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<u>Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network</u> For respect for human life. Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.		
<u>Readings for the week of July 12, 2026</u> Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34-11:1 Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24 Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27 Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30 Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8 Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21 Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43		



**Holy Apostles Parishes
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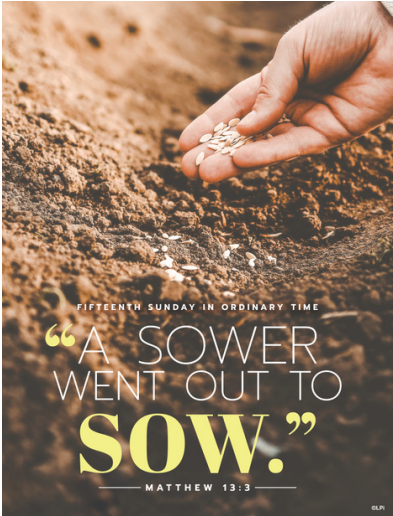
St. Ann
PO Box 137
303 5th St
Geddes, SD 57342
Saturday 6 PM



St. Mark
PO Box 250
251 N 3rd Ave
Lake Andes, SD 57356
Sunday 11 AM



St. Peter the Apostle
321 Ohio Ave
Platte, SD 57369
Sunday 9 AM



**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 11-12, 2026**

Entrance Antiphon
As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Responsorial Psalm
The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Communion Antiphon
The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Our hearts are fertile ground for the Word of God, but we must be careful gardeners. Be conscious of what damages and depletes the soil of your heart. Pay attention to what nourishes it, so that the goodness of the Word can bloom forth into the world.
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Adoration
Tuesday 5 -6 PM Geddes
Wednesday 9-10 AM Platte

CONFESSION TIMES
HORARIO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN

30 minutes prior to Mass, during Adoration and by appointment

Platte
M-F at Noon

Lake Andes
Sun. at 10:30 AM

In everything, whether it is a thing sensed or a thing known, God Himself is hidden within.
—St. Bonaventure

	Monday	July 13	No Mass	
Geddes	Tuesday	July 14	4 PM Mass	
Platte	Wednesday	July 15	8:30 AM Mass	
Lake Andes NHCC	Thursday	July 16	1:30 PM Mass	
Platte	Friday	July 17	8:30 AM Mass	
Geddes	Saturday	July 18	6 PM Mass	
Platte	Sunday	July 19	9 AM Mass	
Lake Andes	Sunday	July 19	11 AM Mass	Eugene+ & Delores Payer+



In Matthew’s gospel, this week, we hear the familiar parable of the sower whose seeds fell upon rocky soil, soil with lots of thorns, and some that fell on rich soil. Some withered for the lack of roots or got choked off and some produced abundantly. The sower did not skimp on the seed that was sown, whether it was good ground or not so good. God’s word and grace is given to all; we need to do our part to try and prepare the soil the best we can, and God will do the rest. Fr. Peter Girard, O.P. says: “Jesus can do much with so little. All he needs is our little ‘yes’ and he can accomplish the most wonderful works through us...None of us can say ‘yes’ to Jesus of our own effort. He gives us the grace to say ‘yes’ each day to his plan of holiness for us. And yet, there are certain key moments when he will visit us, asking us to embrace his plan of love. These moments might appear insignificant, but the Lord beautifully arranges our day with opportunities to respond to his grace. Jesus unfailingly visits us at these moments, giving us the opportunity to respond with a generous ‘yes’.” Blessings on your week! - Fr. Tom

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED
Sharing Your Faith

My friend has never heard of Christ and I want to share the Gospel with her but I'm afraid to. How do I share my faith?

There are a lot of ways to bring up the topic of religion, without being judgmental or pushy. Begin by asking what her thoughts are about religion, or what her experience was growing up. Finding common ground is often easier than you think, because the questions and problems we have about God, the presence of evil, our purpose in life, and our relationship with God are universal concerns.

Why are you afraid? If you do not want to insult or offend someone, don't be pushy or judgmental. If you are uncertain about how to explain your own faith, do a little reading or practice with a friend. If you measure success only by this person converting, focus your attention more on beginning the conversation, not on bringing it to a perfect close! Faith is a journey of many acts of belief, many discussions about God, and many choices about how we practice what we preach. In some we will have great success; in others we will need forgiveness and perseverance. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit. Have faith in God because he has faith in you! ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Sometimes I feel capable of absorbing almost anything except God’s Word. My mind soaks up song lyrics, sports trivia, and endless online content. But what was the reading at Mass this morning? I struggle to recall. That realization discourages me, and it leads to an uncomfortable question. What is my heart really for? Is it shaped for constant information and distraction, or is it truly designed for God? Am I capable of deeply receiving His Word?

Jesus speaks directly to this today with a simple image. “The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it.” By comparing the Word of the Kingdom to a seed, Jesus reveals something hopeful about us. The human heart is made for that seed. Soil and seed belong together. No matter how compacted, rocky, or overgrown the ground has become, the Sower never stops sowing.

God loves our hearts. He sees them as a farmer sees his fields, full of potential. Human hearts can indeed “understand the Word.” Understanding does not mean mastering information. It means letting the Word sink in, interacting with it, and giving it a home. It means trusting that, beneath the surface, God is at work in quiet and hidden ways.

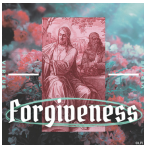
When we allow the Holy Spirit to loosen the soil of our hearts through prayer, repentance, and simplicity, the same Word that created the universe begins to bear fruit in us, 30, 60, even a hundredfold.

Lord Jesus, Sower of life, soften the soil of my heart. Let Your Word take root in me again, and bring forth the fruit You desire. Amen. — Father John Muir ©LPi

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

The virtue of forgiveness is described to us in detail by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 18, when he tells Peter that he must forgive his brother “not seven times, but seventy-seven times” before relating the parable of the unforgiving servant. Here we see that exercising forgiveness is an absolute requirement of the Christian life. What we have received from God through no merit of our own, we must likewise extend to others.

Forgiveness is love in action — and as is the case with most virtues, if we find it hard to practice, that means we’re doing it right. The Catechism says that forgiveness “bears witness that...love is stronger than sin” (CCC 2844) and points out that it “is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offense; but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession.” (CCC 2843)



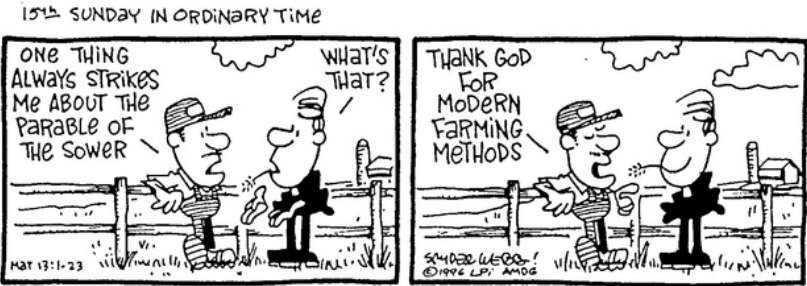
It is that time of the year when we start preparing for the fall start of our religious education program. If you have a child that will be new to our program, please contact JoNell DeHaan at 605-680-0870 to register your child. Planning and ordering has begun.

St. Mark’s needs teachers and substitute teachers. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Tom

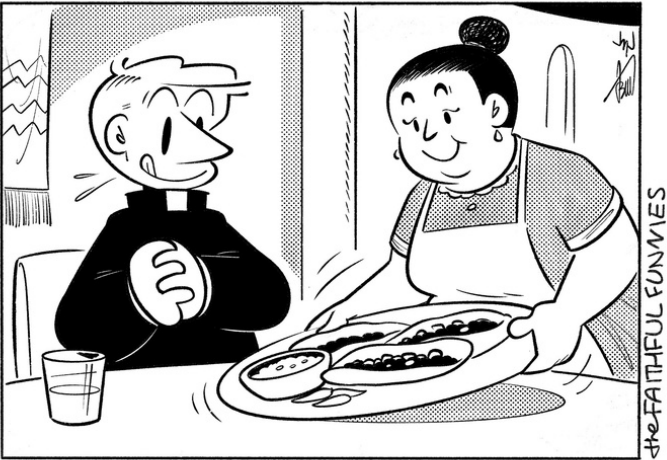
The Platte-Geddes program will begin on August 26th. The Kindergarten through 5th grade meets after school for a quick snack before classes begin at 4 until 5 PM. Grades 6-12 meet from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM on Wednesdays.

It would be great to have a couple more teachers, aids and substitutes for the Platte-Geddes program. We have some classes that would be nice to split. (What a great problem to have.) We are also looking for someone to assist Fr. Tom in walking the kids from the elementary building to the church after school. A volunteer to help serve snacks and monitor kids would be a great help. Contact Deacon Joe if you can help.

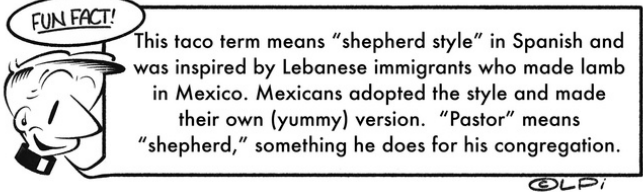
If you are an adult interested in joining the Catholic Church, Our OCIA program will begin in the fall. Please contact Fr. Tom or Sr. Maribeth if you are interested. More information will be coming.



“What’s a priest’s favorite type of taco?”



“Tacos Al Pastor.”



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Collection \$627

JULY 18th – 6 PM

Lector: Brenda Millar
EM: Dave & Lory DuFrain
Servers: McKenzie & Trace Mushitz, Oakley DuFrain

Annual Report Council Meeting July 21 7 PM note correction

St. Mark Parish, Lake Andes
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July Church Cleaning: Jeanne Payer & Margaret Reiser

Sunday, July 19th – 11 AM

Lector: Joe Schultz
EM: Rod Payer
Servers: Suttyn Bergin & Keelan Bergin
Counters: Sue Schultz & Becky Snyder
Custodians/Ushers/Collection: Rod & Jeanne Payer
Grounds: Rod Payer

Annual Report Council Meeting July 16 4:30 PM

St Peter the Apostle Parish, Platte
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2026 CFSA Goal Met!!!
June 28 Collection \$1746 CFSA \$705 Online \$332.50

Sunday, July 19–9:00am

Lector: Tim W.
Servers: Jace & Corbin B., Jameson L.
EMs: Tim & Linda W.
Ushers: Darren D., Gene G.
Counters: Todd L., Sherry T.

Annual Report Joint Meeting, July 15 at 7 PM
Baptism Blessings to Reed Kahekili Naluai son of K.O. and Christine Naluai who joins our Catholic family today

Catholic Trivia
In what country did both the Christmas tree and the Advent wreath originate?

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK
1st Reading Question Isaiah encourages us to trust in the reliability of God’s word and purposes. When do you find yourself trusting in the Lord?

2nd Reading Question Paul places his hope in God’s promised future, when both people and creation itself will be freed from corruption and decay. Is there something you or your family have been hoping for lately?

Gospel Question Jesus teaches his disciples to be open (be “rich soil”) to the often mysterious meaning of the parables about the kingdom of Heaven. Are you someone who is open to new or different ideas? ©LPi