

**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
 Corsica (Nursing Home): Thursday 10 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

- CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY**
- To feed the hungry (Matthew 25:35)
 - To give drink to the thirsty (Matthew 25:35)
 - To clothe the naked (Matthew 25:36)
 - To shelter the homeless (Matthew 25:35)
 - To visit the sick (Matthew 25:36)
 - To visit the imprisoned (Matthew 25:35)
 - To bury the dead (Tobit 1)
- SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY**
- To instruct the ignorant (Matthew 16:15)
 - To counsel the doubtful (John 14:27)
 - To admonish sinners (Luke 15:7)
 - To bear wrongs patiently (Luke 6:27-28)
 - To forgive offences willingly (Matthew 6:12)
 - To comfort the sorrowful (Matthew 11:28)
 - To pray for the living and the dead (John 17:24)

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 Wentzclaff*

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,
 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

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

1st Reading: Zephaniah speaks of a "remnant" of Israel who will live humbly and seek justice. Are there people in your life who live this way?

2nd Reading: Paul describes members of the Corinthian church as foolish, weak and despised. How would you characterize your faith community?

Gospel: Jesus begins his "Sermon on the Mount" with the many ways that people are blessed. What do you consider your biggest blessing? ©LPi

Answer: Two local shepherds who were told about Jesus by an angel. ©LPi

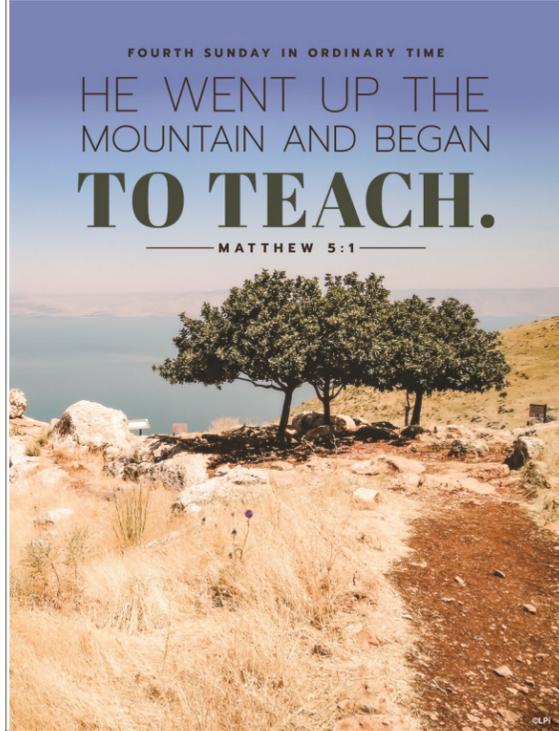
<p>Councils Fr. Tom Clement Deacon Joe Tegethoff</p> <p>St. Ann-Parish Jennifer Simon Mark Slaba Jentry VanderPol Amy Rolland Shawn DuFrain</p>	<p>St. Ann-Finance Mary Beth Kok Don Millar Dan Schulte Marlys Krietlow</p> <p>St. Mark Council: Margaret Reiser Steve Reiser Carla Winkler Noreen Laska Joe Schultz</p>	<p>St. Peter Finance Rob Reiser Tait Sibbel Linda Whalen Matt Gerlach Todd Larsen</p> <p>Holy Apostles Council: Brenda Millar, St. Ann Russell Gall, St. Mark Darrell Mueller, St. Peter</p>	<p>St. Peter Parish Trisha Frandsen Darrell Mueller Corey Rabenberg Haley Stluka Mark Hegge, KC Jennifer Fay, AS Becky Erickson, Cemetery</p>
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Weekend Mass: Saturday at 6 PM **Weekend Mass: Sunday at 11 AM** **Weekend Mass: Sunday at 9 AM**
 Mass on-line at stpaulstmark.com

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
February: For children with incurable diseases.
 Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 31/Feb 1, 2026**

Entrance Antiphon
 Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations; to give thanks to your holy name, and make it out glory to praise you.

Responsorial Psalm
 Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Communion Antiphon
 Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love.

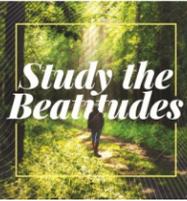
LIVE THE LITURGY
 Blessed are the poor, the meek, the persecuted. These are radical words in a world that insists the opposite: blessed are the wealthy. Blessed are the forceful. Blessed are the comfortable. Do we have what it takes to be radical? ©LPi

<p>Mass Intentions</p>  <p>Rosary M-F Platte: noon</p> 	Confessions are heard during Adoration & 30 Minutes prior to Mass.			
	Feb 2	Monday		No Mass
	Feb 3	Tuesday	Adoration 4 PM Mass 5 PM	Geddes Dale & Loretta Larson+
	Feb 4	Wednesday	Mass 830 AM Adoration 9 AM	Platte Abby Jo Clement+
	Feb 5	Thursday		Lake Andes No Mass
	Feb 6	Friday	Mass 8:30 AM	Platte Holy Souls in Purgatory+
	Feb 7	Saturday	Mass 6 PM	Geddes Fr. Roger Geditz+
	Feb 8	Sunday	Mass 9 AM Rosary 10:30 AM Mass 11 AM	Platte Lake Andes Parishioners Ed Bruner+



Please welcome Fr. Jim Friedrich as I rotate with him this weekend. With St. Blaise feast coming up on Tuesday, we will be offering the blessings of throats following the masses this weekend for those who wish to take part and are not able to attend mass on his feast day, Tuesday, Feb. 3rd. The blessing of throats is a long-time tradition in the Church in which we ask for the intercession of St. Blaise who was a bishop and martyr. It is said that through his prayers, a young child was cured of a throat ailment. This small but devout practice speaks of the power of intercessory prayer and the faith of our brothers and sisters who have gone before us. Prayer touches lives: prayer connects us to the one God living and true. Intercessory prayer is asking another to pray for us, in this case it is a martyr of the Church whom we believe is in heaven with God.

Turning to the Gospel of Matthew, today and for the next three weeks, we will hear from the “Sermon on the Mount.” The sermon is more than just the Beatitudes, but the Beatitudes do serve as preamble, so to speak, of everything that follows. Beatitude means “blessed or happy” But yet as we hear the eight Beatitudes, we know that they speak of the ways that people’s happiness is threatened: poverty, grief, landlessness, hunger, war and persecution.



Even in those times when our happiness is threatened, we can experience happiness when we live in union with God and cause us, moving us to act with love. Care for those who live in poverty, care for those who grieve, strive for peace and persevere in faith, your reward will be great. Blessings on Your Week, Fr. Tom

P.S. The Holy Apostles Pastorate Council, with a parish representative from each of the nine parishes, will be meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 3rd at St. Paul, Armour at 7:00 PM.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

A priest I know was once falsely accused of a terrible crime. The claim was wild and easily disproved, but for a while, it didn’t matter. In the atmosphere shaped by the abuse crisis of the early 2000s, the public assumption was guilty until proven innocent. His name was dragged through the mud, and his ministry placed on hold. I had the privilege — and the burden — of walking closely with him during that time.

He was angry. He was confused. He felt abandoned and deeply disoriented. The last thing on his mind was the words of Jesus in today’s Gospel: **“Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me ... Rejoice and be glad” (Matthew 5:11-12).** Rejoice? He felt anything but.

And yet... something holy slowly grew in him. Not overnight, and not without pain. But as the truth came to light and his name was cleared, I watched him become more Christlike — more patient, more compassionate, more detached from human approval.

Maybe you haven’t faced something so dramatic. But where do you feel judged? Misrepresented? Overlooked? Maybe someone else got the credit or the promotion. Maybe someone you love isn’t getting their due. In those moments, the Cross of Jesus is near. When we feel accused, that’s when we ask him for the grace not just to endure, but somehow, mysteriously, to rejoice and be glad. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

What Stays the Same

Somewhere, there is a monk whose life is very quiet and who devotes long hours to prayer. And somewhere there is a nun, cloistered in a life of contemplation, who speaks very little except to God.

Somewhere, there is a father whose days are filled with noise, who hasn’t finished a Rosary in years because he keeps falling asleep. Somewhere there is a mother whose voice is weak with giving direction and offering counsel.

Somewhere, there is a teenage girl with much to say, but few people to listen — fewer, at least, than she would like.

Somewhere there is a woman who holds a positive pregnancy test in one hand and a phone in the other, and somewhere there is a man on the other end of that phone who waits for her to speak.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus utilizes a literary device called *anaphora*. Both as a reader and a writer, I love anaphora. It’s a clean, unfussy way to communicate a point. By repeating the same word or phrase at the beginning of successive clauses, you’re basically saying the same thing over and over again, just a little bit differently each time. Those small differences tease at your audience’s brain, gently highlighting the consistencies.

Discipleship is a lot like anaphora. It’s the differences — those little aberrations from person to person, life to life — that so beautifully illustrate what remains the same across the broad spectrum of what it means to live out the Beatitudes.

Me. You. The monk. The nun. The father. The mother. The lonely girl. The man and woman who decided their own future without realizing it. How similar we all are in sin. How similar we all are in potential. How different we look to the world.

And yet, how wondrous it is that we are all offered the same hope: “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in Heaven.” ©LPi

CATHOLIC TRIVIA:

Who were the very first people to visit Jesus after he was born?

Readings for the week of February 1, 2026

- Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
- Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
- Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16



St. Mark Parish
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Reg Support \$1055

Church Cleaning: Tammy Swanson & Victoria Swanson

Sunday, Feb 8- 11 AM

Lector: Alec Weber
 EM: Rod Payer
 Servers: Mila Hopkins & Finnegan Hopkins
 Counters: Jeanne Payer & Sierra Weber
 Custodians/Ushers/Collection: Rod & Jeanne Payer
 Grounds: Jay Maynard

No Nursing Home Mass on Thursday, February 5



Potluck Sunday
February 8 following 11 AM Mass
All are Welcome

St. Mark’s Council meeting is February 12 at 4:30 PM



Fish Fry in Lake Andes—March 20



St. Ann Parish
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Reg Support \$839 Kids \$2
Feb 7th – 6 PM

Lector: Lory DuFrain
 EM: Jen Simon, Jackie Slaba
 Servers: Wyatt Simon, Lenlee & Metlee Mills



St. Ann “Top Your Tator”
March 8

The signup sheets are posted in the parish hall. Please sign up to donate food and to help work the various shifts.
 All help is greatly appreciated.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Vocation or Calling
 Can you explain what we mean by a vocation or calling? I have heard this term used in many different contexts and am not sure what it means. Does it apply to religious life?

A vocation or calling refers to a spiritual experience whereby a person senses within oneself the closeness of God and what he is asking in one's life. It is a realization of what one's part in God's plan could be. Vocation comes in all kinds of ways. Some are as dramatic as St. Paul's, being knocked off his horse, blinded, and hearing God's voice. Others are less dramatic, often occurring over time through little events and personal interests. Others happen in a hurry, accompanied by great spiritual insight or conversion. We often think that this applies to religious vocation, but in fact, every Christian has a vocation, a calling to serve others in and through the church. Whether married or single, religious or lay, we are all called to live out our baptismal commitment to preach and teach the Gospel message. Each of us has our role to play in God's plan, and we become coworkers with God in the work of redemption. With a little confidence, a willing spirit and God's grace, we can and will respond to his unique call. ©LPi

“What do you call the lettering on an invitation to a baby’s first Sacrament?”



“The Baptismal font.”

FUN FACT!
 Inside of every Catholic church, there is a Baptismal font. The Baptismal font is typically a pedestal that holds holy water in it, and it’s used for the Sacrament of Baptism.



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Sunday, February 8—9:00am

Lector: Darrell M.
 Servers: Montana & Shay P., Vivian F.
 EMs: Darrell M., Trisha F.
 Ushers: Mark & Kathy H.
 Counters: Todd L., Carter Kemnitz



Mardi Gras Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
 Following Mass on Sunday, Feb 15



Youth Soup Supper
 February 25
 Grades 5-12 will be hosting
 No CCD classes will be held

Thank You

To those who continue to donate to the local food pantry, we are overwhelmed with the outcome of the holiday season donations. A big thank you goes to Roxanne Dyk who organized the “giving tree”. Also, a big thank you to parishioner Jenna Masur of Geddes who teaches at DCS. She organized a food drive in their school. Our Board was overwhelmed by the number of products/items donated by both food drives. Helping Hands Food Pantry is grateful for your continued monetary and food donations to help keep the “Pantry” shelves stocked, the “Sack It” program for P/G students ongoing and the “kindness boxes” which are distributed throughout the year. If you know of any person/family that we could assist, please contact: Barb Travis 605-680-2466 Board Member Helping Hands Community Food Pantry



Ash Wednesday Masses

Lake Andes—Noon
Platte—4 PM (CCD students will be picked up after school as usual. No evening classes in Platte)
Geddes—6:30 PM



VIRTUES, EXPLAINED! – CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Kindness
 In the modern lexicon, the quality of “kindness” is often equated with politeness — but real, virtuous kindness is so much more. Virtuous kindness is a way of seeing others through the eyes of God. God is not polite — God is kind, and His kindness is abundantly evident in all of creation. It was suspicion of this divine kindness that precipitated the fall of Adam and Eve (CCC 214), and it was this unfailing kindness that facilitated our own adoption as God’s children, conformed to the image of His son (CCC 257). Also known as benevolence or beneficence and derived from the theological virtue of charity, kindness is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22) and is a central theme in the famous parable of the Good Samaritan. In practicing kindness and seeking the good of another without prejudice or condition, the Samaritan reflects God’s own plan of loving kindness for us. ©LPi