

**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*

**1<sup>st</sup> 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

**Holy Apostles Pastorate Staff**

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

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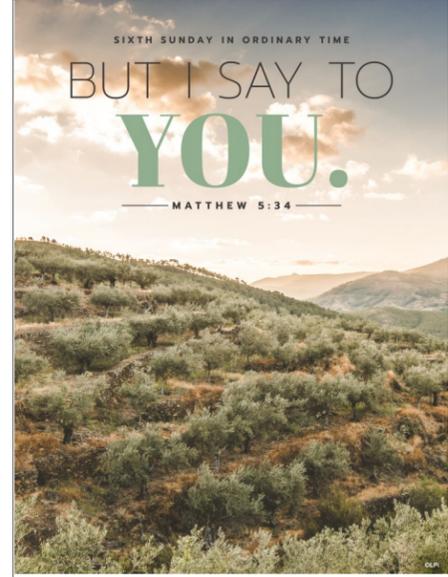
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**Weekend Mass: Saturday at 6 PM**    **Weekend Mass: Sunday at 11 AM**    **Weekend Mass: Sunday at 9 AM**  
Mass on-line at [stpaulstmark.com](http://stpaulstmark.com)

**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.



**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 15, 2026**

**Entrance Antiphon**  
Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**Responsorial Psalm**  
Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

**Communion Antiphon**  
They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

**LIVE THE LITURGY**  
Jesus does not want us to live within the law — he wants the law to live within us. God's law, fulfilled by His Son, is rich soil. We must let it nourish the words and the decisions of our Christian life — only then will it flow forth into the world. ©LPi

<p align="center"><b>Mass Intentions</b></p>  <p align="center"><b>Rosary M-F</b> Platte: noon</p> 	Confessions are heard during Adoration & 30 Minutes prior to Mass.			
	Feb 16	Monday		No Mass
	Feb 17	Tuesday	Adoration 4 PM Mass 5 PM	Geddes Abby Jo Clement+
	Feb 18	Ash Wednesday Mass	Noon 4 PM 6:30 PM	Lake Andes Platte Geddes Frank & Mabel Wiechmann+ Holy Souls in Purgatory Dick Steckly+
	Feb 19	Thursday	LA NHCC 1:30 PM	Lake Andes Ray & Elsie Chytka+
	Feb 20	Friday	Mass 8:30 AM	Platte Arnie Hanten+
	Feb 21	Saturday	Mass 6 PM	Geddes Dennis Oberbroekling+
	Feb 22	Sunday	Mass 9 AM Rosary 10:30 AM Mass 11 AM	Platte Lake Andes Parishioners Frank & Della Jerman+



Jesus affirmed the commandments in the Gospel today and teaches his disciples that their purpose is to point the way to a loving community. The commandments point us in the way of constructive joy and are aimed at our welfare and happiness. Furthermore, the commandments depend on love. May that call to live as a loving community extend/stretch us to the support Diocesan ministries by prayerfully considering a gift to the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal (CFSA). Your gift will help each of the diocesan ministries reach out to thousands, including training our future priests, proclaiming Christ's message through the media, providing counsel to the hurting and reaching out to the youth. In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from Bishop DeGrood asking for your prayerful support. Many thanks to you for all you do and for your generosity! Also, please note the Lenten guidelines for fasting and abstaining from eating on Ash Wednesday coming up this week!

God Bless, Fr. Tom



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

**Gentleness**

As followers of Christ, we are commanded to “always be prepared to offer an explanation ... to justify the hope that is in you.”

But the success of that evangelism hinges entirely on the very next instructions this passage contains: “However, do so with gentleness and respect” (1 Peter 3:15).

The word “gentleness” has come to be associated with softness and fragility — but there is no virtue that requires greater strength. As one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, gentleness disposes us to receive the inspirations of the Spirit, who “reveals to men who Jesus is” (CCC 152). In cultivating a spirit of gentleness, we more closely resemble Christ, who was unfailingly gentle, even in the face of violence and death.

“Every virtue is a good thing, but most of all gentleness and meekness,” said St. John Chrysostom. “This shows us men; this makes us to differ from wild beasts; this fits us to vie with Angels.” ©LPi

**WHY DO WE DO THAT? Stem Cell Research**

Why is the Church against stem cell research, especially if it offers the possibility of cures for diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's?

Like so many issues, the truth about stem cell research is more complicated than a few sound bites and vague promises of cures. For the Church, the problem is with *embryonic* stem cell research, not the research itself. The destruction of human life, even for a seemingly noble cause, is never acceptable. The ends cannot justify the means. Stem cells can be obtained in other ways, including from the placenta as well as from adults. So research is possible without the destruction of other life.

On the other hand, stem cell research shows much promise, but no concrete results. Some scientists also dispute what diseases might be cured by new discoveries. The research is still in its early stages. The question for our country is whether we should invest a lot of money in research now, looking for cures that will probably remain out of reach for most people, or should we invest that money in other programs with more immediate benefits, especially those that stress prevention and education. It is indeed a complex issue that requires close scrutiny and investigation before we jump to inaccurate conclusions or make decisions based on good, but misinformed, intentions. ©LPi

**RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**The Carpenter and the Law**

My husband and I couldn't believe our luck: our new house had a deck. It was more than a couple of broke millennials had ever dared to dream. Lounging in our patio furniture drinking coffee and watching the cars drive past, we felt like Kennedys at Hyannis Port. We had arrived.

Well, until it started falling apart.

To be fair, my husband knew this was going to happen all along, because he's a person who uses words like “joist” and “weight-bearing” correctly. He took one look at the deck at the open house and knew it wasn't up to code. “We're going to have to reinforce this at some point,” he told me. “Whatever!” I replied, daydreaming about twinkle lights and porch parties.

Sure enough, our second summer in the house, he had to rip the rotting surface boards off. The biggest issue was that the joists were too far apart; when we stepped on the boards, they bowed and almost cracked, lacking adequate support beneath. But we weren't going to redo the whole deck — we're not *actually* Kennedys. We (okay, *he*) simply ripped the surface boards off, added the necessary joists, and replaced the decking with newer, better, stronger wood.

Simply put, my husband did not come to abolish the deck, but to fulfill it.

The law of Moses was like a good deck, admirably built. You could say “*Raqa,*” your heart filled with anger, and the law didn't break. But that anger treads heavily on boards not adequately supported. Over time, the anger becomes too much to bear. And that board — that law, that heart — it'll break. Just you wait.

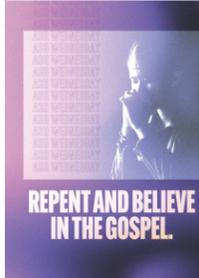
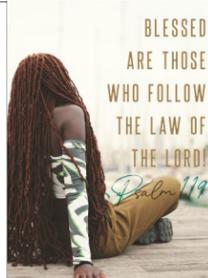
And when it does, you'll see why: there wasn't anything beneath, holding it up.

So God sent a Carpenter to reinforce the law. The Carpenter crafted joists from prudence, fortitude, justice and temperance — strong virtues that can withstand a lifetime of battery, if properly maintained.

And the law still holds. ©LPi

**Readings for the week of February 15, 2026**

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13  
 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21  
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25  
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15  
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32  
 Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



**St. Mark Parish**  
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**Reg Support \$**  
**2026 CFSA Goal \$12,500**

Church Cleaning: Tammy Swanson & Victoria Swanson  
**Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 11 AM**

Lector: Joe Schultz  
 EM: Nora Svatos  
 Servers: Tyler Ronfeldt & Madelyn Ronfeldt  
 Counters: Becky Snyder & Sue Schultz  
 Custodians/Ushers/Collection: Terry Svatos & Michael Svatos  
 Grounds: Rob Thomson



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**Reg Support \$1357 Kids \$6**  
**2026 CFSA Goal \$13,000**

**Ash Wednesday, Feb 18th – 6:30 PM**

Lector: Jackie S  
 EM: Sandy DuFrain, Mary Beth Kok  
 Servers: Max & Ty Masur, Oakley DuFrain

**Feb 21st – 6 PM**

Lector: Keith Mushitz  
 EM: Sandy DuFrain, Mary Beth Kok  
 Servers: McKenzie & Trace Mushitz, Oakley DuFrain

**St. Ann “Top Your Tator” March 8**

Please pick up your potato supper envelopes that are laying on the table in the parish hall. Thank you.



**Fish Fry Schedule**

February 27: Geddes March 6: Platte  
 March 13: Geddes March 20: Lake Andes  
 March 27: Platte



**St. Peter the Apostle Parish**  
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**Online Giving:** <https://onrealm.org/SaintPeterApost/Give>

**Reg Support \$1391 Online \$332.50**  
**2026 CFSA Goal \$22,500**

**Sunday, February 22–9:00am**

Lector: Kathy T.  
 Servers: Tanner L., Kayson & Boston S.  
 EMs: Kathy T., Susan H.  
 Ushers: Keith & Jane A.  
 Counters: Teresa N., Andersons



**Mardi Gras Pancake & Sausage Breakfast**  
 Following Mass today, come join us!



**Youth Soup Supper & Bake Sale**  
 February 25 at St. Peter's Hall  
 Serving 5-7 PM Free Will Offering  
 Grades 5-12 will be hosting  
 No CCD classes will be held



Condolences to the families and friends of  
**Jonathan Maresh**  
**and Myron Lang.**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



**57th Annual Knights of Columbus Home Made Sausage Supper**  
 John Paul II Auditorium in Mitchell  
**Sunday, March 1, 2026**  
**Serving from 3—6:30 PM**

Ravinia Fire Department is having a fish fry on February 27th with walleye caught from Pickstown. It will be drive through only at the fire station in Ravinia with serving from 4:00pm - 7:30pm or until gone. \$10 per plate.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

A few years into my priesthood, I hit a wall. I had taken on too many commitments: Masses, meetings, ministries, projects. I couldn't keep up. I was double-booking, forgetting things, running late, and letting people down. My boss at the time, a wise priest, and our shared secretary, noticed. For my birthday, the two gave me a stack of 100 flashcards, each with one word printed in a different language: “NO.” It was funny, but also painfully true. If I couldn't say no, my yes was in danger.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, “**Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’ Anything more is from the Evil One**” (Matthew 5:37). He's not just giving advice about polite speech. He's showing us something about the freedom of Christian discipleship. The follower of Christ is called to speak clearly, simply, and honestly. There is joy in that kind of freedom.

The Church Fathers often linked this kind of straightforward truthfulness with spiritual maturity. The devil is the father of lies, but Jesus is the Word made flesh. When we hedge, flatter, exaggerate, or avoid, we open space for the shadows to creep in. That little stack of flashcards reminded me that God does not want us enslaved to the expectations of others or to the fear of disappointing them. He wants us to enjoy the peace of saying yes and meaning it, and saying no, and meaning it, too. **Father John Muir Lenten Challenge:** Practice one moment of honest, peaceful speech this week. Maybe it's a sincere “yes” to something important, or a humble “no” to something you cannot do. Let it be a quiet step into the freedom Jesus offers.

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