

**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

- 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

Holy Apostles Website: <https://holycopostlessd.org>
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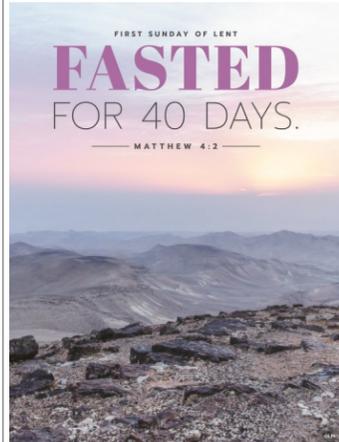
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Weekend Mass: Saturday at 6 PM **Weekend Mass: Sunday at 11 AM** **Weekend Mass: Sunday at 9 AM**
Mass on-line at stpaulstmark.com

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.



First Sunday of Lent
February 22, 2026

Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

Responsorial Psalm

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Our Lord is so humble that he allows us to see him experience temptation. The vulnerability of this moment is awesome to behold. Let us learn from Jesus' interaction with the devil, and be transformed by it. Let us say, with him: "Get away, Satan." ©LPi



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PSALM 51

<p>Mass Intentions</p>  <p>Rosary M-F Platte: noon</p> 	Confessions are heard during Adoration & 30 Minutes prior to Mass.			
	Feb 23	Monday		No Mass
	Feb 24	Tuesday	Adoration 4 PM Mass 5 PM	Geddes Lawrence & Cleo Schulte+
	Feb 25	Wednesday	Mass 8:30 Adoration 9-10 AM	Platte Frank Larsen+
	Feb 26	Thursday	LA NHCC 1:30 PM	Lake Andes Betty Bruner+
	Feb 27	Friday	Mass 8:30 AM	Platte Jim & Sally Whalen+
	Feb 28	Saturday	Mass 6 PM	Geddes Myrtle & Danita Dolejsi+
Mar 1	Sunday	Mass 9 AM Rosary 10:30 AM Mass 11 AM	Platte Lake Andes Parishioners Mike Kirwan+	



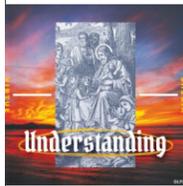
In the first reading today, we hear of the account of God forming man out of the clay of the ground. Just of few days ago we had the stark reminder of this humble beginning when ashes were placed on our foreheads and we heard the words: "Remember you are dust and on to dust you shall return." Lent is a call to conversion, to embrace the love of God in the brokenness that is ours and to have it lifted up and transformed. The ashes that we received are an ancient symbol of repentance, a plea to God for mercy and compassion, pardon and forgiveness. May this season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving clear out the clutter that sneaks into our life and make room—a receiving heart—for the mercy and love of God.

Also, feel welcome to join in on the "Last Collar Standing" via livestream on YouTube at youtube.com/@SFDiocese on Sunday, January 22nd at 3 PM. This year, nine priests will face off in an epic "Frozen North Edition" showdown that will feature a number of returning champions.

Also, this weekend, the Bishop leaves us with a message of Hope, as he makes his way around the diocese. Bishop invites us to prayerfully consider a gift this year to the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal; know that any amount over our goal, remains in the parish. Please fill out your pledge card and return it as soon as possible to the parish.

God Bless, Fr. Tom

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



Understanding
"I believe, in order to understand," said St. Augustine. "And I understand, the better to believe."

The virtue of understanding, which is a gift conferred by the Holy Spirit, shows us that there is no such thing as "blind faith." Faith, by its very nature, seeks to better understand the object of that faith.

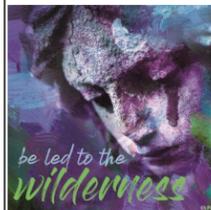
It is important to know that understanding is a process — the Holy Spirit is always willing to give a gift over and over again! "The same Holy Spirit constantly perfects faith by his gifts, so that Revelation may be more and more profoundly understood," we read in *Dei verbum*, the dogmatic constitution on divine revelation.

Understanding is the "food" of faith. We must constantly ask the Holy Spirit for greater and more profound understanding, for though understanding proceeds from faith, it in turn nourishes that faith. "A more penetrating knowledge will in turn call forth a greater faith, increasingly set afire by love," says the Catechism (CCC 158). ©LPi

WHY DO WE DO THAT? Take Up Our Cross

Question: What does Jesus mean when he talks about taking up our cross?

Our journey of faith begins in baptism. When we are faithful to it, we find God's plan for us, his way of allowing us to participate in his saving work, which in turn becomes for us our own salvation. Stated simply, we share in the mission of Jesus each day. We live our life with all of its ups, downs, joys, and sorrows in union with the mission of Jesus. Our work then is holy. It is joined to the cross, God's will for Jesus — the way in which he destroys sin and death and makes eternal life possible. His sacrifice accomplishes what we ourselves cannot do.



To take up the cross, then, means that we share in the mission of Jesus and so embrace the sufferings of the cross. It is our daily life made holy, given a redemptive mission. It is our purpose and goal to unite our life to that of Christ. St. Paul says it best, "If we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection" (Rom 6:5). ©LPi

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Into the Desert

When we first got married, I wanted to know everything my husband was thinking, exactly when he was thinking it.

Thirteen years later, I still want to know it all. But I want to know it after he's had a snack.

I think he still wants to know what I'm thinking, too. But he wants to know it after I've had 10 minutes without hearing the word, "Mommy!"

Life has taught us, you see, that it's hard to be a good person, a nice person, a gentle person, when your body doesn't feel good or nice or gentle. When you're hungry. When you're exhausted. When you're anxious.

It's not impossible, of course. It's just ... *hard*.

We're entering a penitential season, a time in which we purposefully deprive ourselves in certain ways. During Lent, we intentionally enter into the desert of physical hunger and weakness. Why, in preparation for Easter and in an effort to spiritually purify ourselves, do we go to this place where it's *so hard to be good*? Why do we go to the desert?

Because Christ has shown us that the desert is where decisions are made.

There are many reasons why the Word became flesh to accomplish God's plan for our salvation. But I think one of the most important reasons must have been that God wanted to show us that He knows, intimately, how easily the devil exploits our physical experience of this world. We see it in today's Gospel: Jesus, hungry and weary. Jesus, taunted and tempted.

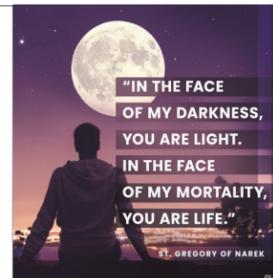
We see him. We recognize him. We are him.

And we hear his voice, even though it trembles with fatigue: "Get away, Satan!"

Today, we enter the desert. Because the desert is where decisions are made. ©LPi

Readings for the week of February 22, 2026

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
 Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9



St. Mark Parish
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2026 CFSA Goal \$12,500
Reg Support \$5741

Church Cleaning for March: Nora & Erica Svatos

Sunday, March 1st – 11 AM

Lector: Larry Lucas
 EM: Margaret Reiser
 Servers: Emma Swanson & Ella Swanson
 Counters: Nora Svatos & Margaret Reiser
 Custodians/Ushers/Collection: Larry & Deb Lucas
 Grounds: Rick Bergin



St. Ann Parish
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2026 CFSA Goal \$13,000
Reg Support \$1665 Kids \$7

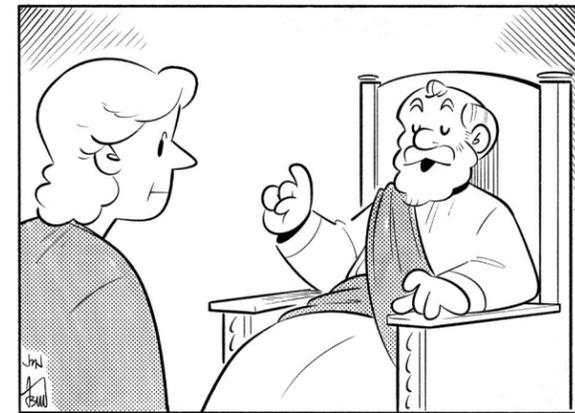
Feb 28th – 6 PM

Lector: Mike Slaba
 EM: Jen Simon, Jackie Slaba
 Servers: Ty Rolland, Wyatt Simon, Berkleee Mills



St. Peter the Apostle Parish
Sunday afternoon at 5 PM
February 22- March 29

"What was papal infallibility called when St. Peter was the pope?"



"Simon says!"

FUN FACT!
 Papal infallibility is the charism given by Christ to the pope, as the shepherd and teacher of all the faithful, to proclaim doctrines of faith without error when he speaks *ex Cathedra*—that is, in his official capacity defining a doctrine to be held by the whole Church.



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Online Giving: <https://onrealm.org/SaintPeterApost/Give>
2026 CFSA Goal \$22,500
22,250 remaining

Reg Support \$1391 Online \$534.50 CFSA \$250
Sunday, March 1–9:00am

Lector: Tim W.
 Servers: Hadli & Monroe H., Adalyn L.
 EMs: Tim & Linda W.
 Ushers: Gene G., Darren D.
 Counters: Andersons, Teresa N.



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

BIRTHDAYS

March Birthdays

St. Ann: Lenlee Mills (2), Vonda Schulte (2), Julie Pavel (6), Loretta Larson (11), John Mushitz (12), Kaitlyn Slaba (12), Mayzie Masur (16), Cooper Millar (19), Kyle Millar (20), Tristen Petrik (23), Patrick Masur (25), Steven Horst (30)

St. Mark: Thomas Bennett-3, Wayne Bennett-6, Louie Laska-5, Terry Svatos-5, Ladine Dolezal-9, RaeLynn Swanson-10, Ridge Swanson-10, Memphis Schmidt-11, Clare Weber-15, Ivy Swanson-19, Markel White-25, Mike Svatos-26

St. Peter: Abbi Larson-3, Selena Unterbrunner-6, Gracyn Leader-7, Colby Kirwan-7, Kieran Gerlach – 13, Amber Thede-14, Trevor Sprik-20, Robert Maresh-23, Tate Van Zee-23, Rick Willmott-23, Harvey Konechne-24, Iona DuFrain-26, Rylen Kramp-26, Monroe Holzbauer-29, Jaci Severson-29, Allen Weier-31, Elsie Konechne-31



Fish Fry Schedule

Feb 27: Geddes

Mar 6: Platte

Mar 13: Geddes

Mar 20: Lake Andes

Mar 27: Platte

HOLD TIGHTLY THE WORD OF GOD

CATHOLIC TRIVIA:

According to the Acts of the Apostles, who was selected to replace the Apostle Judas?

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS FOR CFSA

PAYABLE TO THE PARISH

NOT to CFSA.

(CFSA can go on the memo line.)

