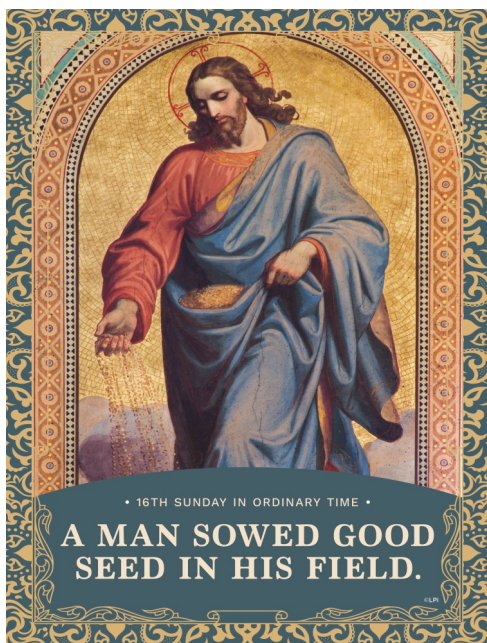




GOSPEL MEDITATION: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Lord, give me patience with Your field, the Church. Help me see Your hidden life growing even among the weeds. Amen.

- Father John Muir

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July 19, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Here you will find Mass times, bulletins, a calendar of events, faith formation information & more!

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

"Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." I find it so reassuring that Matthew gives us Jesus' explanation: they both understand how slow we are to comprehend; especially with questions that can so trouble us: Why do you allow evil to continue so long? Why not be prompt to punish and teach us? Is it worth the effort to walk the 'straight and narrow'? How consoling the first reading: "Your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all...You gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins."

Mon & Tues last week was a real 'vacation' of woodworking, etc. on the farm; this Mon-Wed at Sioux Falls is Mass at Ponderosa (where my mother is) & apheresis blood donation, a priest Bible study, clergy workshop & picnic, a quarry tour (with my siblings) and on the

farm in between. As I do lots of calendar planning ahead, let us all ask if the planning ahead and daily choices we make reflect that our faith and love for God and service to neighbor is what life is all about.

Sincerely,
Fr. Jim



Please keep the following in your thoughts & prayers: Mary Hurd, Brenda George, Joe Nedved, Keith Kuca, Sylvia Beeson, Waylon Koupal (infant son of Tyler & Tayleigh Koupal), Eleanor Andersh, Joe Morrison, Miko Kotab, Konnor Deurmier, Dustin Scheuffele, Roger Cuka. Contact Theresa Koupal if you would like a name added to (or taken off) the list. Names of those on the list are also added to the daily Rosary intention list at St. John's.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED: JULY 19

- ◆ Saint James the Greater: Catholic Saints
- ◆ Saint Bridget of Sweden: Catholic Saints
- ◆ Saint Mary Magdalene: Catholic Saints

Remember that you can watch FORMED for FREE! Visit www.formed.org to sign in or set up an account or download the FORMED app on your smart phone or tablet.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Friday, July 24
1:00 p.m. - St. Paul's
Saturday, July 25
4:30 p.m. - St. John's
Sunday, July 26
8:15 a.m. - Assumption
3:00 p.m. - St. John's (Mercy Hour)

CRADLE CATHOLICS CLASS
Wednesday, July 22
6:00 p.m.
St. John's Church
Basement

MASS SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Memorial/Feast Day	Mass Location/Time	Intention
Monday	July 20	Monday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time/ Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr	NO MASS	
Tuesday	July 21	Tuesday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time/ Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church	NO MASS	
Wednesday	July 22	Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene	NO MASS	
Thursday	July 23	Thursday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time/ Saint Bridget, Religious	10:00 a.m. - GSC	Joe Geaghan, Jr. †
Friday	July 24	Friday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time/ Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest	1:30 p.m. - St. Paul's	Benefactors
Saturday	July 25	Feast of Saint James, Apostle	9:00 a.m. - Marty Convent	OSBS Relatives & Friends †
		Vigil of the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Richard Brousek †
Sunday	July 26	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Don, Elaine & Tim Cihak †
			11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's	Dorothy Paulis †



MERCY HOUR

Sunday, July 26
3:00 p.m.
St. John's

PRAISE - PRAYER - ADORATION



JULY: SAFE ENVIRONMENT RENEWAL TIME

On July 1, 2026, all members of the diocese who are required to be compliant with the Safe Environment Policy (all clergy, religious, employ-

ees, as well as those whose ministry serves minors or vulnerable adults) are required to renew their compliance. Click the link below to login to CMG Connect and renew your compliance. For all those who periodically minister (like religious education catechists or Catholic school staff), they must be compliant BEFORE they are in ministry or are active in their employment. Login to CMG Connect and renew your compliance - <https://siouxfalls.cmgconnect.org>. If you need help completing your Safe Environment compliance, contact your local safe environment coordinator.

BROOM TREE DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

August 25

The Penitent Lifestyle

Directed by Archbishop Gullickson

September 22

TBD, Directed by Father Jim Mason

October 13

Gratitude: The Gift that Keeps on Giving

Directed by Father Joe Vogel

These day-long retreats run from 10 am to 3 pm and include two conferences, Mass, built-in time for Adoration, and an opportunity for Confession. Lunch is provided. The value of these retreats is \$50/person.



FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED!

The local food pantries are in need of donations of non-perishable food items as well as personal care items (body wash, shampoo, laundry detergent). Parishioners of all parishes are asked to leave their donations in the containers in the entryways of their churches. The ROCS Community 15Closet is also in need of children's and men's clothes. Clothes can be dropped off at the Community Closet. Thank you, in advance, for your generous donations to this worthy cause!



BLESSING FOR SUMMER

O God,
Pour your blessing upon these summer months of sun and clouds, flowers and growth. In this season of cultivation, cultivate us as we worship, work, play, and rest in You. May this season, and all the others, serve to draw us closer to You. Amen.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
"Serve the Lord with gladness" — Psalm 100:2	Saturday, July 25 5:30 p.m. - St. John's	Sunday, July 26 9:00 a.m. - Assumption	Sunday, July 26 11:00 a.m. - St. Paul's
EM	Jim Thornton/ Judy Barnett	Danielle Krcil	Mary Jo
Lector/ Cantor/ Intercessions	Ray Soukup	Danielle Krcil	Emma/ Sr. Miriam/ Georgia
Altar Servers	McKinley Podzimek/ Jaylee Kafka/ Skyler Koder	Frank Krcil/ John Krcil	Tegan/ Emsley
Music	Guitar Choir	Pam Roth	
Ushers	Gene Niehus/ Colin Soukup/ Paul Eggers/ Lynn Soukup/ Jim Eggers	Greg Krcil/ Tom Krcil	Jeff/ Tim S.
Greeters	Jeff & Julie Doom		Mary Jo
Gift Bearers	Jeff & Julie Doom	Greg Krcil Family	Jeff, Rhonda, & Family
Rosary	Ray & Bonnie Soukup		
Sacristan	Jim Thornton		
Collection Counters	Mary Kuhlman/ Patty Eggers	Greg Krcil/ Derek Koupal	Sr. Miriam/ Emma

LOOKING AHEAD Monday, July 20

NO MASS
Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's
Tuesday, July 21

NO MASS
Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's
Wednesday, July 22

NO MASS
Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's
Thursday, July 23
Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Wagner Good Samaritan Center/
Daily Rosary Following

Friday, July 24
Confessions at 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's
Mass at 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul's
Adoration from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's
Daily Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's Cemetery
Saturday, July 25

Mass at 9:00 a.m. at Marty Convent
Adoration & Confessions at 4:30 p.m. at St. John's
Daily Rosary at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's
Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's

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Confessions at 8:15 a.m. at Assumption
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Mercy Hour at 3:00 p.m. at St. John's



HELD: THROUGH GRIEF BY GRACE

This eight-week grief series will begin Tuesday, Oct. 6 (new start date) from 6-8 p.m. at the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery in Sioux Falls. The series will blend education and faith surrounding the loss of a loved one through death. Each session will allow for small group discussion according to your particular loss (loss of a child, spouse, parent/sibling). Registration is required and can be completed online at www.thelourdescenter.com. There is no cost to attend, however, free-will donations will gladly be accepted. For more information, please call 605-988 3775 or email tlc@thelourdescenter.com. Healing happens here!

ST. JOHN'S COLLECTION

Amount Needed Each Week \$2750.00
July 11 \$2066.00
Thank you for your generosity - every gift matters and is appreciated!



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

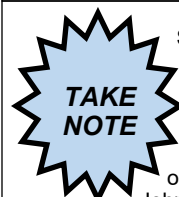
Cost of this 12-week study will be \$10 per person (to cover the cost of the book). The study will begin sometime after Labor Day. Contact Theresa Koupal if you are interested or want more information - and let her know what day and time works for you so we can firm up details about this study.

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

Tuesday, August 18
5:30 p.m.

St. John's Church Basement

We will be discussing the fellowship feast and Family Fun Day scheduled for Sunday, September 27. Each band should be represented by at least two members - particularly the May, June, July and August bands, who will be heading up the planning for this year's Family Fun Day!



ST. JOHN'S FAMILY FUN DAY COMMITTEE MEETING

All members of the May, June, July, and August Bands of the Altar Society are asked to attend the meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, in St. John's church basement to assist with planning this year's Family Fun Day on Sunday, September 27.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS & SAVE THE DATE! KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FIELD MASS/ POTLUCK SUPPER

Sunday, August 2
4:00 p.m.

Marian Garden at St. John's
The KC's will be providing fish, burgers, & brats. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share!

12TH ANNUAL TASTE THE GOODNESS SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026 5:00 - 9:00 PM

DOWNTOWN SIOUX FALLS
AVERA TECH BUILDING | 212 E 11TH ST
For more information, visit <https://ccfesd.org/events/taste-the-goodness/>

33RD ANNUAL BISHOP'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, August 17, 2026
Minnehaha Country Club - and - The Country Club of Sioux Falls

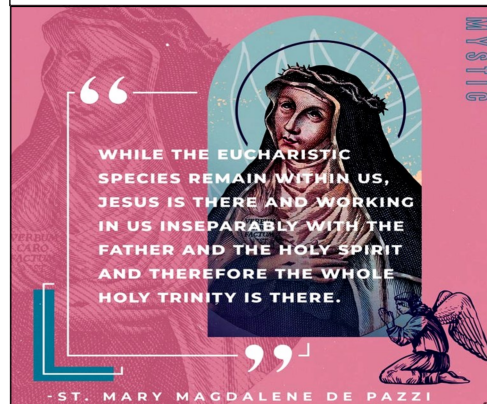
The Bishop's Cup is the longest-running Bishop's Charity event for our diocese. Established in 1994, this event is held in August of each year on the two most pristine courses in the region: The Country Club of Sioux Falls and Minnehaha Country Club. Proceeds from this event benefit Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center, located near Irene, SD. For more information, visit <https://ccfesd.org/events/bishops-cup/>

HARVEST FESTIVAL

DANTE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, August 9

Donations of vegetables and empty Cool Whip containers are needed for the Harvest Festival on August 9. Anyone who will be unable to work is asked to contact Amya Soukup 605-770-8168 or Kristi Koupal 605-491-1128!



HIS GLOBAL LOVE RETREAT & HEALING MASS

St. Benedict Parish in Yankton is hosting His Global Love Retreat and healing Mass August 7-8. The retreat will include a Rosary at 6:15 p.m. followed by praise and worship at 6:30 p.m. on August 7. Saturday, August 8 the conference will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 4 p.m. with keynote speaker Father Kevin Joyce speaking about the "Zeal of a Warrior." Free will offering, lunch is on your own, and no registration required.



Happy Birthday to these parishioners who will celebrate birthdays this week:

July 20: Jim Hill (SJ), Roger Cuka (SJ), Koree Brunsing (SJ), Bob Krcil (A), Carter Beeson (A); July 21: Judy DenOuden (SJ), Kirstyn Roth (A); July 23: Alice Koupal (SJ); July 24: Faith Podzimek (SJ), Corey DeBey (A), Blair Beeson (A); July 25: Clyde Wiechmann (SJ), Melanie Novak (SJ), Anton Krcil (A).

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Happy Anniversary to these couples who will celebrate wedding anniversaries this week:

July 20: Ron & Stephanie Koupal (SJ); July 21: Don & Carol Slaba (SJ); July 22: Dennis & Rose Koupal (SJ); July 25: Steve & Karen Krcil (SJ), Steven & Olivia Cotton (SJ); July 26: Alvin & Marcia Podzimek (A).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 19, 2026

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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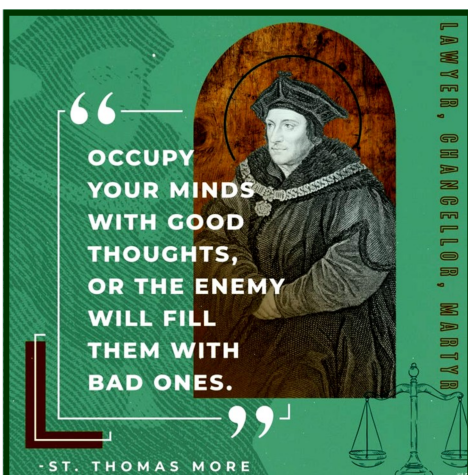
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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

