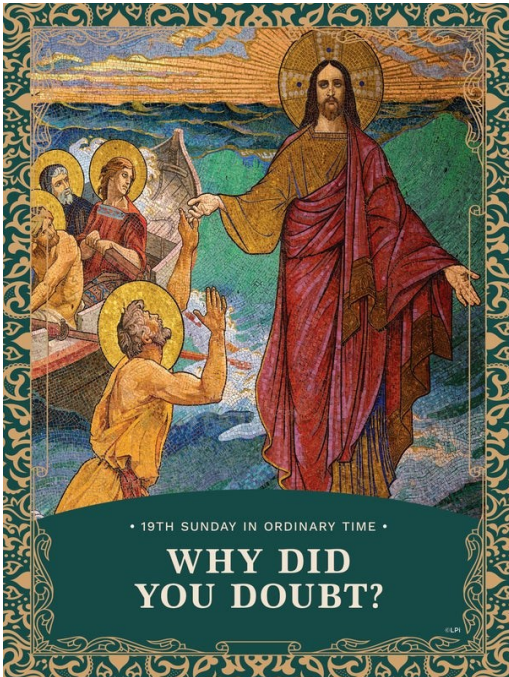




GOSPEL MEDITATION: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As a young, newly ordained priest, I admired a senior priest who was gifted, beloved, and had changed countless lives. But soon I learned that he had fallen in catastrophic and destructive ways. The painful juxtaposition of good and evil was complex to process. How could someone so seemingly good also be so broken and deceptive? It forced me to confront a sobering truth: leadership in the Church is no guarantee against weakness or sin.

Peter teaches that truth in this week's Gospel. When he sees Jesus walking on the sea, Peter does what leaders do. He goes first. "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." But when he sees how strong the wind is, he becomes frightened and, beginning to sink, cries out, "Lord, save me." Immediately, Jesus stretches out his hand and catches him.

St. Thomas Aquinas observes that Peter overcomes the greater danger of the waves but falters before the lesser threat of the wind. This is the paradox leaders often face. It is not always the great trials that undo us, but the smaller, quieter temptations, such as subtle fears and compromises, that lead us to sink.

The good news is that Jesus does not abandon Peter. He saves him before it is too late. Our frail humanity lives within a rhythm of grace, risk, failure, and mercy. Jesus helps Peter overcome both the obvious and hidden sources of fear, and he promises to do the same for us. So, let us pray for all, especially our spiritual leaders.

- Father John Muir

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August 9, 2026
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

"Lord, if it is you..." For Elijah it was fear of the murderous Queen Jezebel, for Peter it was fear of the wind and waves. For us it may be a host of other things, but the Lord is there. Let us go to him, even cry out to him, and recognize his voice calling, "Come".

Following the Knights meeting, the 'field Mass' called off last Sunday will not be rescheduled for this year. The KC's are donating \$300 to Real Presence Radio (RPR), challenging others to support Catholic radio also. Another \$250 from the KC's and a similar gift from the CDofA will provide a special book for parishioners at Advent. The CDofA is also providing (again) the cookies part of refreshments for this Tuesday, Aug. 11th, 7:00pm at Lighthouse church presentation on human trafficking. I've heard the two

speakers who are coming; they are well seasoned, engaging, even humorous in addressing this horror in our midst. Come. I remind all Dante parishioners to return the sheet for nominating a new council member. I make this last call for any who haven't seen me about becoming or renewal as a 'Eucharistic Minister'. Marty's Faith Formation opens with Mass @ Todd Doods this Wed. No, it is not obligation since it falls on Saturday, but the Assumption is a great holy day of our faith (would you omit the holiday 4th of July because it falls on a Saturday?); come to the Wagner Mass at 7pm Friday or the Dante Mass at 9am Saturday! I'll see you for Harvest Fest THIS Sun Aug 9, serving from 4-7pm at Dante!

Fr. Jim

Assumption
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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 9

- ◆ Triumph of the Heart
- ◆ The New Eve/Lectio: Mary, Episode 1
- ◆ Clare and Francis

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 12
4:15 p.m. - St. John's
Friday, August 14
1:00 p.m. - St. Paul's
Saturday, August 15
8:15 a.m. - Assumption
4:30 p.m. - St. John's
Sunday, August 16
8:15 a.m. - Assumption

**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 10	Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr	5:00 p.m. - St. John's	Leonard & Ayrelou Farke †/ Rachel Soukup †
Tuesday	August 11	Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin	5:30 p.m. - Assumption	Ernie Kocer †
Wednesday	August 12	Wednesday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time/ Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious	5:00 p.m. - St. John's	Don Geaghan †
		St. Paul's Faith Formation Mass	6:00 p.m. - T. Doom Residence	Deacon Roger Puthoff †
Thursday	August 13	Thursday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time/ Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs	10:00 a.m. - GSC	George Merkwan †
Friday	August 14	Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr	1:30 p.m. - St. Paul's	For Our Country
		Vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7:00 p.m. - St. John's	John Eggers †
Saturday	August 15	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Don, Elaine & Tim Cihak †
		Vigil of the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Emma Koupal †
Sunday	August 16	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Special Intention
			11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Francis Drapeau †

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!



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

	Friday, August 14 7:00 p.m. - St. John's	Saturday, August 15 9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Saturday, August 15 5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Sunday, August 16 9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Sunday, August 16 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's
EM	Bonnie Soukup/ Gene Niehus		Don Koupal/ Mieke Slaba	Mike Beeson	Tana
Lector/ Cantor/ Intercessions	Bonnie Soukup		Matt Slaba	Mike Beeson	Emma/ Amy/ Sr. Pat
Altar Servers	McKinley Podzimek/ Jaylee Kafka/ Skyler Kocer		Clarah Soukup/ Windsor Soukup/ Willow Soukup	Wes Koupal/ Lane Koupal	Nariah/ Emsley
Music	Austin Genzlinger		Kara Hanan	Bernie Koupal	
Ushers	Gene Niehus/ Colin Soukup/ Paul Eggers/ Lynn Soukup/ Jim Eggers	VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL MINISTRIES	Gene Niehus/ Colin Soukup/ Paul Eggers/ Lynn Soukup/ Jim Eggers	Bud Koupal/ Derek Koupal	Dave L./ Riley
Greeters	Jay & Kim Kafka		Theresa Koupal		Cathy
Gift Bearers	Lynn & Kim Soukup		Jeff & Julie Doom	Derek Koupal Family	Andrew & Andrea Krcil Family
Rosary	Ray & Bonnie Soukup		Don & Theresa Koupal		
Sacristan	Don Koupal		Ray Soukup		
Collection Counters	Karen Kuhlman/ Dorothy Holzbauer		Ray Soukup/ Fran Kocer	Derek Koupal/ Greg Krcil	Judy/ Ramona

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, August 10
Evening Prayer at 4:40 p.m.
at St. John's
Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St.
John's/Daily
Rosary Following



Tuesday, August 11
Evening Prayer at 5:10 p.m. at Assumption
Mass at 5:30 p.m. at Assumption
Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's
Wednesday, August 12
Adoration & Confessions at 4:15 p.m. at St.
John's
Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's/Daily Rosary
Following
St. Paul's Faith Formation Mass at 6:00 p.m. at
Todd Doom Residence

Thursday, August 13
Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Wagner Good Samaritan
Center/ Daily Rosary Following

Friday, August 14
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 6:30 p.m. at St. John's
Mass at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's *

Saturday, August 15
Confessions at 8:15 a.m. at Assumption
Mass at 9:00 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, August 16
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

*Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

ST. JOHN'S COLLECTION

Amount Needed Each Week	\$2750.00
August 1	\$1595.00
Donation	\$1850.00
Thank you for your generosity - every gift matters and is appreciated! The following amounts were also received:	
June EFT/Online Donations	Not Available
July EFT/Online Donations	\$ 765.00
D-Camp Registration	\$ 150.00
Votive Candle Offerings	\$ 57.00

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!



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 if you are interested or want more information - and let her know what day and time works for you so we can firm up

ST. PAUL'S FAITH FORMATION MASS

Wednesday, August 12
6:00 p.m.

Todd & Amy Doom Residence



CDA BINGO AT WAGNER GSC

Thursday, August 20
2:00 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!

Continue
building your
faith throughout
the week
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WAGNER COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, August 11
Noon to 5:30 p.m.
Wagner Fire Hall

Appointments are appreciated!
Sponsored by Wagner Community
Memorial Hospital.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

DANTE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, August 9

Donations of vegetables and empty Cool Whip containers are needed for the Harvest Festival on August 9. Anyone who will be unable to work is asked to contact Amya Soukup 605-770-8168 or Kristi Koupal 605-491-1128!



Congratulations and best wishes to Michael & Keely (Bares) Zylstra who were united in marriage on Saturday, August 1, at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, Dante.

19TH ANNUAL CANCER WALK/ FREE WILL SUPPER/BASKET AUCTION

Saturday, August 8
Wagner Lake
7:30 p.m.
Fireworks at dusk!



Monday
AUGUST 17

Minnehaha
Country Club
The Country Club
of Sioux Falls

Benefiting Broom Tree Retreat
and Conference Center

SEPTEMBER POTLUCK

Saturday, September 12
6:30 p.m.

(After 5:30 p.m. Mass)

St. John's Church Basement

The potluck has been moved to September 12 because of Labor Day weekend (September 5-7).



Birthdays

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

August 10: Dennis Merkwon (A), Garret DeBey (A); August 11: Joe Nedved (SJ); August 12: Karol Kniffen (SJ), Kristi Hilzendeger (A); August 13: Tom Studelska (SJ), Chloe (Mrs. Alex) Kocer (SJ); August 14: DeElla Soukup (SJ), Shana Lensing (SJ); August 15: Bev Beeson (SJ).

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 10: Dennis & Norma Soulek (SJ), Mike & Miranda Medricky (SJ); August 14: Mike & Lynn Novak (SJ).

Also, Happy Anniversary to any St. Paul's parishioners who celebrate wedding anniversaries this week!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2026

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: 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

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

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dor-man

LOOKING FOR GOD

What do we think when we see Jesus coming to save us?

The first thing the Apostles scream is "Ghost!" when they catch sight of Jesus walking towards them on water. That always makes me laugh. After all they have witnessed thus far as the companions of the Messiah, they see someone walking on water and they still react

like extras in a bad episode of Scooby-Doo.

We are always more quick to believe a bad thing than a good thing. We can easily believe gossip and hearsay about a friend, but we fear being taken for a fool when it comes to faith. We would rather look cynical than stupid.

"Save me, God, for the waters have reached my neck," reads Psalm 69. "My eyes fail, from looking for my God."

I think back on my life, on all the various ways that God has rescued me from

slipping beneath the surface. Rarely did it ever occur to me, in the midst of it, that I was being rescued. In fact, I usually thought I was being held underwater. Did I hear His voice directing me, or did I only hear my own despairing? "Save me, God." Was I looking for Him, or were my eyes shut in fear? "My eyes fail, from looking for my God."

It's never until after the fact — sometimes years after, or decades — that we see things clearly. That we see Christ in the situation, making his way toward us, hand outstretched.

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Dante
HARVEST FESTIVAL
AUGUST 9TH 2026
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish CCD Center
Dante, South Dakota
SERVING FOOD FROM 4PM-7PM
ADULTS: \$15
CHILDREN (12 & UNDER): \$6
Serving broasted chicken meal with homemade kolaches, rollicky, salads, & pies
DOWNTOWN GAMES 5PM-9PM
RAFFLE, BINGO & OTHER GAMES FOR ALL AGES



Happy Feast of the Assumption!

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Save THE Date!

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!