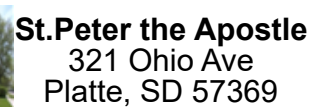
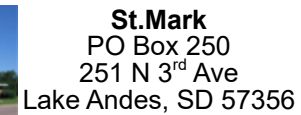
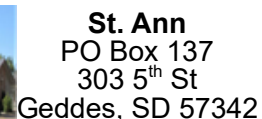


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	<u>Readings for the week of July 5, 2026</u> Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26 Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38 Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7 Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23 Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33 Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23	



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Saturday 6 PM

Sunday 11 AM

Sunday 9 AM

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 4-5, 2026

Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your
right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm

I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

Communion Antiphon

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in
him

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

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.



Confessions are heard during Adoration & 30 Minutes prior to Mass.			
July 6	Monday		No Mass
July 7	Tuesday Adoration 4 PM Mass 5 PM	Geddes	Ig+ & Agnes+ Masur
July 8	Wednesday Mass 8:30 AM Adoration 9-10 AM	Platte	Jameson Leader
July 9	Thursday LA NHCC 1:30 PM Mass	Lake Andes	Fr. John Lule+
July 10	Friday Mass 8:30 AM	Platte	Chris+ & Agatha Pranger+
July 11	Saturday Mass 6 PM	Geddes	Richie Slaba+
July 12	Sunday Mass 9 AM Rosary 10.:30 AM Mass 11 AM	Platte Lake Andes	Parishioners Janet Garden+



Prayer for Our Nation: O God, Who arranges all things according to a wonderful design, graciously receive the prayers we pour out to you for our country, that, through the wisdom of it s leaders and the integrity of its citizens, harmony and justice may be assured and lasting prosperity come with peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (The Roman Missal).

A Blessed and Happy 4th of July! We mark a remarkable milestone—250 years of freedom, resilience, and hope. A quarter of a millennium has passed since the birth of a nation founded on the belief that liberty is not just a privilege, but a God-given right. We pray for wisdom and understanding to carry out the principles and values on which our country was founded. A country built on faith, hard work, and commitment to family. We hear Jesus say in the Gospel: “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light” (Matt 11: 28-30). It speaks of a yoke that does not impose extra burdens but rather lightens the burdens we already bear. This is not to say that the life of faith is easy. It is just to say that the whole thing doesn’t rest on my shoulders alone. Jesus in his prayer shifts the focus to our true boast. “I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth!” Look at God, Look at what God has done; look at the strength God offers! – Fr Tom

GOSPEL MEDITATION

This weekend, our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Unlike most nations, the United States was not founded primarily on a shared ethnicity, language, or culture. Instead, our founders built a political community out of diverse peoples united by a shared vision of liberty. That vision echoes something deep in the Christian mystery revealed in today’s Gospel.

Jesus returns to his hometown. The people see only what is familiar: the carpenter, the son of Mary, one of their own. As Mark tells us, “They took offense at him. Jesus said, ‘A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.’” Their narrow vision blinds them. Jesus has come to inaugurate a new communion that transcends geography, bloodlines, and culture. He has come to unite all people in himself.

At its best, America’s national unity reflects this possibility, which fully subsists only in the Catholic Church. Our unity is not based on ancestry or tribe, but on a shared commitment to higher ideals. For this reason, we can love our country with gratitude while situating patriotism within the broader horizon of faith.

Rooted in Christ, we are less vulnerable to the unholy tribalism that threatens civic life and faith. This weekend, let us thank God for our nation and pray that we also live as citizens of Heaven in Jesus Christ. — Father John Muir ©LPi

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Smallness of Great Faith

My children attend Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) for their faith formation. Because of its Montessori basis, CGS atriums, which are something like classrooms, contain lots of objects made from real materials — authentic glass, wood, and ceramic.

This is a polite way of saying there are lots of breakable things in there.

So when my four-year-old entered the atrium on her first day of CGS, my whole body tensed, wondering what she would shatter first. I had to restrain myself from crying out, “Don’t touch anything!” She spotted the prayer table — the low, wooden stand which holds an open Bible, candles, a vase with flowers and a statue of the Good Shepherd. It’s the centerpiece of every atrium.

She knelt before the table. She made the sign of the cross. And she sat there, still and silent.

I stopped dead in my tracks. How had she known to come here? And where did she learn to make the sign of the cross? (Obviously we’ve tried to teach her, but she does it wrong every time!) And why was she sitting there so quietly, so expectantly, in front of a book she can’t read?

A thought came to me so clearly: Well, Colleen, you can read that book. But can you understand it?

It is so easy for us to forget that great faith does not require great intelligence. It does not require great knowledge of the world and its workings. Great faith does not require the believer to possess any answers.

Great faith only requires the believer to know his own smallness. ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

These days, everyone’s an expert. We have a world of information at our fingertips. But some answers can’t be found in newspapers or even history books. What God hides from the wise, He reveals to the little ones. Are you looking in the right place?

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Can Catholics Gamble?

The Bible says that Jesus condemned gambling, but I notice that so many parishes have them at festivals and other events.What’s correct?

Although Jesus speaks of our relationship with material wealth and the very human struggle with greed, the gospels do not include any specific instructions related to gambling. At the same time, the Church is very sensitive to the needs of those who might struggle with an addiction to gambling, and pastoral care should always be offered to those who struggle with this reality in their life.

While it is true that many parish or school communities include gambling or games of chance in festivals and fundraisers (e.g. bingo, roulette, ring tossing, dunking booths, etc.), there is nothing inherently wrong these sorts of events, given they are played fairly and within the limits of reason are not morally objectionable. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us: “Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others” (no. 2413).

As in all things, moderation and a sense of healthy limits should be applied to gambling and games of chance. For those who find themselves living with addiction to gambling, help is available in various 12-step and addiction recovery programs. ©LPi

VIRTUES, EXPLAINED! –

CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Empathy

The virtue of empathy describes our ability to connect emotionally with the suffering of others. It’s our interior capacity to appreciate and experience other people’s feelings — to the extent, even, that we allow those feelings to impact our own decisions and our own actions.

Christ had empathy for us and for our state of imprisonment in original sin. He had empathy for the suffering we endure because of our self-imposed exile from friendship with God. This empathy meant that he sacrificed himself willingly for our salvation — he wanted to do it, because he had allowed our feelings to intermingle with his own.

Since empathy flows directly from charity, the theological virtue that enables us to love God and to love others, we can use charity as a way to increase the empathy we feel. If we find ourselves struggling to muster empathy in a particular situation, engaging in charity will liberate us from our state of self-centeredness. ©LPi

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

Fun Fact! The term “Roman Catholic” distinguishes one rite of Catholicism from other rites, like the Maronite Church or the Coptic Church. Roman or Latin Rite Catholics make up the largest group of Catholics.

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June 28 Collection \$861 Kids \$4

JULY 11TH - 6 PM

Lector: Mary Beth Kok
EM: Jackie Slaba, Jen Simon
Servers: Wyatt Simon, Ty Rolland, Colton Petrik

Annual Report Council Meeting July 21 6:30 PM

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

Sunday, July 12th - 11 AM

Lector: Alec Weber
EM: Deb Ronfeldt
Servers: Adara Hopkins & Finnegan Hopkins
Counters: Deb Ronfeldt & Sierra Weber
Custodians/Ushers/Collection: Deb Ronfeldt Family
Grounds: Mike Cuka

Annual Report Council Meeting July 16 4:30 PM

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June 28 Collection \$2438 Online \$535.77

Sunday, July 12–9:00am

Lector: Andy P.
Servers: Macksyn & Anniston N., Shay P.
EMs: Kathy T., Susan H.
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Religious Education Teacher Meeting, July 8 at 7 PM

Annual Report Joint Meeting, July 15 at 7 PM

Catholic Trivia

What is the term for an uninterrupted hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament?

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

1st Reading Question: Zechariah speaks of a just and humble king who will lead all people to a future of peace and joy. What are some things that make you genuinely happy?

2nd Reading Question: Paul teaches that the Spirit of God dwells in those who believe in Jesus. Where do you see the Holy Spirit active in your life?

Gospel Question: Jesus speaks of himself as meek and humble of heart and invites us to find “rest” in him. What are some burdens Jesus could relieve for you? ©LPi