minutes may be in the entry. 7pm Wednesday is Altar Society at Dante, 6pm Thursday CDofA at Wagner and Friday at 5:30pm a

Rosary for Joseph Anderson (his funeral Mass at 11am Sat in Platte). In Marty this week we've prayed for James Perdue III at his funeral service.

Onward, Christian soldiers!
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, Dustin Scheuffele, Roger Cuka, Jennifer Wiley, Larry Beeson, Craig Berglin. 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 30

- ◆ Mother Teresa: No Greater Love
- ◆ Pope Saint Gregory the Great: Catholic Saints
- ◆ Mother Teresa

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CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 1
5:00 p.m. - Assumption
Wednesday, September 2
4:15 p.m. - St. John's
Friday, September 4
1:00 p.m. - St. Paul's
Saturday, September 5
8:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. - Assumption
4:30 p.m. - St. John's
Sunday, September 6
8:15 a.m. - Assumption

CRADLE CATHOLICS CLASS
Wednesday, September 16
6:00 p.m.
St. John's Church Basement

MASS SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Memorial/Feast Day	Mass Location/Time	Intention
Monday	August 31	Monday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time	5:00 p.m. - Grey Eagle Apts.	Kateri Members †
Tuesday	September 1	Tuesday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time	5:30 p.m. - Assumption	Shirley Ridgeway †
Wednesday	September 2	Wednesday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time	5:00 p.m. - St. John's	Jerry Barnett †
Thursday	September 3	Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church	10:00 a.m. - GSC	Gladys Slaba †
Friday	September 4	Friday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time/ First Friday Mass	1:30 p.m. - St. Paul's	OSBS Relatives & Friends †
Saturday	September 5	Saturday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time/ Saint Teresa of Calcutta/First Saturday Mass	9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Dorothy Dixon †
		Vigil of the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Lisa Durham †
Sunday	September 6	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m. - Assumption 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Tim, Don & Elaine Cihak † Dorothy Paulis †

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 September 22 October 13

TBD, Directed by Father Jim Mason

Gratitude: The Gift that Keeps on Giving

Directed by Father Joe Vogel

November 10

Faith & Patriotism: Learn from the Past, Look to the Future

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!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Tuesday, September 1
7:00 p.m.
St. John's Church Basement



MISSING FROM ST. JOHN'S

One of the busy bags is missing from the entryway at St. John's. Parents (or grandparents), if you picked up a busy bag to occupy your child at Mass and forgot to return the bag after Mass, please return it as soon as possible!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**"Serve the Lord
with gladness"**
— Psalm 100:2

	Saturday, September 5 5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Sunday, September 6 9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Sunday, September 6 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's
EM	Judy Barnett/ Barb Johannsen	Joe Sees	Mary Jo
Lector/ Cantor/ Intercessions	Kim Soukup	Joe Sees	Georgia/ Sr. Miriam/ Sr. Pat
Altar Servers	Jessica Barnett/ Cooper Slaba/ Avieleigh Slaba	Easton Sees/ Hudson Sees	Ridge/ Mackson
Music	Lisa Cihak	Emily Walloch	
Ushers	Gene Niehus/ Colin Soukup/ Paul Eggers/ Lynn Soukup/ Jim Eggers	Ross Beeson/ Steven Koupal	Bain/ Bennett
Greeters	Lynn & Kim Soukup		Cathy
Gift Bearers	Jenni Soukup Family	Ross Beeson Family	Chris & Karen D. Family
Rosary	Ray & Bonnie Soukup		
Sacristan	Don Koupal		
Collection Counters	Dorothy Holzbauer/ Karol Kniffen	Ross Beeson/ Steven Koupal	Jason/ Sr. Miriam

LOOKING AHEAD Monday, August 31

Daily Rosary at 4:30 p.m. at Grey Eagle Apartments
Mass at 5:00 p.m. at Grey Eagle Apartments

Tuesday, September 1

Confessions at 5:00 p.m. at Assumption
Mass at 5:30 p.m. at Assumption
Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at Assumption
Knights of Columbus Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's

Wednesday, September 2

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, September 3

Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Wagner Good Samaritan Center/ Daily Rosary Following
Catholic Daughter Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's

Friday, September 4

Confessions at 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's
First Friday Mass at 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul's
Adoration from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. Paul's
Daily Rosary at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's Cemetery
Rosary for Joe Anderson + at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's

Saturday, September 5

Confessions at 8:30 a.m. at Assumption
First Saturday Mass at 9:00 a.m. at Assumption
Adoration & Confessions at 9:30 a.m. at Assumption
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, September 6

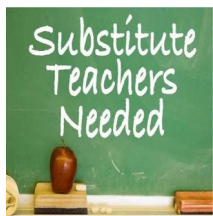
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The St. John the Baptist My Parish app is still available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications. . Also enjoy additional features like digital access to the weekly bulletin, prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more! Help foster a stronger parish life at St. John the Baptist and better engage the New Evangelization. To download the app to your phone or tablet, text APP to phone number 55321.



ST. JOHN'S COLLECTION

Amount Needed Each Week \$2750.00
August 22 \$1069.00
Thank you for your generosity - every gift matters and is appreciated! The following amounts were also received:
Earmarked Donation \$ 75.00
D-Camp Registrations \$ 300.00
Votive Candle Offerings \$ 44.32



Wagner's CCD program is in need of substitute teachers! If you feel called to support the K-12 religious education program, please contact Stacy Holzbauer at 491-0401 by September 10.

SEPTEMBER POTLUCK

Saturday, September 12
6:30 p.m.
(After 5:30 p.m. Mass)
St. John's Church Basement

PLEASE JOIN US!

Please join us for St. John's Family Fun Day on Sunday, September 27, in the backyard of the church/rectory from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.. Everyone is invited to join us for a family friendly free will offering meal (grilled hamburgers & hotdogs & fish fried by the KC's, fellowship, music, and games with friends and neighbors. All the food will be provided, but feel free to bring your lawn chairs, and don't forget to tell your family and friends! We can't wait to see all of you there!!!



PRAYER FOR FARMERS (AND THOSE WHOSE WORK FEEDS & NOURISHES US)

God of all creation, we are mindful of the many gifts and blessings you shower upon us. With unending love and generosity, you nourish and sustain us with food in great variety and measure. You grace us with dedicated and hardworking farmers who care for the land and produce our food.

We ask you to hear our prayers for farmers and others whose noble work feeds and nourishes us all. Keep them safe and healthy/ Bless them with a harvest of spiritual benefits and just returns for their labor as they know the support and gratitude of the community, especially during difficult times. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

This prayer was submitted by the Wagner - Dante Catholic Daughters of the Americas - We Care Through Prayer. They invite you to pick up a green ribbon and prayer card in the church entryway and wear the ribbon in support of our farmers!



FALL BOOK STUDY AT ST. JOHN'S: SECRETS OF THE SACRED HEART

Starting Tuesday, September 8
4:00 p.m.

St. John's Church Basement
We have room for a few more participants! Cost of the study is \$10 to cover the cost of the book. Contact Theresa Koupal if you would like to join the group!

DANTE ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday, September 2
7:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Altar Society meeting will be held on Wednesday September 2, at 7 pm at the CCD Center. The Soup Dinner and other items will be discussed. **Band 2 prepares the soup dinner meal and band 3, games. If you would like to volunteer for a certain job, you may; otherwise, all names will be put in a hat.**



CCD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the Assumption Parish CCD program this year contact Norma Beeson 605-491-2961.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Potluck Brunch
Sunday, September 13
Assumption CCD Center
After the 9:00 a.m. Mass at Assumption
. All are welcome!





Birthdays

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

August 31: Richard Kokesh (SJ); September 1: Jolene Stewart (SJ); September 2: Memphis Hill (SJ), Sandra Brandt (A), Dan Kafka (A), Michelle Olson (A); September 3: Lynne Doom (SJ), Leo Kocer (A), Waylon Koupal (A); September 5: Kayla Krcil (A); September 6: Larry Beeson (A), Parker Cihak (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 31: Scott & Lynne Doom (SJ)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2026

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

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32ND ANNUAL BISHOP'S CHARITY HUNT

September 14 & 15
Horseshoe K Ranch
Near Kimball, SD

This is not just a hunt. It's a memorable outing with lodging, meals, a trap shoot, pheasant hunting and cleaning, and unique fellowship. You will connect with fellow hunters, attend daily Mass, and interact with priests and Newman Center Directors from our diocese. All proceeds benefit the Newman Catholic Ministry in our diocese. For more information or to register, contact the Catholic Community Foundation at 605-988-3769 or visit www.ccfesd.org.



WIN THE ULTIMATE NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL EXPERIENCE

Here is a chance to win a trip of a lifetime! The raffle package includes: private jet travel to and from South Bend, IN, from Sioux Falls; a private tour of the ND campus, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, and the Grotto; tailgating on campus; four tickets to the game; meals and travel expenses included. The drawing will be held on October 7, 2026 - you need not be present to win. All proceeds benefit the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House. To purchase a raffle ticket, contact the Catholic Community Foundation at 605-988-3769 or visit www.ccfesd.org.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

TO CARRY THE CROSS

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How else am I supposed to have both hands free to gesture in anger? I can't do that if I'm carrying the cross. Well, fine, then let me just shift its weight, so I can catch my breath and say what I think about this person who's got it all wrong — I'll just lean it against the wall here. No? Okay, fine, I won't put it down! I'll keep

holding it. That's better, actually. Then I can use it as a weapon.

What? Am I doing this "Christian" thing wrong?

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EVERYDAY STEWARSHIP: OBSESSED WITH POSSESSIONS

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How merciful is our Lord — he never takes my cross from me, even when I walk far away from it. He always lets me pick it back up. In his dear and sweet goodness, he even helps me lift its weight. And he gestures, in case I've forgotten: "This way. Follow me."

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