

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 St. Mark: Alec Weber 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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St. Ann
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Mass



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

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

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12-13 2026**

Entrance Antiphon
Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm
The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Communion Antiphon
How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Readings for the week of September 13, 2026

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

September - Month of



Our Lady of Sorrows

ADORATION  LA ADORACIÓN	Tuesday 4-5 PM Geddes Wednesday 9-10 AM Platte	 <i>Prayer the Rosary</i>	Platte M-F Noon Lake Andes Sunday 10:30 AM	Time For  Confession?	30 minutes prior to Mass, during Adoration and by appointment
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Daily Masses Geddes Platte Lake Andes NHCC Platte Geddes Platte Lake Andes	Sept 14 Sept 15 Sept 16 Sept 17 Sept 18 Sept 19 Sept 20 Sept 20	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday Sunday	No Mass 5 PM Mass 8:30 AM 1:30 PM Mass 8:30 AM 6 PM Mass 9 AM Mass 11 AM Mass	<i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> Living & deceased members of St. Ann's Altar Society Mike Mikuska+ Joe Patrick Anderson+ Myron Lang+ Dick Steckley+ Parishioners Mary Ann (Kern) Oursland+
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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mercy You Can Feel

“You qualify for forgiveness,” I heard the woman on the other end of the phone tell me, and I surprised myself by starting to weep. I had called the hospital system’s financial services department to set up a payment plan on a balance I owed after having some unexpected scans and tests. I was hoping to minimize the dent our family’s savings took — transform one devastating wallop into a series of more easily absorbed blows, so to speak. Imagine my surprise when I realized the hospital was pulling its punch. If you have ever had a financial debt forgiven, you know the relief that came over me in that moment.

It wasn’t until a little later that the guilt set in. I know so many people who have medical debt. Why was I able to get out of paying, and they were not?

But the cold, hard truth is that I didn’t “get out” of anything. My insurance, for which I pay, had given the hospital enough money to cover the true cost of the procedures. That balance would merely have increased the hospital’s profit.

Make no mistake: capitalism does not forgive.

If you describe the Sacrament of Reconciliation to someone unfamiliar with theology, chances are they’ll think God is a chump.

“You get to go in, say you’re sorry, and leave — and everything’s just fine?” someone once asked me in disbelief.

Well, yeah. That’s forgiveness.

Real mercy cannot be budgeted. It must be given recklessly, extravagantly, against all reason. It must cost the giver. It must scandalize any accountant worth his salt. And no one “qualifies.”

If I can’t wrap my head around the idea, it might mean I’m stuck in a for-profit paradigm of justice. It might just mean that I need to engage more in real mercy. Mercy I can feel.©LPi

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Communion



Why can't everyone who wants to receive Communion, receive Communion at Mass?

Outside of the Church, many organizations have all sorts of requirements for membership: dues, achievements, professional standings, etc. The requirements bring the group together in common purposes and goals. Within the Church, there are also basic “requirements” for receiving the sacraments. As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is the true “Bread of Life.” It is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. When we receive the Eucharist, we are receiving Jesus. Out of reverence for Christ, only those in union with this teaching and in a state of grace should receive communion. As Catholics, we should abstain from communion if we are in mortal sin.

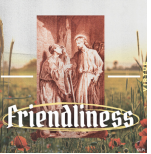
While we share many articles of faith with our Protestant brothers and sisters, their understanding of this teaching is fundamentally different. For most non-Catholic churches, they do not believe that Christ becomes truly present in the Eucharist. As such, they should not receive communion in a Catholic Church. These differences are greater for people of non-Christian faiths, and even more apparent for those who do not believe in God. Receiving communion is not a right, but a gift to be accepted in humble, trusting faith. ©LPi



VIRTUES, EXPLAINED

CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Friendliness!



The modern world we all must share seems, in some ways, to be shrinking.

For good or ill, thanks to the internet, the widespread use of social media, and the omnipresence of smartphones, we are finding ourselves interacting frequently with people who live, act, and think differently than we do.

It may well be that the virtue of friendliness, known officially as affability, is more important than ever.

In fact, being attached as it is to the virtue of justice, friendliness is a debt we owe our fellow human beings, writes St. Thomas Aquinas (Sum., II:II, 114, Art. 2). The fact is, we cannot evangelize without kindness. We can see this in the instructions Christ gives his disciples in the Gospel of Matthew: “As you enter a house, wish it peace. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; if not, let your peace return to you.” (Matthew 10:13) ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION -

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

In my parish, there was once a new employee who frequently told me she was sorry for various imperfections in her work. It could be a little tiring. I finally told her, “You know, you don’t have to say ‘sorry’ so often.” She looked me right in the eyes and said, “Father, you’re right. I’m sorry.” Her ear-to-ear grin betrayed that she enjoyed the irony — and that she would keep asking for forgiveness as often as she needed it.

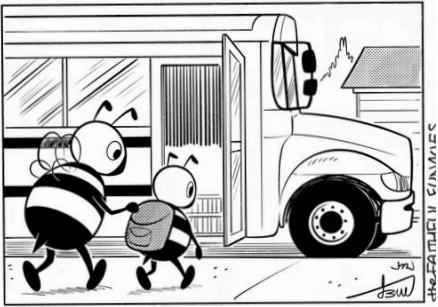
The Gospel reading this week proclaims to us that God, in Jesus, delights in numerous requests for, and the granting of, forgiveness. To Peter’s question, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus responds, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.” In other words, Peter, stop counting.

Christian life should be marked by a commitment to frequent forgiveness. God never tires of forgiving us. His limitless love has overcome the power of vengeance, hatred, and division. We tap into that each and every time we ask for forgiveness or extend it to another.

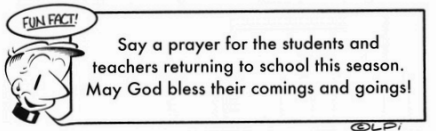
How beautiful our hearts become when they become accustomed to frequent forgiveness! How joyful and attractive become our marriages, families, and parish communities! How light our souls feel when unburdened by the habit of keeping score.

Challenge: Name one thing, small or large, for which you could ask forgiveness from someone in your life. Then do it. — Father John Muir ©LPi

“How do bees get to school?”



“By taking the school buzz.”



It begins when they accept the election results ©LPi

We welcome Fr. Gary DeRouchey to the western part of Holy Apostles Pastorate for masses this weekend as I go to the northeastern part. As you may have already read in the Bishop’s Bulletin, we announce the public phase of the special appeal that seeks to fund the Priest Retirement Fund and the Priest Medical Fund. Later this week, all registered household will receive in the mail Bishop’s Appeal Letter, to help meet the goal of \$13 million—of which \$10 million has already been raised during the “quiet phase”. Funds raised will help ensure that priests who have dedicated their lives to serving the Church receive the retirement and healthcare support they need and deserve. This appeal is an investment in the future stability of priest retirement throughout the Diocese. Every gift, regardless of size, helps strengthen the future of care for all priest in our Diocese. More to come next week!!

God Bless you all for your care and support of priests, past, present and future, -- Fr. Tom

Priest Retirement Fund

Follow the link for more information



There will be a tailgate supper held on Friday, October 2 before/during the P/G vs KWL football game. A freewill donation will be taken to assist Lee Hanten with medical expenses incurred for a new leg prosthesis.

If you are unable to attend, but would like to contribute, please contact Karen Lang at [605-207-0126](tel:605-207-0126). Thank you!

P-G CCD Parent and Teacher Resources

Pillars of Faith K-2

Word of Life 3-8

Decision Point Confirmation



LIVE THE LITURGY -
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We have all been the wicked servant. We have denied others the same forgiveness and grace shown to us. This week, let us find new ways to make the love and mercy of God manifest in the lives of those we meet. ©LPi

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.**
- **St. Paul the Apostle Dinner November 1**
Come gather together for fellowship and a chance to know our parish families better.

Platte-Geddes Evening CCD

The Knights of Columbus will be providing pizza on the **1st Wednesday** of the month.
The St. Ann’s Altar Society will be providing pizza on the **3rd Wednesday** of the month for Sept, Oct, & Nov.

St. Ann Parish, Geddes

Collection \$1393 Kids \$32

Sept. 19th – 6 PM

Lector: Brenda Millar

EM: Jackie Slaba, Jen Simon

Servers: Wyatt Simon, Max & Ty Masur

St. Mark Parish, Lake Andes

Collection \$1039

Church Cleaning for September: Tammy & Victoria Swanson

Sunday, September 20th – 11 AM

Lector: Sally Florey

EM: Rod Payer

Servers: Kruze Kaczor & Brynlee Kaczor

Counters: Sally Florey & Carla Winckler

Custodians/Ushers/Collection: Rod & Jeanne Payer

Grounds: Josh Kaczor

St Peter the Apostle Parish, Platte

Reg \$1911 Online \$332.50 CFSA \$150

Sunday, September 20–9:00am

Lector: Mark H.

Servers: Jace & Corbin B., Vivian F.

EMs: Darrell M., Trisha F.

Ushers: Darren D., Gene G.

Counters: Kristen K., Sherry T.



Online Giving

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

St. Peter’s Altar Society

There will be a meeting on Sunday, Sept 13 following the 9 AM Mass. The Bazaar will be a major topic. All women of the parish are members of this group and your input is welcome.

KC New Member Installation Ceremony.

September 20 following Mass

All Parishioners are invited to attend. It is a good way to learn more about the KCs.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

1st Reading Question: Sirach encourages us not to hold anger or seek revenge against a neighbor who has wronged us. Can you think of a time when you took this good advice?

2nd Reading Question: Paul tells us that Jesus died and rose to life so he might be the Lord of the living and the dead. How do you remain open to Jesus as the Lord of your life?

Gospel Question: In the parable of the unforgiving servant, Jesus teaches Peter the importance of forgiving others from the heart. How do you know your forgiveness of others is sincere? ©LPi



Catholic Trivia

True or false:

A pope’s pontificate begins at their coronation.