

Sacraments:
St. Peter/St. Ann/St. Mark:
Fr. Tom Clement

Marriage Preparation:
Contact Fr. Tom at least six months prior to wedding.

New parishioners
Contact Fr. Tom to register

Anniversaries
Publish Milestone anniversaries in the Bishop's Bulletin.

Baptisms
Contact Fr. Tom Clement

OCIA
Catholic preparation study
Contact Sr Maribeth Wentzlaff

Phone Prayer Chain:
St. Ann: Eileen Carda
St. Peter: Ruth Anderson

Knights of Columbus:
St. Peter/St. Ann: Mark Hegge
St. Mark: Joe Schultz

Altar Society
St. Ann: Sandy DuFrain
St. Peter: Jennifer Fay
St. Mark: Margaret Reiser

Volunteer Schedule
St. Ann's: Jackie Slaba
St. Peter's: Kathy Hegge
St. Mark: Jenna Leibel

Music Coordinator
St. Peter: Katie DeNeui,
St. Ann: Donna Travis
St. Mark: Russell/Jackie Gall

Hall Rental
St. Ann: Julie Pavel
St. Peter: JoNell DeHaan

Life
St. Mark's: Alec/Sierra Weber

Religious Ed Coordinator
Platte-Geddes: Joe Tegethoff

**Holy Apostles Pastorate
Weekend Mass Schedule**

Fr. Tom Clement

Saint Ann, Geddes: Saturday 6 PM
Saint Peter the Apostle, Platte: Sunday 9 AM
Saint Mark, Lake Andes: Sunday 11 AM

Fr. Gary DeRouchey

SS Peter & Paul, Dimock: Saturday 5 PM
Sacred Heart, Parkston: Sunday 9 AM
Saint Paul the Apostle, Armour: Sunday 11 AM

Fr. Jim Friedrich

Saint John, Wagner: Saturday 5:30 PM
Assumption of the BVM, Dante: Sunday 9 AM
Saint Paul, Marty: Sunday 11 AM

Daily Mass

Tuesday:
St Ann, Geddes: 5 PM Adoration 4 PM
Assumption of the BVM, Dante: 5 PM
SS Peter & Paul, Dimock: 5:30 PM

Wednesday:
St Peter the Apostle, Platte: 8:30 AM Adoration 9 AM
St Paul the Apostle, Armour: 11:30 AM Adoration 12-1 PM
St John, Wagner: 5 PM Adoration 4:15 PM

Thursday:
Saint John, Wagner: Thursday 8:30 AM
Lake Andes (Nursing Home): Thursday 1:30 PM

Friday:
Saint Peter the Apostle, Platte: Friday 8:30 AM
Sacred Heart, Parkston: Friday 8:30 AM
Adoration following Mass until 1 PM
Saint Paul, Marty: Friday 1 PM Adoration 1:30 – 5 PM

1st Saturday:
Assumption of the BVM, Dante: Mass 9 AM
Adoration 9:30 AM

Saturday:
Parkston (NH/Assisted Living): Saturday 10 AM

Councils
Fr. Tom Clement
Deacon Joe Tegethoff

St. Ann-Parish
Jennifer Simon
Mark Slaba
Jentry VanderPol
Amy Rolland
Shawn DuFrain

St. Ann-Finance
Mary Beth Kok
Don Millar
Dan Schulte
Marlys Krietlow

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Carla Winkler
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Joe Schultz

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Mark Hegge, KC
Jennifer Fay, AS
Becky Erickson,
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Russell Gall, St. Mark
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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Holy Apostles Parishes
of St. Ann, St. Mark and St. Peter the Apostle**



St. Ann
PO Box 137
303 5th St
Geddes, SD 57342



St. Mark
PO Box 250
251 N 3rd Ave
Lake Andes, SD 57356



St. Peter the Apostle
321 Ohio Ave
Platte, SD 57369

Mass **Saturday 6 PM** **Sunday 11 AM** **Sunday 9 AM**



**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 18-19, 2026**

Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name,
O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial
of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Readings for the week of July 19, 2026

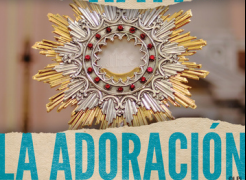
Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/
Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46



LOOK AT THIS CROSS; OH! HOW BEAUTIFUL IT IS! IT HAS BEEN MY WHOLE HAPPINESS DURING MY LIFE, AND I ADVISE YOU ALSO TO MAKE IT YOURS.

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

ADORATION

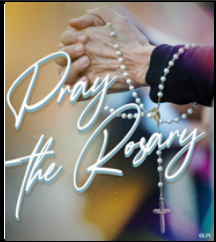


LA ADORACIÓN

Tuesday
4-5 PM
Geddes

Wednesday
9-10 AM
Platte

Pray the Rosary



Platte
M-F
Noon

Lake Andes
Sunday
10:30 AM

**Time For —
Confession?**



30 minutes prior to
Mass, during
Adoration and by
appointment

Geddes	July 20	Monday	No Mass	Souls in need of mercy & those who die unprepared
Platte	July 21	Tuesday	5 PM Mass	
Lake Andes NHCC	July 22	Wednesday	8:30 AM Mass	
Platte	July 23	Thursday	1:30 PM Mass	
Geddes	July 24	Friday	8:30 AM Mass	
Platte	July 25	Saturday	6 PM Mass	
Lake Andes	July 26	Sunday	9 AM Mass	Fr. Hal Barber+ Rain Dick Steckley+ Parishioners Betty Bruner+
	July 26	Sunday	11 AM Mass	



WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED
The Most Holy Trinity
I accept on faith that God is a Trinity of Persons, and I know it’s something we can’t fully understand. Should I just accept that, or should I try to learn more?
There’s a legend from the life of St. Augustine. As the early Church grappled with the identity of Christ and his relation to the other Persons in the Trinity, the holy theologian wrote a book about the Trinity. The story goes that, while he worked on the piece, he took a break to walk along the seashore. He came upon a small boy who had dug a hole in the sand. He was carrying a bucket, which he’d fill up with seawater and pour into the hole. Back and forth he walked. St. Augustine gently chided the young boy, “You can’t pour the whole ocean into that hole.” The boy responded, “And you cannot fit the whole Trinity into your mind.”
The Trinity is a mystery! Our finite mind can’t comprehend the infinite God. Of course, the lesson isn’t about giving up trying to understand God. St. Augustine did write that treatise, after all. The hunger to know more about God is good. We can read books about the Trinity or about the fatherly love of God, the life of Christ, and the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives. More than that, we can deepen our life of prayer. The heart of our Trinitarian teaching is “God is love.” The Three Persons are an infinite relation of love between one another. Real understanding of that comes less through our heads but through our hearts. ©LPi

VIRTUES, EXPLAINED! – CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH
Generosity
In the early Church, we read in the Acts of the Apostles, “all who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need.” (Acts 2:44-45)
This doesn’t mean we are obligated to sell our homes and cars, move in with our fellow parishioners and split the water bill. But it certainly does describe the spirit with which we must live as Christians — and it is a generous spirit, a spirit of self-denial, a spirit that prioritizes the welfare of our brothers and sisters as it does our own.
Generosity is a fruit of the Holy Spirit, cultivated in our hearts by a closeness to the sacraments and a persistence in prayer: “The one who provides seed for sowing and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness.” (2 Corinthians 9:10) ©LPi

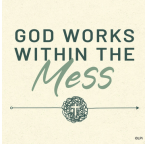
GOSPEL MEDITATION
A man recently told me he was losing patience with the Church. “It’s supposed to be God’s Kingdom on earth,” he said, “but it’s full of contradictions and hypocrisy. Why can’t the Church just be better?” That last word landed with a judgmental thud. It hurt. Because at times the Church can look painfully ordinary, even disappointing.
But Jesus’ parables in today’s Gospel meet that frustration head-on. He says, “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field,” yet the weeds grow up with the wheat, and the master allows both to grow together until harvest. To his listeners, this sounded strange, even offensive. They expected God’s reign to be pure, powerful, and glorious, anything but mixed up, hidden, or small.
Jesus is showing us something essential. The Kingdom always begins small and grows amid imperfection. Grace and weakness exist side by side until the harvest. That is why the Church often looks messy. Yet within that mess, God’s quiet work continues. The weeds do not stop the wheat from growing.
When we see the Church’s flaws or our own, it helps to remember that this is exactly the field in which Christ chose to plant. The miracle is not that everything looks perfect, but that his Word keeps taking root anyway.
Lord, give me patience with Your field, the Church. Help me see Your hidden life growing even among the weeds.
Amen. — Father John Muir ©LPi

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
The Weeds We Need
Driving up my street in late spring, you can see which yard is mine from a whole block away: it’s the one covered in dandelions. And I like it that way.
I fear neither my husband’s shame nor the snarky comments of neighbors: I will never apologize for my dandelion-filled yard. “It’s for the pollinators,” I say, but it’s a total lie. I just think it looks lovely. Who doesn’t like a splash of yellow after a long, dreary winter?
People call dandelions “weeds,” but it’s just not true. Weeds are, by definition, any plant growing where it isn’t wanted. A rosebush is a weed, if it’s in the middle of a cornfield. I want my dandelions. Plants that are commonly considered weeds can even have beneficial properties. They attract pollinators, for instance, and they promote nutrient cycling, whereby soil health is improved.
We all have metaphorical “weeds” in the garden of our lives. I certainly do: facets of my personality I loathe, realities of my life I resent, limitations in my abilities I dread— these are my weeds, and their roots run deep, coiling closely around those of the plants I try to cultivate. But if I could rid my garden of any one of these weeds, would it really benefit me? And if I examined them all closely, could I tell them apart — the blessing from the curse, the struggle from the triumph?
One day, it will all become clear: what is the wheat, and what is the weed. We will be put to our ultimate purpose, and we will see ourselves for what we are meant to be.
Until then, we need the weeds. It’s not harvest time yet. ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK
The mustard seed was the smallest seed, but it grew to be the largest plant because it was well-tended. This is faith: looking past what is to see what can be, if only we make the necessary choice.
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Teachable Moments
Looking for families to bring the gifts of bread, wine and collection to the Altar at Offertory time. Option to do collection as well.



“The kingdom of heaven is like...”, we hear that three times in the gospel today. The second time, it speaks of sowing a mustard seed in a field. It is said that a mustard seed—at least this kind of mustard seed—was an invasive weed! It would be the last thing anyone wants in their field, and yet Jesus tells a story of the one who sows mustard seeds. No one in their right mind would, right? Well...no one, unless you are God.Remember, in these parables describing “the kingdom of heaven”, Jesus is describing God’s love. Like the Sower, who casts the mustard seeds that are rejected by most, this parable reminds us that God’s love encompasses all and reaches even those that are rejected...those who are on the fringes.... those who are broken and in much need. We all have them—our personal weeds—and they grow together with our wheat until God transforms/harvest them all.
What is required of us all, is that we are open to this incredible gift of God and, in turn, to reach out to others with this same love. We are all called to build up his kingdom while we live our lives here on earth! God Bless, -- Fr. Tom

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK
1st Reading Question Wisdom speaks of God’s power in terms of kindness, leniency, and mercy. What words would you use to describe God?
2nd Reading Question Paul explains that the Spirit intercedes on our behalf, especially when we struggle in our prayer life. How can the Spirit help you in your prayer life?
Gospel Question In the parable of the weeds and the wheat, Jesus warns the disciples of the presence of the devil active in the world. How do we stay on guard against the evil one? ©LPi



Prep has begun for the fall start of our religious education program. If you have a child that will be new to our program, please contact JoNell DeHaan at 605-680-0870 to register your child.
St. Mark’s needs 2 teachers and substitute teachers. (You may want to consider finding a teaching partner.) If you are interested, contact Fr. Tom.
The Platte-Geddes program will begin on August 26th. The Kindergarten through 5th grade meets after school for a quick snack before classes begin at 4 until 5 PM. Grades 6-12 meet from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM on Wednesdays. There is a calendar schedule on the bulletin board.

- If another teacher stepped up for Platte-Geddes, we could split the 6/7 grades. The option would be to teach 3rd or 6th.
- An aid is needed in 1st grade.
- Substitutes needed for all grades.
- Fr. Tom needs someone to assist him in walking the kids from the elementary building to the church after school. Possibly monitor kids until 4 PM.
- A volunteer to help serve snacks and monitor kids would be a great help. Contact Deacon Joe if you can help.

Requirements for teachers:

- Safe Environment training - currently available online at https://siouxfalls.cmgconnect.org/users/sign_in
- A willingness to share and learn more about your Catholic faith.A theology degree is not required, you will learn along with your students. Show them how to find answers.
- Being a model for our youth of what a life-long journey of faith is about.

St. Ann Parish, Geddes
Collection \$1577
JULY 25TH – 6 PM
Lector: Mike Slaba
EM: Sandy DuFrain, Mary Beth Kok
Servers: Colton & Luke Petrik, Wyatt Simon
St. Ann's Novena will be held July 17th to July 25th. We will begin at 7:30 with the Rosary followed by prayers to St. Ann. On the final night, Saturday, July 25th, cookies and bars will be served following Mass. All are welcome.
Annual Report Council Meeting July 21 7 PM note correction
St. Mark Parish, Lake Andes
Collection \$1362.64
July Church Cleaning: Jeanne P & Margaret R
Sunday, July 26th – 11 AM
Lector: Sally Florey
EM: Nora Svatos
Servers: Tate Kaczor & Kruze Kaczor
Counters: Sally Florey & Carla Winckler
Custodians/Ushers/Collection: Terry Svatos & Michael Svatos
Grounds: Rob Thomson

St Peter the Apostle Parish, Platte
Online Giving
<https://onrealm.org/SaintPeterApost/Account/Start>
Reg \$1800.33 Bldg \$250 Online \$383
Sunday, July 26–9:00am
Lector: Mark H.
Servers: Roslyn & Elsie K., Vivian F.
EMs: Darrell M., Trisha F.
Ushers: Tim & Linda W.
Counters: Kristen K., Sherry



Catholic Trivia
When bishops from around the world gather in council to make decisions for the Universal Church, what is the council called?
An Ecumenical Council ©LPi

Fun Fact!
The “Canon of Sacred Scripture” is the list of books in the Bible that the Catholic Church recognizes as inspired by the Holy Spirit.
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