

Religious Ed Coordinator
St. Mark: Alec Weber
Platte-Geddes: Joe Tegethoff

Parkston (NH/Assisted Living): Saturday 10 AM

Holy Apostles Council:
Brenda Millar, St. Ann
Russell Gall, St. Mark
Darrell Mueller, St. Peter



We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.



Holy Apostles Website: <https://holyapostlessd.org>



30 minutes prior to
Mass, during
Adoration and by
appointment

Er. Gallagher+



Updates from Sr. Maribeth Wentzlaff (Director of Discipleship and Evangelization)

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"Cradle Catholics" (and converts) meet the first Wednesday of the month at Dimock, the second Wednesday at Platte, and the third Wednesday in Wagner (all at the parish at 6:00 PM).

"Oh, Good Grief" group meet at 3 PM. 1st-Wed: Sacred Heart in Parkston, 2nd -Wed: St. Peter's rectory, Platte, 3rd-Wed: St. John the Baptist in Wagner. We will be using the book "Seasons of Hope: Bringing Comfort Through Catholic Grief Support" by M. Donna MacLeod.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED
Halloween

Is Halloween a pagan holiday or a Catholic one? The short answer: nowadays, a little bit of both. But it wasn't always that way. Halloween and All Saints' Day are closely connected. In the 800s, the Catholic Church began celebrating All Saints' Day. It was originally called All Hallow's Day or Hallowmas. The celebration began early on All Hallows' Eve. But if Halloween is really about the saints in all their victorious glory, where do we get haunted houses, costumes, and pranks?

All Saints' Day became associated with the other deceased rather quickly. November 2nd is All Souls Day, where we pray for the souls in purgatory. Throughout the European world, especially with the Celtic and Germanic peoples, the dead were honored in the autumn months. The Celtic pagan celebration of Samhain had its own folk rituals and occurred around the same time as these Catholic feast days.

Within the last few hundred years, this included dressing in disguise and going door to door, asking for food in exchange for a rhyme or poem. Some people masqueraded as "dark" spirits and pulled pranks on others. Today's celebration of Halloween tends to take on these later practices, rather than the original meaning of celebrating the saints. But remember ... this feast was Catholic first! ©LPi

A big welcome to all the pheasant hunters who are visiting the area! It is always good to see the splash of orange amongst us. As family and friends gather, may your time be safe and refreshing. Have a Great Week and Happy Hunting! -- Fr. Tom



VIRTUES, CONNECT WITH TRADITION
AND GROW YOUR FAITH
Chastity

All human beings have a body, just as all human beings have a soul. Because of original sin, the inclinations of the body are often at odds with the well-being of the soul. Through the virtue of chastity, these inclinations are aligned, or integrated. ©LPi

Holy Days of Obligation ©LPi

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

1st Reading: At the heart of the Mosaic social laws, we hear God's expectation for compassion, especially to the most vulnerable among us. Is compassion a virtue that comes easily to you?

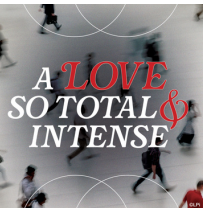
2nd Reading: Paul offers a prayer of thanksgiving for the faith of the Thessalonian community members who are seen as role models for believers throughout the regions of Macedonia and Achaia. Is there someone in your life who models the Faith well?

Gospel: Jesus taught that love of God and love of neighbor are the foundation of the Jewish law and the prophets. How does this two-fold commandment inspire you to live the Christian life? ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION -
ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

When I was in seventh grade, like most boys of that age, I was constantly hungry. I could eat at any hour of the day. Then I fell head over heels for a classmate named Kristin. One evening, while lying on my bed and pondering her perfections, my mom called me to dinner. For the first time in my adolescent life, I remember thinking: "I'm not hungry." My heart longed for Kristin more than my stomach for food. Now, I wouldn't confuse adolescent infatuation with mature love. But it was an experience of how love can reorder everything in our lives.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart" (Matthew 22:37). He is not issuing a burden or a moral goal for high achievers. He is naming the deepest orientation of the human heart. We were made for love so great that it gathers every other love into itself. Jesus does not ask us to love less the persons or things that attract us. Rather, he wants our love for God to be so total and intense that we love everything and everyone else because we love him so much.



Do we believe that such a love is possible for us? Because of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is! It is readily available to us. Let's repent of our half-hearted love for God and ask Him to fill our hearts to the brim with

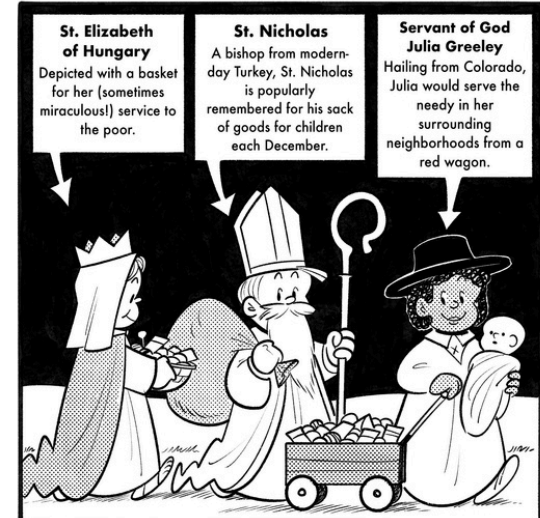
divine love. — Father John Muir ©LPi

Priest Retirement Fund

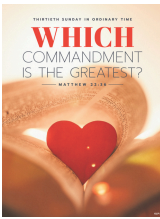
The priest pension fund provides a regular and stable income to support their daily living expenses, and some need the additional help for their medical care. Whether you can give a big or small gift, it is greatly appreciated. Thanks!



Fun saints you can honor (who can also carry a bunch of candy!)



Catholic Trivia: Other than Sundays, what are the names of the days on which Catholics are required to attend Mass?



As we turn to the Book of the Gospel of Matthew today, Jesus is asked: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment?" He not only answered that question, but he goes on to give a second, which "is like it." This second commandment is on equal footing and needs to be dealt with in an equally serious manner.

In a reflection by Fr Corbin Eddy on this scripture passage, he says: "Here Jesus quotes Torah...but lifts this commandment out of a long list of other regulations. From the long list, Jesus selects one value that transcends the others. He highlights it, underlines it, makes it bold on his computer and proclaims it as different from the others, central, like the first and greatest....'you shall love your neighbor as yourself.' It's almost as if he is demonstrating what it means to love the Lord with the whole mind...The two great commandments engage our whole humanity in an ongoing conversation with God and with each other. To keep them well requires a passionate, heartfelt, soulful and mindful commitment to the God of the universe and to God's created world."

Also, I encourage you to read and education yourselves on the statement from the Bishops of SD regarding "Amendment L and the Common Good". To assist one's discernment, you may find the statement and "Frequently Asked Question" guide online at sfcatholic.org or several hard page copies have been made available in the entrance of the church.

Peace be to You – Fr. Tom

Fall Bazaar/Dinner
It takes a village!

Fundraising is a part of parish life. Fall bazaars have traditionally been common in many parishes to fulfill this need. Jeannie Payer, St. Mark's and Cindy Reiser, St. Peter's have made the decision to resign their positions as chairman of these fall events.

Individuals, co-chairman or a team are needed at both parishes as organizers in order for these dinners to continue. These are big events to plan for. The good news is that there is support for these events. You do not have to start from scratch.

For more information or to volunteer, contact: Margaret Reiser or Jeannie Payer - St. Mark's Jennifer Fay or Cindy Reiser - St. Peter's

Platte-Geddes Christmas Skit Coordinator

A volunteer or team is needed to coordinate the Christmas program on December 16, 2026. Trisha Frandsen is available to provide support if needed.

What is being asked of you?

- Assign parts (Parts are sent home with students to practice at home.)
- Assign costumes/props (some may need to be located or purchased),
- Update the program and submit to office to be printed.
- Practice with youth on December 9 during CCD class time.
 - Religious ed teachers are there to help.
- Music - just make sure we have an organist.
 - The audience is invited to sing traditional Christmas songs with the kids.

Contact Deacon Joe if you can help. (We are running out of time to make this happen.)



Cindy Reiser and Jeannie Payer - Fall Meal

St. Ann Parish, Geddes
Collection \$1243 Utility \$77

Nov 7th - 6 PM

Lector: Lory DuFrain
EM: Mary Beth Kok, Don Millar
Servers: Max & Ty Masur, Oakley DuFrain

St. Mark Parish, Lake Andes
Collection \$790.75

Church Cleaning for November: Rachel Kaczor, Jenna Leibel

Sunday November 1 st – 11 AM

Lector: Larry Lucas
EM: Margaret Reiser
Servers: Kruze Kaczor, Brynlee Kaczor
Counters: Margaret Reiser, Nora Svatos
Custodians/Ushers/Collection: Steve & Magaret Reiser
Grounds: Steve Reiser

St Peter the Apostle Parish, Platte
Reg \$2368.25 Online \$484

Online Giving

<https://onrealm.org/SaintPeterApost/Account/Start>

Sunday, Nov 1-9:00am

Lector: Mary V
Servers: Isaac, Myles, Beckett Leader
EMs: Kathy T, Susan H
Ushers: Keith & Jane Anderson
Counters: Anderson, Neuman



Wednesday, October 28

St. Peter's Finance Committee 7:30 PM

St. Peter's Home Cooked Turkey Dinner



Sunday, Oct 25 from 4:30-7 PM
St. Peter's Hall
Cake Walk, Fish Pond & more!

Save the Dates

- Dante Soup Dinner is October 25th from 10:30 - 1
- St. Paul the Apostle Dinner November 1, 4-7 PM
- Lesterville, "Soup Kitchen" Nov 15, 11-2

Lumen Christi at St. Ann's in Geddes is June 14-18
This is open to all students in our pastorate.

Be the difference you wish to see in our parish!

These volunteers have made a difference. We appreciate your service.

Trisha Frandsen - Christmas program

Cindy Reiser and Jeannie Payer - Fall Meal