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Platte-Geddes: Joe Tegethoff

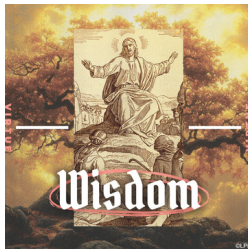
Parkston (NH/Assisted Living): Saturday 10 AM

Darrell Mueller, St. Peter

Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

30 minutes prior to
Mass, during
Adoration and by
appointment

	Aug 17	Monday	No Mass	Those dying alone (unprepared) & Holy Souls those most in need of mercy Rain Pell & Lihs families Myron Lang+ Ray Mushitz+ Parishioners Elizabeth McFarlane+
Geddes	Aug 18	Tuesday	5 PM Mass	
Platte	Aug 19	Wednesday	8:30 AM	
Lake Andes NHCC	Aug 20	Thursday	1:30 PM Mass	
Platte	Aug 21	Friday	8:30 AM	
Geddes	Aug 22	Saturday	6 PM Mass	
Platte	Aug 23	Sunday	9 AM Mass	
Lake Andes	Aug 23	Sunday	11 AM Mass	



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

Wisdom

It may seem unfair, at first, to say that wisdom is a virtue — after all, doesn't everyone know one or two people who seem incapable of wisdom?

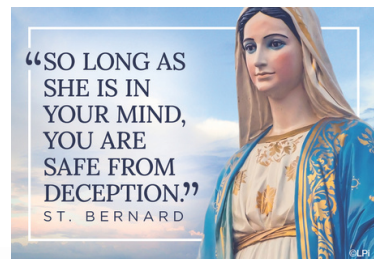
Well, that depends on what we actually mean when we talk about "wisdom." Wisdom is not mere scholarliness. It is more than being smart. They say that wisdom comes with experience, and it does — but only if you accept it.

Wisdom, St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, is a gift of the Holy Spirit born of charity and originating in the human will. But it is also connected to the intellect, because the intellect is where we discern between right and wrong based on all we have been taught and all we have experienced (Sum. II-II, 45, Art. 2).

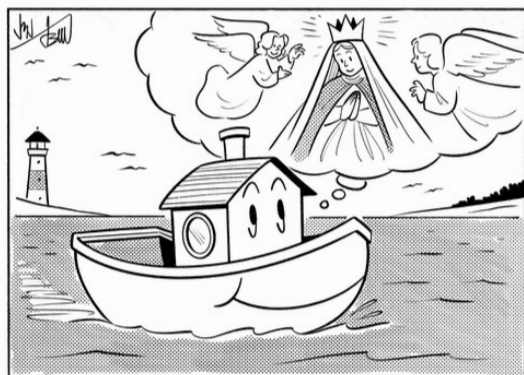
Therefore, we must ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom, and we must make ourselves ready to receive it — remembering always that we cannot recognize it alone. ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

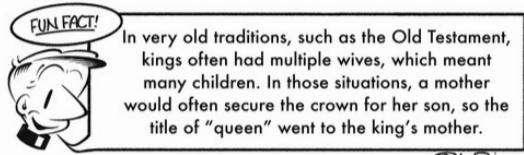
The Canaanite woman did not take Jesus' initial refusal as rejection, but as an invitation to engage with God, to show him the depth of her faith. When our prayers are not answered as we wish, will we have the courage to do the same? ©LPi



"What's a boat's favorite Marian feast?"



"The Queenship of Mary!"



WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Strengthening Faith

Question: Our prayer group is discussing ways we can change and strengthen our faith. What one thing could we change that would have the greatest impact on our faith?

A famous coach once said that when the team is in trouble and things aren't going well, go back to the basics; when the team is winning and things are going well, go back to the basics! Any renewal program, faith development, or spiritual growth effort has to start with the basic core of what it means to believe. If the foundation is not strong, the house will not stand.

So if you work on one thing, begin with the idea that God is love, who loves us and calls us to love one another. If we really take that belief to heart, it changes how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It would change how we pray, how we treat others, and how we understand and live our own lives. Our sense of mission and purpose will be more focused on God's plan and our role in it. Love is the core of faith, the goal of life, and the hope of heaven. Whatever we do to strengthen and deepen our faith will begin and end with love. ©LPi



Pope John Paul I ©LPi

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Chess, Not Checkers

There's a saying that good leaders have to play chess, not checkers.

It will surprise no one who knows me well that I am terrible at chess. It's not so much a lack of skill (although that's part of it) as a lack of effort. I find chess exhausting. To succeed at this complex game of strategy, you have to see not just the board in front of you, but the person in front of you — and more than that, you have to consider not just what is, but what could be.

I prefer checkers.

When I read a Gospel passage like today's, I think of what Jesus would be like as a chess player. It's so easy to see this account of the Canaanite woman and her tenacity and take it at face value, as a reminder to pray without ceasing, to never stop asking God for what we need. And certainly, it is that.

But it's not only that.

We see a woman begging God for help, and we see God refuse — at first. We see her persist, and we see him capitulate. At least, that's what it looks like to us.

What does it look like to Jesus?

Jesus sees this woman's face and hears her words, just as his disciples do — but he also sees her heart. He sees her whole life. He sees every moment that leads up to this one. He sees her belief, but he also sees her unbelief. He sees her wounds. He sees her daughter.

He sees the game board not just for what it is, but for what it could be. ©LPi

As summer vacation comes to an end, we look forward to a new school year! As we do, we hear the word of God spoken by the Prophet Isaiah: "Observe what is right, do what is just." As our students, teachers and coaches return to books and all the elements of education, we all know deep down that our journey of learning is never really over. The words of the prophet encourage us to seek always what is right and just. I pray that the new school year will be a great time to discover and use those gifts and talents that God has given each for that which is right and just, and all be blessed with good health during these challenging times.

God's Blessings on all our endeavors,

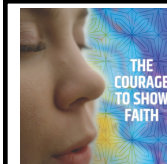
Fr. Tom

If you have a child that will be new to our program, please contact JoNell DeHaan at 605-680-0870 to register your child. The sooner the better.

Classes start August 26th in Platte.



Platte-Geddes is adopting the **Pillars of Faith K-2** curriculum from Ascension Press. There are flyers available for you to get an overview. The Bible and Catechism for young beginners is available at both parishes. Contact JoNell at 605-680-0870 if you are interested in purchasing one. They are \$20 each.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Does God ignore or act a bit rough with you? Jesus crosses the border into the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon, the territory long outside the covenant. There, a Canaanite woman calls out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David." At first, he is silent. Then he rebuffs her. "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the Church Fathers saw this not as an insult but as an initiation. Christ draws out of her heart a deeper faith.

She presses on. "Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Jesus' silence and response solidify her humility and trust. She thus becomes a model for prayer for centuries of Christians. St. Augustine said she shows how sinners come to grace by moving from silence to humility to perseverance.

This woman is the Church. She is you and me. She is every soul who dares to cry out from the margins, who endures divine silence until it turns to compassion. When Jesus says, "O woman, great is your faith," it is the joyful cry of God discovering faith where the world least expects it. Even the smallest crumb of Your mercy, Lord, is enough to heal the soul. Do we have the courage to show faith like that?

— Father John Muir ©LPi

St. Ann Parish, Geddes

Collection \$1085 Kids \$39

AUGUST 22ND – 6 PM

Lector: Keith Mushitz

EM: Sandy DuFrain, Don Millar

Servers: Ty Rolland, Wyatt Simon, Oakley DuFrain

St. Mark Parish, Lake Andes

Collection \$1258

Church Cleaning for August: Becky Snyder & Carla Winckler

Sunday, August 23rd – 11 AM

Lector: Larry Lucas

EM: Nora Svatos

Servers: Landon Ronfeldt & Addisyn Deurmier

Counters: Becky Snyder & Deb Ronfeldt

Custodians/Ushers/Collection: Deb Ronfeldt Family

Grounds: Rod Payer

St Peter the Apostle Parish, Platte

Online Giving

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

Reg \$1838 Online \$362.50

Sunday, August 23–9:00am

Lector: Ryan D.

Servers: Hadli & Monroe H., Tanner L.

EMs: Tim & Linda W.

Ushers: Darren D., Gene G.

Counters: Kemnitzes, Sherry T.



Save the Dates

St. John's Family Fun Day is September 27

**St. Peter the Apostle Annual Turkey Dinner
is October 25th from 4-7 PM.**

Come gather together for fellowship and a chance to know our parish families better.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

1st Reading Question: The Lord reveals to Isaiah that He desires a house of prayer for all peoples. Do you see your faith community being open to outsiders?

2nd Reading Question: Paul sees how God used Israel's unbelief in Jesus as an opportunity to extend His mercy to the Gentiles. Have you ever shown mercy to someone in an unexpected way?

Gospel Question: The Canaanite woman is persistent with Jesus to heal her demon-possessed daughter, and so he does. When have you felt heard by Jesus? ©LPi

Catholic Trivia

Who was the first pope to select a double regnal name?

