

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 Wentzlaff 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, St. Ann: 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 Weekend Mass Schedule <i>Fr. Tom Clement</i> Saint Ann, Geddes: Saturday 6 PM Saint Peter the Apostle, Platte: Sunday 9 AM Saint Mark, Lake Andes: Sunday 11 AM <i>Fr. Gary DeRouchey</i> SS Peter & Paul, Dimock: Saturday 5 PM Sacred Heart, Parkston: Sunday 9 AM Saint Paul the Apostle, Armour: Sunday 11 AM <i>Fr. Jim Friedrich</i> 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	Councils <i>Fr. Tom Clement</i> Deacon Joe Tegethoff St. Ann-Parish Jennifer Simon Mark Slaba Jentry VanderPol Amy Rolland Shawn DuFrain St. Ann-Finance Mary Beth Kok Don Millar Dan Schulte Marlys Krietlow St. Mark Council: Margaret Reiser Steve Reiser Carla Winkler Noreen Laska Joe Schultz St. Peter Finance Rob Reiser Tait Sibbel Linda Whalen Matt Gerlach Todd Larsen St. Peter Parish Trisha Frandsen Darrell Mueller Corey Rabenberg Haley Stluka Mark Hegge, KC Jennifer Fay, AS Becky Erickson, Cemetery Holy Apostles Council: Brenda Millar, St. Ann Russell Gall, St. Mark Darrell Mueller, St. Peter
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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





St. Ann
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303 5th St
Geddes, SD 57342



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



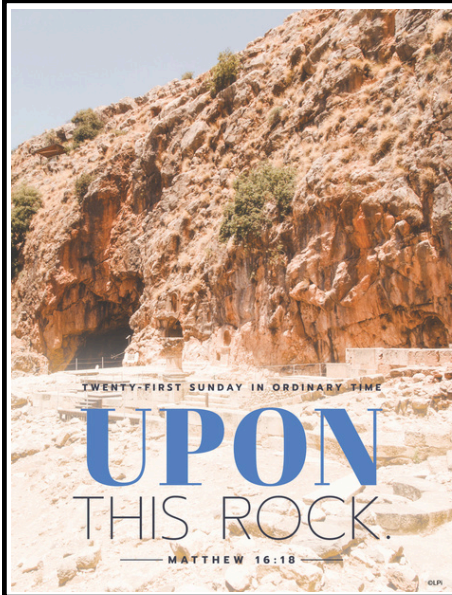
St. Peter the Apostle
321 Ohio Ave
Platte, SD 57369

Mass

Saturday 6 PM

Sunday 11 AM

Sunday 9 AM



**Holy Apostles Parishes
of St. Ann, St. Mark and St. Peter the Apostle**

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 22-23, 2026**

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Communion Antiphon

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you
bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Readings for the week of August 23, 2026

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mk 6:17-29
Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



ADORATION  LA ADORACIÓN	Tuesday 4-5 PM Geddes Wednesday 9-10 AM Platte		Platte M-F Noon Lake Andes Sunday 10:30 AM	Time For  Confession?	30 minutes prior to Mass, during Adoration and by appointment
Geddes	Aug 24	Monday	No Mass		
Platte	Aug 25	Tuesday	5 PM Mass	Bev Melmer+	
Lake Andes NHCC	Aug 26	Wednesday	8:30 AM	Rain	
Platte	Aug 27	Thursday	1:30 PM Mass	Carol Pesicka+	
Geddes	Aug 28	Friday	8:30 AM	Mark Pranger+	
Platte	Aug 29	Saturday	6 PM Mass	Living/Deceased St. Ann Altar Society	
Lake Andes	Aug 30	Sunday	9 AM Mass	Parishioners	
	Aug 30	Sunday	11 AM Mass	Ruby Pell	





VIRTUES, EXPLAINED!

CONNECT WITH TRADITION
AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Valor

Though valor itself is not a cardinal or theological virtue, as a Latin-based word that means “strength,” we often associate it with the gift of fortitude. Specifically, it conjures an image of fortitude on the battlefield — of fidelity to the good fight, regardless of the coming attack.

When Christ presides at the Last Supper in the Gospel of John, he speaks to his Apostles of the persecutions that will soon be suffered by him and by them. He also speaks of the Advocate (the Holy Spirit) who will “guide you to all truth” — a significant choice, since fortitude is not only a virtue, but a gift of the Holy Spirit.

“Behold, the hour is coming...when each of you will be scattered...and you will leave me alone,” Christ tells them.

“But I am not alone, because the Father is with me.”

In the world, he concludes, there will be pain and suffering. “But take courage, I have conquered the world.” (John 16:13-33). ©LPi

FALL BOOK STUDY AT ST. JOHN’S: SECRETS OF THE SACRED HEART

Starting Tuesday, September 8 at 4:00 p.m.

St. John’s Church Basement

We have room for a few more participants!

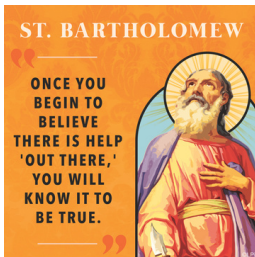
Cost is \$10 to cover the cost of the book.

Contact Theresa Koupal at 605-481-1565

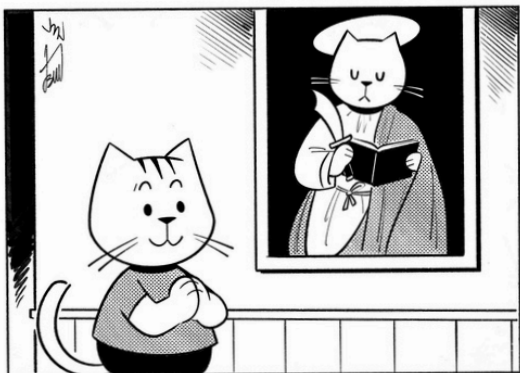
if you would like to join the group!

Catholic Trivia

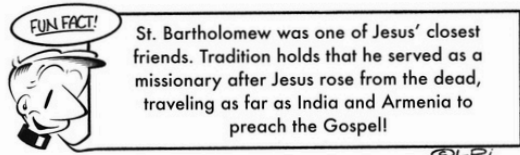
What is the name of the very first ecumenical council of the Catholic Church, held in 325 AD?



“Who is a kitten’s favorite Apostle?”



“St. BartholoMEW.”



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Ten Commandments

In Sunday school, the students are studying the Ten Commandments. I know that kids are important in the eyes of God, so I'm just wondering why there isn't a commandment about honoring children.

Commandments provide EOO-Equal Opportunity for Observance! They are meant for everyone, children as well as adults. There are several assumptions that would make such a commandment a bit redundant. One, children are entrusted to the care of their parents. So, respect, love, and care — as well as teaching them — are assumed to be part of the responsibility of parents. They are the first teachers in the ways of faith and, as such, participate in God's work of loving and creating. The child has the obligation and responsibility towards their parents. Only when they are adults will they make decisions on their own.

In Biblical times, and in many societies today, children are responsible for caring for elderly parents, providing for their needs. In our culture today, too often kids have more rights than responsibilities, and oftentimes long before they are able to handle them. If we follow the Commandment of Jesus to love others and treat them as we would want to be treated, everyone is included, children too. ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY

- INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“Who do you say that I am?” Jesus asks his apostles. Peter is the first to answer. He knows who Jesus is. Do we? In everything we do and everything we are, let us say together with Peter: “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.” ©LPi

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



Only Peter Has the Answer

“What do you think of the Pope?”

After the election of Pope Leo XIV in 2025, all my non-Catholic friends texted me this question. The result of the papal conclave was dominating the news cycle, and everyone was curious about this man who would now be so prominent on the world stage, making me temporarily popular with people who apparently need more (and better) Catholics in their lives.

In today’s Gospel, we see Jesus entrust Peter and his heirs with the stewardship of the kingdom here on earth, creating an unbroken line of authority which stretches through the millennia all the way to our current Pope — whoever he is at the time you are reading this.

I don’t know if you like the Pope. The same goes for your local bishop and your pastor. If a friend texted you, “What do you think of him?” I have no idea how you would respond.

All I know is this: it doesn’t really matter. What really matters is what we would say if a friend texted us the same question about Jesus Christ: “What do you think of him, and why?”

In today’s Gospel, Jesus doesn’t ask his disciples to take an IQ test. He doesn’t try to find out which one is the nicest, the hardest worker, the most humble, or even the holiest.

He asks a very simple question: “Who do you say that I am?”

Peter has the answer.

I am not Catholic because I like the Pope. I am not Catholic because the human representatives of the Church have anything to offer me (they often do, but this is beside the point).

I am Catholic because only Peter has the answer. ©LPi

In the second reading at mass today, St. Paul’s letter to the Romans, we hear it begin with: “Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!” With the new school year off and running, we are all reminded to grow in wisdom and knowledge, but St. Paul says the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God is deep. We spend our whole life pondering and discovering that knowledge and wisdom. But, what we don’t know is how long we will have in this life to do that! Do not put off for tomorrow what we can do today. Searching the depth of God’s riches, wisdom and knowledge comes about in Christ Jesus. Come to know Him, and He’ll reveal more and more! With schools now in session and CCD soon to begin, we look forward to another opportunity for young and old to grown in our faith walk with Christ. If you plan to help our students, please know that all are required to have a current background check and have completed the annual safe environment training before classes start.

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS, - Fr. Tom

If you have a child that will be new to our program, please contact JoNell DeHaan at 605-680-0870.

Classes start August 26th in Platte.

32nd ANNUAL “BISHOP’S CHARITY HUNT”

is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, September 14th & 15th at Horseshoe “K” Ranch near Kimball, SD. This event includes lodging, breakfast, lunch, dinner, social, trap shoot, hunting, and pheasant cleaning. Fellowship with Bishop DeGrood, daily Mass and interaction with priests from our diocese. All proceeds from this event benefits the Catholic Campus Ministry in our diocese. For more information or to register please contact the Catholic Community Foundation at 605-988-3765 or visit ccfesd.org/hunt

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The first time I stood inside St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo’s dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus’ question, “Who do you say that I am?” And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today’s Gospel, “You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.”

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery.

The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God’s presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great

basilica, as we profess Jesus. — Father John Muir ©LPi



St. Ann Parish, Geddes

Collection \$1102 Kids \$7 Assumption \$65

AUGUST 29TH – 6PM

Lector: Mike Slaba

EM: Mary Beth Kok, Jen Simon

Servers: Trace & McKenzie Mushitz,

Max Masur

St. Mark Parish, Lake Andes

Collection \$990.25

Church Cleaning for August: Becky Snyder & Carla Winckler

Sunday, August 30th – 11 AM

Lector: Joe Schultz

EM: Margaret Reiser

Servers: Tate Bennett & Taryn Bennett

Counters: Sally Florey & Margaret Reiser

Custodians/Ushers/Collection: Steve & Margaret Reiser

Grounds: Rob Thomson

St Peter the Apostle Parish, Platte

Online Giving

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

Reg \$1838 Online \$362.50

Sunday, August 30–9:00am

Lector: Mary V.

Servers: Isaac, Myles & Jameson L.

EMs: Mark & Kathy H.

Ushers: Tim & Linda W.

Counters: Todd L., Kemnitz



Save the Dates

St. John’s Family Fun Day is September 27

**St. Peter the Apostle Annual Turkey Dinner
is October 25th from 4:30-7 PM.**

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

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

1st Reading Question: For disobeying the Lord, Shebna, the master of King Hezekiah’s palace, is stripped of his authority and honor, and it is given to Eliakim. Are there people in your life or family that you honor and revere?

2nd Reading Question: Reflecting on the unimaginable depth of God’s wisdom and knowledge, Paul asks, “Who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor?” What question do you have for the Lord?

Gospel Question: Jesus establishes Peter as the rock upon whom he will build his church. In what ways do you help build your church community? ©LPi

Catholic Trivia

The First Council of Nicaea ©LPi